

The 9th Sunday after Pentecost

AUGUST 9-10, 2025



TRINITY
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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SERVING IN WORSHIP THIS WEEKEND

Pastors

Dan Gerrietts, Daniel Hanson, Beverly Butler

Preacher

Pastor Daniel Hanson

Organist

Colby Gochanour

Cantor

Allison Day

Scripture Readers

5:00 PM – Cliff Rossler

10:30 AM– Jamie Fuller

Ushers

5:00 PM– Donna Henaman, Liz Fitzgerald

10:30 AM - Ray Zook, Mike Deardeuff

Technical Support

10:30 AM - Penny Bennett

Greeters

Sat: Dan and Millie Godfrey, Roger Rossum

Sunday: John & LaVonne Welch

Coffee Fellowship

Rhonda Smith, Mike and Colleen Last

Building Host

David Stine

ALTAR FLOWERS

are given in honor of *Dan and Molly Gerrietts' 25th Wedding Anniversary*

COLOR BULLETINS

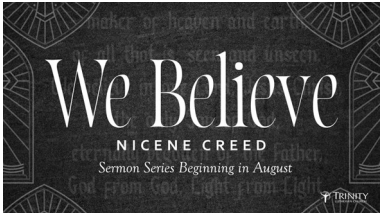
are given in honor of *Danny and Judy Miller's 40th Wedding Anniversary*

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Saturday, August 9, 2025 - 5:00 PM

Sunday, August 10, 2025 - *10:30 PM Livestream / KCMR 97.9

August Sermon Series: *We Believe*



What is it that we believe? To be human is to wrestle with old and new questions about our faith and God. This month, our sermon series looks back 1,700 years to the Nicene Creed with an eye on today's world.

"We believe in God, the maker of all that is seen and unseen."

New telescopes show us parts of the universe our ancestors would have never dreamed to observe. The unseen becomes known. Yet so much remains unseen. We believe God created all. Both the seen and unseen lay before us. Ever, we are invited into the mystery that is God's creation and God's creative process.

Welcome to Trinity! We are glad you're here. If you are new to Trinity Lutheran, please complete an informational card which can be found in the pews.

We love having small children in worship! Those needing a space to change or feed little ones are welcome to use the **Child Care Room** located next to the nursery. An **unstaffed nursery** is also available, located on the 2nd floor just outside the north sanctuary door (door under the stained glass window door).

Seating for People with Limited Mobility is reserved in several places throughout the Sanctuary. Just look for the blue accessibility signs.

Large print bulletins and listening devices are available from the ushers.

Activity Bags are available for children during worship. They are located in the narthex and at the front of the church. Please return them at the end of services.



Our Mission *We are called to share God's healing love through Christ's forgiveness and our personal servanthood.*

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

P In the name of ✠ the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.
Merciful God,

**C you free us to love others,
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.
You surround us with patience, kindness,
and generosity,
but we grow weary in doing what is right.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Do not give up on us.
Heal us, break our bonds,
and show us the path of life.
Amen.**

P You belong to Christ Jesus
and you are God's children through faith.
In the cross of ✠ Christ,
and through the power of the Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.
Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

C Amen.

***Gathering Hymn**

Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

ELW 436

***Greeting**

P Holy people of God, called through the gospel of Christ,
enlightened by the Spirit; grace, mercy and peace be with you all.

C And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

P Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

First Reading: Genesis 1:1-19

¹ When God began to create the heavens and the earth, ² the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³ Then God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. ⁴ And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶ And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” ⁷ So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸ God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹ And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. ¹⁰ God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹ Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. ¹² The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³ And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴ And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵ and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. ¹⁶ God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷ God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸ to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹ And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Psalm 8

- L O Lord, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
- C You have set your glory above the heavens.**
Out of the mouths of babes and infants
you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,
to silence the enemy and the avenger.
- L When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars that you have established;
- C what are humans that you are mindful of them,**
mortals that you care for them?
- L Yet you have made them a little lower than God
and crowned them with glory and honor.
- C You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;**
you have put all things under their feet,
- L all sheep and oxen,
and also the beasts of the field,
the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.
- C O Lord, our Sovereign,**
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

*Gospel Acclamation

ELW pg. 142

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

- P The Holy Gospel according to John, the first chapter.
- C Glory to You, O Lord.**

***Gospel: John 1:1-5**

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴ in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Daniel Hanson

Hymn of the Day

Have No Fear, Little Flock

ELW 764

***Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

***Prayers of Intercession**

P God of grace,

C hear our prayer

***Peace**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Announcements

THANKSGIVING

Offering

Text to Give is available at Trinity!

Simply text the amount you wish to give to 833-412-0093.

Or scan the QR code with your smartphone.

Please note where your gifts should be directed towards.



***Offertory**

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Offering Prayer**

P Creator God,
in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good
and the harvest is plentiful.
Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth
and our labor,
that we may work for the good of all;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
C Amen.

***Lord's Prayer**

C Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power,
and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

SENDING

***Blessing**

P The love of ✠ God abound in you;
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;
and the life of the Spirit
bless you and give you peace.
C Amen.

***Sending Hymn** *O God beyond All Praising* ELW 880

***Sending**

P Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.
C. Thanks be to God.

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

T150 MATCHING CHALLENGE

Thanks to another Matching Gift, we have the opportunity to double all new gifts made to the T150 Capital Campaign through the end of September 2025! That's right – if we receive \$50,000 in new cash gifts before September 30, 2025 – that amount will be matched dollar for dollar! If you haven't yet donated or if you are considering an additional gift, now is the perfect time to double your contribution and help us pay down the remaining \$145,000 on the T150 loan. Every gift helps! If you'd like to give online, please visit trinity-mc.org/give.

STAFF TRANSITION AT TRINITY

It was with sadness that we received Marty Greder's resignation this week from her position as Director of Christian Education at Trinity, effective September 8, 2025. She has served on our staff for over 20 years and has been an enormous blessing to our ministry. Marty would like to thank all the parents, teachers, shepherds, adults, and young people who have given so much to our outstanding Sunday School and Wednesday Night Alive programs over the years. Marty helped create our rotation Sunday School model and Wednesday Night Alive, and she has blessed countless youth, families and adults through her leadership in faith formation. She will be greatly missed. Marty and Fred plan to remain a part of our congregation. Marty insists that we not throw any parties or receptions. But I hope you will help me in thanking Marty for her wonderful ministry! - Pastor Gerrietts

TRINITY BLOCK PARTY!

Sunday, August 24 | 11:45 AM -2:00 PM

Food, Fellowship and Fun in the Trinity Courtyard. Yard Games, Gaga Ball, Inflatables for Kids, and More. Bring a dish to share. The main course, drinks and table service is provided. Join us as we celebrate with our neighborhood and each other!

MID-AGE ADULT FELLOWSHIP

Thursday, August 14 | 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Home of Jeremy and Angela Peters. All Trinity folks ages 30-55ish are invited. We will bring and share appetizers, big Cobb salads, and desserts. Please email carol.dettmer@trinity-mc.org to sign up.

COLBY GOCHANOUR JOINS TRINITY STAFF!

Hello! My name is Colby Gochanour and I am excited to be the new Director of Music Ministries here at Trinity. You'll normally find me in the background planning, organizing, and scheduling the music for our Services! I have 10 years of church service experience, including organ, hand bells and choir directing, and my biggest excitement is to help elevate our musicians to bring out their talents. In my spare time, I enjoy reading thriller novels and solving Sudoku puzzles. I am so excited to be a part of the Ministry here at Trinity Lutheran!

KCMR Radio Fundraiser *Tuesday, August 12, 2025 | All Day (11AM – 11PM) — Applebee's Restaurant* Mention this Fundraiser to your server at the table or on the phone for take-out Applebee's will contribute 25% of your order to support KCMR Radio.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOURNEY GROUPS

Monday, August 25 | 6:30 PM | Rm 322 (50-60 yrs) and Library (60-70 yrs)

Journeying into the second half of life brings its own challenges and joys. The journey is not meant to be taken alone but instead be an opportunity to cultivate friendships and foster faith.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP SUMMER GATHERING

Tuesday, August 26 | 9:30 AM | the former Borealis Station building (826 E. State)

The Caregiver Support Group will meet in person in August for some refreshments and fellowship. Mark your Calendar and plan to join us! There will still be a Zoom option if needed. Individuals providing care for loved ones in any capacity(whether it is at home, in a care facility, or from a distance) are welcome to attend to receive support and information. Facilitators are Becky Elsbernd, Parish Nurse at Trinity and Pundee Kaur, Family Caregiver Specialist at Elderbridge.

7TH & 8TH GRADE STUDENT CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION

Wednesday, August 27 | 6:30 PM | Fellowship Hall

We will host Confirmation Orientation for all 7th and 8th grade students and their parents. During this time, we will go over everything you need to know about the upcoming confirmation year.

BIKE RIDE ON THE HIGH LINE TRAIL

Wednesday, August 27 | 6:00 PM | Trinity Parking Lot

Join us for our August bike ride on the High Line Trail to Georgia Handford Park and back. The surface is paved with a distance of 5 miles and you can turn around at any point if you wish. Weather Permitting.

MINISTRY FAIR

Sunday, September 7 | 8:30 AM – 10:30 AM | Gathering Space

Mark your calendars for an inspiring morning of connection and community at our Annual Ministry Fair! This is your chance to discover the incredible work being done by various internal and external ministries. Come and learn about their unique purposes, activities, and how they serve others. Whether you're a member of Trinity or a member of the North Iowa community, you'll have the opportunity to connect with groups and discover ways to get involved. We hope to see you there!

BOOK DISCUSSION

Monday, September 8 | 1:00 PM | The Gathering Space

Our next book, ***The Borrowed Life of Frederick Fife*** by Anna Johnston, tells the story of an 82 year old man named Fred who is down on his luck and facing homelessness after a series of unfortunate events. After a case of mistaken identity at a nursing home offers him a chance at a new life, Fred embraces his second chance. This brings out his natural kindness and positive outlook to the nursing home, transforming the lives of those around him while also uncovering secrets! **Copies will be available soon to check out from Trinity's Church Office.**

**LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF
SCHOOL KIT DONATIONS**

Consider providing an entire kit, any part of a kit, or make a monetary donation. (Checks can be made to Trinity Lutheran, noted with “School Kit Donation”.) Supplies are being collected in the cabinet below the Church Office window thru August. Each kit contains:

- * 4 -70-sheet notebooks
- * 5- **unsharpened** pencils
- * 5-pens
- * 1-**blunt** child scissors
- * 1-2 inch eraser
- * 1-24 count crayon pack
- * 1-hand-held pencil sharpener
- * 1-12 in. ruler, with metric units also

**DONATIONS FOR THE HYGIENE PANTRY:
ST. JOHN’S EPICOPAL**

Trinity is in an on-going effort with our neighbor church to collect donations for the Community Hygiene Pantry. Please place any items below in the cabinet below the Church Office window. Cash donations are also Welcome, just note the

Toothpaste	Soap, bar + wash
Toothbrush	Toilet Tissue
Dish Soap	Deodorant
Laundry Soap	Feminine Hygiene
(powder, pods)	Disposal Diapers
Shampoo	Baby Wipes

THE ADULT MINISTRIES CABINET

is collecting small, stuffed animals (e.g. Beanie Babies or similar), new or gently used, to be used as Bingo prizes at The Good Shepherd. Any donations can be placed in the cabinets below the church office window.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS

Thursday, September 4 at 6:30PM -**OR-** Sunday, September 14 at 1:30 PM (**Choose One**)

Interested in learning more about Trinity’s life and mission, whether this might be the place to connect and grow, or just want to meet new people? Pastor Dan Gerrietts leads an interactive class for those exploring membership. This is the only session one attends to prepare for membership. Please call the church office to register or online: trinity-mc.org/membership

WEEKLY CALENDAR

MONDAY, AUGUST 11

- 9:00 AM** Psalms and Smoothies (Elsbernd Farm)
- 9:00 AM** Rolling Bandages (Fellowship Hall)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12

- 12:00 PM** Staff Meeting
- 5:00 PM** Ministries Committee Meeting (Gathering Space)
- 6:00 PM** Generosity Committee Meeting (Rm 300)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13

- 7:00 AM** Men’s Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
- 8:30 AM** Women’s Bible Study (Library)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14

- 6:00 PM** Mid-Age Adult Fellowship (Peters’ Home)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16

- 5:00 PM** **WORSHIP SERVICE**

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

- 9:00 AM** **OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE**
- 10:30 AM** **WORSHIP SERVICE** (Livestream, KCMR)