



Saturday, September 21, 2024

Sunday, September 22, 2024



Trinity Lutheran Church

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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 21, 2024

5:00 p.m.

September 22, 2024

9:00 a.m.

Livestream Worship Service/KCMR 97.9

Apparently not satisfied by Jesus' feeding of thousands, some who were there press him for a sign of his power; perhaps it is daily manna they want. As always in John's gospel when people want a sign, Jesus offers himself. He is the bread come from heaven to give life to the world. He calls us to come to him and believe in him, and through that relationship to know the one who sent him.

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).

Toddler Sunday School:

Every 1st and 3rd Sunday from 9:15-10:15am parents are invited to join their 0-2 year old for a time of free play, activities, and Bible stories in the nursery.

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 Deb Nielsen

Cantor Alli Day (*Saturday*)
Linda Hunt (*Sunday*)

Greeters Rich and Joan Murray

Coffee Fellowship
Mike and Heather Englin
Cynthia Zach

Scripture Reader
5:00 p.m. Sally Becker
9:00 a.m. Danny Miller

Technical Support
9:00 a.m. Ellen Gansen, Henry Hansen
Reid Hendrikson

Ushers
5:00 p.m. Penny Bennett, Bob VerBrugge
9:00 a.m. Dan Clarke, Randy Dedor,
Kay Larson, Kim Pang

Worship Transportation
Travis Hesley
Dennis & Anna Marie Wilson

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

Legacy Fund Presentation

Roger Schlitter

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,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Gracious God,

C have mercy on us.

We confess that we have honored you with our lips,

but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.

The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes.

In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves.

We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.

In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.

Draw near to us with grace in time of need,

and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,

our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

P God promises to forgive our iniquity

and to remember our sin no more.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of † Jesus Christ,

the source of eternal healing,

your sins are forgiven.

C Amen.

***Gathering Hymn**

God Is Here!

ELW 526

***Greeting**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

*Thanks Be To You

Marty Haugen

Congregation:

1. Praise to you, O God of mer - cy:
2. From of old you loved and sought us:

Thanks be to you for ev - er! Rais - ing high the
Thanks be to you for ev - er! Truth and jus - tice

weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for ev - er!
you have taught us: Thanks be to you for ev - er!

Strong is your faith - ful-ness, strong is your
love, re - mem - b'ring your cov-e-nant of
life with us. 3. Praise to you, O
God of mer - cy: Thanks be to you for ev - er!
Rais-ing high the weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for
ev - er! Thanks be to you for ev - er!

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Thanks Be To You' by Marty Haugen. It is written for a congregation and is in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps) and 4/4 time. The score consists of ten staves of music. The lyrics are arranged in two columns, with the first column containing the first two verses and the second column containing the remaining verses. The music is written in a simple, accessible style, with a clear melody line and a steady rhythm. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The score ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

***Prayer of the Day**

P O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

Children's Sermon (9am)

First Reading: Jeremiah 11:18-20

L ¹⁸It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew;
then you showed me their evil deeds.

¹⁹But I was like a gentle lamb
led to the slaughter.

And I did not know it was against me
that they devised schemes, saying,
“Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,
let us cut him off from the land of the living,
so that his name will no longer be remembered!”

²⁰But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously,
who try the heart and the mind,
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

L ¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.⁴

¹Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder.

And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ⁶You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ^{8a}Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Verse**

Marty Haugen

Congregation:

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

Optional Repeat

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark the ninth chapter.

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

***Gospel: Mark 9:30-37**

P ³⁰[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; ³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷“Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Pastor Dan Gerrietts

Hymn of the Day

Children of the Heavenly Father

ELW 781

***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 Hear us, O God

C your mercy is great.

***Peace**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Announcements

THANKSGIVING

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

As the Grains of Wheat

Marty Haugen

Refrain
Congregation:



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread;
so may all your peo-ple from all the ends of earth be
gath-ered in - to one in you.

Verses



1. As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst
2. Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when
to Refrain
may we share the pres-ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

*Offering Prayer

P Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation.
By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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 God all mighty,
God most merciful
‡ bless you, keep you,
and give you peace.

C Amen.

***Sending Hymn**

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

ELW 815

***Sending**

P Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

C Thanks be to God!

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Flowers are in honor of **Rich and Joan Murray** who celebrated their *50th Wedding Anniversary* on August 31st.

The **bulletin cover art** is in *memory of Bruce Gettman* given by Marlene Kruger.

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.

BASES Exercise Class (*Balance-Agility-Strength-Endurance-Socialization*)

This free exercise class for adults age 55 or older is coordinated by RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) and led by RSVP volunteers. BASES meets every Tuesday and Thursday morning from 8:00 - 9:00 AM. in the Gathering Space.

Labyrinth Walk for Peace

Saturday, September 21/ Trinity Courtyard

Celebrate International Day of Peace by walking the Labyrinth in Trinity's courtyard. A facilitator will be there between 5:45 PM and 6:30 PM to guide you if needed. Join us as we walk with the intention of peace for ourselves, our community and our world. ***Weather Permitting***

Mini Golf and Birdsall's

Sunday, September 22| 3:00 - 5:00 PM | River City Mini Golf

5th and 6th graders and their friends are invited to River City Mini Golf and Birdsall's Ice Cream. We will start at the indoor mini golf in the mall, walk north to see some sculptures, and end with ice cream at Birdsall's Ice Cream. All students should bring money to pay for their own ice cream treat. Any questions, please contact carol.dettmer@trinity-mc.org.

Explore Mason City on Foot

Explore Mason City on Foot Wednesday mornings at 9:30 AM. Each week will be a new adventure! If you need a ride to the location from Trinity, please call the church office in advance. Walks are weather permitting.

September 25 –*Zerbles Trail*—Meet at the Trailhead by the Dog Park (14th St NE)

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.

Wednesday Night **ALIVE**

Wed., September 25th

Meal / 6:00 PM - Burnt Pork Ends, Hashbrowns,
Mixed Vegetables, Salad & Dessert
(free will offering)

Programming / 6:30 PM

- **LIFETREE CAFÉ** Lifetree Café - *Has God Left The Building—An honest conversation about the church.* An hour-long, interactive video experience featuring real people's real stories, biblical insights, and plenty of time for meaningful spiritual conversations. Led by Pastor Dan Gerrietts and Pastor Steve Hansen in the Gathering Space
- **Doing Life with Your Adult Children: Keep Your Mouth Shut and the Welcome Mat Out**
"Are you struggling to connect with your child now that they've left the nest? In *Doing Life with Your Adult Children*, bestselling author and parenting expert Jim Burns provides practical advice and hopeful encouragement for navigating this tough yet rewarding transition. These video sessions provide insights to promote group discussion. The book *Doing Life with Your Adult Children* by Jim Burns can be purchased online if desired but it is not required. Facilitated by Becky Elsbernd, Parish Nurse.
- **TRINITY CHOIR** Trinity's choir is open to all vocalists, high school age & older. Choir practice is held in the Choir Room.
- **KINDERGARTEN - GRADE 6** Students will come to the 2nd floor and learn new things from talented Trinity adults with new activities each week.
- **CONFIRMATION GRADES 7-8** Confirmation students will gather 6:30–7:45 PM in the Fellowship Hall and experience small group and large group learning as they study for their Confirmation.
- **FLAME GRADES 9-12** High School Youth Group meets 6:30-7:45 PM in the Youth Room.
- **NURSERY** The Nursery is **UNSTAFFED** but open to preschoolers and their parents.

LUNCH AND LEARN | Create a Healthy Routine for Mental Wellbeing Thursday, September 26 | 12:00 PM
Fellowship Hall

This program will empower you to create a healthy routine for your mental wellbeing. Speaker Ken Zimmerman is the former director of the Mental Health Center of North Iowa and is now in private practice. Salad luncheon provided for a free-will donation. Please see the sign up sheet posted by the church office.

Belong & Grow—New Member Class

Wed. Oct. 16th at 6:30 p.m. or Sun. Nov. 3rd at 1:30

(Choose one session) in the Fellowship Hall

Are you looking for a church home? A place to belong? Interested in learning more about Trinity's life and mission, or whether this might be the place to connect and grow?

Pastor Dan Gerrietts leads an interactive class session for those exploring membership or wondering if Trinity is right for them. This is the only session one attends to prepare for membership. Learn more about the worship life, mission commitments, and faith expressions that ground us. Take a tour of the building. Meet other people. Childcare is available by request. **Please contact the church office.** **New Members will be Received on Sunday, Nov. 10th at the 9:00 a.m. service** with a reception during coffee fellowship time.

TRINITY'S ANNUAL BAZAAR IS COMING NOVEMBER 7TH

Making Lefse

It's time to make lefse for the Bazaar! September 9 is the first lefse-making session. *Potato peeling begins at 6:00 AM, with rolling beginning at 8:30 AM and packaging at 11:30 AM.* We will meet every Monday till October 28. We are looking for volunteers for lefse-making, or newbies that would like to learn the process. Join the fellowship!

Book Nook at Trinity's Bazaar

The Bazaar will be here sooner than you think. It's not too early to donate any new or gently used novels, children's books and/or puzzles. Donations can be brought to the church office.

Donation Request -

The following donations are needed for the bazaar luncheon. Items can be dropped off in the Kitchen, please mark Bazaar on them; *Butter, Cream Cheese, Cool Whip and 20 oz cans of crushed pineapple in natural juice.*

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, 23

- LEFSE Making (*Kitchen*)
(6-7am/Peelers | 8:30am/Rollers | 11:30am/Pkg.)
9:00 a.m. Lectio Divina (*Rm. 322*)
9:00 a.m. Quilt Workshop (*Fellowship Hall*)
6:00 p.m. Bronze Bell Choir (*Sanctuary*)
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts (*Fellowship Hall*)

Tuesday, 24

- 8-9:00 a.m. BASES Exercise (*Gathering Area*)
9:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl Gathering (*Fellowship Hall*)
9:30 a.m. Caregiver Support Group (*Rm. 300*)
Noon Staff Meeting
6:30 p.m. Council Meeting (*Rm. 300*)

Wednesday, 25

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
8:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
9:30 a.m. Explore Mason City on Foot/Zerbles Trail
(*Meet at Trailhead by Dog Park-14th St. NE.*)
4-6:30 p.m. Trinity Serving at Community Kitchen
6:00 p.m. **WNA Meal** (*Fellowship Hall*)
6:30 p.m. **WNA Programming** (*See Announcement*)

Thursday, 26

- 8-9:00 a.m. BASES Exercise (*Rm. 219*)
10:30 a.m. Clapper Bell Choir (*Sanctuary*)
Noon Lunch & Learn (*Fellowship Hall*)
7:00 p.m. Una Vocis Rehearsal

NEXT WEEKEND—AT ALL SERVICES

Rite of Healing

Generosity Series Fueling Faith/Transforming Lives

Saturday, 28

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

Sunday, 29

- 9:00 a.m. **Worship Service**
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. **Contemporary Worship Service**

John Adams Middle School Fall Food Drive—Now until Oct. 6

There are two drop sites, one by the office and one by the stairway to the sanctuary. Lists of food that are needed will be located in the front of the box. If you wish to make a monetary donation, it can be placed in the offering plate or delivered to the church office. Please note "JAMS backpack program" on the check. Thanks in advance to all those who donate to this wonderful program.

God's Work/Our Hands October 20 from 1-3pm

Our churchwide servant day—**God's Work Our Hands!** We need all hands on deck and hope to have a big turnout again this year!

We have chosen the following projects to be included this year: *Affordables, work sorting donated items; Hawkeye Harvest Food Bank most likely cleaning; Freedom In His Grace/Beacon Warming Shelter*, last year we raked and cleaned up the yard, but we haven't defined our work for this year; and finally a note writing session to members of our congregation who are shut-ins. Please consider blessing others by sharing your time and talents this year. WE NEED YOU!! **See the sign up sheets in the Gathering Space.**

KCMR Sharathon will be at Trinity— Oct. 17 and Oct. 18

KCMR is looking for volunteers to answer the phones at the radio station during the Sharathon. One hour shifts between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. KCMR also needs volunteers to help serve during the Listener Appreciation Lunch on Friday, October 18th from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please contact KCMR if you are able to help at 424-9300.