



Christ the King Sunday

NOVEMBER 22 & 23, 2025



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SERVING IN WORSHIP THIS WEEKEND

Pastors

Dan Gerrietts, Daniel Hanson, Beverly Butler

Preacher

Pastor Daniel Hanson

Organist

Teresa Jacobson

Special Music

Trinity Bronze Bell Choir

Directed by Marta Eenhuis

Acolytes

Alayna Johnson, Stella Johnson

Scripture Readers

Saturday: Nina Pals Sunday: Gary Wattnem

Technical Support

Carter Rockwell, Peyton Wickering

Greeters

Saturday: Dan and Millie Godfrey, Roger Rossum Sunday: Earl Kiefer, Kay Larson

Coffee Fellowship

Joann Johnson, Bruce and Karen Squire

Worship Transportation

Randy Elsbernd, Jake and Nancy Rockman

Custodian

Dave Smith

Christ the King Sunday

Saturday, November 22, 2025 - 5:00 PM

Sunday, November 23, 2025 - 9:00 AM with Livestream / KCMR 97.9

Jeremiah's promise of the execution of "justice and righteousness in the land" finds ironic fulfillment in the execution of Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews. It appears utterly contradictory that a king should be crucified with a criminal. This victory appears to all the world as a humiliating defeat. Yet through the gate of death Jesus, opens the door to paradise.

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.

ALTAR FLOWERS

*Given in honor of
Jeff and Meghan Judisch's Wedding Anniversary*

COLOR BULLETINS

*Given in memory of
Hank Steinwandt's Birthday*



Our Mission *We are called to share God's healing love through
Christ's forgiveness and our personal servanthood.*

Prelude (Sunday)

Let There Be Peace on Earth
Trinity Bronze Bell Choir

Wagner

Welcome

Call to Worship

L This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

C I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!"

L This is none other than the house of God, who reigns over every living thing.

C Blessed be the Lord; may God's glory fill the whole earth.

L Today we celebrate endings and new beginnings.

C The end of the church year. The fulfillment of a mortgage.

L A new chapter in Trinity's life and ministry. A new season of service in Jesus' name.

C Thank you, O God, for guiding us to this milestone of being mortgage-free.

L Thank you for the vision and persistence. Thank you for abundance provided so that others might know of your healing love.

C We commend this building to your purposes, O Christ.

L We celebrate the gift of the Bihar Partnership in India and the technology for livestreaming. May the red on our doors remind us of all that has been done.

C May the red on our doors remind us of your Spirit moving among us.

L This is the day which the Lord has made!

C Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

*Gathering Hymn

Crown Him with Many Crowns

ELW 855

***Greeting**

P Welcome in the name of Christ.

God's grace, mercy and peace be with you.

C And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

P O God, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Children's Sermon (Sunday)

Pastor Daniel Hanson

First Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6

¹Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. ²Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. ³Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall no longer fear or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

⁵The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Colossians 1:11-20

¹¹ May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³ He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, ¹⁶ for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross

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 Luke, the twenty-third chapter.

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

***Gospel Reading: Luke 23:33-43**

³³ When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴ Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵ And the people stood by watching, but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!” ³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷ and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” ³⁸ There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹ And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” ⁴² Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom.” ⁴³ He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

L The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Daniel Hanson

Hymn of the Day

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

ELW 634

Thanksgiving for the Retirement of the T150 Debt (Sunday)

- L Dear friends, it's with joy and thanksgiving I announce to you the retirement of this congregation's debt for the T150 Capital Appeal. Now that we have completed this project and paid all indebtedness on it, let us rededicate this building and rejoice in its holy use.

To the glory of God, who has called us by grace;
to the honor of Jesus Christ, who loved us and gave himself for us;
to the praise of the Holy Spirit, who illumines and sanctifies us;

C we dedicate this house.

- L For the worship of God in prayer and praise;
for the preaching of the Gospel
for the celebration of the Sacraments;

C we dedicate this house.

- L For the comfort of all who mourn;
for the healing of all who suffer
for light to those who seek the way

C we dedicate this house.

- L For the support of individuals and families alike;
for teaching and guiding the young;
for the joy of being together

C we dedicate this house.

- L In gratitude for the labors of all who love and serve in this place
In loving remembrance of those who have finished their course
In the hope of eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord

C we dedicate this house.

- L We dedicate this house, the Bihar Partnership, and all the ministry provided by this entire project to your glory. To you, Holy God, be all honor and praise, forever and ever.

C Amen

***Prayers of Intercession**

P Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

***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 God of healing and hope,
you bless those who are hungry,
promising to fill them with good things.
Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts.
Nourish us with the abundance of your feast
and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior,
now and forever.
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 the Sovereign strengthen you,
God the Son save you,
and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead.
The holy Trinity bless you ✚
and grant you a faithful and courageous heart
now and forever.

C Amen.

***Sending Hymn** *Now Thank We All Our God*

ELW 840

***Sending**

P Go in peace. Share the harvest.
C. Thanks be to God.

Postlude

THANK YOU

Throughout October, we explored what scripture teaches us about God's money story and how our own money stories can be reimagined and restored. We heard sermons, prayed, reflected on questions...and we have responded!

On two Faith Promise Weekends this month, we received more than 160 Faith Promise Forms for the coming year. Thank you for prayerfully considering what offering you will make to God through our church in 2026. Your gifts are an act of worship and an investment in God's work through us.

Our prayer is that you will find release and restoration in your life as you put God first in your giving and your living. May we all experience the joy that comes from knowing our gifts honor God and change lives!

THANKSGIVING OFFERING 2025

All Thanksgiving Offerings at Trinity this year will be shared with Hawkeye Harvest Food Bank. Designated offerings include those dollars received through member's "Thanksgiving" offering envelope, the Thanksgiving online giving tab and any other gifts marked "Thanksgiving".

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Weekend: CELEBRATE OUR T150 MILESTONE!

Join us on Sunday as we celebrate
retiring Trinity's \$4.6 million T150 Capital Appeal loan!

- **9:00 AM** Worship Service with **Mortgage Burning** and **Red Door Ceremony** (Sanctuary)
- **10:00 AM** Celebration Coffee (Gathering Space)
- **10:30 AM** **Brunch & Program** (Fellowship Hall)

There will be no 10:30 Worship this weekend due to the T150 celebration.

Sunday! KCMR Radio LIVE CHRISTMAS CONCERT | 2:00 pm | NIACC Auditorium.

A Christmas concert of local North Iowa talent! Join KCMR on Sunday, November 23rd for this annual favorite. Tickets for the concert are \$12 and will be available at the door.

NOTE: NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT ALIVE THIS WEEK

DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS AT TRINITY Friday, November 28

Helping hands of all ages and abilities are needed to put up the stable, hang garland and wreaths, and decorate the trees. Join us in the Sanctuary from 3pm—5pm!

LEGACY APPRECIATION LUNCHEON Monday, December 3 | 12Noon – 1:00 PM

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 the North Iowa Regional Commerce Center (9 N Federal Ave, Mason City). We want to thank you and share stories of how your gifts to the Legacy Fund and other memorials are helping Trinity live out its mission. The Meal will be catered by Cynthia Lewerke of the Decker House. To register, see the sign-up clipboard by the office or go to trinity-mc.org/legacylunch

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TEA Thursday, December 4 | 1:30pm | Fellowship Hall

Join us for this annual time of fellowship and a presentation by fiber artist Norrie MacIlraith. A free will offering will be collected for Trinity Baby Kits. Friends are welcome!

TRINITY CHRISTMAS CANTATA Saturday, December 6 | 5:00 pm

A special service of music and scripture featuring Trinity's Choir and Bronze Bell Choir entitled "A Child Born in the Quiet". Join us for this special evening of music at Trinity!

SALVATION ARMY ANGEL TAG and YSS NORTH IOWA GIVING TREE

The Ministries Committee is again sponsoring this opportunity and thanks you for all your support in brightening the lives of these children in need! The Giving Tree will be located at the East Entrance **beginning November 22**. Stop by and choose a gift to give. The tags will indicate whether to wrap the gift or leave it unwrapped. Please have all items returned to the church *by Friday, December 12*.

CALLING ALL MUSCIANS!

Sound the trumpets, strike the drum — time to get the band back together again for the 10:30 p.m. Christmas Eve service here at Trinity! Participation in the band's rehearsals held on the two Sundays before Christmas Eve is encouraged. Direct all interest and questions to Nathan Elsbernd: nelsbernd19@gmail.com

TRINITY CHRISTMAS

SING-ALONG Sunday, December 7
5:00pm-7:00pm

Join us for some jolly caroling and fellowship at Fat Hill Brewery! Bring an appetizer to share. A free will offering will be collected for Hawkeye Harvest Food Bank, and the Community Kitchen. Please note that this is an Adult Event.

BOOK DISCUSSION FOR THE NEW YEAR January 12 | 1pm

(Gathering Space)

Our next book is *Little Wolves* by Thomas Maltman. The story is set on the Minnesota prairie in the last 1980s during a drought season that is pushing family farms to the brink. The book weaves together elements of folklore and Norse mythology while being driven by a powerful murder mystery. Several copies are available to check out from the office.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24

9:00 AM Quilting Workshop (Fellowship Hall)
No Lectio Divinia (322)

6:00 PM Bronze Bell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

8:00 AM BASES Exercise Class (Gathering Space)

12:00 PM Staff Meeting

9:30 PM Caregivers Support Group (Rm 300)

6:00 PM Trinity Council Meeting

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

No Men's Bible Study

No Women's Bible Study

No Wednesday Night Alive
(Office Closed at Noon)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27

THANKSGIVING

(Office Closed)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2

(Office Closed)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29

5:00 PM **WORSHIP SERVICE**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30

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

10:30 AM **WORSHIP SERVICE**

No Youth Group

TRINITY ADVENT 2025: *A PROMISED SAVIOR*

The Season of Advent counts down the days until Christmas. This Advent, we center our worship on God's promise; the promise of a Savior. Trusting in God's enduring faithfulness, we prepare our hearts to celebrate Jesus' birth while those same, longing hearts wait in hope for God's promised Savior's reign of peace.

Join us for a midweek prayer service on Wednesday evenings starting December 3 at 6:30pm.

These services will combine story, Scripture, music, and prayer to connect our hearts to this season of longing, anticipation, and hope.

Our Wednesday Evening Community Suppers will continue at 6pm for a free-will offering.