

We Believe

Studying the

NICENE CREED

*“In the Holy Spirit and the
life of the world to come”*

The 12th Sunday after Pentecost

AUGUST 30-31, 2025



TRINITY
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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SERVING IN WORSHIP THIS WEEKEND

Pastors

Dan Gerrietts, Beverly Butler

Preacher

Pastor Beverly Butler

Organist

Ryan Hulshizer

Cantor

5:00 PM- Colby Gochanour 10:30 AM- Kylie Hansen

Scripture Readers

5:00 PM – Amy Dodge 10:30 AM-Nancy Rockman

Rite of Healing Assistants

5:00pm– Rich Murray, Chris Moore, Mary Galazin 10:30am-Mary Galazin, Jane Wageman

Ushers

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

Technical Support

10:30 AM - Penny Bennett, Carter Rockwell

Greeters

5:00 PM: Dan and Millie Godfrey, Roger Rossum 10:30 AM: Gary and Vicki Wattnem

Coffee Fellowship

Pat and Candy Marshall, Penny Bennett, Craig Remmen

Building Host

Randy Elsbernd

ALTAR FLOWERS

and

COLOR BULLETINS

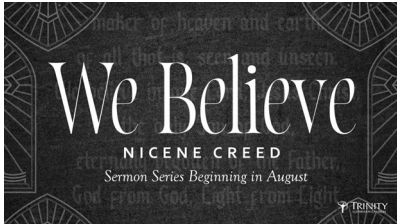
are given in honor of *Gary and Vicki Wattnem's* Wedding Anniversary

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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 the Holy Spirit"

The Nicene Creed makes bold statements about the belief that the dead will be resurrected and that there is another life in the world to come. How do your beliefs about death and the world to come affect your life here and now? In what ways do you experience the life that the Holy Spirit gives?

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

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

Amen.

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Merciful God,

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.

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.

Amen.

***Gathering Hymn**

Gather Us In

ELW 532

***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, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Children's Message (*Sunday*)

Pastor Beverly Butler

First Reading: Romans 8:18-27

¹⁸ I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, ²⁰ for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, ²³ and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶ Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷ And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

¹² Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised, ¹⁴ and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation is in vain and your faith is in vain. ¹⁵ We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. ¹⁷ If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile, and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. ¹⁹ If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Acclamation

ELW pg. 142



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

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

*Gospel: John 14:15-19, 25-27

¹⁵ “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸ “I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹ In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live.

²⁵ “I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

P The Gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Beverly Butler

Hymn of the Day

Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

ELW 582

*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 through Your healing,
that we may work for the good of all;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
- C Amen.

RITE OF HEALING

***Healing**

- P The Lord be with you.
- C **And also with you.**
- P Our Lord Jesus healed many as a sign
of the reign of God come near and sent the
disciples to continue this work of healing -
with prayer, the laying on of hands, and anointing.
In the name of Christ, the great healer and reconciler
of the world, we now entrust to God all who are in need of healing.
- C Amen.

Laying On of Hands and Anointing

Those who wish to receive laying on of hands and anointing will come forward and stand as one might do in order to receive communion. Your forehead will be anointed by a Pastor while a healing touch spiritual minister lays a hand on your shoulder. Ushers will assist in directing you forward. All who sense the need for God's healing in any aspect of their lives, the lives of others, and the world are invited to come forward.

Hymn

O God of Light

ELW 507

Hymn

Now We Join in Celebration

ELW 462

***Prayer**

P Living God,
through the laying on of hands, anointing and prayer,
grant comfort in suffering to all who are in need of healing.
When we are afraid, give us courage; when afflicted, give us patience;
when dejected, give us hope; and when alone,
assure us of the support of your holy people.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

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** *If You But Trust in God to Guide You* ELW 769

***Sending**

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

T150 LOAN RETIRED!

We did it! Not only did we surpass the \$50K summer matching gift goal for the T150 mortgage but, in addition, our remaining balance of \$145K has been received. The T150 loan is retired! This \$4.6 million project, launched in 2018, has provided so much to TLC's ministry. Watch for more details on how we will celebrate this milestone in the coming months!

BASES EXERCISE RETURN-Tuesday, September 2 | 8:00 AM | Gathering Space

BASES (Balance-Agility-Strength-Endurance-Socialization) Exercise Classes begin for the Fall Season. This is a free program for Adults, ages 55 or older, coordinated by the former Retired Senior Volunteer Program and led by Trinity volunteers. We meet every Tuesday and Thursday morning from 8:00-9:00 AM. Please join us to kick off a new Fall health habit!

BELONG & GROW: NEW MEMBERS CLASS

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

Looking for a church home, place to belong? Interested in learning more about Trinity's life and mission or just 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 to online to: trinity-mc.org/membership

NEXT SUNDAY! RALLY SUNDAY & FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL-September 7 | 9:15 AM

Sunday School starts with a shortened Get-Acquainted Day for students on September 7th.

Students head to homerooms at 9:15am. Class Lists are by grade and posted at each room.

Age 3-Grade 6 will decorate classroom doors and get to know their Shepherds and each other. ***Parents: Pick up Students at 10:00 AM so Families can go to the Ministry Fair in the Gathering Space. Students will get an Ice Cream Cone Coupon in their Homerooms to take to the Fair!*** Note: Rotation classes begin on September 14th and will last the full hour, 9:15-10:15 AM.

TRINITY MINISTRY FAIR- 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!

BLOOD DONATION DRIVE-September 8 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

The Mason City High School Key Club (Red Cross) is holding their annual Blood Drive at Trinity. For an appointment, call 1-800-733-2767 and use Sponsor Code: **MasonCityIAHS** or use the QR Code on the flyer posted on the church office window.

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

Our next book, *The Borrowed Life of Frederick Fife* by Anna Johnston. Please join us!

ROLLING BANDAGES FOR GLOBAL HEALTH MINISTRIES

September 8 | 9:00 AM | Fellowship Hall
Mission hospitals and rural clinics are the frontline for healthcare for millions of people across the globe. These hospitals and clinics often lack the most basic supplies, including bandages and have little or no access to clean water. Sterilization is difficult and it can be a challenge to have enough clean bandages for daily patient care. GHM rolled bandages help meet that need!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ALIVE

Wednesday, September 10 | 6:00 PM
Mark your calendar! Our Mid-week evening gatherings of Supper and Fellowship options for all ages starts again for a full Fall Season. More information to come!

WELCA BIBLE STUDY

September 11 9:30 AM | Rm. 208
Rev. Dr. Norma Cook will lead a deeper study of the Ten Commandments, using Luther's Large Catechism, exploring their meaning for today. September's topic: *What does it mean to have a God, and relationship and commitment?* We'll use the 1st, 4th and 6th Commandments. The group will meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month. Women, bring your friends for engaging conversation.

PRAYER MENTORS NEEDED

Trinity adult members are needed to pray for our 5th-6th graders. Carol Dettmer will match each mentor with one student. The adult mentor will pray for their assigned student and then write a quick note to the student once a month to let the student know they prayed for them. Monthly notes should be sent from October to May 2026. If you are a Trinity adult member who could pray for an intermediate student, please contact Carol at carol.dettmer@trinity-mc.org or by calling the church office at 423-0536 by September 21.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

Labor Day **Office Closed**

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

8:00 AM BASES Exercise (Gathering Space)
9:00 AM Adult Ministries Cabinet (Rm 300)
12:00 PM Staff Meeting

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

8:00 AM BASES Exercise (Gathering Space)
6:30 PM New Members Class (Rm 208)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

5:00 PM **WORSHIP SERVICE**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

9:00 AM **WORSHIP SERVICE (Indoors,
Traditional, Livestream, KCMR)
Rally Sunday / Ministry Fair**
10:30 AM **WORSHIP SERVICE (Contemporary)**

NEXT WEEK! OUR SUNDAY SERVICES CHANGE BACK

The 9:00AM Service moves back into the Sanctuary for a Traditional Service (Livestream + KCMR) and our 10:30 AM Service becomes our Contemporary Service.

MEMORY CAFÉ

Thursday, September 11 , 2025

10:00 AM | Fellowship Hall

Memory Café is for individuals living with various forms of dementia or memory impairment and their caregivers. It supports leisure, fun and fellowship. In September, our topic is school days with Sharon Heimbuch sharing highlights from her teaching career. You are invited to bring an item, picture or story from your school days to share. Refreshments provided.