



Fourth Sunday of Easter

APRIL 25-26, 2026



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SERVING IN WORSHIP THIS WEEKEND

Pastors

Dan Gerrietts, Beverly Butler, Daniel Hanson

Preacher

Dr. Norma Cook Everist

Organist

Deb Nielsen

Cantor

Melissa Shallberg

Acolytes

Madi Powell, Grace Koob

Special Music

Bronze Bell Choir

Directed by Marta Eenhuis

Scripture Readers

Saturday: Roger Rossum Sunday: Kim Pang

Ushers

April Usher Team

Technical Support

Peyton Wickering

Greeters

Gary and Vicki Wattnem

Coffee Fellowship

The Legacy Committee

Worship Transportation

Randy Elsbernd, Jon and Mary Wicks

Custodian

Dave Smith

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Saturday, April 25, 2026 - 5:00 PM

Sunday, April 26, 2026 - 9:00 AM with Livestream / KCMR Radio 97.9

Jesus Christ is our Good Shepherd. Jesus is also the gate to keep us safe. Safe from what? Someone who does not care anything about the sheep but wants them for his own gain, wealth, and selfish purposes. Jesus also used another figure of speech. The sheep know the true shepherd's voice. A true shepherd knows our names and cares about us. To whom do you listen? Whom do you trust to be your leader, your guide?

ALTAR FLOWERS

are in memory of

Alyce Bailey

given by her Family

COLOR BULLETINS

are given by Patty Flatness

in honor of

A Birth in their Family

Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church.

We are glad you are here!

If you are new to Trinity please complete the *Let's Get Connected* Card located in the pews so we can follow up with you. ***Large print bulletins and listening devices*** are available from the ushers. ***Seating for People with Limited Mobility*** is reserved throughout the Sanctuary. Just look for the blue accessibility signs or ask your Usher.

We love having small children in worship!

- 1) ***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.
- 2) ***The Child Care Room*** is available for those needing a space to change or feed little ones, located next to the nursery. Nursery space is available but won't be staffed. The nursery is located on the 2nd floor of the education wing and just outside the north sanctuary door. Ushers are available to direct you if needed.



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

Seth Vandenberg, French Horn
Colby Gochanour, Piano

Welcome

Thanksgiving for Baptism

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne
and to the Lamb!

C Amen.

P Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God,
you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.
You lead us beside still waters.

We thank you for the waters of creation:
morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves.

We thank you for the waters that nourish us.
Blessed are you.

C You guide us to springs of the water of life.

P Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness
who accompanies us on our journeys.
We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection.
We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.
Blessed are you.

C You guide us to springs of the water of life.

P Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.
Break down barriers that divide us.
Fill us with the breath of peace.
Blessed are you.

C You guide us to springs of the water of life.

P Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism,
and for making us a new creation.
We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise,
now and forever.

C Amen.

*Greeting

P The joy and peace of God be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

*Prayer of the Day

P O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, 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 Message (*Sunday*)

Pastor Dan Gerrietts

First Reading: Psalm 23

P The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.

C **The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

P You restore my soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

C **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no
evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

P You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

C **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:24-25

²⁴ [Jesus] himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, having died to sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵ For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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

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

***Gospel: John 10:1-10**

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the tenth chapter.

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

¹ “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ² The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶ Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷ So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

L The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Dr. Norma Cook Everist

Hymn of the Day

Shepherd Me, O God

ELW 780

Blessing of the Quilts

***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 Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

***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**

**Praise God, whose blessing gives us life,
Like morning's gentle dew.
We will rise into the victory,
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 Merciful God,

accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory.

Nourish us, that goodness and mercy may follow us

and bless the world you love.

In the name of Jesus,

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 God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end,
Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead,
and the Spirit, our advocate and peace,
✠ bless you now and forever.
C Amen.

*Sending Hymn

You Are the Way

ELW 758

*Sending

P Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!
C Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

CUPCAKES AND COFFEE

*The Legacy Cabinet is sponsoring a cupcake reception
in celebration of the Legacy Fund's recent growth.
All are invited! Join us after the Saturday 5pm Service and Sunday 9am Service
in the Gathering Space.*

Announcements

PICTURE DIRECTORY AND CONTACT INFORMATION UPDATES

Please call the office if you or someone you know has disconnected a phone, changed their phone number or email, or moved in the last few years. Trinity office staff would like to update all members' information. Email or call the office with your updates at 641-423-0536 this week.

BELONG AND GROW: TRINITY MEMBERSHIP CLASS *TODAY! April 26*

Looking for a church home? A place to belong? Curious to know more about Trinity's life and mission? Pastor Dan Gerrietts leads an interactive class for those exploring membership or wondering if Trinity is right for them. This is the only session one attends to prepare for membership. Learn about our mission commitments and the faith expressions that ground us. Take a tour of the building. Meet other people. Today at 1:30 PM in Rm 208.

PEACE WALK Saturday, May 2 | 10:0 AM | East Park Band Shell

Gather for this opportunity with our community to pray together for peace.

WORLD LABYRINTH DAY OBSERVANCE WITH GUIDED WALKS

Saturday, May 2 and Sunday, May 3 | Outdoors at our Labyrinth in the Courtyard

In honor of World Labyrinth Day, guided walks will be offered: Saturday at 5:45 PM to 6:15 PM and Sunday from 10:00 AM to 10:30 AM. Walk with the intention of peace in ourselves, our relationships, our country and our world.

CELEBRATING PAM FIKE'S MINISTRY Sunday, May 3 | Gathering Space

Pam Fike, Trinity's Parish Administrator, will retire in May. A celebration reception in her honor will be held between services on Sunday, May 3. Please join us as we give thanks for Pam's many years of faithful and dedicated service to our congregation.

NEW PARISH ADMINISTRATOR AT TRINITY

Rhonda Schmidtke has accepted the call to serve as Trinity's next Parish Administrator. Rhonda currently serves as City Clerk in Marble Rock and brings additional experience as a business manager in an ELCA congregation. She will officially begin her role on Monday, May 4. Please join us in welcoming Rhonda to Trinity!

MAY BREAKFAST Thursday, May 7 | 9:30 AM | Fellowship Hall

Join us for our annual May Breakfast at Trinity! This year, we welcome Michelle Murray as our guest speaker. Learn more about her amazing book "Amazing Iowa". No need to sign up, just come!

BOOK DISCUSSION May 11, 2026 | 1:00PM | Gathering Space

Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt is a heartwarming novel about Tova Sullivan, a 70-year-old widow working night shifts at an aquarium to cope with her husband's death and her son's 30-year-old mysterious disappearance. She forms an unlikely bond with Marcellus, a highly intelligent, elderly giant Pacific octopus who helps unravel the mystery of her son's fate. Join us for the book discussion on Monday, May 11, at 1:00 PM. Multiple copies are available to check out from the church office.

TRINITY SOFTBALL TEAM We need you!

Games start on Friday, May 29th and continue on Friday evenings until the Tournament the week of August 8th. Sign Up on the clipboard by the office and the Team will contact you!

Wednesday Night Alive Spring Session

Wednesday, April 29

COMMUNITY MEAL

6:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

Menu: Maid-rite Sandwiches, Chips, Fruit, Cookies and Bars

PROGRAMMING

6:30 PM | Various Locations & Dates (See below)

***Moving Through Grief and Loss**

(Rm 300)

This opportunity will offer a supportive environment while sharing tools and resources for moving through grief and loss. It will be held from 6:30-7:30 PM.

Facilitators are Pastor Beverly Butler and Linda Vold.

***Joy in Christ - A Study on Philippians**

(Gathering Space)

Pastor Dan Gerrietts leads a discussion exploring Paul's letter on finding joy in Christ regardless of circumstances—everyone welcome!

***Choir Rehearsal**

(Choir Room)

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

***Confirmation**

***Campfire Kids, Grades 1-6**

Campfire Kids is our elementary programming 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 learn about Pentecost.

***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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL & DAY CAMP 2026

with RIVERSIDE CAMP COUNSELORS

For students entering grades 1-6:

June 15-17, 2026; 9:00am-1:00pm

June 18, 2026; 9:00am-3:00pm*

For children age 3, 4, 5, and entering Kindergarten:

June 15-17, 2026; 9:00am-11:00am

*June 18 will be a bus field trip to Riverside Bible Camp in Story City, IA.

To register, please go to our church website, click on the Youth tab, and then click on the Vacation Bible School tab.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

MONDAY, APRIL 27

- 9:00 AM NO Quilting Today (Funeral)
5:30 PM Bronze Bell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

TUESDAY, APRIL 28

- 8:00 AM BASES Exercise Class (Gathering Space)
12Noon Staff Meeting
9:30 AM Caregivers Support Group (Rm 300, Zoom)
6:30 PM Trinity Council Meeting

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
8:30 AM Women's Bible Study (Library)
6:00 PM Community Meal (Fellowship Hall)
6:30 PM Wednesday Night Alive Programs
6:30 PM Confirmation, Campfire Kids

THURSDAY, APRIL 30

- 8:00 AM BASES Exercise Class (Gathering Space)
10:30 AM Coffee and Clapper Bell Choir (Rm 307)

SATURDAY, MAY 2

5:00 PM WORSHIP SERVICE

SUNDAY, MAY 3

- 9:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE** - Livestream, KCMR
10:00 AM Reception Honoring Pam Fike (Gathering Space)
10:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE (Contemporary)

KCMR BOARD MEMBER OPPORTUNITY

KCMR is looking for two (2) new Board Members. One Board Member would start immediately and one would start in 2027. For more information, see the Letter posted on the Bulletin Tree at the west entrance or contact Amy Kuns, General Manager, at (641) 424-9300 or amy@kcmrfm.com.

BREAKFAST ITEM DONATIONS

Trinity is collecting single-serving cereals, granola bars and single serving fruit cups for the High School Summer School. Just drop items off in the cabinet below the office window!

MISSION JAMAICA: A VACATION WITH A PURPOSE

Mission Jamaica returns in Spring 2027 for the week of March 13-20! Travel to Montego Bay for a meaningful week of service at the Westhaven Children's Home, worship with a Jamaican congregation, and time for rest and renewal. Cost is approximately \$2500 per person. Adults and families are welcome and membership is not required. Contact Pastor Dan Gerrietts at dan.gerrietts@trinity-mc.org if interested.

SUGAR PLUM PRESCHOOL

Each weekday at Trinity, the joyful sounds of learning and laughter remind us what a gift Sugar Plum Preschool is to our community. With small classes, gentle guidance, and teachers who truly know each child, little ones grow in confidence, kindness, and curiosity. Do you know a young child ready to begin their learning journey? Please consider enrolling your child or sharing this special program with a friend. For more info, visit masoncityymca.org/sugarplum-preschool

CHURCHWIDE MEETING OF THE WOMEN OF THE ELCA/WELCA

The Churchwide meeting of the Women of the ELCA/WELCA will be held in Des Moines this summer, July 16 -19. The Triennial in Des Moines will provide a wide opportunity to learn about WELCA and its many programs. The Women's Ministry Cabinet at Trinity will provide partial scholarships for those who have interest in attending this conference. Please sign up on the bulletin board outside the office **no later than May 26th** if you have interest in attending a member of the Women's Cabinet will reach out to you.