



The 13th Sunday after Pentecost

SEPTEMBER 6—7, 2025



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SERVING IN WORSHIP THIS WEEKEND

Pastors

Dan Gerrietts, Daniel Hanson, Beverly Butler

Preacher

Pastor Dan Gerrietts

Organist

Nathan Elsbernd

Cantor

Linda Hunt

Acolytes

Miles Hansen, Reece Leibrand

Scripture Readers

Saturday: John Barron Sunday: Kathy Dobrzynski

Ushers

Saturday: Chris Suntken, Jace Suntken and Family

Sunday: Brad Baalson, Phil Lee, Tony Siemons, Burton TeKippe

Technical Support

Evelynn Hunt, Jay Lingbeek, Carter Rockwell

Greeters

Saturday: Dan and Millie Godfrey, Roger Rossum Sunday: Mike and Heather Englin

Coffee Fellowship

Patty Flatness, Lisa Lorenzen, Sandra Willis

Worship Transportation

Dean Graven and Kevin Hendrikson

Building Host

Sunday: Dana Rockwell

At the Saturday Service we celebrate the Baptism of Lacey Sandra Watt.

Lacey is the daughter of Skylar and Meagan Watt.

Lacey's sponsors are Landon and Jessie Schultz.

THE 13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Rally Sunday

Saturday, September 6, 2025 - 5:00 PM

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

The Cost of Discipleship

This weekend we celebrate Rally Sunday and the start of our indoor worship schedule! In our Gospel, Jesus calls his followers to contemplate the cost of following him. While this teaching is daunting, it's a reminder that Christianity is a way of being, a way of living differently, because of Jesus. We are saved by grace, not works, of course. But then what? How does Jesus' love shape our way of being in the world?

ALTAR FLOWERS

are given in honor of *Robin and John Bratvold's Wedding Anniversary*

COLOR BULLETINS

are given by *Tracy and Mindy Farland*

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

Welcome

Holy Baptism of Lacey Sandra Watt (Saturday)

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Today we celebrate the *Baptism of Lacey Sandra Watt*.

Lacey is the daughter of Skylar and Meagan Watt.

Lacey's sponsors are Landon and Jessie Schultz.

Join us in giving thanks to God as we welcome Lacey to the Body of Christ and the mission we share!

Thanksgiving for Baptism (Sunday)

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

P In the name of ✠ the One who is, who was, and who is to come.

C Amen.

P Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection,

and called to live the baptized life,

let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism,

waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness,

and empower us to be witnesses in your name.

Baptized into you, O Living One,

C make us one as you are one.

P We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,

waters that strengthen believers

and give new life to beloved servants of your church;

waters that extend your boundless love

and cross barriers of our own making.

Baptized into you, O Living One,

C make us one as you are one.

P We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that open the hearts of believers
and give a voice in the night to those in captivity;
waters that set your people on a new path,
rejoicing in the Spirit's power.
Baptized into you, O Living One,
C make us one as you are one.
P Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One,
that our every day is shaped by these waters
that give us our very lives in you.
We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.
C Amen.

***Gathering Hymn**

Lift High the Cross

ELW 660

***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 Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works,
begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your
mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C Amen

Distribution of Bibles (Sunday)

Pastor Daniel Hanson

Three-year-olds and 7th-Grade Confirmation

Children's Sermon (Sunday)

Pastor Dan Gerrietts

First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

¹⁵ “See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶ If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷ But if your heart turns away and you do not hear but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸ I declare to you today that you shall certainly perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹ I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰ loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him, for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.”

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 1

L Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

**C Their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and they meditate on God’s teaching day and night.**

L They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves
that do not wither;
everything they do shall prosper.

**C It is not so with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

L Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

**C For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

*Gospel Acclamation

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

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

*Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

²⁵ Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus], and he turned and said to them, ²⁶

“Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸ For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it?

²⁹ Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰ saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ ³¹ Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³² If he cannot, then while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³ So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Pastor Dan Gerrietts

Hymn of the Day

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

ELW 803

Apostles' Creed (Sunday)

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

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 Music

All Things Bright and Beautiful

John Rutter

Trinity Choir

*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.

*Great Thanksgiving

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

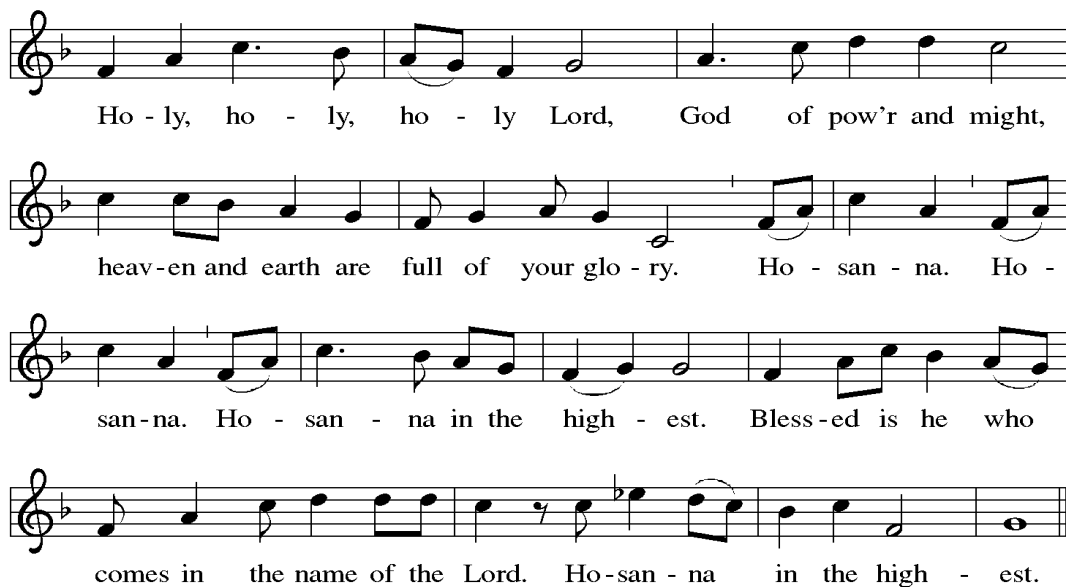
C We lift them to the Lord.

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:

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The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics are: '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.'

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*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

Lamb of God

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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

*O Jesus, I Have Promised
Take My Life, That I May Be*

ELW 810

ELW 685

*Prayer after Communion

P O God,
through this meal you have strengthened us
and appointed us to be your servants.
Send us to do good and to share our possessions
with all in need.
We ask this in Jesus' name.

C 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** *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*

ELW 335

*Sending

P Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

C. Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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!

Thanks to Marty Greder

This weekend marks Marty Greder's final Sunday as Trinity's Director of Christian Education. We give thanks for her and her faithful leadership among us! Over the next few months, a team of Trinity's staff and lay leaders will provide oversight to our Sunday School and Wednesday Night Alive programs. We have a full slate of volunteers ready to shepherd and teach, and curriculums planned for the months ahead. We will use this interim time to evaluate future staffing needs going forward. If you have any questions or feedback, please contact Pastor Daniel Hanson.

RALLY SUNDAY IS TODAY! -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!*** Grades 7th—12th will meet in Rm 208 and then join the Ministry Fair for ice cream! Note: Rotation classes begin on September 14th and will last the full hour, 9:15-10:15 AM.

TRINITY MINISTRY FAIR TODAY! September 7 | 8:30 AM – 10:30 AM

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 in the Gathering Space this morning!

LECTIO DIVINA– Monday, September 9 | 9:30 AM | Rm 322

Lectio Divina returns for the Fall! We will meet the second and forth Mondays of the month at 9:00am. In person and on Zoom. Lectio Divina is reading, reflection, responding and resting in the word of God, helping everyone to grow in relationship with God.

BASES EXERCISE RETURN-Tuesday & Thursday | 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!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ROLLING BANDAGES FOR GLOBAL HEALTH MINISTRIES

Monday, 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!

BLOOD DONATION DRIVE-Monday, September 8 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM | Trinity

The Mason City High School Key Club (Red Cross) is holding their annual Blood Drive at Trinity in the Fellowship Hall. 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!

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. Women, bring your friends for engaging conversation!

BELONG & GROW: NEW MEMBERS CLASS Sunday, September 14 | 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 Gerriets 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

FELLOWSHIP COFFEE: Tuesday, September 16 | 9:30am

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!

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ALIVE (WNA) STARTS THIS WEEK! Wednesday, September 10 | 6:00 PM

Dinner is served from 6:00pm to 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall for a free-will offering.

This week's menu: Walking Tacos, apple sauce, and sherbert.

Programming Opportunities begin at 6:30pm and end at 7:30pm unless noted. below.

ADULT PROGRAMMING

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

Come and hear how North Iowa medical professionals spend their days, practice their health care specialties, and integrate their medical vocations with their faith journeys as members of Trinity Lutheran Church. Q & A will follow each presentation.

September 10: Grace in the Hard Places: Faith at the Frontlines of Oncology, presented by Kevin Orcutt, MD, Radiation Oncologist and the Medical Director of the MercyOne North Iowa Cancer center.

***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

***Nursery** | 6:30pm—7:30pm | The Nursery is located on 2nd floor just outside the north sanctuary door. 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 kicking off 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 EARLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

LEFSE MAKING Monday, September 8
The Lefse making is about begin!
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, Patty Flatness or Cathy Comez. Happy Crafting!



TRINITY YOUTH GROUP

Our Youth Group Kicks Off today!
Meet in the Fellowship Hall 11:45 AM
for food and fun!

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, Camp-fire Kids, or special events.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

- 9:00 AM** Rolling Bandages (Fellowship Hall)
- 9:30 AM** Lectio Divna (Rm. 322 and on Zoom)
- 11:00 AM** Blood Drive (Fellowship Hall)
- 1:00 PM** Book Discussion (Gathering Space)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

- 9:30 AM** BASES Class (Gathering Space)
- 12:00 PM** Staff Meeting

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

- 7:00 AM** Men’s Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
- 8:30 AM** Women’s Bible Study (Library)
- 6:00 PM** Community Meal (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:30 PM** Wednesday Night Alive
- 6:30 PM** Confirmation Class

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

- 8:00 AM** BASES Class (Gathering Space)
- 9:30 AM** WELCA Bible Study (Rm 208)
- 10:30 AM** Clapper Bell Choir (Sanctuary)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

- 9:00 AM** **WORSHIP SERVICE**
with Livestream, KCMR
- 10:30 AM** **WORSHIP SERVICE**
- 11:30 AM** Youth Group (Fellowship Hall)
- 1:30 PM** Belong & Grow, New Member Class

JOHN ADAMS BACKPACK FOOD DRIVE

The John Adams Middle School (JAMS) backpack food drive will begin September 21 and end on October 5. There will be two drop sites, one by the office and one by the stairway to the sanctuary. Lists of foods that are needed will be located in the front of the box. If you prefer, you can make out a check, put JAMS in the memo line, and drop it off at the office or in the collection plate. Thanks you so much!