

Heart & Soul

FIVE FACETS OF FAITH

Sovereignty

Saturday, June 22, 2024

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Trinity Lutheran Church

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FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST HEART AND SOUL—FIVE FACETS OF FAITH SOVEREIGNTY

June 22, 2024
5:00 p.m.

June 23, 2024
10:30 a.m.

Livestream Worship Service/KCMR 97.9

Heart and Soul - *Five Facets of Faith*

Week 4: Sovereignty

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 **Sovereignty**. In Ezekiel, God uses the image of a tree to describe how God shapes our life and faith. “I will accomplish it!” In Matthew 21, the religious leaders question Jesus’ authority to heal and to cleanse the Temple. In a time when authority is often questioned, God’s promise of sovereignty is both challenging and comforting. What does it mean that God rules over us and all of creation?*

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 **unstaffed 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.

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.*

Serving in Worship This Weekend

Pastor Rev. Dan Gerrietts
Rev. Daniel Hanson

Organist Deb Nielsen

Cantor

Greeters Jake and Nancy Rockman

Coffee Fellowship

Lisa Lorenzen
Joe and Julie Sanchez

Scripture Readers

5:00 p.m. Brenda Heidkross
10:30 a.m. Matt Hansen

Technical Support

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

Ushers

5:00 p.m. Suntken Family
10:30 a.m. Brad Baalson, Kevin Hendrikson

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, ✠ 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**

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

ELW 803

***Greeting**

P May the God of hope give you fullness of peace,
and may the Lord of life be with you all.

C And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

P O God, you are the tree of life,
offering shelter to all the world.
Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth,
that we may bear your truth and love to those in need,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24

L 22Thus says the Lord GOD:
I myself will take a sprig
from the lofty top of a cedar;
I will set it out.
I will break off a tender one
from the topmost of its young twigs;
I myself will plant it
on a high and lofty mountain.
23On the mountain height of Israel
I will plant it,
in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit,
and become a noble cedar.
Under it every kind of bird will live;
in the shade of its branches will nest
winged creatures of every kind.
24All the trees of the field shall know
that I am the LORD.
I bring low the high tree,
I make high the low tree;
I dry up the green tree
and make the dry tree flourish.
I the LORD have spoken;
I will accomplish it.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the twenty-first chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

***Gospel: Matthew 21:12-23**

P ¹²Then Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who were selling and buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. ¹³He said to them, “It is written,

‘My house shall be called a house of prayer,’
but you are making it a den of robbers.”

¹⁴The blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he cured them. ¹⁵But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the amazing things that he did and heard the children crying out in the temple and saying, “Hosanna to the Son of David,” they became angry ¹⁶and said to him, “Do you hear what these are saying?” Jesus said to them, “Yes; have you never read,

‘Out of the mouths of infants and nursing babies
you have prepared praise for yourself?’”

¹⁷He left them, went out of the city to Bethany, and spent the night there.

¹⁸In the morning, when he returned to the city, he was hungry. ¹⁹And seeing a fig tree by the side of the road, he went to it and found nothing at all on it but leaves. Then he said to it, “May no fruit ever come from you again!” And the fig tree withered at once. ²⁰When the disciples saw it, they were amazed, saying, “How did the fig tree wither at once?” ²¹Jesus answered them, “Truly I tell you, if you have faith and do not doubt, not only will you do what has been done to the fig tree, but even if you say to this mountain, ‘Be lifted up and thrown into the sea,’ it will be done. ²²Whatever you ask for in prayer with faith, you will receive.” ²³When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

ELW 773

***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.

THANKSGIVING

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

ELW 689

*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 God of abundance:
you have blessed us in so many ways.
As we live in your goodness,
strengthen us to labor in your field,
and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all,
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 The blessing of God,
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,
✠ be upon you now and forever.

C Amen.

***Sending Hymn**

Have No Fear Little Flock

ELW 764

***Sending**

P Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C Thanks be to God!

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Flowers are in given in honor of **Roger and Susan Schlitter's 52nd Wedding Anniversary on June 24.**

Bulletin Cover Art is in given by **Don and Nina Pals**—in honor of their **59th Wedding Anniversary.**

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 29-30 Salvation (Ruth 1)

RITE OF HEALING

June 29-30

Next weekend, the Rite of Healing will take place at all services. All who sense the need for God's healing in any aspect of their lives, the lives of others, and the world are invited to participate. Healing Touch Spiritual minister will assist in the laying on of hands.

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!

Christ In Our Home

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

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, June 30

10:00 AM

Fellowship Hall

Join us for updates on our

- Council Listening/Visioning Process
- Ministry Updates
- 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.

Caregivers Support Group will meet on Tuesday, June 25th from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in Rm. 300

Please call the church office if you or your family are hospitalized. If you or a family member would like to be visited please be sure to contact the church office. Thank you.

Share the Harvest

Have extra produce? Bring it to share at Sat-urday or Sunday worship services! If you like to eat fresh home-grown produce, please check the *Share the Harvest Table* in The Gathering Space when you come to worship and take some home!

Coffee With the Pastors—a **new** episode can be found on Trinity's YouTube and Facebook pages!

**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 Iowa. 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!

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.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, June 24

9:00 a.m. Quilt Workshop (Fellowship Hall)
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

Tuesday, June 25

9:30 a.m. Caregiver Support Group (Rm. 300)
Noon Staff Meeting

Wednesday, June 26

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
8:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study (Library)
4:00 p.m. Trinity Serving at Community Kitchen
6:30 p.m. Council Meeting (Rm. 300)

Saturday, June 29

5:00 p.m. Worship Service

Sunday, June 30

9:00 a.m. Outdoor Worship Service (Courtyard)
10:10 a.m. *Semi Annual Meeting*
(Fellowship Hall)
10:30 a.m. Indoor Worship Service

**The Church Office and Building will be closed
on July 4 and July 5**

There will be NO Bible Studies on July 3

United Way of North Central Iowa is collecting do-nations for their **2024 Kids Shoe Drive**. Donations of new/gently used kids athletic shoes of all sizes are greatly appreciated. You can drop shoes off in the collection box located by the offices. You can also donate by using the QR Code—100% of your gift will be used to purchase new shoes for kids in time for school. The deadline for donating is Aug. 8th.



Trinity was recently recognized as one of the most generous congregations in the ELCA to our denomination's World Hunger and Lutheran Disaster Response. ELCA World Hunger reaches millions of our vulnerable neighbors across the globe. And LDR is often one of the first to arrive and last to leave after major disasters, both in the U.S. and abroad. To learn more go to: elca.org/worldhunger. Thank you for supporting this important ministry!

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. Items can be dropped off at the Mercy Foundation Office. Questions? Contact Julie Kline, Human Resources office at MercyOne North Iowa.

TLC OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

- **Care Ministry** – Volunteers are needed to make in-person visits, call people on the phone, and send postcards. Contact Becky Elsbernd.
- **Usher** – Distribute bulletins, welcome, collect offering, usher people for communion.
- **Readers** – Read the lessons for weekend services. Lessons provided a week prior to reading.
- **Communion Servers**– Assist Pastors with Communion distribution during worship services. Training available. Volunteer position. Contact the office.
- **Worship Transportation** – Assist Region 2 Transit driver in picking up those needing a ride to Sunday worship.
- **Community Kitchen Volunteers**—Trinity provides volunteers to help prepare and serve meals at the Community Kitchen, *either the **1st Monday** of each month from 9-1:00 and the **4th Wednesday** of each month from 4-6:30 p.m.* See the bulletin boards by the church office.
- **Help at Affordables**—Trinity provides volunteers to help sort donated clothing at Affordables on the ***2nd Wednesday** of each month from 9-11:00 a.m.*

For more worship serving opportunities, contact the church office or go to trinity-mc.org/worship-volunteers.