

# SUMMER STORIES



LESSONS YOU  
LEARNED AS A KID



## David and Goliath: God Loves Underdogs

Saturday, July 20, 2024

Sunday, July 21, 2024



## Trinity Lutheran Church

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### NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 20, 2024

5:00 p.m.

July 21, 2024

10:30 a.m.

Livestream Worship Service/KCMR 97.9

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These weekend we are exploring the story of **David and Goliath** and how **God Loves Underdogs**. *This familiar story reminds us how God often uses what looks weak and insignificant to carry out God's purposes, as God does through the cross of Jesus. We trust in God to save us, even when overwhelming evil looms.*

**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. Beverly Butler

**Organist** Deb Nielsen

**Cantors** Warren Torkelson

**Greeters** Jake and Nancy Rockman

#### Coffee Fellowship

Joann Johnson  
John and Sarah Swegle

#### Communion Assistants

5:00 p.m. Don and Nina Pals  
Linda Nolte

10:30 a.m. Chuck and Marilyn  
Strandberg

#### Scripture Readers

5:00 p.m. Nina Pals  
10:30 a.m. Lucas Frein

#### Technical Support

10:30 a.m. Lucas and Colleen Frein

#### Ushers

5:00 p.m. John Barron, Stu Vold  
10:30 a.m. Joe Blanchard, Jake Rockman

#### Custodian

Dave Smith

# 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**

***The Church's One Foundation***

ELW 654

### **\*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, powerful and compassionate,  
you shepherd your people, faithfully feeding and protecting us.  
Heal each of us, and make us a whole people,  
that we may embody the justice and peace of your Son, Jesus Christ,  
our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen.**

### **Reading: 1 Samuel 17: [1a, 4-11, 19-23] 32-49**

L <sup>1a</sup>Now the Philistines gathered their armies for battle. <sup>4</sup>And there came out from the camp of the Philistines a champion named Goliath, of Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span. <sup>5</sup>He had a helmet of bronze on his head, and he was armed with a coat of mail; the weight of the coat was five thousand shekels of bronze. <sup>6</sup>He had greaves of bronze on his legs and a javelin of bronze slung between his shoulders. <sup>7</sup>The shaft of his spear was like a weaver's beam, and his spear's head weighed six hundred shekels of iron; and his shield-bearer went before him. <sup>8</sup>He stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, "Why have you come out to draw up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not servants of Saul? Choose a man for yourselves, and let him come down to me. <sup>9</sup>If he is able to fight with me and kill me, then we will be your servants; but if I prevail against him and kill him, then you shall be our servants and serve us." <sup>10</sup>And the Philistine said, "Today I defy the ranks of Israel! Give me a man, that we may fight together." <sup>11</sup>When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were dismayed and greatly afraid.

<sup>19</sup>Now Saul, and [Jesse's sons], and all the men of Israel, were in the valley of Elah, fighting with the Philistines. <sup>20</sup>David rose early in the morning, left the sheep with a keeper, took the provisions, and went as Jesse had commanded him. He came to the encampment as the army was going forth to the battle line, shouting the war cry. <sup>21</sup>Israel and the Philistines drew up for battle, army against army. <sup>22</sup>David left the things in charge of the keeper of the baggage, ran to the ranks, and went and greeted his brothers. <sup>23</sup>As he talked with them, the champion, the Philistine of Gath, Goliath by name, came up out of the ranks of the Philistines, and spoke the same words as before. And David heard him. <sup>32</sup>David said to Saul, "Let no one's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine."

<sup>33</sup> Saul said to David, “You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are just a boy, and he has been a warrior from his youth.” <sup>34</sup> But David said to Saul, “Your servant used to keep sheep for his father; and whenever a lion or a bear came, and took a lamb from the flock, <sup>35</sup> I went after it and struck it down, rescuing the lamb from its mouth; and if it turned against me, I would catch it by the jaw, strike it down, and kill it.

<sup>36</sup> Your servant has killed both lions and bears; and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, since he has defied the armies of the living God.” <sup>37</sup> David said, “The LORD, who saved me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, will save me from the hand of this Philistine.” So Saul said to David, “Go, and may the LORD be with you!”

<sup>38</sup> Saul clothed David with his armor; he put a bronze helmet on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail. <sup>39</sup> David strapped Saul’s sword over the armor, and he tried in vain to walk, for he was not used to them. Then David said to Saul, “I cannot walk with these; for I am not used to them.” So David removed them. <sup>40</sup> Then he took his staff in his hand, and chose five smooth stones from the wadi, and put them in his shepherd’s bag, in the pouch; his sling was in his hand, and he drew near to the Philistine.

<sup>41</sup> The Philistine came on and drew near to David, with his shield-bearer in front of him. <sup>42</sup> When the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him, for he was only a youth, ruddy and handsome in appearance. <sup>43</sup> The Philistine said to David, “Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?” And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. <sup>44</sup> The Philistine said to David, “Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the field.” <sup>45</sup> But David said to the Philistine, “You come to me with sword and spear and javelin; but I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. <sup>46</sup> This very day the LORD will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head; and I will give the dead bodies of the Philistine army this very day to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the earth, so that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, <sup>47</sup> and that all this assembly may know that the LORD does not save by sword and spear; for the battle is the LORD’s and he will give you into our hand.”

<sup>48</sup> When the Philistine drew nearer to meet David, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine. <sup>49</sup> David put his hand in his bag, took out a stone, slung it, and struck the Philistine on his forehead; the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell face down on the ground.

L The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**\*Gospel Acclamation**

ELW pg 124

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P The Holy Gospel according to John the fourteenth chapter.

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

**\*Gospel: John 14:27**

P [Jesus said:] Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon - *God Loves Underdogs***

**Pastor Dan Gerrietts**

**Hymn of the Day**

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

ELW 742

**\*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.**

**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*

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 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.**

**\*Great Thanksgiving**

ELW pg. 129

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

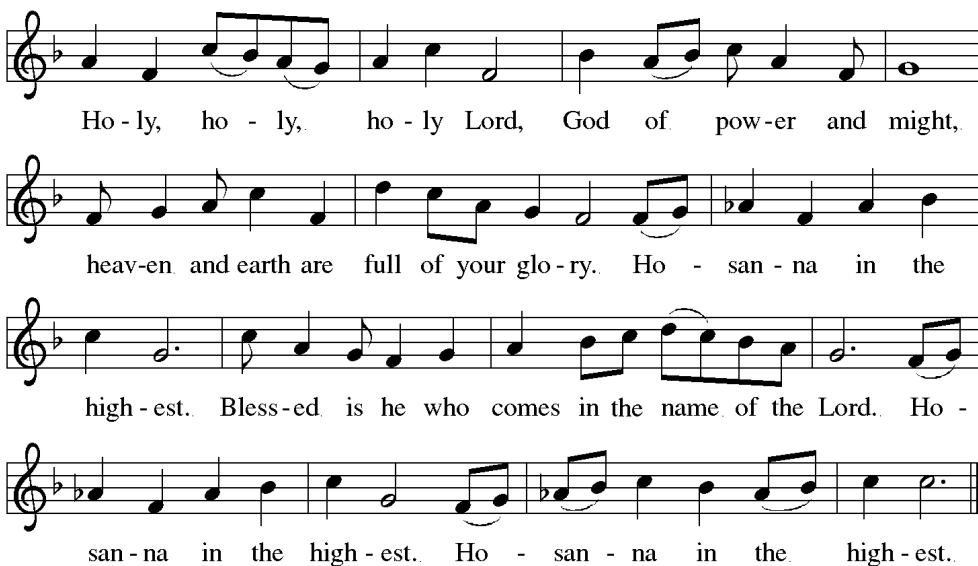
**C We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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.130



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heav - en 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. 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.

## 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



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 Songs

*Now the Silence*

ELW 460

*Amazing Grace*

ELW 779

## \* 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

*This Little Light of Mine*

ELW 677

### \*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 Dave and Mel Shallberg's 29th Wedding Anniversary.*

The bulletin cover art, special bouquet and *donuts for coffee fellowship* are in **honor of the marriage of Jason and Hannah Stine** given by David and Linda Stine.

**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.

## 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!

## **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.

## **New Summer Sermon Series**

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- 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*

## **Nathan Elsbernd Organ Recital**

**Wednesday, July 31**

**6:00 p.m.**

Trinity Sanctuary

*Music selections will include works by Franck, Bach and much more!*

Come and celebrate one of Trinity's very own!



### **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 \$300,000 on the T150 loan. Every gift helps! To make a gift, go to [trinity-mc.org/T150-Matching-Gift-Challenge](http://trinity-mc.org/T150-Matching-Gift-Challenge) or simply write "**T150 Matching Gift**" on your check or envelope.

### **Parents vs. Kids Soccer -**

Scrimmage & Social

**Sunday, July 21 | 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM /**

North Iowa Area Community College

We are offering an entertaining and fun event for youth, their parents, and our members (as spectators)! 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](mailto: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, lightweight, 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.

### **WEEKLY CALENDAR**

#### **Monday, July 22**

9:00 a.m. Quilt Workshop (Trinity)

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

#### **Tuesday, July 23**

9:30 a.m. Care Giver Support Group (Rm. 300)

Noon Staff Meeting

#### **Wednesday, July 24**

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

#### **Saturday, July 27**

*Installation of Pastor Beverly Butler*

**5:00 p.m. Worship Service**

#### **Sunday, July 28**

*Installation of Pastor Beverly Butler*

**9:00 a.m. Outdoor Worship Service (Courtyard)**

*10:00 a.m. Reception for Pastor Beverly Butler*

**10:30 a.m. Indoor Worship Service**



## Visio divina

**Tuesday, July 30 | 10:00 AM** / MacNider Museum

Visio Divina or “sacred seeing” is an ancient form of Christian prayer in which we allow our hearts and imaginations to enter into an image, in silence, to see what God might have to say to us. Come and encounter the Divine through visual art. This is a great opportunity to check out the new exhibit Portraits of Dementia by artist Joe Wallace.

## 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](http://trinity-mc.org/worship-volunteers).*