

We Believe

Studying the

NICENE CREED

*In one holy catholic
and apostolic church*

The 10th Sunday after Pentecost

AUGUST 16-17, 2025



TRINITY
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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SERVING IN WORSHIP THIS WEEKEND

Pastors

Dan Gerrietts, Daniel Hanson, Beverly Butler

Preacher

Bishop Kevin Jones

Organist

Mark W. McClellan

Cantor

Warren Torkelson

Scripture Readers

5:00 PM – Sam Hunt 10:30 AM—Nancy Rockman

Communion Assistants

5:00 PM—Sam and Deb Hunt 10:30 AM - Jake and Nancy Rockman

Ushers

5:00 PM— Liz Fitzgerald, Donna Henaman 10:30 AM - Ray Zook, Mike Deardeuff

Technical Support

10:30 AM - Evelynnn Hunt, Dani Vogel

Greeters

Saturday - Dan and Millie Godfrey, Roger Rossum Sunday - Dennis and Anna Marie Wilson

Coffee Fellowship

Cynthia Zach, Alyse & Colton Hesley

Custodian

Dave Smith

ALTAR FLOWERS

are given *in honor of Jake Rockman's Birthday*

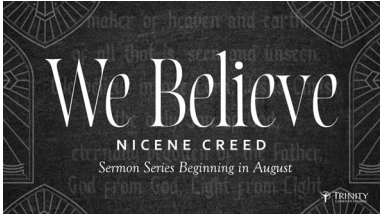
COLOR BULLETINS

are given *in honor of Tracy and Mindy Farland's 30th Wedding Anniversary*

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Saturday, August 16, 2025 - 5:00 PM

Sunday, August 17, 2025 - *10:30 PM Livestream / KCMR 97.9



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.

Jesus prayed that the Father make his followers "one" in the same way that he and the Father are One. Has God answered Jesus' prayer? Is it still being answered? How can we claim to be one church when there are so many different brands of Christianity? This week we explore what it means to be one holy catholic and apostolic church.

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

How Firm a Foundation

ELW 796

*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 O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

Children's Message (10:30am)

Bishop Kevin Jones

First Reading: Ephesian 4:1-5

I, therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace: ⁴there is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation

ELW pg. 142



P The Holy Gospel according to John, the seventeenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

***Gospel: John 17:6-23**

[Jesus prayed] “I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth. ²⁰“I ask not only on behalf of these but also on behalf of those who believe in me through their word, ²¹that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²²The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Bishop Kevin Jones

Hymn of the Day

O Day Full of Grace

ELW 627

***Nicene Creed**

C 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 Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

***Peace**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Announcements

MEAL

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.

***Great Thanksgiving**

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

*Lord's Prayer

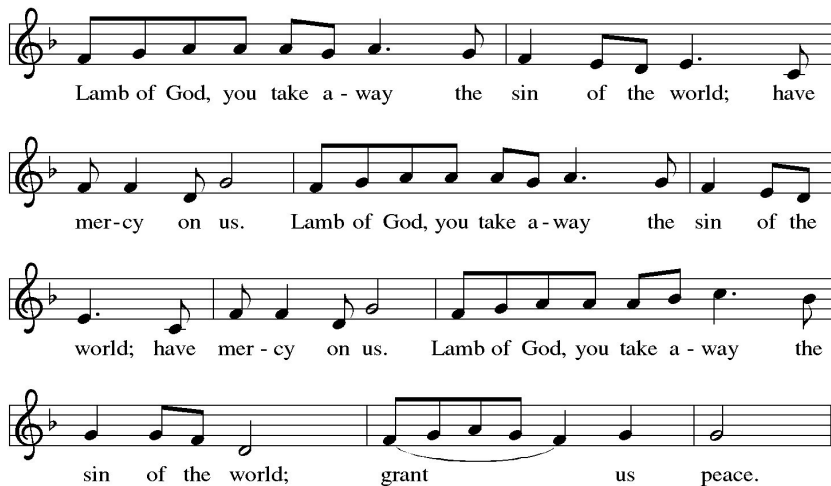
C Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy name,
 thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread;
 and forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us;
 and lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For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

Communion

All who desire the presence and forgiveness of Christ that come in the sharing of this bread and wine are welcome to commune with us today. Ushers will direct you from the outside aisles to one of the stations in the front of the sanctuary, where you may kneel at the rail. You will return to your seat by the center aisle. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are also available. If for any reason you are not comfortable participating in communion today, we invite you to come forward with your arms crossed over your chest to receive a blessing.

Lamb of God

ELW pg. 146



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Communion Songs

Come, Let Us Eat

ELW 491

Let Us Break Bread Together

ELW 471

*Prayer after Communion

P Mothering God,
you gathered us to your table
and we drank deeply of your grace.
Send us out by your Spirit
to love our neighbors as ourselves
and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.

C 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 *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

ELW 815

*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.

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!

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 25 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

Rejoicing Spirits -Wednesday August 20 | 5:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

Rejoicing Spirits is inclusive of all ages and abilities as we connect with God and one another. Join us as we learn about the Parable of the Wise and Foolish Builders through camp-style music, interactive skit, and prayer. Enjoy pizza and root beer floats for a free-will donation.

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!

Journey Groups– Monday, August 25 | 6:30 PM | Rm 322 (50-60) Library (60-70)

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, 2025

9:30 AM | Old Borealis Station Building
(826 East State Street)

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.

Confirmation Orientation

Wednesday, August 27, 2025

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. See Pastor Daniel or call the Church Office to register.

Bike Ride on the High Line Trail

Wednesday, August 27, 2025

6:00 PM | Trinity Parking Lot Meet Up

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.

Trinity Ministry Fair

Sunday, September 7, 2025

8:30 AM – 10:30 AM | Gathering Space

Mark your calendars for an inspiring morning of connection and community at our Annual Ministry Fair! 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!

WEEKLY CALENDAR

MONDAY, AUGUST 18

9:00 AM Centering Prayer
(Room 322 and on Zoom)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19

9:30 AM Bazaar Committee (Fellowship Hall)
12:00 PM Staff Meeting

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
8:30 AM Women's Bible Study (Library)
2:00 PM Cancer Support Group
(Rm 300 and on Zoom)
5:00 PM Rejoicing Spirits (Fellowship Hall)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23

5:00 PM WORSHIP SERVICE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

9:00 AM OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE
10:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE
Livestream, KCMR
11:45 AM Trinity Block Party! - Courtyard

New Members Class

Thursday, September 4 at 6:30pm or
Sunday, September 14 at 1:30pm (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