

FAITH

.....acts of *compassion* and
mercy for those in need

Saturday, September 7, 2024

Sunday, September 8 2024



TRINITY
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Trinity Lutheran Church

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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 7, 2024

5:00 p.m.

September 8, 2024

9:00 a.m.

Livestream Worship Service/KCMR 97.9

James tells us that faith does not pay mere lip service to God's will. Instead, a living faith expresses itself in acts of compassion and mercy for those in need. In Mark's gospel, encounters with women usually signify turning points in Jesus' ministry. A conversation with a Syrophenician woman marks the beginning of his mission to the Gentiles.

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 Molly Gerrietts (*Saturday*)
Teresa Jacobson (*Sunday*)

Cantor Alli Day

Greeters Dan and Nancy Clarke

Coffee Fellowship
Danny and Judy Miller

Scripture Reader
5:00 p.m. Roger Rossum
9:00 a.m. Danny Miller

Technical Support
9:00 a.m. Jackson Everist, Sophia Fitzgerald
Evie Hunt

Ushers
5:00 p.m. Penny Bennett, Pat Marshall
9:00 a.m. Dan Clarke, Randy Dedor,
Ron Moeller, Kim Pang

Worship Transportation
Travis Hesley, Lou Ann Rossler

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,
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**

Earth and All Stars!

ELW 731

***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!

***Prayer of the Day**

P Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord.

C **Amen.**

Presentation of Bibles (9am)

Back to School Blessing (9am)

Dani Vogel

Reading: James 2:1-10; 14-17

L ¹My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? ²For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," ⁴have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? ⁷Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? ⁸You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ⁹But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

¹⁴What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

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!

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark the seventh chapter.

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

*Gospel: Mark 7:24-37

P ²⁴[Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice,²⁵but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁸But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” ²⁹Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” ³⁰So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. ³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” ³⁵And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Hymn of the Day *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*

ELW 597

***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 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.



Special Music

Fur Elise

Ludwig Van Beethoven

Mark Bradley, Piano Solo

*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



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

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

ELW 886

*Sending

P Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

C Thanks be to God!

Postlude

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Flowers are given by the children and grandchildren of **Gary and Sharon Lindgren** in honor of their 60th Wedding Anniversary on September 12th.

The **bulletin cover art** is given in **honor of Joan Rasmussen** who is celebrating her 92nd Birthday on September 11th.

Pauline Bull celebrated her 105th Birthday on September 5th. If you'd like to send Pauline a greeting, her address is 4 3rd St., NW, apt. 752, Mason City, Iowa.

Happy Birthday to Kay Gesme—which happens to be today!

The Trinity Education Committee wants to remind you that the new **Activity Bags** for kids are in the sanctuary and the narthex and ready to use during worship services.

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 Returns (*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 will meet every Tuesday and Thursday morning from 8:00 - 9:00 AM. in the Gathering Space.

Carrots & Celery—Beyond the Relish Tray

Tuesday, September 10 | 1:30 PM / Kitchen - Come and learn creative uses for carrots and celery. This workshop offers hands-on participation with every step of the process- washing, preparing, and eating. Supply free is \$5.00. Space is limited so sign up today on the clipboard by the office or call the office.

Book Discussion—September 9 | 1:00 PM / Gathering Space - Join us to discuss *Grandma Gatewood's Walk: The Inspiring Story of the Woman Who Saved The Appalachian Trail* by Ben Montgomery. Emma Gatewood as a 67 year old grand-mother became the first person to walk all 2,050 miles of the Appalachian Trail three times.

Wednesday Night **ALIVE**

BEGINS—Wed., September 11th

Meal / 6:00 PM - Walking Tacos and dessert

Programming / 6:30 PM

- **LIFETREE CAFÉ** Lifetree Café is an hour-long, interactive video experience featuring real people's real stories, biblical insights, and plenty of time for meaningful spiritual conversations. Each week explores a different topic from everyday life. Led by Pastor Dan Gerriets and Pastor Steve Hansen.
- **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.

Rally Sunday Reminder to Parents:

We will kick off the Sunday School year on Rally Sunday, Sept. 8, 2024, with a welcome for kids in all grades, Age 3 – High School.

Sunday School begins at 9:15 am BUT WILL END EARLY AT 10 A.M.

PARENTS: Please pick up your students in their homerooms at 10 a.m.

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 11 – Highline Trail—Meet at Trinity East Entrance

September 18 – Scrip Trail / Riverhawk Trail—Meet at trailhead parking lot off of North Illinois Ave.

Blood Pressure Checks

Sunday, September 15 | 10:00 AM / *The Gathering Space*—Blood pressure checks will resume!

Bible Study Opportunities

Each Wednesday morning Trinity offers a Bible Study based on that weekend's readings led by the preaching pastor. Men's Bible Study meets in the Fellowship Hall from 7-8am and Women's Bible Study meets in the Library from 8:30-9:30am.

Lydia Bible Study meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month and will meet on **Wednesday, September 11 at 9:30 a.m. in Rm. 208.** We meet for treats, conversation and then continue with the Bible Study. Lydia uses the Gather Magazine for their Bible Study. All are welcome to join us.

WELCA Bible Study meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month and will meet on **Thursday, September 12 at 9:30 a.m. in Rm. 208.** Rev. Dr. Norma Cook Everist will lead the study. This year we will study the Biblical book of Luke. We hear sermons from the Gospels every week, but rarely do we study one book all the way through continuously. Luke includes women as full participants in the gospel story. We use interactive discussion. Bring other women with you.

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 through 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 -

We would like to request the following donations 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, 9

- LEFSE Making (*Kitchen*)
(6-7am/Peelers | 8:30am/Rollers | 11:30am/Pkg.)
- 9:00 a.m. Lectio Divinia (*Rm. 322*)
- 9:00 a.m. Rolling Bandages for Global Health Mission
(*Fellowship Hall*)
- 9:30 a.m. Altar Guild (*Rm. 300*)
- 1:00 p.m. Book Study (*Gathering Space*)
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts (*Fellowship Hall*)

Tuesday, 10

- 8-9:00 a.m. BASES Exercise (*Gathering Area*)
- Noon Staff Meeting
- 1:30 p.m. Celery & Carrots/Beyond the Relish Tray (*Kitchen*)
- 6:15 p.m. Women's Ministry Cabinet Mtg. (*Rm. 300*)

Wednesday, 11

- 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/Highline Trail
(*Meet at Trinity East Entrance*)
- 9:30 a.m. Lydia Circle (*Rm. 208*)
- 6:00 p.m. **WNA Meal** (*Fellowship Hall*)
- 6:30 p.m. **WNA Programming** (*See Announcement*)

Thursday, 12

- 7:30 a.m. Trinity Trippers to Amana Colonies
- 8-9:00 a.m. BASES Exercise (*Gathering Area*)
- 9:30 a.m. WELCA Bible Study (*Rm. 208*)
- 10:30 a.m. Clappers Bell Choir (*Sanctuary*)
- 7:00 p.m. Una Vocis Rehearsal

Saturday, 14

Holy Communion Celebrated

5:00 p.m. Worship Service

Sunday, 15

Holy Communion Celebrated

9:00 a.m. Worship Service

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Blood Pressure Checks (*Gathering Space*)

10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service

Lutheran World Relief—School

Supply Kits

We are collecting items for LWR School Supply Kits. Each kit contains:

- 4 - 70 Sheet Notebooks
- 1 - Ruler with metric and standard guides
- 1 - Box (24 count) Crayons
- 5 - BIC pens (black or blue ink)
- 5 - Standard #2 Pencil (unsharpened)
- 1 - Blunt Child Scissor
- 1 - Rectangular eraser (about 2 inches long)
- 1 - Pencil Sharpener (hand held/with collection receptacle)

Monetary donations can be made to Trinity Lutheran Church with/School Care Kits in the memo line or drop off your donations to the church office. Thank you for your help with this special ministry.

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).

John Adams Middle School Fall Food Drive

The John Adams Middle School (JAMS) backpack food drive will begin Sept. 22 and run through Oct. 6. There will be 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.