

# SUMMER STORIES



LESSONS YOU  
LEARNED AS A KID



## Baby Moses: Faith Takes Courage

Saturday, August 3, 2024

Sunday, August 4, 2024



## Trinity Lutheran Church

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### ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 3, 2024

5:00 p.m.

August 4, 2024

10:30 a.m.

Livestream Worship Service/KCMR 97.9

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##### **Baby Moses: Faith Takes Courage**

*Baby Moses' life is in danger. Before he can sit up and crawl, by the command of the Pharaoh, Egyptian soldiers are sent to kill Moses and other Hebrew boys. Moses will live due to the courageous acts of five women. Sometimes our faith calls us to action that requires courage. We turn to God for strength and guidance in these moments.*

**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. Daniel Hanson  
Rev. Beverly Butler

**Organist** Teresa Jacobson

**Cantor** Mellissa Shallberg

**Greeters** John and LaVonne Welch

#### **Coffee Fellowship**

Leman and Tana Olson  
Cynthia Zach

#### **Scripture Reader**

5:00 p.m. Amy Dodge  
10:30 a.m. Liz Fitzgerald

#### **Communion**

5:00 p.m. Amy Dodge, Earl Keifer,  
Jane Billings  
10:30 a.m. Chuck and Marilyn Strandberg

#### **Technical Support**

10:30 a.m. Sophia and Liz Fitzgerald,  
Carter Rockwell

#### **Ushers**

5:00 p.m.  
10:30 a.m.

#### **Cotodian**

Dave Smith

**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 O God, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us;  
we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life  
that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

**Children's Sermon**

**Reading: Exodus 1:8-2:10**

L <sup>8</sup> Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. <sup>9</sup> He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. <sup>10</sup> Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." <sup>11</sup> Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labour. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. <sup>12</sup> But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. <sup>13</sup> The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, <sup>14</sup> and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labour. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

<sup>15</sup> The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, <sup>16</sup> "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live." <sup>17</sup> But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. <sup>18</sup> So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?" <sup>19</sup> The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." <sup>20</sup> So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. <sup>21</sup> And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. <sup>22</sup> Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live."

<sup>1</sup> Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. <sup>2</sup> The woman

conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. <sup>3</sup> When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. <sup>4</sup> His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

<sup>5</sup> The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. <sup>6</sup> When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. <sup>7</sup> Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" <sup>8</sup> Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. <sup>9</sup> Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. <sup>10</sup> When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

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 Matthew the second chapter.

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

### \*Gospel: Matthew 2:13-15

P <sup>13</sup> Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." <sup>14</sup> Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, <sup>15</sup> and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon - *Faith Takes Courage*

Pastor Dan Hanson

Hymn of the Day

*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

ELW 789

**\*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.

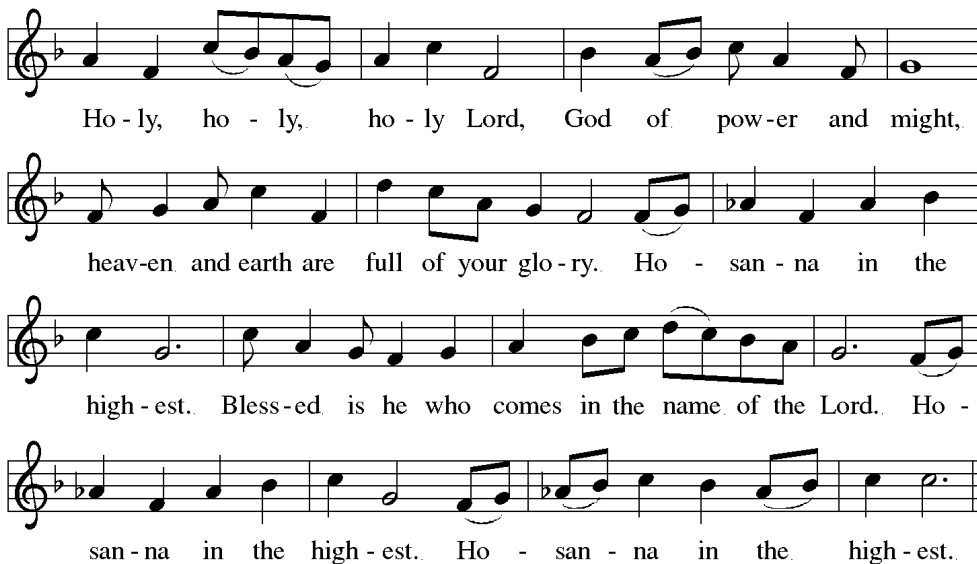
**C We lift them to the Lord.**

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:

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





world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

**Communion Songs**

*What Feast of Love*  
*Just As I Am*

ELW 487  
ELW 592

**\* 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**

*God Be with You Till we Meet Again*

ELW 536

**\*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 Leman and Tana Olson's 55th Wedding Anniversary.*

The bulletin cover art is given in *honor of our Family and the Trinity Staff by Harlan and Marge Baack.*

**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.

## **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. 10-11    Rahab and Joshua  
*Everyone is Valuable to God*
- 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*

## **SENIOR SUMMER LUNCHEON**

**Thursday, August 8, 2024 at 12:00 PM** in the Fellowship Hall

For those who are 80+ years of age

**Lunch and Worship with Holy Communion**

**Pastor Beverly Butler will be sharing a Meditation**

*Menu: Maid Rite Sandwiches, Potato Salad, Baked Beans & Ice Cream*

Are you coming with a family member or friend? They are welcome to accompany you and join us for lunch. Need Transportation? Please call the Church office; we will gladly arrange transportation with a volunteer. You are an important part of our church congregation! We look forward to being together for this time of food, fellowship, and worship. If you cannot attend, please know that we are thinking of you and we miss you. **Please RSVP to the church office (423-0536) ASAP.**

## Celebrate the Harvest Potluck

**Wednesday, August 7 / 6:00 PM**

Elsbernd Farm (19050 Thrush Ave.)

Together we gather to celebrate God's blessings of fresh produce, friends and fun! Please bring a lawn chair and a dish to pass from your garden harvest or purchased local produce. Table setting, lemonade, and water provided. Farm tour, Kubb (Viking chess) and Cornhole will be available. Rain location is the Trinity Fellowship Hall.

## Cool as a Cucumber -Cooking Class

**Monday, August 12 / 1:00 PM** / Kitchen

Come and learn about the versatile cucumber in Trinity's kitchen on August 12! This workshop offers hands-on participation with every step of the process—washing, preparing, and eating. Space is limited so see the sign up sheet located by the church offices. **Supply free is \$5.00.**

## 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.

## 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.

## 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)

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

**Monday, August 5**

9:00 a.m. Trinity Serving at Community Kitchen  
Centering Prayer (Rm. 322)

**Tuesday, August 6**

Noon Staff Meeting

**Wednesday, August 7**

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (*Fellowship Hall*)  
8:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study (*Library*)  
6:00 p.m. Celebrate the Harvest Potluck  
(*Home of Randy & Becky Elsbernd*)

**Thursday, August 8**

Noon *Senior Summer Luncheon*

**Saturday, August 10**

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

**Sunday, August 11**

8:00 a.m. Health Cabinet Mtg. (Rm. 300)  
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*
- *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.

### 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.

