



Fifth Sunday of Easter

MAY 2-3, 2026



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SERVING IN WORSHIP THIS WEEKEND

Pastors

Dan Gerrietts, Daniel Hanson, Beverly Butler

Preacher

Pastor Dan Gerrietts

Ushers

May Usher Team

Acolytes

Jack Dettmer, Miles Hansen

Organist

Jodi Korth

Cantors

Saturday: Colby Gochanour Sunday: Kylie Hansen

Special Music

Trinity Choir

Dennis Lee, Director and Camille Lee, Accompanist

Scripture Readers

Saturday: Sam Hunt Sunday: Tonya Brunsvold

Communion Assistants

Saturday: Sam and Deb Hunt Sunday: Danny and Judy Miller

Technical Support

Lillian Holmes

Greeters

Roger and Susan Schlitter

Coffee Fellowship

Cynthia Zach, Pat and Candy Marshall

Worship Transportation

Travis Hesley, Tonya Brunsvold

Building Host

David Stine

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Holy Communion

Saturday, May 2, 2026 at 5:00 PM

Sunday, May 3, 2026 at 9:00 AM with Livestream / KCMR 97.9 FM

As we continue to celebrate the fifty days of Easter this weekend, our readings are filled with vivid images of salvation. Jesus promises that he goes to prepare a place for his followers in his Father's house. 1 Peter reminds us, we are a holy people, a building of "living stones." And Jesus proclaims himself as our Way, Truth, and Life. Everything we need to know about God is given and found in Jesus.

ALTAR FLOWERS

are given in honor of

*Jim and Cynthia Zach's
45th Wedding Anniversary*

Color Bulletins

are given

in honor of *O. Jay Tomson's 90th Birthday!*

Welcome to Trinity- We are glad you are here!

If you are new to Trinity please complete the Welcome 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.*

GATHERING

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 Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

***Prayer of the Day**

P Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sunday School Teacher Appreciation

Children's Message (Sunday)

Dani Vogel, Youth Director

First Reading: Acts 7:55-60

⁵⁵ But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" ⁵⁷ But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸ Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him, and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹ While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰ Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:2-10

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation ³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious,
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

⁷This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner,”

⁸and

“A stone that makes them stumble
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

¹⁰Once you were not a people,
but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Acclamation

ELW pg. 151



***Gospel: John 14:1-14**

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹ [Jesus said to the disciples:] “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ²In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

⁸Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” ⁹Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father?’ ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Dan Gerriets

Hymn of the Day *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds* ELW 367

***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

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*)

Beautiful Savior
Trinity Choir

Silesian folk tune

Offertory

Doxology

**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 His 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.
You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day
when we will hunger and thirst no more.
Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus,
that goodness and mercy may follow us
and bless the world you love.
In the name of Jesus,

C Amen.

***Great Thanksgiving**

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

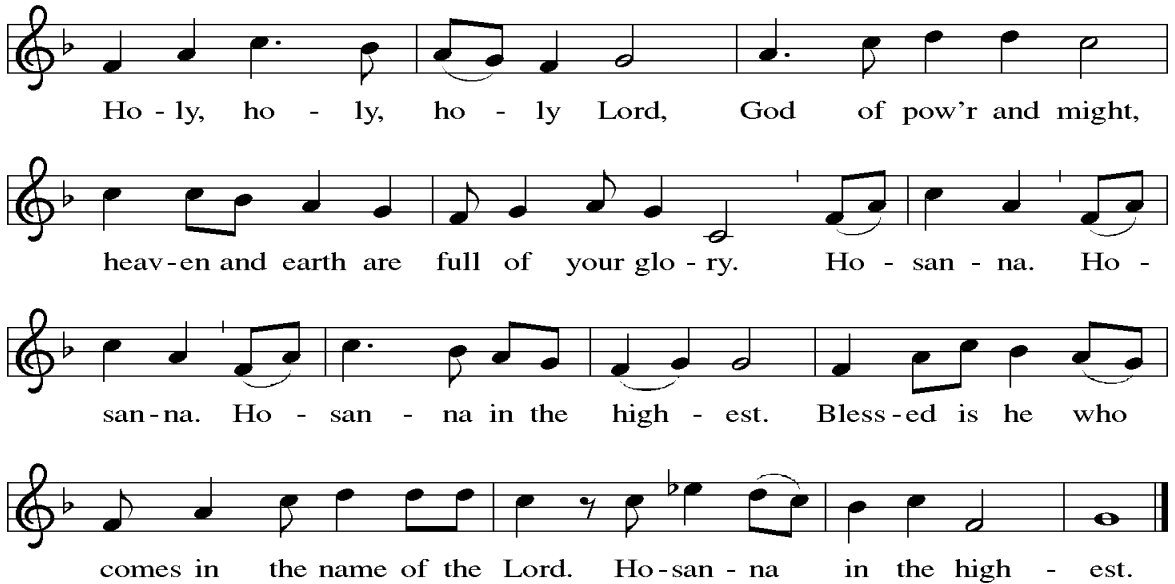
P Lift up your hearts.

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:



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.

*Words of Institution

*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

You Are the Way
O Jesus, I Have Promised

ELW 758
ELW 810

***Prayer after Communion**

P Holy One,
through this meal you have made your home among us
and are making all things new.
Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts,
to love our enemies,
and to bring your healing to the nations.
In the name of Jesus,

C **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**

Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing

ELW 389

***Sending**

P Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

C **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Postlude

Please join us for a Reception for Pam after the Sunday, 9am Service

Pam Fike, Trinity's Parish Administrator, will retire this month.

We give thanks for Pam's many years
of faithful and dedicated service to our congregation!

Announcements

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.

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 for this event, just come!

SOUL SPA Friday, May 8 | 9:00 am—11:00 am | 3rd Floor of the Education Wing

Soul Spa invites participants to engage in a variety of spiritual practices to nurture body, mind and spirit. Step away from your routine for reflection and renewal. We will start and end together with free time in the middle for you to visit as few or as many stations as you desire. Stations offered include creating prayer stones, walking the labyrinth, writing gatha poems, refreshments and seated healing touch sessions. Wear comfortable clothing. Call the office to register or just come!

UNA VOCIS SPRING CONCERT Saturday, May 9 | 7:00 PM | Trinity Sanctuary

Una Vocis Choral Ensemble will present its spring concert, *Through Darkness into Light*. The program features music of Mozart, Carol Barnett, Amelia Ouverson, and Ivo Antognini, and includes a guest appearance by the youth choir NordKor, performing works by Mary Lynn Lightfoot, John Rutter, and others. Tickets are \$12 in advance (\$15 at the door) for Adults and Student Tickets are \$5.

Visit www.unavocis.org for tickets.

BOOK DISCUSSION Monday, May 11 | 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. Multiple copies are available to check out from the church office.

EVENING BIKE RIDE to NIACC Monday, May 11, 2026 | 6:00 PM | Illinois Avenue

Come and join us for an evening bike ride out and back to NIACC. The surface is paved and is a distance of approximately ten miles. Feel free to turn around whenever you choose. Meet in the parking lot off of Illinois Ave. by the bridge.

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!

Wednesday Night Alive: May 6th

COMMUNITY MEAL

6:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

Menu: Chef's Special, Fruit, Cookies and S'mores in the Courtyard!

CAMPFIRE NIGHT for ALL in the Courtyard

Trinity's Wednesday Night Kids program, Campfire Kids, would like to invite all to join them on Wednesday, May 6th, for a campfire night in our courtyard. A S'mores Bar will be available to enjoy, along with yard games and other fun. Please bring a lawn chair and enjoy time together as we wrap up our Campfire Kids series and acknowledge the end of our Wednesday Night Alive Series until the Fall.

Ice cream in the Gathering Space is our Plan B for bad weather.

*Choir Rehearsal

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

*Confirmation

***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.

SENIOR RECOGNITION SUNDAY on Sunday, May 17

Trinity will celebrate our high school graduates on this day. Students and their families are invited to join us for breakfast at 8:00 am before our Baccalaureate service at 9 am in the Sanctuary. This service will be livestreamed for any out of town friends or family. The menu will feature cinnamon rolls, fruit salad, breakfast sausage and cheesy potatoes. Please let us know if you have a graduate in your family so that we can make sure they are celebrated this day! Also, let Dani Vogel know if you have any dietary restrictions.

YOUTH TRIP FUNDRAISER for the Month of May

We would love to have the congregation's financial support in helping continue to make this summer's Youth trip affordable for all Trinity Youth to attend. During the month of May, you will see an envelope wall displayed. Each envelope is marked 1-125. It is our greatest hope that you would consider donating the dollar amount featured on the outside of the envelope. Each is pre-marked for Trinity Youth, and can be returned to the office or in the offering plate. These envelopes help us to offset the costs of the trip to make it possible for all Trinity youth to be able to financially attend the trip. Thank you in advance for your support of our Youth!

TRINITY YOUTH's last meeting is today, Sunday, May 3 | 11:45 | Fellowship Hall

We will have two (2) Youth Trip meetings coming up: Sunday, May 10 at 6pm with dinner and Sunday, June 7th (Time TBD). Both meetings will be in the Fellowship Hall.

Announcements

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 and opportunities. 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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL & DAY CAMP 2026

featuring 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.

TRINITY SOFTBALL TEAM is open for the 2026 Summer Roster

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 with more info.

EASTER FOOD PROJECT THANK YOU

The Ministries Committee would like to thank the delivery drivers who assisted with the Easter Food Project. A total of 140 bags were delivered by 11 individuals/couples. In addition, four individuals picked up almost \$4,000 in food items from Hy-Vee East which they delivered to the church for our confirmation students to unload, sort, and assemble the bags! AMAZING! In addition, A BIG THANK YOU to those who donated to this worthy endeavor. It wouldn't be possible without you! In addition to the face-to-face contact with grateful recipients, we've received heartwarming thank you notes of appreciation. Thank you for your dedication, care, and generosity to help those in need in our community.

ELEMENTARY FAMILIES KICK(BALL) into SUMMER EVENT Wednesday, May 27

We will gather for a potluck meal and Kids vs Parents Kickball game at Georgia Hanford Park, weather permitting, from 5:30pm—7:30pm. Rain location will be Trinity Lutheran Church. Please bring a side dish to share. Deli sandwiches will be provided as a main dish.

Friends are always welcome! Call the church to sign up or look for the link in your email.

ROTATING ART GALLERY *Our Town, Our Stories* | by Marty Greder | May-July 2026

Before Marty Greder was Director of Education at Trinity, she was a writer/photographer for the Mason City *Globe Gazette*. The Art Gallery will feature her articles and photos that capture historical events in North Iowa from the late 80s to early 90s.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

MONDAY, MAY 4

9:00 AM Centering Prayer (Rm 322 / Zoom)

TUESDAY, MAY 5

8:00 AM BASES Exercise Class (Gathering Space)

12Noon Staff Meeting

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

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 Campfire Night for All (Courtyard)

6:30 PM Confirmation

THURSDAY, MAY 7

8:00 AM BASES Exercise Class (Gathering Space)

9:30 AM May Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)

THURSDAY, MAY 8

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

SATURDAY, MAY 9

5:00 PM WORSHIP SERVICE

7:00 PM Una Vocis Spring Concert (Trinity Sanctuary)

SUNDAY, MAY 10

9:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE - Livestream, KCMR

10:00 AM New Members Reception

10:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE (Contemporary)

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 labeled cabinet below the office window.

DONATIONS FOR THE HYGIENE PANTRY

Trinity is in an on-going effort with other churches to collect donations for the Community Hygiene Pantry. You can place any donations in the cabinet below the Church Office window. Cash donations are also welcome, just make a note on the memo line of your check.

The items needed currently are: Toilet Tissue, Laundry Soap (powder, pods), and Deodorant

KCMR BOARD MEMBER OPPORTUNITY

KCMR is looking for two (2) new Board Members.

One 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.

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

MISSION JAMAICA: VACATION WITH A PURPOSE

Reserve your spot by May 31, 2026

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 \$2700 per person. Please contact Pastor Dan if interested.