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The 16th Sunday after Pentecost

SEPTEMBER 27—28, 2025



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SERVING IN WORSHIP THIS WEEKEND

Pastors

Dan Gerrietts, Daniel Hanson, Beverly Butler

Preacher

Pastor Beverly Butler

Trinity Bell Choirs

Saturday: Clapper Bell Choir Sunday: Bronze Bell Choir
Marta Eenhuis, Director

Organist

Jodi Korth

Cantor

Melissa Shallberg

Acolytes

Sunday: Madelyn Hurd, Lukas Orcutt

Scripture Readers

Saturday: Sally Becker Sunday: Kathy Dobrzynski

Ushers

Saturday: Chris Suntken, Jace Suntken and Family
Sunday: Jake Rockman, Burton TeKippe, Jon Wicks, Jim Zach

Technical Support

Maddie Powell, Carter Rockwell

Greeters

Saturday: Dan and Millie Godfrey, Roger Rossum Sunday: Rich and Joan Murray

Coffee Fellowship

Kevin Hendrikson, Dennis and Anna Marie Wilson

Worship Transportation

Randy Elsbernd, Bruce and Karen Squier

Building Host

Jim Reisinger

Custodian

Dave Smith

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Saturday, September 27, 2025 - 5:00 PM

Sunday, September 28, 2025 - 9:00 AM with Livestream / KCMR 97.9

Do we respond in compassion?

Although money itself is not evil, our relationship with it can lead us astray. Jesus tells the parable of the rich man named Lazarus. This parable asks questions of us:

“Do we see the need and ignore it? Do we have resources but refuse to give them?”

ALTAR FLOWERS

are given by the Dobrzynskis who are thankful for Family

COLOR BULLETINS

are given by Harlan and Marge Baack in honor of their Family

SPECIAL BOUQUET

in memory of Jim and Betty Hendricks

married at Trinity on October 7, 1950

given by their loving daughters, Kathryn and Jill

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.*

Prelude (Sunday)

El Shaddai
Trinity Bronze Bell Choir

Card / Thompson

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

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

C Amen.

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

C 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.

P 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!

C Amen.

***Gathering Hymn** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* ELW 834

***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, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with
your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

Children's Sermon (Sunday)

Pastor Beverly Butler

Psalm 146

P ¹Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

C ²**I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

P ³Put not your trust in rulers,
in mortals in whom there is no help.

C ⁴**When they breathe their last, they return to earth,
and in that day their thoughts perish.**

P⁵ Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,
whose hope is in the LORD their God;

C ⁶**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;
who keeps promises forever;**

P ⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.
The LORD sets the captive free.

C ⁸**The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed
down;
the LORD loves the righteous.**

P ⁹The LORD cares for the stranger;
the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

C ¹⁰**The LORD shall reign forever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 6:6-19

⁶ Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment, ⁷ for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it, ⁸ but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹ But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

¹¹ But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹² Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³ In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴ to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶ It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

¹⁷ As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches but rather on God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸ They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹ thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation

ELW pg. 142



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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

*Gospel Reading: Luke 16:19-31

[Jesus said:] ¹⁹ “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰ And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹ who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²² The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴ He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.’ ²⁵ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶ Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ ²⁷ He said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house ²⁸ for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ ³⁰ He said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ ³¹ He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

L The Gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to You O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Beverly Butler

Hymn of the Day *Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service* ELW 712

Welcome of New Members (Sunday)

CarolAnn Eppens

Drake Deaton

Josh and Lindsay Guyer, Bohde

Seth and Madison Nelson, Scottie

Chris and Wendy Rish, Cadence, Brady

Nate and Kara Ruge, Mila, Lanie, Onyynn

William Samson

Toby and Laura Schissel, Will

Steven Williams

***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.



Anthem (Saturday)

Come Christians, Join to Sing
Trinity Clapper Bell Choir

Wagner

***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** *God of Grace and God of Glory*

ELW 705

***Sending**

P Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

C. Thanks be to God.

Postlude

NEW MEMBERS RECEPTION

*Please join us after the Service in The Gathering Space
to say Hello to our New Members!*

Refreshments are provided by our Ministries Committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOIN US FOR COFFEE WITH BISHOP TAMAS FABINY

Wednesday, October 1 | 9:30AM-11:00AM | Fellowship Hall

Engage in conversation with Bishop Fabiny of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Hungary. We'll enjoy Scandinavian treats to welcome the Bishop.

MUSIC RECITAL : Kylie Hansen, Soprano and Nathan Elsbernd, Organ and Piano

Sunday, October 5, 2025 | 4pm-5pm | Trinity Sanctuary | Reception Following

A recital featuring Soprano Kylie Hansen and Organist/Pianist Nathan Elsbernd will include works by Bernstein, Copeland, Novello, Schubert, Stanford, Strauss, Thea Musgrave, and Rodgers & Hammerstein. "How Can I Keep From Dreaming?" explores the relationship between dreams and hope. We encourage the audience to dream with us and enjoy an afternoon of eclectic music with a Reception to follow. They each recently completed their degrees; Kylie from the Royal Welsh College of Music and Nathan from the Yale School of Music.

STEP A WAY PILGRIMAGE– *October 7th Deadline for Registration*

Tuesday-Thursday, November 11-13 | Peosta, Iowa

An inner pilgrimage experience to step away from your routines into a way of being that supports listening and letting go. Designed to be intentional time to connect with God through silence, prayer and scripture. We will explore spiritual practices, participate in the prayer rhythm of the monastic monks, and allow for quiet alone time. Three days and two nights at New Melleray Abbey in Peosta, Iowa from November 11-13. Facilitators are The Reverend Stephen Benitz, Regional Missioner of the Episcopal Diocese of Iowa and Becky Elsbernd, Parish Nurse of Trinity Lutheran Church. The cost of \$300 includes a single room with private bathroom, transportation and meals. Partial scholarships available. Register at the office with \$150 deposit to save your spot.

MEMORY CAFÉ – Thursday, October 9th. 2025 | The Gathering Space

Memory Café is for individuals living with various forms of dementia or memory impairment and their caregivers. It supports leisure, fun and fellowship. In October, our topic is “hobbies”. Please bring stories of items to share about your favorite hobby. Refreshments provided.

LEGACY APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

Thursday, October 16th | 12:00 Noon | Commerce Center at 9 N. Federal Ave.

Have you named Trinity in your will or estate plans? Have you made a gift to the TLC Legacy Fund or want to learn more about this opportunity? Then you are invited to a catered Luncheon at 12:00 Noon at the North Iowa Regional Commerce Center. We want to thank you and share stories of how your gifts to the Legacy Fund are helping Trinity live out its mission. The meal is prepared by caterer Cynthia Lewerke. To register, go to www.trinity-mc.org/events/legacy-appreciation-lunch-2025/

TRINITY HANDBELL CHOIRS ARE OPEN TO NEW MEMBERS

Coffee & Clappers meet Thursdays at 10:30am for coffee and practice in the Fellowship Hall. The Trinity Bronze bell choir practices Mondays at 6pm in the Sanctuary. Feel free to join us at an upcoming practice to try it out! Practices are listed on the Calendar in the Bulletin.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ALIVE!

Wednesday, October 1 | 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: Scalloped Potatoes and Ham, Green Beans, Salad, Cookies

ADULT PROGRAM OPPORTUNITIES

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

October 1: Dentistry, Wellness and Faith, presented by Matthew Hansen, DDS.

Decisions in dental care can be stressful. We will explore together how we care for our oral health at home and in the clinic, how oral health affects total wellness, and we will discuss the impact of faith on health care providers in both the military and civilian sectors. Dr. Hansen is a former Officer in the United States air Force and practices at Central Park Dentistry.

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

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

YOUTH PROGRAM 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

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

GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS. 2025 – Sunday, October 26 | 1:00 PM –3:00 PM

This is our churchwide Servant Day! We need all hands on-deck and hope to have another big turnout this year. Simply sign up, get the location information and join us! Please consider blessing others by sharing your time and talents. WE NEED YOU!

There are sign-up sheets in the Gathering Space.

The following projects have been chosen for this year:

***Affordables Thrift Store:** We'll be sorting donated items.

***Hawkeye Harvest Food Bank:** We'll be cleaning, organizing, etc.

***Freedom in His Grace / Beacon Warming Shelter:** We'll be raking, doing yard work, etc.

***Trinity, Fellowship Hall:** We'll write notes to homebound members and assist with quilting tasks.



LEFSE MAKING -Mondays
September 29th and Every Monday
The Lefse making in the Kitchen!
Potato peelers start at 6:00am—7:00am
Lefse rollers start at 8:30am—11:00am
We meet every Monday until late October.

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, Scrabble, Uno, etc). Bring to the Office before Monday, November 3rd!

FOOD INGREDIENTS NEEDED

Consider donating to the effort of all the delicious food created for this annual event. Butter, Cream Cheese and Cool Whip donations are much appreciated. Place them into the Kitchen refrigerator and label them “Bazaar” thru Nov.4th.



OUR MONEY STORY— GENEROSITY SERIES 2025

Next week we begin an all-church worship and study series called *Our Money Story*. We all carry a money story - experiences and beliefs that shape how we think and how we live. This October at Trinity, we're exploring those stories through the lens of God's story—a story of freedom, justice, and hope. Together, we'll reflect, reimagine, and open ourselves to the transformation God longs to bring into our lives. At the end of our series, we will have the opportunity to make personal commitments of giving for the coming year. These commitments will be dedicated in worship on Nov. 1-2 & Nov. 8-9. See more information on our website: www.trinity-mc.org

WEEKLY CALENDAR

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

6:00/8:30AM Lefse Making (Kitchen)
9:00 AM Trinity Quilters (Fellowship Hall)
2:00 PM Living with Diminished Vision (Rm 300)
6:00 PM Bronze Bell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

8:00 AM	BASES Exercise Class (Gathering Space)
10:00 AM	Visio Divina (MacNider Art Museum)
12:00 PM	Staff Meeting

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
8:30 AM Women's Bible Study (Rm 300)

Wednesday Night Alive

6:00 PM	Community Meal in the Fellowship Hall
6:30 AM	Wednesday Night Alive Programs

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2

8:00 AM	BASES Exercise Class (Gathering Space)
10:30 AM	Coffee Clapper Bell Choir (Fellowship)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

5:00 PM WORSHIP SERVICE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

9:00 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE - Livestream, 97.9
10:30 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE
11:30 AM	Youth Group (Fellowship Hall)

JOHN ADAMS BACKPACK FOOD DRIVE

September 21-October 5 | Trinity
The John Adams Middle School (JAMS) backpack food drive will end on October 5. There are two drop sites, one at each entrance. Lists of needed foods are on the front of the box. Checks accepted with “JAMS” in the memo line,. Drop off at the office or in the collection plate. Thanks in advance to all who donate to this much-needed program!

HIGH SCHOOL TOILETRY DRIVE

September 21-October 5 | Trinity
Trinity's Servant Cabinet is collecting items requested by the MCHS Staff to fill their toiletry closet, which provides personal hygiene/care items to students in need. Lists of items are at each entrance, Place items in the designated cabinet under the office windows. Cash donations are also welcomed, simply note your check or online donation .