

SUMMER STORIES



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Trinity Lutheran Church

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EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 13, 2024

5:00 p.m.

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10:30 a.m.

Livestream Worship Service/KCMR 97.9

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Even if we don't remember it, most of us recognize that we saw the world and people differently when we were young. We learned lessons that continue to shape us as adults. This eight-week series looks at familiar Sunday School stories and the truths that persist – or have changed – as we've grown older.

Joseph: Families Can Forgive

We may find our relationships with families and with others complicated. Joseph is a story about far more than a colorful coat and parental favoritism. Through Joseph and his relationship with his brothers, we are invited into a story where past actions color present relationships. Forgiveness interrupts this story and writes an ending we can hardly believe possible.

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
Rev. Beverly Butler

Organist Kim Reisinger

Cantors Thomas Haas & Gavin Ryner

Greeters Brenda Heidkross
Kay Larson

Coffee Fellowship
Kevin and Susan Hendrikson

Scripture Readers
5:00 p.m. John Barron
10:30 a.m. Linda Hunt

Technical Support
10:30 a.m. Reid Hendrikson
Evelynn Hunt
Ellen Gansen

Ushers
5:00 p.m. John Barron, Stu Vold
10:30 a.m. Scott Boyle, Jake Rockman

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.

***Greeting**

P The grace and peace of God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

C And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

P O God, from you come all holy desires,
all good counsels, and all just works.
Give to us, your servants,
that peace which the world cannot give,
that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments;
and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies,
may live in peace and quietness,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Reading: Genesis 50:15-21

L ¹⁵ Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?"
¹⁶ So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷ 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸ Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." ¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰ Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. ²¹ So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation

ELW pg 124

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
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P The Holy Gospel according to Luke the sixth chapter.

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

*Gospel: Luke 6:27-36

P ²⁷ “But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; ²⁸ bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you. ²⁹ If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰ Give to everyone who asks of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you.

³² “If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³ If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴ If you lend to those from whom you expect to receive payment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵ Instead, love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. ³⁶ Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon - *Families Can Forgive*

Pastor Daniel Hanson

Hymn of the Day

Lead On, O King Eternal!

ELW 805

***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 In your mercy,
C hear 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.



Offering Song

Turn Then Thine Eyes
Thomas Haas and Gavin Ryner—Duet

Purcell

***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**

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

ELW 773

***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 Ken and Paula Zimmerman's 31st Wedding Anniversary.*

The special bouquet and *donut holes for coffee fellowship* are in **honor of Paul Charlson's 80th birthday** which was on July 12th given by his family.

The **cover art for the bulletin** is given by *Deborah and Kim Pang* in memory of Kim's dad, **Tommy Pang.**



Youth Gathering

Next week, thirty-five youth and adults from Trinity, St. James, Cross Roads Parish, and St. Paul Lutheran in Hampton will be leaving for the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans. Please hold our group in prayer, that we might have a safe and fun trip, and that each of us may grow in our faith and relationship with God through this experience.

Evening Bike Ride on the Green Belt

Monday, July 15 | 6:30 PM / Wilkinson Pioneer Park
Join us on an evening bike ride on the Shell Rock River Green Belt. Meet at **Wilkinson Pioneer Park at 21425 Vine Avenue in Rock Falls, IA.** The trail is crushed limestone/gravel. It is a down and back trail so riders can do as many miles as they wish.

Weather permitting.

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.

WELCOME AND RECEPTION

Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. there will be a reception honoring our new **Youth Director, Dani Vogel** in the Gathering Space.

We hope you will join us as we welcome Dani to Trinity!

New Summer Sermon Series

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- July 20-21 David and Goliath
God Loves Underdogs
- July 27-28 Martha and Mary
Beyond the Stereotypes
- Aug. 3-4 Baby Moses
Faith Takes Courage
- Aug. 10-11 Moses and Pharaoh
A Sacred Showdown
- Aug. 17-18 Rahab and Joshua
Everyone is Valuable to God
- Aug. 24-25 Samson and Delilah
True Strength is Found in God
- Aug. 31-Sept. 1 Daniel and the Lion's Den
Living Faith, No Matter the Cost

T150 Matching Gift Challenge

Thanks to another Matching Gift Challenge by two generous Trinity families, we can now double all new gifts made to the T150 Capital Appeal through the end of September 2024! ***That's right - if we receive \$50,000 in new cash gifts before Sept. 30, 2024 - that amount will be matched dollar for dollar!*** If you haven't yet donated or if you are considering an additional gift, now is the perfect time to double your contribution and help us pay down the remaining \$500,000 on the T150 loan. Every gift helps! To make a gift, go to trinity-mc.org/T150-Matching-Gift-Challenge or simply write "**T150 Matching Gift**" on your check or envelope.

Each Wednesday morning Trinity offers a Bible Study based on that weekend's readings led by the preaching pastor. Men's Bible Study meets in the Fellowship Hall from 7-8am and Women's Bible Study meets in the Library from 8:30-9:30am.

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!

Pop Tab Collection

As your drinking your cold beverage this summer—remember we are collecting pop tabs in support of purchasing children's' wheelchairs through Shriners Hospital. The tabs are picked up weekly and your support is greatly appreciated.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, July 15

- 9:00 a.m. Quilt Workshop (Trinity)
Centering Prayer (Rm. 322)
- 6:30 p.m. Evening Bike Ride on the Green Belt
(Meet at Wilkinson Pioneer Park)
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

Tuesday, July 16

- 10:45 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry—Learn to Crochet
(Rm. 307)
- 4:00 p.m. Building and Grounds Comm.
(Fellowship Hall)
- 5:00 p.m. Finance Comm. (Rm. 300)
Ministries Comm. (Gathering Space)
- 6:00 p.m. Generosity Comm. (Rm. 300)

Wednesday, July 17

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
- 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)
- 5:00 p.m. Servant Cabinet Mtg. (Library)

Saturday, July 20

5:00 p.m. Worship Service

Sunday, July 21

- 9:00 a.m. Outdoor Worship Service (Courtyard)**
- 10:30 a.m. Indoor Worship Service**

Learn to Crochet

Tuesday, July 16 | 10:45 AM / Trinity 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.

Rejoicing Spirits

Wednesday, July 17 | 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 risen Jesus appearing to doubting Thomas. Following the worship service, enjoy pizza and root beer floats for a free-will donation.

Parents vs. Kids Soccer - Scrimmage & Social
Sunday, July 21 | 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM / North Iowa Area Community College

Soccer is a popular sport with our Trinity youth. Therefore, we'd like to offer an entertaining and fun event for youth, their parents, and our members (as spectators) to enjoy the game. All interested participants are asked to show up at 4:00 PM to NIACC. High School and college players will be ready to coach and ref the short games. The first game will be for fourth graders and younger vs. their parents. The second game will be for the 5th grade and older vs their parents! Walking tacos will be served after the games, tailgating style. Any questions, please contact Carol Dettmer at carol.dettmer@trinity-mc.org.

Global Health Ministries

The gift of a GHM Newborn Kit is a blessing for the woman who receives it, providing basic items to help her clothe and care for her child, and celebrate new life! Regular-size bath towel, light-weight, approx. 50" x 26" and washcloth (no microfiber)

United Way of North Central Iowa is collecting donations 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.

Pastor Beverly Butler Installation and Reception

Pastor Beverly Butler,
Trinity's Pastor of Spiritual Care,
will be installed July 27-28
at all worship services.
Rev. Steve Brackett,
Northeastern Iowa Synod,
Assistant to the Bishop will preside.

A reception honoring Pastor Butler
will be held in the Gathering Space
following the
9:00 AM Sunday service.

Hope you will join us as we
welcome Pastor Beverly to Trinity!





Global Church Festival

Experience and discover God's work in the world during the Northeastern Iowa Synod's Global Church Together Festival, set for **Saturday, August 24**, at Trinity Lutheran

Discover God's Global Church

Sponsored by the synod's Global Church Together Network, this event will feature a guest keynote presentation, seven workshops, a "world of 100" global simulation activity, global music sing-along, and lunch featuring global flavors. It is set for 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, with registration beginning at 8:30 AM.

The cost to attend is \$10 per person. Please sign up on the board outside the church office. Call the church office with questions: 641-423-0536.

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.

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.