



RELEASE
GENEROSITY SERIES 2025

The 18th Sunday after Pentecost
Week Two of Four
OCTOBER 11-12, 2025



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SERVING IN WORSHIP THIS WEEKEND

Pastors

Dan Gerrietts, Daniel Hanson

Preacher

Pastor Daniel Hanson

Organist

Mark W. McClellen

Cantor

Sam Pang

Acolytes

Sunday: Devin Dettmer, Charlie Ritter

Scripture Readers

Saturday: Stu Vold Sunday: Kirk Hardcastle

Ushers

Saturday: Stu Vold, John Barron

Sunday: Jake Rockman, Dean Graven, Joe Blanchard, Randy Elsbernd

Technical Support

Evelynn Hunt, Reece Leibrand, Carter Rockwell

Greeters

Saturday: Dan and Millie Godfrey, Roger Rossum Sunday: Mike and Lynn Brown

Coffee Fellowship

Ronda Smith, Alan and Sharon Steckman

Worship Transportation

Travis Hesley, Linda Olson

Custodian

Dave Smith

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Saturday, October 11, 2025 - 5:00 PM

Sunday, October 12, 2025 - 9:00 AM with Livestream / KCMR 97.9

Generosity Series

Week 2: Release

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.

This week we practice releasing shame, anxiety, guilt, greed or anything that keeps us from freedom and wholeness. We **release** the elements of our money story that prevent us from fully living into God's story. And we hear how God invites both individuals and communities to practice release in the intersection of faith and finances.

ALTAR FLOWERS

are given in honor of Roland and Pat LoCascio's 66th Wedding Anniversary

COLOR BULLETINS

are given By Nathan and Linda Hunt

in honor of Evelyn and Eleanora's Baptism Anniversaries

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

Welcome

Call to Worship

P Through Moses, God said,

C “Let my people go”

P In scripture, the law declares:

C “In the seventh year, you must cancel all debts”

P With grace, Jesus said:

C “Give one coat away”

P With honesty, Jesus taught:

C “See what you have, give the money to the poor”

P Faith has always involved letting go, release, setting free,
Dropping our nets, giving to others, and following.

C So in this hour of worship, may we release that which binds us.

**May we worship with open, untamed, and porous hearts, so that we can walk
freely with God.**

P Let it be so.

C Amen

***Gathering Hymn** *O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come* ELW 610

*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 “Abundant God, you made us in your image and breathed in us a spirit of generosity
that is both gift and response. Move us, we pray, to give as we have received—
abundantly, generously, and joyfully that our common ministry may ever bear witness
to your un failing grace. In Jesus’ name,

C Amen

Children’s Sermon (Sunday)

Pastor Daniel Hanson

First Reading: Deuteronomy 15:1-11

¹“Every seventh year you shall grant a remission of debts. ²And this is the manner of the remission: every creditor shall remit the claim that is held against a neighbor, not exacting it, because the Lord’s remission has been proclaimed. ³Of a foreigner you may exact it, but you must remit your claim on whatever any member of your community owes you. ⁴There will, however, be no one in need among you, because the Lord is sure to bless you in the land that the Lord your God is giving you as a possession to occupy, ⁵if only you will obey the Lord your God by diligently observing this entire commandment that I command you today. ⁶When the Lord your God has blessed you, as he promised you, you will lend to many nations, but you will not borrow; you will rule over many nations, but they will not rule over you.

⁷“If there is among you anyone in need, a member of your community in any of your towns within the land that the Lord your God is giving you, do not be hard-hearted or tight-fisted toward your needy neighbor. ⁸You should rather open your hand, willingly lending enough to meet the need, whatever it may be. ⁹Be careful that you do not entertain a mean thought, thinking, ‘The seventh year, the year of remission, is near,’ and therefore view your needy neighbor with hostility and give nothing; your neighbor might cry to the Lord against you, and you would incur guilt. ¹⁰Give liberally and be ungrudging when you do so, for on this account the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake. ¹¹Since there will never cease to be some in need on the earth, I therefore command you, ‘Open your hand to the poor and needy neighbor in your land.’

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation

ELW pg. 142

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the nineteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

***Gospel Reading: Matthew 19:16-22**

¹⁶ Then someone came to him and said, “Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life?” ¹⁷ And he said to him, “Why do you ask me about what is good? There is one who is good. If you wish to enter into life, keep the commandments.” ¹⁸ He said to him, “Which ones?” And Jesus said, “You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness. ¹⁹ Honor your father and mother. Also, you shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ²⁰ The young man said to him, “I have kept all these; what do I still lack?” ²¹ Jesus said to him, “If you wish to be perfect, go, sell your possessions, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” ²² When the young man heard this word, he went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

L The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Daniel Hanson

Hymn of the Day

Now Thank We All Our God

ELW 840

Pastor and Staff Appreciation

Sarah Swegle
President, Trinity Lutheran Church

***Affirmation of Faith**

We believe that on the first day,
God released love and creativity over a void;
and that void became mountains and rivers, sunsets and starry nights.

We believe God released
God's people from the grips of slavery,
liberating us day in and day out.

We believe God laid down with death
and was released from its grip,
knowing suffering and freeing us from this fragile life.

And we believe God invites us-
day in and day out-
To release our fears,
Let go of assumptions, tear down walls,
Throw open the doors, and walk closer to love.

May it be so.
Amen.

***Prayers of Intercession**

P Lord in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

***Peace**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C And also with you.

Announcements

Our Response Prompt -

Tim Dettmer
Trinity Generosity Committee

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 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**

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

ELW 543

***Sending**

P Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

C. Thanks be to God.

Postlude

PASTOR AND STAFF APPRECIATION RECEPTION

*Please join us after the 9AM Service on Sunday
in The Gathering Space for Refreshments*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

KCMR Sharathon Bake Sale: A CALL FOR BAKED GOODS | Drop Off: October 15
Trinity bakers have been invited to donate any favorite baked goods for this special part of the fundraiser. Drop off your items on Wednesday, October 15th at the KCMR offices at 316 N. Federal between 8am and 4pm. Our participation helps to keep KCMR on the air with all the content we have come to know and love! The KCMR Team thanks you in advance. Be sure to check out the full event schedule on their website for the “Sharathon” held at The Manor on Thursday, October 16 and Friday, October 17th. kcmrfm.com/sharathon-2025/

REJOICING SPIRITS – Wednesday, October 15 | 5:00 PM –6:00 PM

Rejoicing Spirits is inclusive of all ages and abilities as we connect with God and one another. Join us on Wednesday, October 15, as we learn about the Parable of the Unforgiving Servant through camp-style music, an interactive skit, and prayer. Following the worship service, enjoy pizza and root beer floats for a free-will donation.

PRAIRIE LAND TRAIL BIKE RIDE –Thursday, October 16 | 3:00 PM

Join us on a fall bike ride on the Prairie Land Trail! The Trail runs along an abandoned railroad bed from Nettle Ave SW of Mason City to Apple Ave SW in Meservey. We will meet at the trailhead at **13773 240th St.** It is a down and back trail so riders can do as many miles as they wish. The surface is compacted lime chip. Weather permitting.

SOUL SPA –Friday, October 17 | 9:00 am – 11:20am | 3rd Floor of the Education Wing
Soul Spa invites participants to engage in a variety of spiritual practices to nurture body, mind, and spirit. We will start and end together with free time in the middle for you to visit as few or as many stations as you desire. Stations offered in October include group spiritual direction, a creative project, Visio Divina, seated healing touch sessions, and refreshments. Wear comfortable clothing and come as you are. Register by calling 641-423-0536 or just show up.

FELLOWSHIP COFFEE—Tuesday, October 21 | 9:30 am – 10:30am | Fellowship Hall
This month’s talk will be given by Kim Pang who will tell us about growing up in Malaysia and coming to the US. Join us for this wonderful time of conversation and learning.

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:** Write notes to homebound members and assist with quilting tasks.

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WEDNESDAY NIGHT ALIVE!

Wednesday, October 15 | 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, Cookies

ADULT PROGRAM OPPORTUNITIES

***Body as Temple: Caring for God's Image** | Gathering Space | 6:30pm—7:30pm
October 15: Challenges in Nursing: Filling the Gaps, Extending Support and Helping Clients Thrive.
Presented by Amie Otto, ARNP, DNP, District Nurse, Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner.

***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.

CAMPFIRE KIDS NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Campfire Kids, our Wednesday Night Alive program for kids in 1st through 6th grade, is on the hunt for some items for their programming. If you would like to donate the following items, we'd love your support. Call Dani Vogel at the church with any questions.

- *Milk Crate style plastic crates— a total of 18 are needed.
- *Tin Cans- regular soup can size, a total of 50 are needed.
- *Old telephones or cell phones— a total of 6 are needed. The older the better!

NOISY OFFERING

We will be collecting a “noisy” offering during worship Sundays October 19 and 26. You are invited to bring change and dollar bills, which children will collect during the children sermon. Proceeds from the noisy offering will be donated to Head Start/Early Head Start program through North Iowa Community Action Organization. Funds will purchase diapers and wipes for the children they serve and for a basic essentials pantry for local families in need. On average, NICAEO Early Childhood programs spend \$3,000 a year on a diapers and wipes for children they are serving.



**TRINITY BAZAAR
PREPARATIONS**

TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW!

Purchase yours at the East Entrance before and after the Saturday Service and before each Service on Sunday. \$10 each.

LEFSE MAKING -Mondays thru Oct. Beginners are welcome to this fun time! Potato peelers start at 6:00am –7:00am Lefse rollers start at 8:30am—11:00am

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.



**WORSHIP TRANSPORTATION
ASSISTANTS NEEDED**

Join our current amazing team to provide members a ride to our Sunday, 9:00 AM Service. From our safe and capable NIACOG Drivers to our dedicated Assistants who ride along , we provide excellent service to get people to church. Couples serving as Assistants together are welcome! Meet the Driver at 7:45AM, make the pick-up rounds with the bus, attend the 9am Service, and help people get back on the bus– that’s it. Please contact Becky or Denise in the office if you would like to learn more about this important and rewarding ministry.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13

- 6:00/8:30AM** Lefse Making (Kitchen)
- 9:00 AM** Bandage Rolling (Fellowship Hall)
- 9:00 AM** Lectio Divinia (322)
- 9:30 AM** Altar Guild (300)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14

- 8:00 AM** BASES Exercise Class (Gathering Space)
- 12:00 PM** Staff Meeting

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15

- 7:00 AM** Men’s Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
- 8:30 AM** Women’s Bible Study (Rm 300)
- 2:00 PM** Cancer Support Group (300)
- 5:00 PM** Rejoicing Spirits (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday Night Alive

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16

- 8:00 AM** BASES Exercise Class (Gathering Space)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17

- 9:00 AM** Soul Spa (3rd Floor Education Wing)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

- 9:00 AM** **WORSHIP SERVICE** - Livestream, 97.9
- 10:30 AM** **WORSHIP SERVICE**

OUR MONEY STORY– GENEROSITY SERIES

We continue our all-church worship and study series called *Our Money Story*.

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