



God has
called us.

The 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

NOVEMBER 8 & 9, 2025



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SERVING IN WORSHIP THIS WEEKEND

Pastors

Dan Gerrietts, Daniel Hanson, Beverly Butler

Preacher

Pastor Beverly Butler

Organist

Deb Nielsen

Special Music

Saxophone Group

Brian Bauer, Tom Birdsall, John Henry, Emily Koob, Deb Nielsen, Craig Remmen

Clapper Bell Choir

Directed by Marta Eenhuis

Acolytes

Emma Anderson, Lillian Holmes

Scripture Readers

Saturday: Amy Dodge

Sunday: Kirk Hardcastle

Technical Support

Colton Hesley, Lukas Orcutt

Greeters

Saturday: Dan and Millie Godfrey, Roger Rossum

Sunday: Craig and Janet Miller

Coffee Fellowship

Mindy and Tracy Farland, Eric Farland

Worship Transportation

Randy Elsbernd, Tonya Brunsvold

Custodian

Dave Smith

ALTAR FLOWERS

Given in honor of Dawn and Randy Bruns' 35th Wedding Anniversary on November 10th

COLOR BULLETINS

Given in honor of Dan and Millie Godfrey's 62nd Wedding Anniversary

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Saturday, November 8, 2025 - 5:00 PM

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

We may find ourselves puzzled by questions about death and what comes afterward. We may also wonder how we can best live our lives here on earth in order to fulfill the purpose to which God has called us. We need not shy away from questions about our faith, nor fear when faced with challenging discussions. Today's scriptures invite us to engage with these topics using our faith and understanding, and to share the hope that we have in Christ.

BAPTISMS

at the Saturday, 5pm Service, we celebrate the Baptism of

Lily Rae Smith

Lily is the child of Levi and Laura Smith.

at the Sunday, 10:30am Service, we celebrate the Baptism of

Cooper John Alden

Cooper is the child of Brett and Kelliann Alden.

Please join us in giving thanks to God as we welcome Lily and Cooper to the Body of Christ.

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.*

Welcome

Holy Baptism of Lily Rae Smith (Saturday)

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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.

***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, our eternal redeemer, by the presence of your Spirit you renew and direct our hearts. Keep always in our mind the end of all things and the day of judgment. Inspire us for a holy life here, and bring us to the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

Children's Sermon (Sunday)

Pastor Beverly Butler

Psalm 17:1-9

P Hear a just cause, O LORD; attend to my cry;
give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit.

C **From you let my vindication come;
let your eyes see the right.**

P If you try my heart, if you visit me by night,
if you test me, you will find no wickedness in me;
my mouth does not transgress.

C **As for what others do, by the word of your lips
I have avoided the ways of the violent.**

P My steps have held fast to your paths;
my feet have not slipped.

C **I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God;
incline your ear to me; hear my words.**

P Wondrously show your steadfast love,
O savior of those who seek refuge
from their adversaries at your right hand.

C **Guard me as the apple of the eye;
hide me in the shadow of your wings,
from the wicked who despoil me,
my deadly enemies who surround me.**

First Lesson: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

¹ As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, ² not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. ³ Let no one deceive you in any way, for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. ⁴ He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. ⁵ Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

¹³ But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. ¹⁴ For this purpose he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵ So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

¹⁶ Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, ¹⁷ comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Acclamation

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

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

***Gospel Reading: Luke 20:27-38**

²⁷ Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to him ²⁸ and asked him a question: “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. ²⁹ Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless; ³⁰ then the second ³¹ and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. ³² Finally the woman also died. ³³ In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.”

³⁴ Jesus said to them, “Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage, ³⁵ but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. ³⁶ Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. ³⁷ And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. ³⁸ Now he is God not of the dead but of the living, for to him all of them are alive.”

L The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Beverly Butler

Hymn of the Day

How Small Our Span of Life

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***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.

***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.

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)

How Great Thou Art
Trinity Clapper Bell 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 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** *I Know that My Redeemer Lives!*

ELW 619
Verses 1-4

***Sending**

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

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

at the Saturday, 5pm Service, we remember

Andrea Roman

*Mother of David Roman and Daughter of Luz Jaimes
who passed away on November 10, 2014*

BIKE RIDE TODAY | Sunday, November 9th | 1:00 pm | Wilkinson Pioneer Park

Join us on a fall family bike ride to on the Green Belt! Meet at Wilkinson Pioneer Park at 21425 Vine Avenue in Rock Falls, IA. The trail is crushed limestone/gravel. It is a down and back trail so riders can do as many miles as they wish. Weather permitting.

BOOK DISCUSSION | Monday, November 10 | 1:00 pm | Gathering Space

The book All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr will be discussed.

WELCA BIBLE STUDY Thursday, November 13 | 9:30 am | Rm 208

The Women of the WELCA Study this Fall is taking a deeper look at The Ten Commandments. The topic is "What's the Truth about Lying?" As we explore the 8th Commandment, we look at Martin Luther's words, "Besides our own body, our family, and our temporal property, we have one more treasure which is indispensable to us, namely our honor and good name. God would have all people be respected." Led by the Rev. Dr. Norma Cook Everist. Bring your friends for engaging dialogue.

TRINITY GROUNDS FALL CLEAN UP Thursday, November 15 | 8:30 am –Noon |

Bring leaf/garden rakes, tarps, leaf blowers, hedge trimmers/loppers, brooms, spades, shovels, etc. Please join us for as long as you can!

GATHERING FOR PEOPLE WITH DIMINISHED VISION | Monday, November 17

2:00 pm | Trinity Library

You are invited to attend a gathering for people who are living with diminished vision. Come to support and learn from each other!

FELLOWSHIP COFFEE Tuesday, November 18 | 9:30 am | Fellowship Hall

Join us to enjoy a time of coffee and treats, and to hear Ethan Miller, Trinity's President-Elect, share highlights from his life story!

A FEW MORE MILK CRATES NEEDED CAMPFIRE KIDS

Due to your generous response, the Campfire Kids has almost all the materials they need for their Wednesday Night Alive program for kids in 1st through 6th grade. Just 8 more milk crates needed.

KCMR Radio Fundraiser at Applebee's Grill and Bar | Wednesday, November 19

All purchases at Applebees on this day will result in 25% of your total going to support KCMR Radio. Just mention this fundraiser to your server or your call for take-out. Mark your Calendar!

COME PICK UP YOUR PLATES AND SERVING DISHES!

We have a lot of serving dishes left over from last year's Bazaar, this year's Bazaar and other events. All items are in the back Kitchen hallway, ready to be reclaimed and taken home. Thank you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ALIVE!

Wednesday, November 12 | 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: Goulash, Rolls, Salad, Fruit

ADULT PROGRAM OPPORTUNITIES

***A Day in the Delta | Gathering Space | 6:30pm—7:30pm**

November 19: Join Vietnam veteran Bob Lembke for this presentation of photos Bob took during his year in the Mekong Delta. Pictures of rice paddies during the monsoon and dry seasons, base camps of the 9th Infantry Division, special zones in the delta, jungle areas, City of Saigon, living conditions, etc.

***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!

CELEBRATE OUR T150 MILESTONE!

Join us **Sunday, November 23**, 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) featuring special music, remembrances from appeal leaders, photos of construction and remodeling, and updates on our **Partnership Bihar** project through Lutheran World Relief.

Brunch menu: Tater Tot & Bacon Egg Bake, Hot Fruit, Breads, and Yogurt Station.

Brunch seats are limited—**sign up on the Clipboard outside the office or online at trinity-mc.org/brunch by November 20** to attend!

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no 10:30 Worship on Sunday, Nov. 23 due to the T150 celebration.

NOISY OFFERING THANK YOU!

Together we raised \$1,293.54 from the October Noisy Offering. Funds will be donated to North Iowa Community Action Head Start Program to purchase baby diapers and wipes. Thank you!

KCMR Radio LIVE CHRISTMAS CONCERT Sunday, November 23

2:00 pm | NIACC

A Christmas concert of local North Iowa talent! Join us at the North Iowa Area Community College Auditorium for this annual favorite. The Adult Ministries Cabinet is sponsoring the NIACOG bus for those who want to attend but need transportation to do so. Limited spots are available. Please contact the church office to register for a spot on the bus.

Tickets for the concert are \$12 and will be sold at Trinity Church. Opportunities to purchase a ticket include before and after worship on November 8 & 9, before and after worship on November 15 & 16, and on the bus the day of the concert.

SAVE THE DATE! TRINITY'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TEA

Thursday, December 4

Join us at 1:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall for time together to Celebrate the Season! More Information to come!

LUNCH & LEARN Friday November 21 | 12:00 Noon | Fellowship Hall

Julian of Norwich, a 14th century English mystic and anchoress, is celebrated for her theological insights on God's love and compassion. Her book, Revelations of Divine Love, is the first book known to have been written in the English language by a woman. She is best known for her quote, "All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well." Step into Julian's world with a medieval meal and musings about her life. Free will offering for lunch with any profits given to the Luther Seminary Grocery Assistance Program for students facing food insecurity. **RSVP by calling the church office by Monday, Nov. 17th.** Presented by Becky Elsbernd, Parish Nurse.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10

9:00 AM Bandage Rolling (Fellowship Hall)
9:00 AM Lectio Divinia (322)
9:30 AM Altar Guild (300)
1:00 AM Book Discussion (Gathering Space)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

8:00 AM BASES Exercise Class (Gathering Space)
12:00 PM Staff Meeting
1:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
8:30 AM Women's Bible Study (Rm 300)
9:30 AM Lydia Circle (Rm 208)
9:30 AM Post-Bazaar Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
2:00 PM Cancer Support Group (300)

Wednesday Night Alive

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13

8:00 AM BASES Exercise Class (Gathering Space)
9:30 AM WELCA Bible Study (Rm 208)
10:30 PM Clappers and Coffee Rehearsal (Rm 307)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15

5:00 PM **WORSHIP SERVICE**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16

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