



The 6th Sunday after Pentecost

JULY 4-5, 2026



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SERVING IN WORSHIP THIS WEEKEND

Pastors

Dan Gerrietts, Beverly Butler

College Intern

Jack Willrett

Preacher

Pastor Dan Gerrietts

Organist

Deb Nielsen

Cantor

Saturday: Colby Gochenour Sunday: Henry Hanson

Special Music

Saxophone Group

Brian Bauer, Tom Birdsall, John Henry, Emily Koob, Deb Nielsen, Craig Remmen

Scripture Readers

Saturday: Sam Hunt

Communion Assistants

Saturday: Sam and Deb Hunt

Ushers

5:00 pm - Penny Bennett, Chris Suntken 10:30 am - Kevin Hendrikson, Jim Zach

Greeters

Gary and Sharon Lindgren

Coffee Fellowship

Penny Bennett, Phylis Rush

Worship Transportation

Dean Graven, Kay Larson

Custodian

Dave Smith

ALTAR FLOWERS

and

COLOR BULLETINS

are given

in honor of Patty Flatness' 75th Birthday

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Holy Communion

Saturday, July 4, 2026 - 5:00 PM

Sunday, July 5, 2026 - 10:30 AM with Livestream / KCMR Radio 97.9

When a Yoke Means Freedom

Generally, our instinct is to resist yokes and laws, or at least not immediately connect them with the idea of freedom. Through the image of the yoke, however, Jesus invites us to think of God's law and wisdom as a means to surrender, give way, and accept something graceful and positive—rest, ease, lightness. In Jesus, humility and service is freedom.

**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

America the Beautiful Saxophone Group

Bates & Ward

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose compassion endures forever.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,

C we confess to you all our sins.

Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.

In your mercy, call us back to you.

Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.

Restore us to dwell in your peace.

In Christ's name we pray,

Amen.

P Jesus says, "Come to me,
all you who are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest."

In the name of God,
Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.

Rest in God's love.

C Amen.

*Gathering Hymn

Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory

ELW 890

***Greeting**

P The grace that is Christ's gift to us, the love God, and the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace be with you all.

C And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

P You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Children's Sermon (*Sunday*)

Jack Willrett

First Reading: Romans 7:15-25a

¹⁵ I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶ Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷ But in fact it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸ For I know that the good does not dwell within me, that is, in my flesh. For the desire to do the good lies close at hand, but not the ability. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me.

²¹ So I find it to be a law that, when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²² For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³ but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴ Wretched person that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ²⁵ Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

So then, with my mind I am enslaved to the law of God, but with my flesh I am enslaved to the law of sin.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 145:8-14 *(read responsively)*

P The LORD is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

C **The LORD is good to all,
and his compassion is over all that he has made.**

P All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,
and all your faithful shall bless you.

C **They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom
and tell of your power,**

P to make known to all people your mighty deeds
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

C **Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.**

P The LORD is faithful in all his words
and gracious in all his deeds.

C **The LORD upholds all who are falling
and raises up all who are bowed down.**

***Gospel Acclamation**

ELW pg. 151



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



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

***Gospel: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30**

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁶ “But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

¹⁷ “We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn.”

¹⁸ “For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; ¹⁹ the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸ “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Dan Gerrietts

Hymn of the Day

God of Grace and God of Glory

ELW 705

***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 God of grace,
C hear 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



***Offertory**

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;

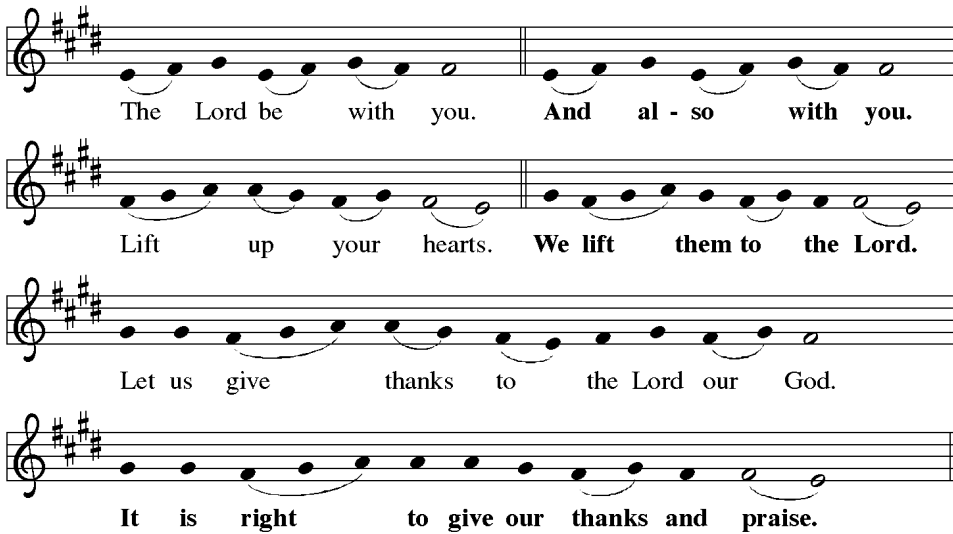
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

*Offering Prayer

P Loving God,
we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.
Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,
so that all creation can taste your abundance.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

C Amen.

*Great Thanksgiving



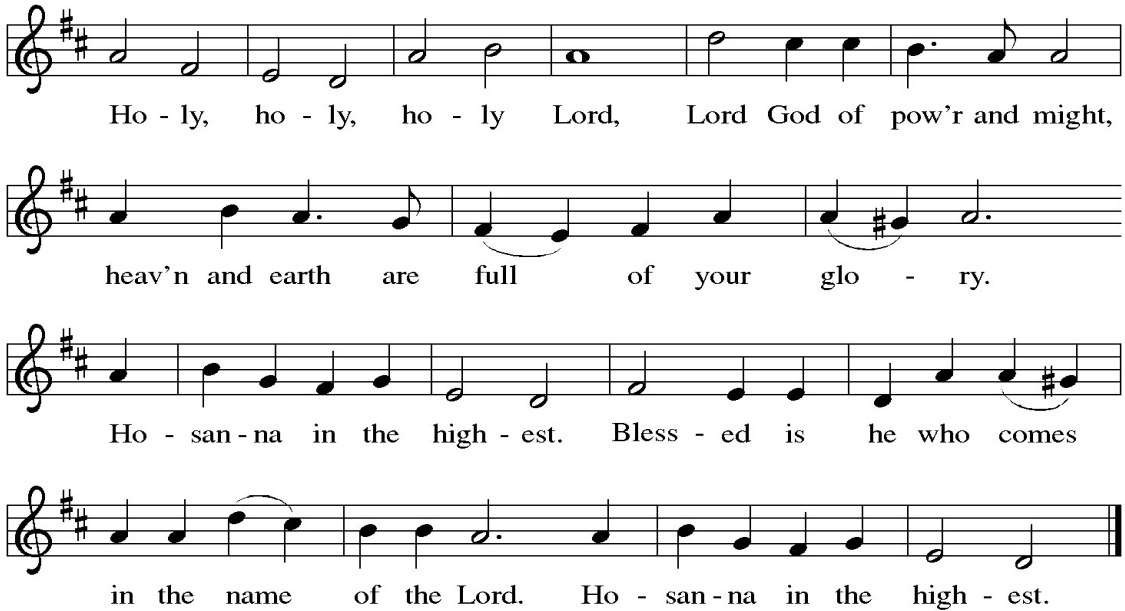
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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, Lord God of pow'r and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 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

ELW pg. 144

*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. 154



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, grant us peace.

Communion Hymns

Let Streams of Living Justice

ELW 710

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

ELW 712

***Prayer after Communion**

P Compassionate God,
through the gifts of bread and wine
our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.
Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal,
may share your love freely, as you have shared with us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

C Amen

SENDING

***Blessing**

P Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,
✠ one God,
bless, heal, and hold you
today and always.

C Amen.

***Sending Hymn**

God Bless Our Native Land

ELW 891

***Sending**

P Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTOR JIM MAGELSSSEN ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY Sunday, July 5 | 9 AM

This summer marks 55 years since the ordination of Pastor Jim Magelssen, former Senior Pastor of Trinity. We will recognize Jim and give thanks for his faithful ministry at the Outdoor Service. Before serving at Trinity from 2001–2012, Jim served congregations in Pepin, Clintonville, and Hayward, Wisconsin, and was a member of the synod staff of the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin. We celebrate this milestone and are grateful for Jim's many years of faithful service in Christ's church.

PEAK Meeting: *Parents of Estranged Adult Kids* Wednesday July 8 | 2:30 PM | Library

This 4 session "recovery group" will meet on Wednesdays in July; July 8, 15, 22, and 29. The causes of estrangement are varied, but the heartache is felt by all. Facilitated by Pastor Beverly Butler, this group provides a space for parents to receive support and to discover meaning in their lives, apart from their identity as parents, as they move toward recovery from parental trauma. If this is your situation, please join us and know that you are not alone!

CARE MINISTRY APPRECIATION ICE CREAM BUFFET Thursday, July 9 | 2 PM

All Care Ministry Volunteers and potential volunteers are invited to the Care Ministry Appreciation Ice Cream Buffet in the Fellowship Hall! We appreciate all the ways the Care Ministry Volunteers reach out in care and support of our congregation. There will be an opportunity for fellowship and experiential learning. Anyone interested in becoming a new Care Ministry volunteer can stay for a brief training. You are welcome to bring a friend or spouse. Please RSVP to the church office by Tuesday, July 7.

EVENING BIKE RIDE Thursday, July 9 | 6:00 PM | Meet in the Trinity Parking Lot

Join us on an evening bike ride on for a biking adventure on hard surface trails and streets. Weather permitting.

TRINITY CO-ED SOFTBALL GAMES Friday, July 10 | 7:30 PM and 8:45 PM

Join us at Fredrick Hanford Park (23rd St. SW) for another double-header! Game #1 will be on Diamond #1 with Harvest Church, Game #2 will be on Diamond #2 with River City. Come on out!

WELCOME RECEPTION FOR RHONDA SCHMIDTKE Sunday, July 12 | 10 AM-10:30 AM

Join us in warmly welcoming Rhonda Schmidtke to the Trinity staff team as our new Parish Administrator! We invite you to meet Rhonda between services on Sunday, July 12. Stop by, introduce yourself, and extend a warm Trinity welcome! Refreshments provided by the Ministries Committee.

BIKE TO CHURCH SUNDAY Sunday, July 12

Do you normally drive to church? Take this opportunity to save some gas and hop on your bike for Trinity's annual "Bike to Church" Sunday! If you are attending the 9:00 AM Service, please park your bikes by the evergreen tree in the courtyard for a special blessing. Chairs and water will be available for all cyclists at the outdoor worship service.

BUS TRIP TO OSAGE FOR THE MUSICAL "GREASE" Sunday, July 12 | 11:30am departure

A fun day attending the Musical "Grease" at the Osage Summerstock Theatre at 1:00pm and a stop at the "Old County Seat Bar and Grill" for dinner in Mitchell, Iowa. Cost is \$40 per person which covers the ticket and bus fee, which is nonrefundable due to limited tickets. Payment is due by Wednesday so we can have everything in order before we go!

SCOUT TROOP ICE CREAM SOCIAL Sunday, July 12 | 1 PM-4 PM | Fellowship Hall

Help fund their trip to summer camp! For \$3, you'll receive ice cream, a dessert and a beverage.

UNITED WAY KIDS SHOE DRIVE | *Donation Deadline: Monday, July 13*

The annual kids athletic shoe drive is coming to a close soon! A donation box is located at the East Entrance for your donations of new or slightly used athletic shoes of all sizes.

BOOK DISCUSSION | Monday, July 13 | 1:00 pm | Gathering Space

Join our July discussion group on the feel-good book *Night of Miracles* by Elizabeth Berg. It is a heartwarming novel following the residents of Mason, Missouri, as they seek connection, love and healing. The story centers on Lucille, an elderly woman running popular baking classes.

Books are available to check out from the church office.

BOARD GAME DAY Monday, July 20 | 1pm—3pm | The Gathering Space

All Ages are welcome to this fun afternoon of board games in the Gathering Space! We extend a special welcome to students entering grade 3 - 6 and their friends. Sign up online in the link in the Youth eNews or on the clipboard by the office. Questions? Contact Carol Dettmer at carol.dettmer@trinity-mc.org

LOST ISLAND WATERPARK Wednesday, August 5 | 9am—5pm | Waterloo

ALL Trinity Youth are invited to Lost Island Waterpark in Waterloo. Fifth graders and older may attend without parents. Younger kiddos are welcome with an adult/parent chaperone. Bus transportation will be provided with admission to the park for \$40 each person. Scholarships are available. Sign up by July 30th so we can secure a bus. Friends are always welcome! Call the church to reserve and for information on the permission form.

SENIOR SUMMER LUNCHEON Thursday, August 6 | 12:00 Noon | Fellowship Hall

Lunch and Worship with Holy Communion

The Senior Summer Luncheon will be held on Thursday, August 6, at noon in the Fellowship Hall. All members who aren't able to participate in the life of the church the way they want to are invited to attend. This group includes persons that are limited by health issues or depend on someone to get them to church, homebound, those living in elderly housing facilities and members over 80 years of age. Guests are also welcome. Please call the church office to RSVP. We are also in need of volunteers to help with transportation, set-up, serving, and clean up for the luncheon. If you would like to help in some way, please sign up or call the church office at 641-423-0536.

DAY TRIP TO GLOBAL HEALTH AND LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF August 7

Join us for this informative look at our Missions headquarters! We start at the Global Missions Warehouse where we will get a guided tour of the operations with information given on shipments, global locations and how our material donations are used. After a great lunch, we will visit the LWR warehouse where they “bale” our quilts, blankets, box the school bags and infant care kits. Sign up on the clipboard outside the office. Join us for the interesting and fun day!

SUMMER GUEST PREACHERS AT TRINITY

We are blessed to welcome several guest preachers to Trinity this summer:

Pastor Tom Dettmer - July 18-19

Dr. Norma Cook Everist - July 25-26

Summer Intern Jack Willrett - August 8-9 & August 29-30

We give thanks for these gifted leaders and invite you to join us in worship throughout the summer.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

MONDAY, JULY 6

- 9:00 AM No Quilting Today (1st Monday of Month)
9:00 AM Trinity at Community Kitchen
9:00 AM Centering Prayer (Rm 322)

TUESDAY, JULY 7

- 12:00 PM Staff Meeting

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
8:30 AM Women's Bible Study (Library)
2:30 AM PEAK Group Meeting (Library)

THURSDAY, JULY 9

- 2:00 PM Care Ministry Appreciation (Fellowship Hall)
6:00 PM Evening Bike Ride (Meet at Trinity Parking Lot)

FRIDAY, JULY 10

- 7:30 PM Trinity Softball, Dia. 1 (Fredrick Hanford Park)
8:45 PM Trinity Softball, Dia. 2 (2nd Game!)

SATURDAY, JULY 11

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

SUNDAY, JULY 12

- 9:00 AM **OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE**
10:30 AM **WORSHIP SERVICE (Traditional)**

DONATE TO HELP VENEZUELA

Lutheran Disaster Response is mobilizing to provide supplies and relief efforts for those affected by the earthquakes in Venezuela. To support this work, write "Venezuela" on your check or envelope or give online with the Give tab on our website. 100% of these gifts will be used to assist those in need.

SUPPORT TRINITY'S SOLAR ENERGY PROJECT

Solar panels are currently being installed on Trinity's building! This project is an investment in faithful stewardship of both our financial resources and God's creation. The total installation cost is \$138,674, and over the next 25 years, the system is projected to save the congregation an estimated \$1.8 million in electricity costs (assuming typical inflation). The congregation has already set aside funds to cover the full cost of the project. However, if you have a particular passion for renewable energy, environmental stewardship, or would simply like to help offset the expense, you're invited to make a special gift toward the solar panel installation. While no additional funding is needed to complete the project, any designated gifts will help replenish the funds used for this investment and support Trinity's ongoing ministry for years to come. Thank you for your generosity and for helping us care for God's creation while strengthening the church's future.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE AUGUST BUS TRIP

Wednesday August 26 Bus Trip to Bily Clocks Museum in Spillville

Mark your calendars for our August bus trip to the Bily Clocks Museum in Spillville! We will also see the Inwood Ballroom and the Saint Wenceslaus Catholic Church. Plan on leaving by 8:00am. More details to come and a sign-up sheet will be posted soon. Sponsored by the Adult Ministries Committee.

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 or pods), and Deodorant.