



# Seventh Sunday of Easter

MAY 16-17, 2026

**Baccalaureate Sunday**



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## SERVING IN WORSHIP THIS WEEKEND

### *Pastors*

Dan Gerrietts, Daniel Hanson, Beverly Butler

### *Preacher*

Pastor Daniel Hanson

### *Ushers*

May Usher Team

### *Organist*

Colby Gochanour

### *Cantor*

Sophia Fitzgerald

### *Special Music*

#### *Trinity Choir*

Dennis Lee, Director and Camille Lee, Accompanist

### *Scripture Readers*

Saturday: Patty Flatness    Sunday: Gary Wattnem

### *Communion Assistants*

Saturday: Kathy Nelson, Mike Nelson    Sunday: Jake and Nancy Rockman

### *Technical Support*

Calah Hesley

### *Greeters*

Mike and Heather Englin

### *Coffee Fellowship*

Penny Bennett, Audrey Warner

### *Worship Transportation*

Travis Hesley, Jake and Nancy Rockman

### *Building Host*

Dana Rockwell

# ***Seventh Sunday of Easter***

SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2026 AT 5:00 PM

SUNDAY, MAY 17 AT 9:00 AM

In these days between Ascension and Pentecost, we gather with the disciples in the upper room, waiting for the Spirit to transform the church around the world. In today's gospel Jesus prays for his followers and for their mission in his name. Amid religious, social, and economic divisions, we seek the unity that Jesus had with his Father. Made one in baptism, we go forth to live our faith in the world, eager for the unity that God intends for the whole human family.

## **ALTAR FLOWERS**

are given in honor of

*Johnathan & Ashley Morrison's 7th Wedding Anniversary*

## **COLOR BULLETINS**

are given by Harlan and Marge Baack

*for our blessings*

***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.

# 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.**

**Children's Message** (Sunday)

**Pastor Daniel Hanson**

**First Reading: Acts 1:6-14**

<sup>6</sup> So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup> He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." <sup>9</sup> When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup> While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup> They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

<sup>12</sup> Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. <sup>13</sup> When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. <sup>14</sup> All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

<sup>12</sup> Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. <sup>13</sup> But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. <sup>14</sup> If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

<sup>6</sup> Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. <sup>7</sup> Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. <sup>8</sup> Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. <sup>9</sup> Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. <sup>10</sup> And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. <sup>11</sup> To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## \*Gospel Acclamation

ELW pg. 151



## \*Gospel: John 17:1-11

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

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

<sup>1</sup> After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup> since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup> And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup> I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup> So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

<sup>6</sup> “I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup> Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, <sup>8</sup> for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup> I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup> All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup> And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Daniel Hanson

Hymn of the Day *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*

ELW 392

### \*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)*

***Ain'-A That Good News!***  
*Trinity Choir*

#### **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.

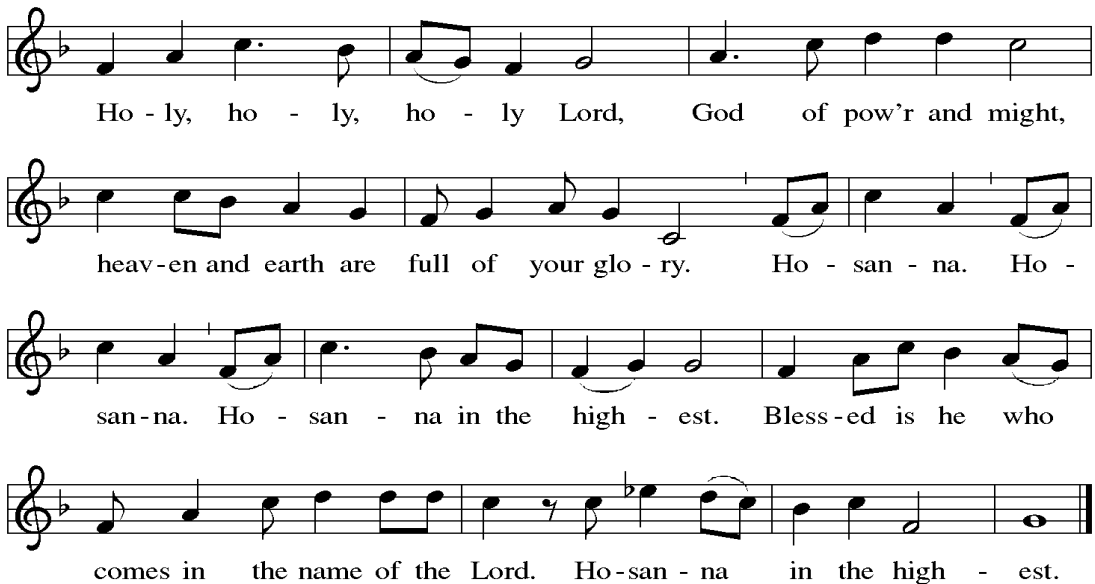
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

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:

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.

## \*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

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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

*I Come with Joy  
God is Here!*

ELW 482

ELW 526

### \*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.**

### Blessing of 2026 Graduates

Prayer based on the poem *A Blessing for Your Journey* by Susan S. Jorgensen

*Parents are invited to come forward with students to participate in the Prayer Shawl presentation and for a blessing. Parents will place a hand on their son or daughter's shoulder during the blessing for the graduates.*

- L As you undertake your journey,  
may you be blessed through the wearing of your shawl,  
and deeply blessed by your God who loves you so.
- C **God of new life, hear our prayer.**
- L May you be blessed with appreciation -  
for the friends and loved ones you leave behind  
for the memories that bring a smile  
for the stories that bring tears  
for all that has been woven into the fabric of your life here.
- C **God of new life, hear our prayer.**
- L May you be blessed with steadfast courage -  
for the travel you are about to undertake  
for the adventure that lies ahead  
for the hardships that are part of every journey  
and the unexpected twists and turns that are the spine of life.
- C **God of new life, hear our prayer.**

L May you be blessed with all good things -  
with new friends along the way  
with safe passage from here to there  
with unexpected smiles from strangers and  
with offers for help when you need it most.

**C God of new life, hear our prayer.**

L May you be blessed by wisdom -  
to see God's face in an unfamiliar one  
to hear God's voice in birdsong and wind  
to recognize God's love in struggle and distress  
to embrace God's presence in all that awaits you.

**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**

*Thine the Amen*

ELW 826

### **\*Sending**

P Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

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

### **Postlude**

# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CLASS OF 2026!



**Ashleigh**

*Your future plans after graduation:*

Attend Wartburg to play basketball and major in Neuroscience on a Pre-Med track



**Lily**

*Your future plans after graduation:*

To become a teacher at UNI



**Lauren**

*Your future plans after graduation:*

Study Engineering at Iowa State University



**Ady**

*Your future plans after graduation:*

Go to University of Iowa for Nursing



**Addison**

*Your future plans after graduation:*

Attend PCI in Ames Iowa for Cosmetology



**Trenton**

*Your future plans after graduation:*

I am planning to attend Iowa State University



**Carson**

*Your future plans after graduation:*

Attend NIACC to study political science prior to law school



**Samantha**

*Your future plans after graduation:*

To attend UNI for Pre-Professional Sonography

# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CLASS OF 2026!



**Brylee**

*Your future plans after graduation:*

Attend NIACC for prerequisite classes then transfer to an undecided school



**William**

*Your future plans after graduation:*

Attend UNI and major in Elementary Education. While at UNI, he plans to join the marching band



**William**

*Your future plans after graduation:*

Attend the University of Northern Iowa to study Finance



**Jace**

*Your future plans after graduation:*

To attend NIACC then UNI, majoring in Business



**Grace**

*Your future plans after graduation:*

My plans are to pursue a Humanity minor and Major in Business—beginning at NIACC



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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!

**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.*



PSALM 135:13 | RIVERSIDE BIBLE CAMP

**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.

**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.

**OUTDOOR SERVICES BEGIN NEXT WEEK!** — Sunday, May 25 | 9:00 am Service  
Our Summer Worship Schedule begins next week with Sunday, 9am Service becoming our Contemporary Service, located in the Courtyard and Sunday, 10:30am Service becoming our Traditional Service. The Sunday, 10:30am Service will be broadcast live on KCMR 97.1 and live-streamed on our Website, Facebook and YouTube. Coffee Fellowship continues in the Gathering Space before and after the 9am Service.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 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.

**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](http://masoncityymca.org/sugarplum-preschool)

## MISSION JAMAICA: 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. Please contact Pastor Dan if interested. *Reserve your spot by May 31, 2026.*

**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](mailto:amy@kcmrfm.com).

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### MONDAY, MAY 18

9:00 AM Centering Prayer (Room 322 & Zoom)  
9:00 AM Quilters (Fellowship Hall)  
10:00 AM Healing Touch Exchange (Room 321)

### TUESDAY, MAY 19

8:00 AM BASES Exercise Class (Gathering Space)  
10:45 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry (Room 307)  
12Noon Staff Meeting

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)  
8:30 AM Women's Bible Study (Library)  
2:00 PM Cancer Support Group (Rm. 300 & Zoom)  
5:00 PM Rejoicing Spirits (Fellowship Hall)

### THURSDAY, MAY 21

8:00 AM BASES Exercise Class (Gathering Space)

### SATURDAY, MAY 23

5:00 PM **WORSHIP SERVICE** (Traditional)

### SUNDAY, MAY 24

9:00 AM **OUTDOOR WORSHIP** (Contemporary)  
10:30 AM **WORSHIP SERVICE** (Traditional)  
Livestream, KCMR