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The 14th Sunday after Pentecost

SEPTEMBER 13—14, 2025



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SERVING IN WORSHIP THIS WEEKEND

Pastors

Dan Gerrietts, Daniel Hanson, Beverly Butler

Preacher

Pastor Daniel Hanson

Special Music

St. George String Quartet, Wartburg College

Organist

Nathan Elsbernd

Cantor

Saturday: Colby Gochanour Sunday: Kylie Hansen

Acolytes

Sunday: Lydia Swartwood, Emma Peters

Scripture Readers

Saturday: Nina Pals Sunday: Kirk Hardcastle

Ushers

Saturday: Chris Suntken, Jace Suntken and Family
Sunday: Brad Baalson, Phil Lee, Craig Miller, Burton TeKippe

Technical Support

Kyler Honn, Evelynnn Hunt, Olivia Powell, Carter Rockwell

Greeters

Saturday: Dan and Millie Godfrey, Roger Rossum Sunday: Dan and Nancy Clarke

Coffee Fellowship

Penny Bennett, Ellen Gansen

Worship Transportation

Travis Hesley, Kay Larson

Custodian

Dave Smith

THE 14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Saturday, September 6, 2025 - 5:00 PM

Sunday, September 7, 2025 - 9:00 AM with Livestream / KCMR 97.9 and 10:30 AM

I once was lost but now am found...

Writer Anne Lamott said, “I do not at all understand the mystery of grace— only that it meets us where we are but does not leave us where it found us.” In the parables of a lost sheep and lost coin, Jesus explores this mystery of grace. In what do we find ourselves lost? Jesus seeks out what is lost, searching relentlessly, never stopping until heaven rejoices.

ALTAR FLOWERS

*are given in honor of Gary and Sharon Lindgren’s Wedding Anniversary
on September 12th*

COLOR BULLETINS

are given by Betty Gogel in honor of Ray Gogel’s 84th Birthday

SPECIAL BOUQUET

is given in honor of Alyse Bailey’s 98th Birthday by her Family

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 (the 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

Loch Lomond

arr. Carrie Lane Gruselle

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin
in the presence of God and of one another.

Merciful and loving God,

we are your stiff-necked people.

We trample on the needy.

We grumble about your grace to others.

We turn away from the poor.

Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.

**Rejoice over us as ones who were lost
and have been found.**

Amen.

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.

Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.

You who were lost have been found.

In the name of ☩ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

Amen.

***Gathering Hymn** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* ELW 807

*Greeting

P The grace that is Christ's gift to us, the love of God, and the unity of the Spirit in the
bond of peace be with you all.

C And also with you.

*Prayer of the Day

P O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those
who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is
contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

First Reading: Exodus 32:7-14

⁷The LORD said to Moses, “Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; ⁸ they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’ ” ⁹ The LORD said to Moses, “I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. ¹⁰ Now let me alone so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them, and of you I will make a great nation.”

¹¹ But Moses implored the LORD his God and said, “O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹² Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth?’ Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. ¹³ Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’ ” ¹⁴ And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

¹² I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he considered me faithful and appointed me to his service, ¹³ even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴ and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶ But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience as an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷ To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation

ELW pg. 142



P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the fifteenth chapter.

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

*Gospel Reading: Luke 15:1-10

¹Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

³So he told them this parable: ⁴“Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.’ ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

⁸“Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Pastor Daniel Hanson

Hymn of the Day

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

ELW 608

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

***Prayers of Intercession**

P God of grace,
C receive 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 Music

Staedelil

arr. Danish String Quartet

*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 Lord of the harvest,
we return to you a portion of what you have given to us.
Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches,
but on you, who richly provides for us.
Multiply what we have gathered
to bless all who are suffering and in need,
through Jesus 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 God of righteousness,
 who gives justice to the oppressed,
 who gives food to the hungry,
 who sets the prisoners free,
 ✠ bless you now and forever.
C Amen.

***Sending Hymn** *Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us*

ELW 789

***Sending**

P Go in peace. Do not lose heart.
C. Thanks be to God.

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL MUSIC TODAY: WARTBURG COLLEGE

Wartburg's St. George String Quartet will share music at Trinity's 9 AM service, followed by Kammerstreicher (Chamber Orchestra) at the 10:30 AM service. Thank you to all these wonderful musicians for their gifts to our worship!

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. More details on how we will celebrate this milestone in the coming months!

BELONG & GROW: NEW MEMBERS CLASS — *Today!* | 1:30 PM | Rm 208

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. If you haven't had a chance to register but would like to attend, please join us!

CENTERING PRAYER — *Monday, September 15* | 9:00 AM | Rm 322

Centering Prayer is a form of silent prayer that enhances and nurtures our relationships with God, one another and all of creation. We meet on the First and Third Mondays of each month.

FELLOWSHIP COFFEE — *Tuesday, September 16* | 9:30am | Fellowship Hall

Our Fall Fellowship Coffee Kick-Off will feature Nathan Elsbernd. Nathan is a recent Masters Graduate from Yale School of Sacred Music in the study of organ and will be playing at Trinity and throughout the area in the coming weeks. Join us to learn more about Nathan!

REJOICING SPIRITS — *Wednesday September 17* | 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 workers in the vineyard through camp-style music, interactive skit, and prayer. Enjoy pizza and root beer floats for a free-will donation.

BIKE RIDE AROUND CLEAR LAKE — *Thursday, September 18* | Meet at the Seawall

Join us for a leisurely bike ride around the Lake! Please contact the church with any questions.

ETHNIC LUNCH — *Friday September 20* | 11:00 AM-1:30 PM | Central Park, Mason City

Be sure to check out this delicious event, featuring ethnic food from around the world. Trinity will be participating by making Swedish Meatballs and Bars. In addition to the food, there will be interesting cultural displays hosted by the North Iowa Diversity Appreciation Team.

WELCOME RECEPTION FOR COLBY GOCHANOUR — *Sunday, September 21*

Join us in the Gathering Space between Services from 10:00 AM to 10:30 AM as we officially welcome Colby, our new Director of Music Ministries! Refreshments will be served.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ALIVE (WNA) — *Wednesday, September 17* | 6:00 PM

A Community Meal is served from 6:00pm to 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall for a free-will offering. This week's menu: Pizza, salad, dessert. *Program Opportunities begin at 6:30pm and end at 7:30pm unless noted below:*

ADULT PROGRAM OPPORTUNITIES

***Body as Temple: Caring for God's Image | Gathering Space | 6:30pm—7:30pm**

September 17: Stigma, Silence, and the Spirit of Solidarity, presented by Shea Jorgensen, MD, Chief Medical Officer at Prairie Ridge. How can people of faith respond to people with mental health and substance use disorders in our communities? In this talk, Shea will reflect on the intersection of vocation and faith, exploring how the church can become a place of connection, compassion, and belonging. Together, we'll consider how to move beyond stigma and silence- and into a spirit of solidarity with those who are struggling.

***Prayer Walking | Meet in the Library | 6:30pm—7:30pm**

Prayer Walking is a powerful practice of walking and praying in specific locations, seeking God's guidance, protection, and blessings upon the people and places you encounter. Prayer Walking is not just a physical activity, but a spiritual discipline that allows us to partner with God in interceding for our community. Pastor Beverly will lead us as we begin by praying together as a group. Then we will walk through neighborhoods in groups of two or more praying silently for the people and places we encounter on our walk. We will conclude our time back at the church by reflecting on our experiences and praying together.

***Choir Rehearsal | Choir Room | 6:30pm—7:30pm**

Trinity's Choir is open to all vocalists, high school age & older. Please join us!

YOUTH PROGRAMMING OPPORTUNITIES

***Nursery | 6:30pm—7:30pm** | The Nursery is located on 2nd floor, just outside the Sanctuary. The Nursery is UNSTAFFED but is available for preschoolers and their parents during this time.

***Campfire Kids, Grades 1-6 | Rm 208 | 6:30pm—7:30pm**

We're continuing our Wednesday Night Alive programming in some new, fun and exciting ways! Join us in the Education Wing for energetic and creative explorations of faith. Collect a badge for each adventure. This Fall, Nate Ruge will be our fearless guide as we embark into the unknown!

***Confirmation, Grades 7 and 8 | Fellowship Hall | 6:30pm—7:30pm**

Confirmation Students will gather to experience both small and large group learning as they study for Confirmation.

TRINITY BAZAAR PREPARATIONS

LEFSE MAKING — Monday, September 15
The Lefse making in the Kitchen has begun!
Potato peelers start at 6:00am —7:00am
Lefse rollers start at 8:30am—11:00am
We meet every Monday until late October.
Beginners are welcome, too!

BOOKS AND BEYOND — We are expanding the Book Nook for this year's Bazaar. We will take your novels, puzzles with all the pieces, board games and card games (Monopoly, Chutes & Ladders, Clue, Scrabble, Yahtzee, Sorry, Uno, Crazy 8's, Chess, etc). Bring to the Office on or before Monday, November 3rd!

CRAFT CREATIONS — We are looking for all "crafters"! Do you have any projects you would like to provide for the Craft Creations area for the upcoming Bazaar, we need you! Please contact Kris Latham (641) 425-6781, Patty Flatness (flatnesspatty@gmail) or Cathy Gomez at (641) 425-1077. Happy Crafting!

TRINITY YOUTH GROUP — Our Youth Group gathers for food and fun on Sundays. Meet in the Fellowship Hall at 11:45AM.

YOUTH SERVICE HOURS — Trinity has a number of volunteer opportunities available for youth looking for service hours. Contact Dani Vogel for more details about helping with Rejoicing Spirits, Campfire Kids, or special events.

PRAYER MENTORS NEEDED —

Trinity adult members are needed to pray for our 5th and 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 Sept 21.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 — — —

9:00 AM Quilting (Fellowship Hall)

9:00 AM Centering Prayer
(Rm. 322 and Zoom)

6:00 PM Trinity Bronze Bells (Sanctuary)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 — — —

8:00 AM BASES Exercise Class

12:00 PM Staff Meeting

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 — — —

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, Zoom)

5:00 PM Rejoicing Spirits (Fellowship Hall)

6:00 PM Community Meal

6:30 AM Wednesday Night Alive

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 — — —

8:00 AM BASES Exercise Class (Gathering Space)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 — — —

11:00 AM Trinity at the Ethnic Fair
(Downtown Mason City)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 — — —

5:00 PM **WORSHIP SERVICE**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 — — —

9:00 AM **WORSHIP SERVICE**
Livestream, KCMR

10:30 AM **WORSHIP SERVICE**

11:45 AM Youth Group

JOHN ADAMS FOOD DRIVE —The John Adams Middle School (JAMS) Backpack Food Drive will begin September 21! Pick up a shopping list at either entrance and information on the drop-off will come!