

# SUMMER STORIES

LESSONS YOU  
LEARNED AS A KID



Rahab and Joshua:  
Everyone is Valuable to God

Saturday, August 10, 2024

Sunday, August 11, 2024





## Trinity Lutheran Church

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### TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 10, 2024

5:00 p.m.

August 11, 2024

10:30 a.m.

Livestream Worship Service/KCMR 97.9

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#### LESSONS YOU LEARNED AS A KID

*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.*

This weekend we explore the story of **Rahab and Joshua**  
And the promise that **Everyone is Valuable to God.**

**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. An **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.

#### Serving in Worship This Weekend

**Pastor** Rev. Dan Gerrietts  
Rev. Daniel Hanson  
Rev. Beverly Butler

**Organist** Kim Reisinger

**Cantor** Linda Hunt

**Greeters** Paul and Mary Charlson

**Coffee Fellowship**

Lisa Lorenzen  
John and LaVonne Welch

**Scripture Reader**

5:00 p.m. Sam Hunt  
10:30 a.m. Dani Vogel

**Technical Support**

10:30 a.m. Ellen Gansen, Evelyn Hunt  
Carter Rockwell

**Ushers**

5:00 p.m. Daryl Erickson, Derek Schlitter  
10:30 a.m. Daryl and Krystal Erickson

**Building Host**

Jim Reisinger

**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, † 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, the wisdom,  
and the power of almighty God  
be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

**\*Prayer of the Day**

P Gracious God, you are the giver of faith  
and you often work in surprising ways.  
Give us trust in your goodness and lead us  
to bear witness to your mercy for all,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

**Children's Sermon** (10:30am)

**Dani Vogel, Director of Youth Ministry**

**Reading: Joshua 2:1-21**

L Then Joshua son of Nun sent two men secretly from Shittim as spies, saying, "Go, view the land, especially Jericho." So they went and entered the house of a prostitute whose name was Rahab and spent the night there. The king of Jericho was told, "Some Israelites have come here tonight to search out the land." Then the king of Jericho sent orders to Rahab, "Bring out the men who have come to you, who entered your house, for they have come to search out the whole land." But the woman took the two men and hid them. Then she said, "True, the men came to me, but I did not know where they came from. And when it was time to close the gate at dark, the men went out. Where the men went I do not know. Pursue them quickly, for you can overtake them." She had, however, brought them up to the roof and hidden them with the stalks of flax that she had laid out on the roof. So the men pursued them on the way to the Jordan as far as the fords. As soon as the pursuers had gone out, the gate was shut. Before they went to sleep, she came up to them on the roof and said to the men, "I know that the LORD has given you the land and that dread of you has fallen on us and that all the inhabitants of the land melt in fear before you. For we have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red Sea before you when you came out of Egypt and what you did to the two kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan, to Sihon and Og, whom you utterly destroyed. As soon as we heard it, our hearts melted, and there was no courage left in any of us because of you. The LORD your God is indeed God in heaven above and on earth below. Now then, since I have dealt kindly with

you, swear to me by the LORD that you in turn will deal kindly with my family.

Give me a sign of good faith that you will spare my father and mother, my brothers and sisters, and all who belong to them and deliver our lives from death.” The men said to her,

“Our life for yours! If you do not tell this business of ours, then we will deal kindly and faithfully with you when the LORD gives us the land.”

Then she let them down by a rope through the window, for her house was on the outer side of the city wall and she resided within the wall itself. She said to them, “Go toward the hill country, so that the pursuers may not come upon you. Hide yourselves there three days, until the pursuers have returned; then afterward you may go your way.” The men said to her, “We will be released from this oath that you have made us swear to you if we invade the land and you do not tie this crimson cord in the window through which you let us down and you do not gather into your house your father and mother, your brothers, and all your family. If any of you go out of the doors of your house into the street, they shall be responsible for their own death, and we shall be innocent, but if a hand is laid upon any who are with you in the house, we shall bear the responsibility for their death. But if you tell this business of ours, then we shall be released from this oath that you made us swear to you.” She said, “According to your words, so be it.” She sent them away, and they departed. Then she tied the crimson cord in the window.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### \*Gospel Acclamation

ELW pg 124

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Gospel Acclamation. The first staff is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,' are written below the notes. The second staff is in G major and 4/4 time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4. The lyrics 'al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written below the notes. The piece ends with a double bar line.

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the first chapter.

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

**\*Gospel: Matthew 1:1-6,16**

P An account of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Aram, and Aram the father of Aminadab, and Aminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of King David.

And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah.... [and 25 more generations] ...and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, who bore Jesus, who is called the Messiah.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon - *Everyone is Valuable to God*

Pastor Dan Gerrietts

Hymn of the Day

*Arise, Your Light Has Come*

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**\*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***

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***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      *I Know That My Redeemer Lives!*

ELW 619  
(vv. 1-4)

### \*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 Jan Craun and Grayson Craun by Kent Craun.*

The bulletin cover art is given in ***honor of Jo and Julie Sanchez*** who celebrated their **48th Wedding Anniversary** on August 8.

**Trinity's Pastoral Care Staff** makes regular visits to Mercy One North Iowa hospital. But not everyone who is hospitalized appears on the clergy list. If you are hospitalized and wish to be visited, please contact the church office.

## Learn to Crochet

**Tuesday, August 20 | 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, August 21 | 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. On Wednesday, August 21, our focus is on the Ascension when Jesus is taken to heaven. Following the worship service, enjoy pizza and root beer floats for a free-will donation.

## Middle School Movie Night

**Wednesday, August 21 | 4:45 PM / Fellowship Hall**

All 5th-8th graders and their friends are **welcome to attend/help with Rejoicing Spirits!** This is a great service opportunity as well as a short, meaningful worship experience. Pizza and root beer floats will be served. Then we will chill in the youth room and enjoy a movie with candy and popcorn. Card games may also be played. This will be a relaxed way to ground ourselves and connect before school begins. Contact Carol Dettmer with questions at [carol.dettmer@trinity-mc.org](mailto:carol.dettmer@trinity-mc.org).

## New Summer Sermon Series

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Aug. 17-18 Moses and Pharaoh  
*A Sacred Showdown*

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 \$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.

### Smash Burger - End of Summer Potluck

**Thursday, August 22 | 6:00 PM /**

*Bauer Home*

All young(ish) adults and parents are welcome for smash burgers and fellowship at the home of Brian and Sarah Bauer, 510 9th St SE in Mason City. Burgers, beverages and place settings will be provided. Please bring a side or sweet to share. An RSVP to [carol.dettmer@trinity-mc.org](mailto:carol.dettmer@trinity-mc.org) is appreciated by August 20.

### 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! We are asking for donations of regular-size bath towel, lightweight, approx. 50' x 26" and washcloth (no microfiber)

### 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.

### Bike ride on the Cedar River Greenbelt Trail

**Sunday, August 25th | 2:00 PM / Trinity Parking Lot Meet Up**

Join us for an afternoon bike ride on the Cedar River Greenbelt Trail near Osage, Iowa. The Cedar River Greenbelt Trail is an expansive 8-plus-mile trail that meanders alongside the beautiful Cedar River. The trail is crushed limestone/blacktop. It is a down and back trail so riders can do as many miles as they wish. Meet in the Trinity parking lot at 2:00 PM for carpooling. If you need a ride for you and/or your bike, let Becky know in advance. **Weather permitting.**

### Trinity Trippers - Amana Colonies

**Thursday, September 12**

Trinity Trippers are planning a day trip to the Amana Colonies to explore shops and have a great meal at one of their restaurants! We will leave the church at 7:30 AM, but **please be to the church no later than 7:15 AM.** We'll return to Mason City by 5:00 PM. Price of attendance includes bus transportation and lunch. Attendance is limited so reserve your spot today! (Your payment reserves your spot.) Join us! **Deadline to register is September 6 Cost to attend is \$50.00 - (Please Note: this trip is non-refundable.)**

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### **Monday, August 12**

9:00 a.m. Rolling Bandages for Global Health Mission  
(Fellowship Hall)  
1:00 p.m. Cool as a Cucumber Cooking Class  
(Kitchen)

### **Tuesday, August 13**

Noon Staff Meeting

### **Wednesday, August 14**

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)  
8:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study (Library)  
5:00 p.m. Servant Cabinet Mtg. (Library)

### **Saturday, August 17**

*Holy Communion Celebrated*

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

### **Sunday, August 18**

*Holy Communion Celebrated*

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

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

## TLC OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

- **Tech Support**—Tech support allows us to provide **online viewing** for our services. TRAINING IS PROVIDED! Contact the church office if you'd be interested in learning more about the vital ministry.
- **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).*

### Global Church Festival

Fellowship Hall | **Saturday, August 24** | 9am to 4:30pm

Experience and discover God's work in the world during the Northeastern Iowa Synod's Global Church Together Festival. Sponsored by the synod's Global Church Together Network.

**Keynote Speaker is Pastor Themba Mkhabela** — Pastor Mkhabela is a Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary graduate, Pastor Mkhabela previously served in the U.S. Virgin Islands and as regional representative for Madagascar, West and Central Africa. In his current role, he oversees ELCA missionaries and ministry partnerships across Southern Africa.

**Rev. Dr. Winston Persaud** will be the preacher for the Global Festival Worship Service. Dr. Persaud is Professor of Systematic Theology at Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, IA.

**Rev. Hope Johnson** will also preside during the Global Festival Worship Service. Rev. Johnson is Pastor at Bethany Lutheran Church, Leeland, IL and a YAGM Alum

**Pastor Kathy Graves** will present "Hungary—Meaningful Connections and Opportunities."

The event will also feature—seven workshops:

- *Hungarian Cooking Demonstration*
- *The Lutheran Church in Hungary*
- *Global Music Sing-Along*
- *Make Your Own: 7-Stranded Roma Bracelet*
- *Young Adults in Global Mission*
- *Namibia Yesterday & Today*
- *The Art of Hospitality Given and Received*

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.

