

FUELING FAITH

TRANSFORMING LIVES



Fueling Care Ministry

Generosity Series 2024

Saturday, September 28, 2024

Sunday, September 29, 2024



Trinity Lutheran Church

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NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

RITE OF HEALING

September 28, 2024

5:00 p.m.

September 29, 2024

9:00 a.m.

Livestream Worship Service/KCMR 97.9

Fueling Care Ministry - TLC Care Ministry

We kick-off our three week Generosity series with a closer look at Trinity's new Care Ministry. Fueled by God's healing love, this ministry empowers dozens of members to provide meaningful care through visits, calls, notes and home communion visits. Come hear from key staff and participants as we celebrate God's healing love. A Rite of Healing will also be offered at all services.

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.

Seating for People with Limited Mobility 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 Gerriettes
Rev. Daniel Hanson
Rev. Beverly Butler

Organist Teresa Jacobsen

Cantor Melissa Shallberg

Greeters Harlan and Marge Baack

Coffee Fellowship

Kevin and Susan Hendrikson
Lisa Lorenzen

Assisting with Rite of Healing

5:00 p.m. Becky Elsbernd, Chris Moore,
Mary Galazin
9:00 a.m. Becky Elsbernd, Nora Hardy

Scripture Reader

5:00 p.m. Sally Becker
9:00 a.m. Kirk Hardcastle

Technical Support

9:00 a.m. Evie Hunt, Sophia Fitzgerald
Carter Rockwell

Ushers

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

Worship Transportation

Dean Graven, Lou Ann Rossler

Custodian

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,
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

Gather Us In

ELW 532

*Greeting

P The grace, the wisdom,
and the power of almighty God
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!

*Prayer of the Day

P Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you.
Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name
of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Children's Sermon (9am)

Pastor Beverly Butler

Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:11-25

L Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.
¹² But we appeal to you, brothers and sisters, to respect those who labor among you
and have charge of you in the Lord and admonish you; ¹³ esteem them very highly in
love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. ¹⁴ And we urge you,
brothers and sisters, to admonish the idlers, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak,
be patient with all of them. ¹⁵ See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek
to do good to one another and to all. ¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray without ceasing, ¹⁸ give
thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. ¹⁹ Do not
quench the Spirit. ²⁰ Do not despise prophecies, ²¹ but test everything; hold fast to what
is good; ²² abstain from every form of evil.
²³ May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely, and may your spirit and soul and
body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴ The one
who calls you is faithful, and he will do this. ²⁵ Brothers and sisters, pray for us.

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 John the thirteenth chapter.

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

***Gospel: John 13:34-35**

³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Message—Fueling Care Ministry

**Pastor Beverly Butler
Becky Elsbernd, Parish Nurse**

Hymn of the Day *Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak* ELW 676

***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

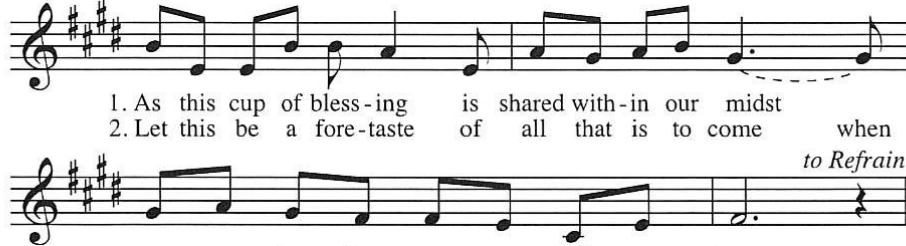
Marty Haugen

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.

RITE OF HEALING

***Healing**

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Our Lord Jesus healed many as a sign
of the reign of God come near and sent the
disciples to continue this work of healing -
with prayer, the laying on of hands, and anointing.
In the name of Christ, the great healer and reconciler
of the world, we now entrust to God all who are in need of healing.

C Amen.

Laying On of Hands and Anointing

Those who wish to receive laying on of hands and anointing will come forward and stand as one might do in order to receive communion. Your forehead will be anointed by a pastor while a healing touch spiritual minister lays a hand on your shoulder. Ushers will assist in directing you forward. All who sense the need for God's healing in any aspect of their lives, the lives of others, and the world are invited to come forward.

Special Music

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Melissa Shallberg (5pm)

Warren Torkelson (9am)

***Prayer**

P Living God, through the laying on of hands,
anointing and prayer,
grant comfort in suffering
to all who are in need of healing.
When we are afraid, give us courage;
when afflicted, give us patience;
when dejected, give us hope;
and when alone, assure us of the support
of your holy people.
We ask this through Christ our 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**

O Jesus, I Have Promised

ELW 810

***Sending**

P Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

C Thanks be to God!

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Flowers are in honor of **Nick and Marie Morud** who will be celebrating their *20th Wedding Anniversary* on October 2.

The **bulletin cover art** is in **memory of Ray Dakin's birthday** given by Shirley Dakin.



GENEROSITY
SERIES 2024
Giving transforms the
giver and the recipient.

Join us and listen to the stories of just three of the many ministries at Trinity Lutheran Church that God is using to transform lives. Consider how your giving of time, talent and treasure refreshes others and fuels your faith.

A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.
-Proverbs 11:25

OCTOBER 5 & 6

Transforming Youth Ministry

Including impact stories from past and present Trinity Youth.

OCTOBER 12 & 13

Faith Promise Weekend

Exploring Digital Ministry

How Trinity's online ministry has changed the way we think about church.

We invite you to complete your 2024 Faith Promise Form and bring it to worship or complete the form online at trinity-mc.org/pledge.

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.

VISIO DIVINA | Tuesday, October 1 | 10:00 AM

MacNider Art 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.

Wednesday Night **ALIVE**

Wed., October 2nd

Meal / 6:00 PM - Chili, Cinnamon Rolls & Dessert
(free will offering)

Programming / 6:30 PM

- **LIFETREE CAFÉ** Lifetree Café - ***An Immigrant in the SANCTUARY—When faith and politics collide.*** 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.

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.

Yoga for All Bodies

Wednesdays in October | 3:00-4:00 PM / Gathering Space

Join us for a yoga class for all ages, stages, and degrees, beginners or experienced. Instructor is Nora Neff Hardy who has taught yoga for over 25 years in the Mason City area.

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.

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, 30

- LEFSE Making (*Kitchen*)
(6-7am/Peelers | 8:30am/Rollers | 11:30am/Pkg.)
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, 1

- 8-9:00 a.m. BASES Exercise (*Gathering Area*)
9:30 a.m. Visio Divina (*MacNider Art Museum*)
Noon Staff Meeting
6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Mtg. (*Rm. 208*)

Wednesday, 2

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
8:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
3-4:00 p.m. Yoga for All Bodies (*Gathering Space*)
6:00 p.m. **WNA Meal** (*Fellowship Hall*)
6:30 p.m. **WNA Programming** (*See Announcement*)

Thursday, 3

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

NEXT WEEKEND—AT ALL SERVICES

Holy Communion Celebrated
Generosity Series Fueling Faith/Transforming Lives
Transforming Youth Ministry

Saturday, 5

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

Sunday, 6

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

God's Work/Our Hands—October 20

from 1-3:00pm

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. They also need 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.

Hygiene Pantry Reminder

Hygiene Pantry items can be brought to Trinity's east entrance on the second weekend each month.

*Shampoo; Bath Soap; Toothpaste, Toothbrush
Dish Soap; Laundry Soap; Deodorant
Toilet Tissue; Feminine Hygiene Products
Wipes; Bar of Soap*

If you would like a printed list of items that can be donated, please visit the church office. Questions? Contact us at 641-423-0536.