

Suffering

Saturday, June 15, 2024 Sunday, June 16, 2024



Trinity Lutheran Church

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FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HEART AND SOUL—FIVE FACETS OF FAITH SUFFERING

June 15, 2024 5:00 p.m.

June 16, 2024 10:30 a.m.

Livestream Worship Service/KCMR 97.9

Heart and Soul - Five Facets of Faith Week 3: Suffering

This month we are taking a deeper dive on five key issues at the heart of Christian faith. Using familiar and less familiar Old Testament stories, we are exploring these "heart and soul" matters and how they impact daily life. This weekend our focus is on **Suffering**. Why do bad things happen? Of all the theological questions, we feel the question of suffering most in our bodies and our spirits. Scripture may not offer a direct answer to this question, but does answer another: Where is God in the midst of suffering? Through both Job and Jesus we find an answer. God has not left us alone, but is with us through our suffering.

Welcome to Trinity! We are glad you're here. If you are new to Trinity Lutheran, please complete an informational card which can be found in the pews.

We love having small children in worship! Those needing a space to change or feed little ones are welcome to use the Child Care Room located next to the nursery. A <u>unstaffed</u> nursery is also available, located on the 2nd floor just outside the north sanctuary door (door under the stained glass window door).

Handicapped Seating is reserved in the pew located in front of the Technical booth.

Large print bulletins and listening devices are available from the ushers.

Serving in Worship This Weekend

Pastor Rev. Dan Gerrietts
Rev. Daniel Hanson

Organist Deb Nielsen

Cantor Warren Torkelson

Greeters John & Mary Wicks

Coffee Fellowship

Cynthia Zach Liz & Sophia Fitzgerald

Scripture Readers

5:00 p.m. Sally Becker 10:30 a.m. Hesley Family

Communion Servers

5:00 p.m. Cathy Nelson, Mike Nelson Earl Keifer 10:30 a.m. Hesley Family

Technical Support

10:30 a.m. Sophia Fitzgerald Henry Hansen Carter Rockwell

Ushers

5:00 p.m. Suntken Family 10:30 a.m. Daryl Erickson, Jim Zach

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.

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

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, \(\frac{1}{4}\) one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

C Amen.

P Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P God, our provider,

C help us.

It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live.

We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you.

We take offense at your teachings and your ways.

Turn us again to you.

Where else can we turn?

Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world.

Amen.

P Beloved people of God:
in Jesus, the manna from heaven,
you are fed and nourished.
By Jesus, the worker of miracles,
there is always more than enough.
Through Jesus, + the bread of life,
you are shown God's mercy:
you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

C Amen.

*Gathering Hymn

This is My Father's World

ELW 824

*Greeting

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy spirit be with you all.
- C And also with you.

*Prayer of the Day

P O God of creation, eternal majesty, you preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm.

By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Children's Sermon (10:30 am)

Pastor Daniel Hanson

First Reading: Job 38:1-11

- L 1 The LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:
 - 2" Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?
 - ³ Gird up your loins like a man,

I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

4"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

⁵ Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

⁶ On what were its bases sunk,

or who laid its cornerstone

⁷ when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

8 "Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb?—

⁹ when I made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band,

¹⁰ and prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and doors,

¹¹ and said, "Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stopped'?"

- L The word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation

ELW pg 124



- P The Holy Gospel according to Mark the fourth chapter.
- C Glory to You, O Lord.

*Gospel: Mark 4:35-41

- P ³⁵When evening had come, [Jesus said to the disciples,] "Let us go across to the other side." ³⁶ And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. ³⁷ A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. ³⁸ But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" ³⁹ He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. ⁴⁰ He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" ⁴¹ And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"
- P The Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon - Heart and Soul—Suffering

Pastor Daniel Hanson

Hymn of the Day

Eternal Father Strong to Save

ELW 756

*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.

MEAL

Announcements

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 and Thanksgiving

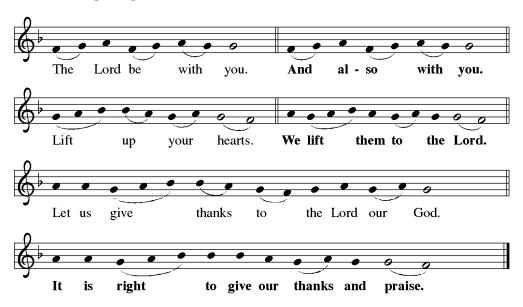
Praise and thanksgiving, God we would offer for all things living, you have made good; harvest of sown field, fruits of the orchard, hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood

*Offering Prayer

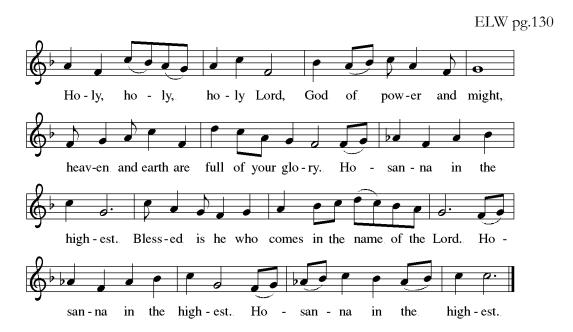
P Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty.Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal.Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.

C Amen.

ELW 689



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:



*Words of Institution

*Lord's Prayer

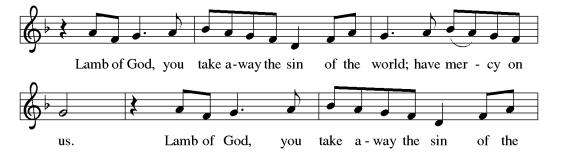
C Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power,
and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

Invitation to the Table

Communion

All who desire the presence and forgiveness of Christ that come 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. 135





Communion Songs

Let Us Break Bread Together Great Is Thy Faithfulness

ELW 471 ELW 733

*Prayer after Communion

P Jesus, Bread of life,
we have received from your table
more than we could ever ask.
As you have nourished us in this meal,
now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.
In your name we pray.

C Amen.

SENDING

*Blessing

P The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, + be upon you now and forever.

C Amen.

*Sending Hymn The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

ELW 551

*Sending

P Go in peace. You are the body of Christ

C Thanks be to God!

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Flowers are in given in memory of Gene and Charlene Ostmo's Wedding Anniversary.

Bulletin Cover Art is in given by *Harlan and Marge Baack*—in memory of our fathers, Leonard Neuhring and Howard Baack.

HEART AND SOUL—FIVE FACETS OF FAITH

Summer Preaching Series

Take a deeper dive on five key issues shaping our spirituality - issues at the heart of the Christian faith. Using familiar and less familiar Old Testament stories, we will explore these matters of "heart and soul" throughout the month of June.

June 22-23 Sovereignty (Ezekial 17:22-24)

June 29-30 Salvation (Ruth 1)

Learn to Crochet

Tuesday, June 18 / 10:45 AM / Room 307 Come and learn how to crotchet with help from the prayer shawl ministry volunteers. All ages welcome. Yarn and crotchet hooks provided for beginners.

Fellowship Coffee

Tuesday, June 18 | 9:30 AM / Fellowship Hall Fellowship Coffee returns! Come to the Fellowship Hall for a time of coffee and treats, and to hear Tom Kirby's life story.

Bike to Breakfast Wednesday, June 19 | 8:30 AM

MCCC Parking Lot—(3331 19th St SW, MC)
Join Trinity members and friends for a bike ride on
the Trolley Trail to the Seven Stars Family Restaurant in Clear Lake for breakfast. We embark from
the Country Club Parking Lot at 8:30 AM. Bring
money to pay for your meal.

Christ In Our Home

Devotional books for *July, August and September* are now available by the church offices and welcome desk.

Pastor Beverly Butler Joins Trinity Staff

A congregational meeting was held on Sunday, June 2 to call Pastor Beverly Butler as Trinity's Pastor of Spiritual Care. Over 100 members attended and voted unanimously to extend this call. Pastor Butler was ordained in the United Methodist Church and serves as part of the spiritual care team at MercyOne North Iowa. Her primary focus at Trinity will be hospital visitation, Care Ministry support, end of life & bereavement ministries and weekend worship. She will serve 15 hrs/week at Trinity and remain part-time as a chaplain at MercyOne. Beverly will begin her ministry with us on July 1.

Welcome Pastor Beverly Butler!



Rejoicing Spirits Wednesday, June 19 | 5:00 PM

Fellowship Hall

Rejoicing Spirits is inclusive of all ages and abilities as we connect with God and one another. Join us as we learn about Jesus' journey to the cross and beyond through camp style music, interactive skit, and prayer. Our focus is on the walk to Emmaus when the risen Jesus joined two believers on a journey. Following the worship service, enjoy pizza and root beer floats for a free-will donation.

Dani Vogel, Youth Director Joins Trinity Staff

My name is Dani Vogel, and I am super excited to join the staff at Trinity Lutheran Church. I grew up in Spring Valley, MN, and graduated from Wartburg College, and am happy to return to northern lowa. When I'm not at church, or out and about supporting students at their events, you can find me reading, cheering on the Cubs and the Vikings, or on a never ending quest for the perfect cold brew coffee. I'm excited to be part of the ministry team at Trinity, and love all things Marvel, Ted Lasso, and have recently been welcomed by the Swiftie community as a football fan. I love blending faith and pop culture into Bible studies and different activities for the church, and look forward to seeing you all soon. Dani will begin her ministry with us on July 1.



Welcome Dani!

Cancer Support Group Wednesday, June 19 | 2:00 PM

Room 300 & Zoom

Individuals currently treating cancer or those who are in remission, along with

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, June 17

9:00 a.m. Quilt Workshop (Fellowship Hall) 9:00 a.m. Centering Prayer (Rm. 322)

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

Tuesday, June 18

9:30 a.m. Fellowship Coffee (Fellowship Hall)
10:45 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry (Rm. 307)

Noon Staff Meeting—Off Site

(Building & Office Will Be Closed)

3:00 p.m. Adult Ministries Cabinet (Rm. 300) 4:00 p.m. Building & Grounds Committee

(Fellowship Hall)

5:00 p.m. Education Committee (Rm. 308)

Finance Committee (Rm. 300)

Ministries Committee (Gathering Space)

6:00 p.m. Generosity Committee (Rm.300) 6:30 p.m. Worship & Music Committee (Offsite)

Wednesday, June 19

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

8:30 a.m. Bike to Breakfast

(Meet at Country Club Parking Lot)

8:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study (Library)
2:00 p.m. Cancer Support Group (Rm. 300)
5:00 p.m. Rejoicing Spirits Worship Service

(Fellowship Hall)

Thursday, June 20

8:30 a.m. Canoeing at Lime Creek (Meet at Lime Creek)

Saturday, June 22

5:00 p.m. Worship Service

Sunday, June 23

9:00 a.m. Outdoor Worship Service

(Courtyard)

10:30 a.m. Indoor Worship Service
1:00 p.m. Boy Scout Ice Cream Social

(Fellowship Hall)

family and loved ones, are encouraged to attend. The facilitators are cancer survivors Roger Schlitter and Linda Stine. If you would like to attend this meeting via Zoom, please visit trinity-mc.org/cancer-support-group to fill out the Zoom registration form.

Canoe/Kayak at Lime Creek

Thursday, June 20 | 8:30 AM - 10:45 AM | Lime Creek Nature Center

Join us at Lime Creek Nature Center for canoeing and kayaking. Provided is a short introduction on boat safety and paddling, canoe/kayak and life jacket. Group will meet by the gate at the end of Nature Center Road. Weather permitting. All ages are welcome. RSVP by Monday, June 17th. Space is limited to 30.

Semi-Annual Meeting

Sunday, June 30 / 10:10 AM | Fellowship Hall

Join us for updates on our Youth Director search, Columbarium landscaping, Council listening/ visioning process, and our annual financial review. *Meeting is open to all but must be a member to be eligible to vote.* To receive the Zoom link, go to trinity-mc.org/semi-annual-meeting.

Troop 14 - Ice Cream Social

Sunday, June 23 | 1:00 - 4:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

Join us for our Annual Troop 14 Ice Cream Social! **Ticket Price is \$2.00 / ticket**. We'll be serving ice cream, desserts, and a drink. Please come support our Scouts and help them raise money for camp, and troop supplies!

Broccoli and Cauliflower....Beyond the Cheese!

Come and learn tasty ways to eat broccoli and cauliflower on Monday, July 1 from 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. in Trinity's kitchen. This workshop offers hands-on participation with every step of the process-washing, preparing, and eating. Supply fee is \$5.00. Limited to ten participants. See the sign up by the church office or call 641-423-0536. Next month explore tasty ways to prepare cucumbers on August 12.

Donations Needed for Health Care Workers

One way that MercyOne North Iowa is addressing recent employment challenges is by recruiting skilled workers from the Philippines. Many come to make higher wages in the U.S. and must borrow money at high interest in order to relocate. These employees find homes and ways to get to work but need help with transportation and home items.

MercyOne is asking for your support in donating:

*furniture *home goods like towels *pots and pans *toiletry products
*transportation to work and the grocery store *bikes or cars

Please make sure everything you donate is in good condition and working order. <u>Items can be dropped off at the Mercy Foundation Office.</u> Questions? Contact Julie Kline, Human Resources office at MercyOne North Iowa.