



Sixth Sunday of Easter

MAY 9-10, 2026



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SERVING IN WORSHIP THIS WEEKEND

Pastors

Dan Gerrietts, Daniel Hanson

Preacher

Pastor Daniel Hanson

Organist

Deb Nielsen

Special Music

Una Vocis Choral Ensemble

Dennis Lee, Director

Leah Groh, Accompanist

Cantor

Saturday: Colby Gochanour Sunday: Kylie Hansen

Scripture Readers

Saturday: Sally Becker Sunday: Kathy Dobrzynski

Ushers

May Usher Team

Technical Support

Leo Peterson

Greeters

Mary Charlson, Nancy Clarke

Coffee Fellowship

Patty Hestad, Tom and Nancy Ball

and

The Ministries Committee

Worship Transportation

Randy Elsbernd, Tonya Brunsvold

Custodian

Dave Smith

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Saturday, May 9, 2026 - 5:00 PM

Sunday, May 10, 2026 - 9:00 AM with Livestream / KCMR Radio 97.9

Jesus does not abandon his followers. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Lord's table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world.

ALTAR FLOWERS

are given in honor of

John and Roz Barron's Wedding Anniversary

COLOR BULLETINS

are given by Bryan and Lisa Asbe

in memory of Mom & Dad

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.*

Prelude

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.

***Gathering Hymn** *Come, Thou Almighty King*

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*Greeting

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

C And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

P Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Anthems (*Saturday*)

Come To Me

Ivo Antognini

Wonder Where

arr. Carol Barnett

Una Vocis Choral Ensemble

Children's Message (*Sunday*)

Pastor Daniel Hanson

First Reading: Acts 17:22-31

²² Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. ²³ For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶ From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷ so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him— though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸ For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said,

'For we, too, are his offspring.'

²⁹ "Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰ While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹ because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:13-22

¹³ Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴ But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵ but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, ¹⁶ yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷ For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸ For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹ in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water. ²¹ And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Acclamation

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***Gospel: John 14:15-21**

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁵ [Jesus said to the disciples:] “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸ “I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹ In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹ They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Daniel Hanson

Hymn of the Day

Loving Spirit

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Welcome of New Members *(Sunday)*

*Phil and Miranda Bohl
and Brody and Mason*

Chad and Deb Duregger

Sheryl Fitzpatrick

Matt Franzen

Adison "Ady" Hanson

Carroll and Mavis Hanson

Lynne Hefti

Matt and Melissa Huegel

Dave Smith

Cathy and Marcus Spotts

and Reggi

Matthew and Maddy Tessmer

Marilyn Winton

Vicky Wold

***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

We Know That Christ Is Raised

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*Sending

P Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

C Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

*Please join us on Sunday to say hello to our New Members!
A Reception will be held between services in The Gathering Space.
Refreshments are provided by our Ministries Committee.*

Announcements

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 \$15 at the door.

BOOK DISCUSSION May 11, 2026 | 1:00PM | Gathering Space
We'll be discussing *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt.

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 approx. ten miles. Feel free to turn around whenever you choose. Meet in the parking lot off of Illinois Ave. by the bridge.

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!

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.

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.

TRINITY SOFTBALL TEAM is open for the 2026 Summer Roster

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

WEEKLY CALENDAR

MONDAY, MAY 11

9:00 AM Rolling Bandages for Global Health (Fellowship)

TUESDAY, MAY 12

8:00 AM BASES Exercise Class (Gathering Space)

12Noon Staff Meeting

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

8:30 AM Women's Bible Study (Library)

9:30 AM Lydia Circle Bible Study

9:30 AM Trinity Volunteers at Affordables

6:30 PM Confirmation

THURSDAY, MAY 14

8:00 AM BASES Exercise Class (Gathering Space)

SATURDAY, MAY 16

5:00 PM WORSHIP SERVICE

SUNDAY, MAY 17

8:00 AM Baccalaureate Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)

9:00 AM **WORSHIP SERVICE (Baccalaureate)**
(Livestream, KCMR 97.9 FM)

10:30 AM **WORSHIP SERVICE** (Contemporary)

6:00 PM Youth Trip Meeting & Dinner (Fellowship Hall)

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

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

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. Thank you!

MISSION JAMAICA: A 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.

If interested please contact Pastor Dan Gerrietts at dan.gerrietts@trinity-mc.org.

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

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 be a great way to learn about WELCA and its many programs and opportunities. The Women's Ministry Cabinet 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 are interested in attending and a member of the Women's Cabinet will reach out to you.