

SUMMER STORIES



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Moses and Pharaoh: A Sacred Showdown

Saturday, August 17, 2024

Sunday, August 18, 2024



Trinity Lutheran Church

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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 17, 2024

5:00 p.m.

August 18, 2024

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.

Moses & Pharaoh: A Sacred Showdown

What can match the might of the Pharaoh and the land of Egypt? Who shall depose the tyrant who oppresses and enslaves? Who shall confront the king who profits off the blood and sweat of those under his rule? All the gods of Egypt and the divine Pharaoh face off against the God of Jacob, who comes to rescue God's people. Who shall be victorious in this sacred showdown? What is victory?

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.

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 Deb Nielsen

Cantor Kylie Hansen

Greeters Dennis and Anna Marie Wilson

Coffee Fellowship
Penny Bennett
Audrey Warner

Scripture Reader
5:00 p.m. Roz Barron
10:30 a.m. Nancy Rockman

Communion Servers
5:00 p.m. John and Roz Barron, Linda Nolte
10:30 a.m. Jake and Nancy Rockman

Technical Support
10:30 a.m. Maggie Gerriett, Evelyn Hunt
Anni Shallberg

Ushers
5:00 p.m. Su Oertel, Derek Schlitter
10:30 a.m. Gene and Becky Ott

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**

Praise and Thanksgiving

ELW 689

***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 Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world.
Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and
sustained by his risen life to serve you continually,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Children's Sermon (10:30am)

Pastor Daniel Hanson

Reading: Exodus 6:1-13

L ⁶ Then the LORD said to Moses, "Now you shall see what I will do to Pharaoh: indeed, by a mighty hand he will let them go; by a mighty hand he will drive them out of his land."

² God also spoke to Moses and said to him, "I am the LORD. ³ I appeared to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob as God Almighty, but by my name 'The LORD' I did not make myself known to them. ⁴ I also established my covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan, the land in which they resided as aliens. ⁵ I have also heard the groaning of the Israelites whom the Egyptians have enslaved, and I have remembered my covenant. ⁶ Say therefore to the Israelites: I am the LORD, and I will free you from the burdens of the Egyptians and deliver you from slavery to them. I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great acts of judgment. ⁷ I will take you as my people, and I will be your God. You shall know that I am the LORD your God, who has freed you from the burdens of the Egyptians. ⁸ I will bring you into the land that I swore to give to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; I will give it to you for a possession. I am the LORD." ⁹ Moses told this to the Israelites, but they would not listen to Moses, because of their broken spirit and their cruel slavery.

¹⁰ Then the LORD spoke to Moses, ¹¹ "Go and tell Pharaoh king of Egypt to let the Israelites go out of his land." ¹² But Moses spoke to the LORD, "The Israelites have not listened to me; why should Pharaoh listen to me, poor speaker that I am?" ¹³ Thus the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron and gave them orders regarding the Israelites and Pharaoh king of Egypt, to free the Israelites from the land of Egypt.

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 third chapter.

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

*Gospel: John 3:11-17

P ¹¹ “Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹² If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶ “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷ “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon - *A Sacred Showdown*

Pastor Daniel Hanson

Hymn of the Day

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

ELW 759

*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

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

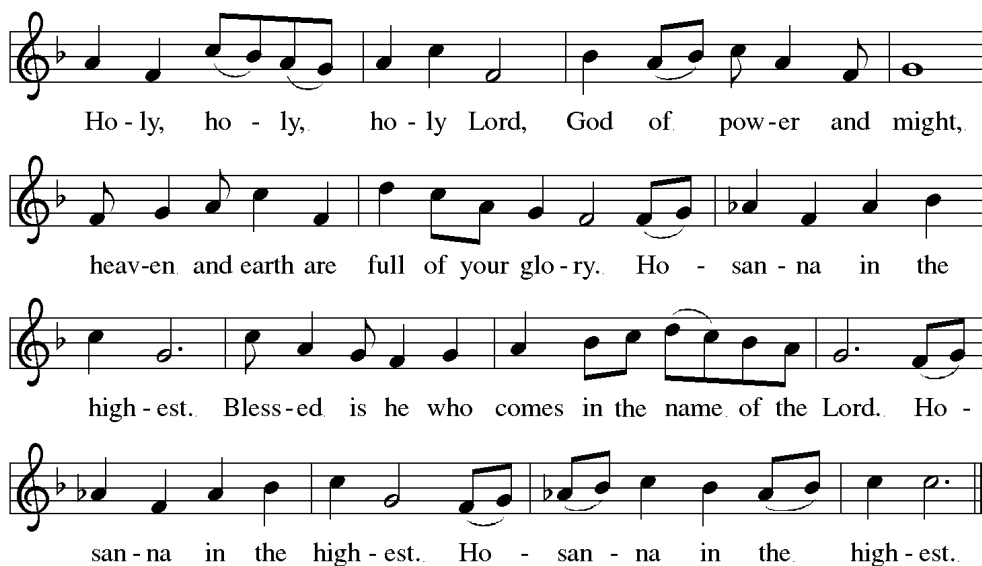
P Jesus, bread of life, you have set this table with your very self,
and called us to the feast of plenty.
Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal.
Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.
C Amen.

*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:



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.

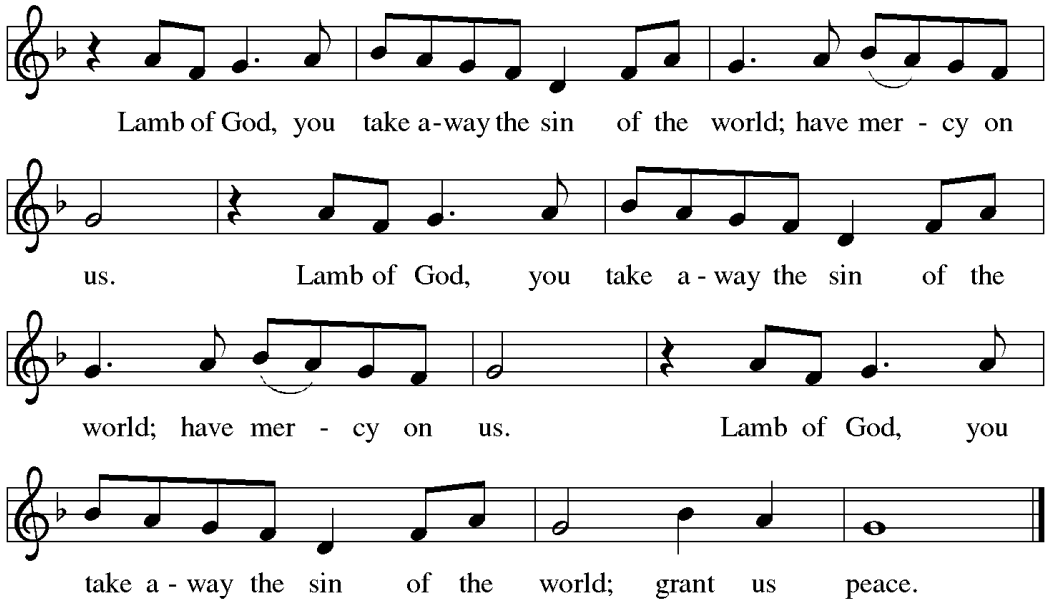
Invitation to the Table

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

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me
Shall We Gather at the River

ELW 623

ELW 423

*** 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** *Now Thank We All Our God*

ELW 840

***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 Rachel and Gerald Morris* who are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

The **bulletin cover art** is given in *honor of Ron and Jean Bloxham* who are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

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.

Pop Tab Collection

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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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

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.

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 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 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)

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 19

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

Tuesday, August 20

9:30 a.m. Bazaar Mtg. (*Fellowship Hall*)
10:45 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry (*Rm. 307*)
Noon Staff Meeting
3:00 p.m. Adult Ministries Cabinet (*Rm. 300*)
4:00 p.m. Building & Grounds Comm. (*Fellowship Hall*)
5:00 p.m. Education Committee (*Rm. 307*)
Finance Committee (*Rm. 300*)
6:00 p.m. Youth & Family Committee
7:00 p.m. Music Selection Team (*Library*)

Wednesday, August 21

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*)
6:00 p.m. Middle School Movie Night (*Youth Rm.*)

Thursday, August 22

5-8:00 p.m. Una Voices Rehearsal (*Choir Rm.*)
6:00 p.m. Young Adult | Smash Burger End of Summer Potluck (*At the home of Brian & Sarah Bauer*)

Saturday, August 25

Global Church Together Festival

(see Announcements)

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

Sunday, August 26

9:00 a.m. **Outdoor Worship Service** (*Courtyard*)
10:30 a.m. **Indoor Worship Service**
2:00 p.m. Bike Ride on the Cedar River Greenbelt Trail
(see Announcements)

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.

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

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.

