



the good news is..

together, the impossible
is possible

Third Sunday in Lent

MARCH 7-8, 2026



SERVING IN WORSHIP THIS WEEKEND

Pastors

Daniel Hanson, Beverly Butler

Preacher

Pastor Daniel Hanson

Organist

Teresa Jacobson

Cantor

Saturday: Julia Hines Sunday: Kylie Hansen

Special Music

Grace Swisher, Vocal Soloist

Acolytes

Piper Hesley, Emma Anderson

Ushers

Saturday: Stu Vold, Earl Kiefer
Sunday: Jake Rockman, Dean Graven, Joe Blanchard

Technical Support

Charlie Ritter

Greeters

Ray and Betty Gogel

Coffee Fellowship

Ronda Smith

Worship Transportation

Dean Graven, Tonya Brunsvold

Building Host

Dana Rockwell

Third Sunday in Lent

Saturday, March 7, 2026 - 5:00 PM

Sunday, March 8, 2026 - 9:00 AM with Livestream / KCMR 97.9

The Good News is....

...together, the impossible is possible.

Lent was originally a season for new converts to Christianity to learn and prepare for their baptism on Easter. During that time, they would study what was central to Jesus' life and ministry: God's mercy, radical welcome, love for neighbor, care for the vulnerable, nourishment for the hungry, and nonviolence in the face of injustice. At the heart of Jesus' teachings, we find liberation, love, mercy, and grace—good news for us and for all people.

This week, five loaves and two fish feed over 5000 people. Meager provisions multiply so that thousands are fed. Jesus models a way to be in community by coming together and sharing what we have, dispelling perceived impossibilities. The good news empowers us to believe in the miracles that can become possible through the power of community.

COLOR BULLETINS

are given in honor of

the Birthdays of Millie Godfrey & Marge Baack

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

Confession and Forgiveness

P Friends, we are like the disciples.

The day that Jesus fed 5,000, his disciples could not imagine a solution to the crowd's hunger. They told Jesus to send the crowds away.

We often do the same.

Like the disciples, we try to follow Jesus around, but when we run into issues, we often cannot imagine how we could play a part.

That is why we need God's grace.

For in Jesus' love, we remember that we are forgiven and set free to serve according to your Holy Spirit.

So friends, join me in this moment of truth telling.

(silence is kept)

P Holy God,

C with you the impossible is possible.

5,000 can be fed.

The blind can see.

The hopeless can find hope.

**With you the impossible is possible,
but we are quick to forget that.**

We look at our hurting world and tell ourselves that nothing can be done.

We forget that you empowered the disciples to feed the crowd.

We forget that you are always with us.

Forgive our small-minded ways.

Forgive us for doubting that change could ever come.

But even more so, forgive us when we refuse to be a part of it.

With hope for a better tomorrow we pray, Amen.

P Family of faith,

no matter how many mistakes the disciples made,

Jesus still washed their feet. Jesus still fed them. Jesus still called them beloved.

The same is true for you and me, so hear and believe this good news:

C Today is a new day, and once again, we belong to God.

We are forgiven. We are called. We are not alone.

What good, good news. Amen!

***Gathering Hymn**

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

ELW 533

***Greeting**

P The grace of God that extends to all nations in Christ Jesus through the work of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

P Holy God,
we could press our ear to the page, hoping to hear you more clearly. We could silence all the alarms and notifications, hoping to catch a murmur of your voice. We could still our beating hearts, and still we might miss your voice. So open up space in our hearts, in our spirits, in our minds, to feel your presence among us. With you, anything is possible. We believe. Help our unbelief. In your holy name,

C Amen.

Children's Message (*Sunday*)

Pastor Daniel Hanson

First Reading: Ephesians 3:20-21

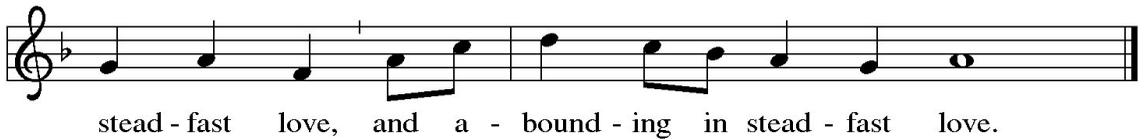
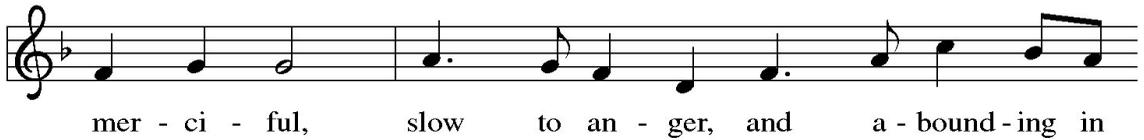
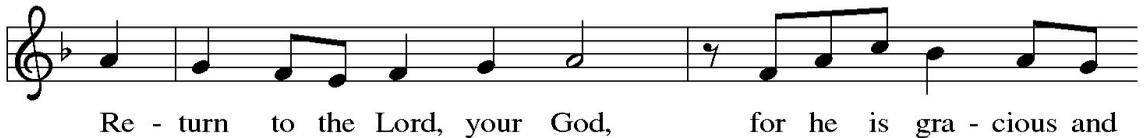
²⁰Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation

ELW pg. 142



*Gospel: Mark 6:32-44

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the sixth chapter.

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

³² And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³ Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. ³⁴ As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he began to teach them many things. ³⁵ When it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now very late; ³⁶ send them away so that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy something for themselves to eat." ³⁷ But he answered them, "You give them something to eat." They said to him, "Are we to go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?" ³⁸ And he said to them, "How many loaves have you? Go and see." When they had found out, they said, "Five, and two fish." ³⁹ Then he ordered them to get all the people to sit down in groups on the green grass. ⁴⁰ So they sat down in groups of hundreds and of fifties. ⁴¹ Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to his disciples to set before the people, and he divided the two fish among them all. ⁴² And all ate and were filled, ⁴³ and they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. ⁴⁴ Those who had eaten the loaves numbered five thousand men.

L The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Hymn of the Day *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*

ELW 335

***Nicene Creed**

C We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. 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, whose blessing gives us life,
Like morning's gentle dew.
We will trust you through the wilderness
And walk the way with you.
To the God who calls us servants
Neighbor, stranger, friend made fair;
Christ is present in the water,
In the fire, the earth, the air.
May we live to love in all we do,
And grant our neighbor rest;
All creation praises God on high,
Now may these gifts be blest.**

Sung to the tune "Thaxted" ELW 880
Written by Colby Gochanour

***Offering Prayer**

P God of surprising grace, receive these gifts as small seeds of your kingdom, and grow them beyond our imagining into mercy, welcome, and love for all.

Use what we offer, and who we are, to share the joyful, unruly good news of Jesus Christ for the life of the world.

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 As you leave this place,
when you meet anger, speak with love.
When you meet fear, speak with hope.
When you meet pain, speak with gentleness.
But no matter what, speak the good news of the gospel:
God became human in Jesus for us,
to bring love and justice for all,
and joy that surprises.
Thanks be to God
for this good news!

C Amen.

***Sending Hymn**

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

ELW 623

***Sending**

P Go in peace. Believe the good news.
C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Lenten Season at Trinity

JOURNEY WITH JESUS: Mondays in Lent, Monday, March 9 | 12Noon | Fellowship Hall
The season of Lent is a great time to commit to spending time with God and tending our spiritual life. We invite everyone at Trinity to read Scripture together as a spiritual discipline, using the devotional Journey with Jesus, as we read the Gospel of John. Journal questions are provided to dig deeper and to reflect on the daily readings. Join the gathering at noon on Mondays in the Fellowship Hall to discuss and process the Scripture in community. Bring a lunch and stay for as long as you are able.

BROWN BAG BACH Wednesdays in Lent | Wednesday, March 11 | 12:15pm to 12:45pm
Join us for a series of Wednesday Noon-hour concerts during Lent. Music begins in the Sanctuary at 12:15 for 30 minutes. This week's organist will be our own Nathan Elsbernd from Mason City. You are welcome to bring your lunch and enjoy it in the pew during the concert.

JOURNEY WITH JESUS WALK & TALK Thursdays in Lent | Thurs, March 12 | 4:15 pm
Join us to walk and talk about the Gospel of John. We'll walk inside or out, depending on weather, as we discuss the Scripture from the past week in the Lenten devotional. Meet at the East Entrance.

LET US PRAY TOGETHER *Gathering in prayer to hold space for peace and unity.*

Thursdays in Lent | Thursday, March 12 | 2pm—2:45pm | Good Shepherd Chapel
Join us in a time to gather as Christians as we offer Prayer petitions for our community, our country and our world. We gather at a different church every week.

WELCOME TO THE TABLE CLASS Wednesdays, March 18 and 25 | 5:15pm
Wednesdays, March 18 & 25, 2024 5:15 PM The Education Committee and church staff recommend 4th grade as a good time to receive instruction on Holy Communion. Our two-part Communion class, Welcome to the Table, is being offered for Grade 4 students accompanied by at least one parent. The class is designed for those youth who have already taken Communion and those who are preparing for their first Communion. We welcome older or younger students who have not yet had Communion instruction or desire to have Communion instruction before 4th grade to participate. Students who complete the class will be recognized on Maundy Thursday at 6:30 PM with a reception following in the Gathering Space. RSVP on our website under the "Youth" tab or simply call the office.

TRINITY COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT Saturday, March 28 | 10am - 11am
Trinity will be hosting the annual Community Easter Egg Hunt for infants through 6th grade. All children from the surrounding area are welcome to join us!

EASTER EGG CANDY & TOY COLLECTION

We are looking to fill 2000 eggs this Easter season for our Community Easter Egg Hunt! Your donation of candy and toys helps to off-set the cost. Donations should be dropped off to the office by March 20th. Please bring wrapped candy, small toys/stickers/tattoos to fit into plastic Easter eggs.

NEW TRINITY PICTURE DIRECTORY *Schedule Your Photo Session Now!*

We want everyone to have their picture taken at church so that our new directory will be complete. ***It won't be complete without you!*** Just make your appointment online on the home page on our website. Photo dates are: April 13-18 and April 20-22. You will have a photography session, see your proofs, get a free 8x10 picture, and have the opportunity to purchase extra portraits if you like. You will get a free Directory when they are printed! Scheduling volunteers will be at a table in the Gathering Space after the Saturday service and between the Sunday services for in-person assistance.

Wednesdays in Lent, March 11

COMMUNITY MEAL THIS WEEK: 6:00pm to 6:30pm | Fellowship Hall

Menu: “Walking” Tacos, Salad, Cookies & Bars

*Lenten Mid-Week Services

1:00 PM (Chapel) & 6:30 PM (Sanctuary)

Shorter traditional service with a creative liturgy and message

***Confirmation** | Fellowship Hall | 6:30pm

***Choir Rehearsal** | Choir Room | approx. 7:10pm (After Lenten Service)

Trinity’s Choir is open to all vocalists, high school age & older. Please join us!

***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—7:10pm

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 with Bible Stories and Faith Traditions. This week we are learning about “Lent”.

BAPTISMS AT THE EASTER VIGIL SERVICE

Are you, or someone you know, interested in being baptized? We would love to talk with you about our opportunity for baptism at the Easter Vigil Service on Saturday, April 4th at 5:00 pm. People of all ages are baptized each year at the Vigil, following a centuries old tradition in the Christian church. Please contact the office or one of the Pastors to learn more.

2026 EASTER BAG FOOD PROJECT *All deadlines are Tuesday, March 10th*

The Ministries Committee is coordinating the Easter Bag Food Project and asking for your help!

Monetary donations are needed to provide local, less fortunate individuals and families with a healthy Easter meal to enjoy. A donation of \$35 will feed a household of up to four people, \$70 will feed a household of eight people, and so forth.

Contact the church by calling (641) 423-0536 or email at denise.lind@trinity-mc.org

Donations

*donate by mailing your donation to the church, noting “Easter Bag Food Project”.

*donate with an envelope, noting for the “Easter Bag Food Project”.

*donate online- there will be a special selection available during Lent under the “Give” tab.

*donate at the office by stopping by Monday thru Friday.

Recipients

If you know of someone who could benefit from receiving an Easter Bag of food, please call or email the church office. We would like to grow this list of people in need.

Delivery Drivers

You can help by signing up to deliver food bags to recipients on Saturday March 28 in the morning. Please call or email the church office by March 10th to sign up.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

MONDAY, MARCH 9

- 9:00 AM Rolling Bandages (Fellowship Hall)
12Noon Lenten Scripture Discussion (Fellowship Hall)
1:00 PM Book Discussion (Gathering Space)
5:30 PM Bronze Bell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

TUESDAY, MARCH 10

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study
8:30 AM Women's Bible Study
9:30 AM Lydia Circle (Rm 208)
12:15 PM Brown Bag Bach Organ Concert (Sanctuary)
1:00 PM Lenten Mid-Week Service (Chapel)
6:00 PM Community Meal (Fellowship Hall)
6:30 PM Lenten Mid-Week Service (Sanctuary)
6:30 PM Campfire Kids (Rm 208)
6:30 PM Confirmation Class (Fellowship Hall)
7:10 PM Choir Practice (After Service in Choir Room)

THURSDAY, MARCH 12

- 8:00 AM BASES Exercise Class (Gathering Space)
9:30 AM WELCA Bible Study
10:30 AM Coffee and Clapper Bell Choir (Rm 307)
2:00 PM Let Us Pray Gathering (Good Shepherd Chapel)
4:15 PM Journey with Jesus Walk & Talk (East Entrance)

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

5:00 PM WORSHIP SERVICE

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

- 9:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE** - Livestream, KCMR
10:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE (Contemporary)
11:30 AM No Youth Group (Spring Break)

PAM FIKE TO RETIRE Pam Fike, our Parish Administrator, will be retiring at the end of April. Pam has been a steady, caring presence in the life of our church, and her behind-the-scenes work has meant more than most of us will ever know. We are deeply thankful for her many years of faithful service and wish her joy, rest, and many blessings as she begins this next chapter.

NOW HIRING: PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

Trinity Lutheran Church is seeking a Parish Administrator to provide leadership for church finances, operations, and facilities, and to partner with staff and lay leaders in supporting our ministry. This role includes supervising administrative and facilities staff and supporting the work of the Church Council and committees. Strong organizational and accounting skills, attention to detail, and a collaborative spirit are essential. Search "Trinity Mason City Administrator." at Indeed.com.

LYDIA CIRCLE

Wednesday, March 11 | 9:30 am

Rm 208

All women are welcome. Our WELCA bible study is from the Gather magazine. We meet the 2nd Wednesday of each month. This spring the study is I AM: God's Holy Name and Promise.

WELCA Bible Study

Thursday, March 12 | 9:30am

Rm 208

"Living with Forgiving" will be the topic of the WELCA (Woman of the ELCA) study. Led by the Rev. Norma Cook Everist, using Luther's Large Catechism we shall discuss the meaning of the 5th Petition of the Lord's Prayer. We will reflect on our lives of complex relationships today. Bring a friend with you for good conversation.

FELLOWSHIP COFFEE

Tuesday, March 17 | 9:30am

Fellowship Hall

Join us to enjoy time in fellowship with coffee and treats. Kim Pang will join us to share Part Two of his very interesting life story!