



We have a God of
UNCONDITIONAL
love.

The 23rd Sunday after Pentecost
NOVEMBER 15 & 16, 2025



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SERVING IN WORSHIP THIS WEEKEND

Pastors

Dan Gerrietts, Daniel Hanson, Beverly Butler

Preacher

Dr. Norma Cook Everist

Special Music

Trinity Adult Choir

Directed by Dennis Lee

Choir Accompanist, Camille Lee

Piano Accompanist

Jodi Korth

Acolytes

Jack Dettmer, Peyton Wickering

Scripture Readers

Saturday: Leslie Dahlin

Sunday: Dennis Wilson

Communion Assistants

Saturday: Jim and Nancy Fingalsen

Sunday: John and Roz Barron

Technical Support

Evelynn Hunt, Carter Rockwell, Brody Bolinger

Greeters

Saturday: Dan and Millie Godfrey, Roger Rossum

Sunday: Tracy and Mindy Farland

Coffee Fellowship

Craig Remmen and Kathy Pitcher

Worship Transportation

Travis Hesley, Jon Wicks

Building Host

Dana Rockwell

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Holy Communion

Saturday, November 15, 2025 - 5:00 PM

Sunday, November 16, 2025 - 9:00 AM with Livestream / KCMR 97.9 FM

These are difficult and dangerous times. People experience persecution and betrayal. However, it is not a time to lose heart. Jesus Christ is not just a good-example Jesus. Neither are we saved by our own endurance. We have a God of unconditional love. Trusting that the Spirit is still at work renewing creation and reconciling the world, God gives the strength to endure.

ALTAR FLOWERS

are given in honor of

Bob and Libby Lembke's 59th Wedding Anniversary

COLOR BULLETINS

are given by the Sliger Family

In memory of Addison Wyborny

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.



GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.
Faithful God,

**C you have shown us the ways of your heart,
yet we stray from your paths.
We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression
and do not embrace the freedom
of your faithful promises.
We ignore our neighbors.
We exploit the earth.
We reject your abundance,
trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love.
Repair our relationships,
restore what we have broken,
renew our hearts,
and bring us to new life.
Amen.**

P Hear the good news:
God the Faithful One loves you,
☩ in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free.

C Amen.

***Prayer of the Day**

P O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Children's Sermon (Sunday)

Pastor Dan Gerrietts

Psalm 37:1-9

P Do not fret because of the wicked;
do not be envious of wrongdoers,

**C for they will soon fade like the grass
and wither like the green herb.**

P Trust in the LORD and do good;
live in the land and enjoy security.

**C Take delight in the LORD,
and he will give you the desires of your heart.**

P Commit your way to the LORD;
trust in him, and he will act.

**C He will make your vindication shine like the light
and the justice of your cause like the noonday.**

P Be still before the LORD, and wait patiently for him;
do not fret over those who prosper in their way,
over those who carry out evil devices.

**C Refrain from anger and forsake wrath.
Do not fret—it leads only to evil.**

P For the wicked shall be cut off,
but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land.

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

⁶ Now we command you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from every brother or sister living irresponsibly and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷ For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not irresponsible when we were with you, ⁸ and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹ This was not because we do not have that right but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰ For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹ For we hear that some of you are living irresponsibly, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹² Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

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-first chapter.

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

***Gospel: Luke 21:5-19**

⁵ When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, ⁶ “As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.”

⁷ They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” ⁸ And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them.

⁹ “When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” ¹⁰ Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹ there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

¹² “But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³ This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴ So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, ¹⁵ for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷ You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ By your endurance you will gain your souls.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Dr. Norma Cook Everist

Hymn of the Day *If You But Trust in God to Guide You* ELW 769

***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 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

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.



Anthem (Sunday)

Look at the World
Trinity Adult Choir

John Rutter

***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.

***Great Thanksgiving**

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

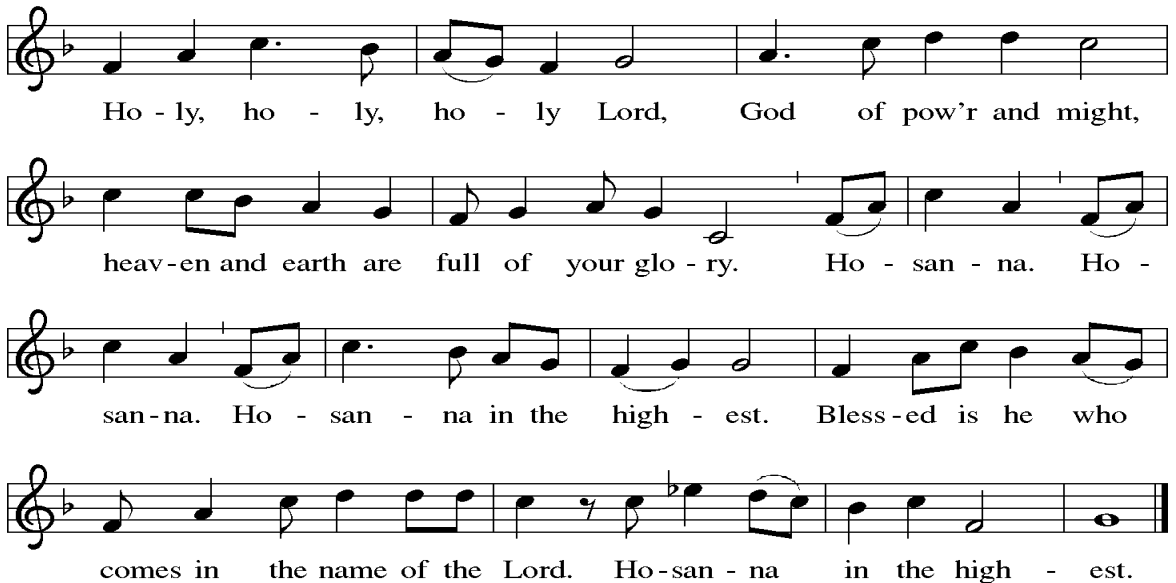
C We lift them to the Lord.

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:

ELW pg. 144



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.

*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 comes 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 to receive a blessing.

Lamb of God

ELW pg. 146

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 Hymns

O God of Every Nation

ELW 713

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

ELW 632

*Prayer after Communion

P God of field and flower, wheat and grape,
you have nourished us with the bread of heaven
that gives life to the world.
Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son,
send us out to gather your good gifts for all who
hunger and thirst,
and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name.

C 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

When Peace Like a River

ELW 785

*Sending

P Go in peace. Share the harvest.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Announcements

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ALIVE

Wednesday, November 19th | 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: Pizza, Salad, Cookies

ADULT PROGRAMMING 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 PROGRAMMING OPPORTUNITIES

***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 parents during this time.

***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, Grades 1-6 | Rm 208 | 6:30pm—7:30pm**

Campfire Kids is our elementary programming here at Trinity on Wednesday nights. Students embark on fun Bible adventures with their leader Nate Ruge, and other wilderness guides as they experiment and play with Bible Stories and Faith Traditions. In November, we are focusing on the Feeding of the 5,000, and in December, we will explore our Nordic heritage and some traditions, including Santa Lucia.

REJOICING SPIRITS Wednesday, November 19 | 5:00pm | Fellowship Hall

Rejoicing Spirits is inclusive of all ages and abilities as we connect with God and one another. Join us on Wednesday, November 19 as we learn about the Parable of the Wedding Feast through camp-style music, interactive skit, and prayer.

Following the worship service, enjoy pizza and root beer floats for a free-will donation.

CAMPFIRE KIDS PROJECTS

Thanks again for all the milk crates! We've loved watching them pop up at the office door.

Campfire Kids still is in need of six (6) more milk crates if you know of any sources.

We are also looking for the following items:

plastic crowns or tiaras
fishing equipment

bird stuffed animals
Battery lanterns or candles

old wedding attire,
no longer needed

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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!

CALLING THE YOUTH: INTERESTED IN SCOUTS?

Monday, November 17 | 7:00 PM

Scout Information Meeting. Troop 14, Trinity's sponsored group for over 50 years, is merging with another local troop to form Troop 1214. All are welcome to join as scout leaders and troop parents share what's instore for this new Scout Troop!

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!

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

All purchases at Applebee's 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!

MEMORY CAFÉ Thursday, November 20 | 10:00 am | Fellowship Hall

Memory Café is for individuals living with various forms of dementia or memory impairment and their caregivers. It supports leisure, fun and fellowship. In November, our topic is "Holiday Traditions". Please bring stories or items to share. Refreshments provided.

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

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 at the Sign Up by the office or call by November 17th to attend!**

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.**

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 this event.

LEGACY APPRECIATION LUNCHEON December 3, 2025 | 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. To register, see the sign-on the clipboard by the office or go to trinity-mc.org/legacylunch

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TEA Thursday, December 4th | 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 SING-ALONG Sunday, December 7th | 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.

DONATIONS FOR THE HYGIENE PANTRY: ST. JOHN'S EPICOPAL

Let's help stock the pantry full for the Holidays! Trinity is in an on-going effort with our neighbor church to collect donations for the Community Hygiene Pantry. Please place any donations in the cabinet below the Church Office window. Cash donations are also welcome. Just note on the memo line of your check. The items that are needed are:

Toothpaste
Toothbrushes
Dish Soap
Toilet Tissue

Laundry Soap
(powder, pods)
Shampoo
Soap, bar + body wash

Deodorant
Feminine Hygiene
Disposable Diapers
Baby Wipes

WEEKLY CALENDAR

YOUR PLATES AND SERVING DISHES ARE READY FOR PICK UP

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.

BASES EXERCISE CLASS -Tuesdays & Thursdays

8:00 AM | Gathering Space
BASES (Balance-Agility-Strength-Endurance-Socialization) Exercise Classes continue into the cold 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. Join us to warm up!

CENTERING PRAYER AND LECTIO DIVINA

Mondays | 9:00 AM | Rm 322
Join us this week and in the weeks to come for these special grounding practices during this busy season. (Note: These groups do not meet on the 5th Mondays)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH

9:00 AM Quilting Workshop (Fellowship Hall)
9:00 AM Centering Prayer (Rm. 322 and on Zoom)
2:00 PM Gathering for People with Diminished Vision (Lib)
6:00 PM Bronze Bell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH

8:00 AM BASES Exercise Class (Gathering Space)
9:30 AM Fellowship Coffee (Fellowship Hall)
10:30 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry (Rm 307)
12:00 PM Staff Meeting

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
8:30 AM Women's Bible Study (Rm 300)
9:30 AM Bazaar Committee Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
4:00 PM Trinity at Community Kitchen
5:00 PM Rejoicing Spirits (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday Night Alive

6:00 PM Community Meal (Fellowship Hall)
6:30 AM Wednesday Night Alive Programs
6:30 PM Confirmation Class

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH

8:00 AM BASES Exercise Class (Gathering Space)
10:00 AM Memory Café (Fellowship Hall)
10:30 AM Clappers & Coffee Bell Choir (Rm 307, Sanctuary)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21TH

12:00 Noon Lunch & Learn: Discovering Julian of Norwich

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND

5:00 PM **WORSHIP SERVICE**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD

9:00 AM **WORSHIP SERVICE** - Livestream, 97.9 FM
10:00 AM **T150 Celebration Coffee** (Gathering Space)
10:30 AM **T150 Celebration Brunch** (Fellowship)

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.