

FUELING FAITH

TRANSFORMING LIVES



Fueling Youth Ministry

Generosity Series 2024

Saturday, October 5 2024

Sunday, October 6, 2024



Trinity Lutheran Church

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TWENTITH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 5, 2024—5:00 p.m.

October 6, 2024—9:00 a.m.

Livestream Worship Service/KCMR 97.9

Generosity Series: Fueling Faith, Transforming Lives

Wk 2 - Transforming Youth Ministry

We continue our three week Generosity series with a closer look at youth ministry. Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs." (Matt. 19:14). Trinity seeks to nurture and accompany youth on their journey of life and faith, helping them to grow in relationship with God. Today we celebrate seeds of faith planted long ago, and how God's Holy Spirit causes faith to blossom and grow. Come and see how youth ministry has impacted past participants and how we continue to plant new seeds of faith in this season.

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.

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 Ryan Hulshizer

Cantor Alli Day

Greeters Jake and Nancy Rockman

Coffee Fellowship
Penny Bennett
Bruce and Karen Squier

Communion
5:00 p.m. Don and Nina Pals, Earl Kiefer
9:00 a.m. Roger and Susan Schlitter

Scripture Reader
5:00 p.m. Nina Pals
9:00 a.m. Roger Schlitter

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

Alcolytes
9:00 a.m. Evan and Elyse Schweitzer

Ushers
5:00 p.m. Liz Fitzgerald, Donna Henaman
9:00 a.m. Mike Brown, Arlyn Butler,
Joe and Julie Sanchez, Jon Wicks

Worship Transportation
Dean Graven, Craig Remmen

Building Host
Randy Elsbernd

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**

All Are Welcome

ELW 641

***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.

*Now the Feast and Celebration

Marty Haugen

Refrain

Congregation:

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,
all of cre - a - tion sings for joy
to the God of life and love and
free - dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -
er - more!

Verse 1

Congregation or Congregation 1:

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once
slain, whose blood has freed and u -
nit-ed us to be one great peo - ple of
God.

Repeat Refrain

***Prayer of the Day**

P Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Children's Sermon | Noisy Offering Benefitting the JAMS Pantry (9am)

First Reading: 1 Samuel 3:1-10

L ³ Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

² At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³ the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. ⁴ Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵ and ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. ⁶ The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." ⁷ Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸ The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. ⁹ Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. ¹⁰ Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: Deuteronomy 6:4-9

L ⁴ "Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. ⁵ You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. ⁶ Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. ⁷ Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. ⁸ Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, ⁹ and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

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 Matthew the nineteenth chapter.

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

***Gospel: Matthew 19:13-15**

P ¹³ Then children were being brought to him in order that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples spoke sternly to those who brought them, ¹⁴ but Jesus said, “Let the children come to me, and do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.” ¹⁵ And he laid his hands on them and went on his way.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Message—Fueling Youth Ministry

**Pastor Daniel Hanson
Dani Vogel**

Hymn of the Day

Our Father, by Whose Name

ELW 640

***Prayers of Intercession**

P God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

***Peace**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Announcements

MEAL



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 Song (9am)

Let the Children Come
Trinity Choir—Michael Last, percussion

by Mark Burrows

***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.

*Great Thanksgiving

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:

*Holy

Marty Haugen

Congregation:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!
Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. 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

Marty Haugen

Congregation: *Congregation or Assistant:*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
you break the chains of ha - tred and
you are the way of jus - tice and
you are the way of mer - cy and

Congregation:

world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
fear:
peace:
love.

Final Stanza

Congregation or Assistant:

mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

Congregation:

take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,

grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Songs

*Now We Join in Celebration
Around You, O Lord Jesus*

ELW 462
ELW 468

*Prayer after Communion

P Holy God,
you have welcomed us to this meal
and fed us with dignity at your table.
Send us now to welcome others
and to be at peace with one another,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

SENDING

* **Blessing**

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

C **Amen.**

***Sending Hymn**

Now Thank We All Our God

ELW 840

***Sending**

P Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

C **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Flowers are in honor of **Roland and Pat LoCascio** who are celebrating their *65th Wedding Anniversary*.

The **bulletin cover art** is given by **Harlan and Marge Baack** in honor of all the volunteers who serve at Trinity.



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.

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.

A noisy offering benefiting the John Adams Middle School Food Pantry will be taken during worship on Sunday Oct. 6 and Oct 13. Thanks for your generosity!



**Sunday, October 13 is
Pastor & Staff
Appreciation Day.**

1 Timothy 5:17 (NIV):

"The elders who direct

the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching."

We are truly grateful for the leadership that our staff provides on a yearly basis. There will be a reception between services in the Gathering Space— please share a word of thanks to the staff.

Wednesday Night **ALIVE**

Wed., October 9th

Meal / 6:00 PM - Scalloped Potatoes and Ham,
Green Beans & Dessert (*free will offering*)

Programming / 6:30 PM

- **LIFETREE CAFÉ** Lifetree Café - ***Making Peace with Your Past—A Vietnamese Refugee's Journey.*** 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*, best selling 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.

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.

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 Gerriets 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.

Getting to know the Onion Family

Thursday, Oct. 10 from 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM | Kitchen

Get to know the onion family – in addition to regular onions and spring onions, they include shallots, garlic, leeks and chives. This workshop offers hands-on participation with every step of the process- washing, preparing, and eating. Supply free is \$5.00. Space is limited see the sign up sheet located by the church offices.

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, October 9 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, October 10 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 LUTHERAN CHURCH
**SCANDINAVIAN
BAZAAR**

Thursday, November 7, 2024

213 NORTH PENNSYLVANIA AVE - MASON CITY, IA 50401

8:00 AM - 1:30 PM

Help Defray the Cost of the Bazaar Luncheon

You are invited to help defray some of the cost of 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.*

IT IS LEFSE TIME!

It's time to make lefse for the Bazaar! ***We are looking for volunteers for lefse-making, especially rollers!*** Don't know how? No worries! We can teach you! 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. Join the fellowship!

Potatoes Are Needed

Each week the Lefse makers are averaging 70 lbs of potatoes to make the Lefse. Donations are now being accepted—they need to be Hy-Vee "One Step" 5 lb bags. Please drop your donations off in the kitchen.

Craft Creations

Craft Creations is looking for your craft donations! If you have anything to contribute you can bring to the church on November 6, or contact Patty Flatness at 641-210-8223. Items **need to be priced**.

Book Nook Donations

Thank you for your generous donations, we don't need any additional books! LARGE PRINT Novels are being accepted as well as gently used puzzles. For questions, contact Lavonne Welch 641-210-9644

Coffee Shop

We need the famous Danish Puff, cinnamon rolls, fruit breads, almond cake/bars, rosettes, sandbakkels, krumkake, kringla, kavring and flatbread. The popular open-face Scandinavian sandwiches will be made by our experienced team of sandwich makers. If you have questions, please call Kay Larson, 423-4066.

Bake Shop

We are in need of assorted breads/rolls, almond bars, mini pies, banana/pumpkin/zucchini breads, brownies, any variety of cookies, Swedish brownies, fudge, divinity, peanut brittle, any gluten-free or any other specialty items. The famous Scandinavian delicacies are in great demand. There will be help to package and price your items. If you have questions, please call Karen Bolding, 641-696-5660 or Candy Marshall, 641-529-2854. All baked items may be dropped off at the church (east entrance) on Wednesday Nov. 6 or Thursday Nov. 7 before 8am.

Bazaar Meal Tickets can be purchased during office hours in the church office; \$10.00 per ticket. They will also be sold before the Saturday service and between services on Sunday.

Norwegian Pastries Workshop/Bake Day

Will be **Monday, November 4th, 8:30-11:00 a.m.** Please join us for a fun morning making several different Norwegian pastries for the Bazaar. All ingredients and equipment will be provided. No experience necessary.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, 7

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

- 9:00 a.m. Trinity Serving at Community Kitchen
- 9:00 a.m. Centering Prayer (*Rm. 322*)
- 6:00 p.m. Bronze Bell Choir (*Sanctuary*)
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts (*Fellowship Hall*)

Tuesday, 8

- 8-9:00 a.m. BASES Exercise (*Gathering Area*)
- Noon Staff Meeting
- 6:15 p.m. Women's Ministry Cabinet Mtg. (*Rm. 300*)

Wednesday, 9

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 8:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m. Lydia Bible Study (*Rm. 208*)
- 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, 10

- 8-9:00 a.m. BASES Exercise (*Rm. 219*)
- 9:30 a.m. WELCA Bible Study (*Rm. 208*)
- 10:30 a.m. Clapper Bell Choir (*Sanctuary*)
- 1:00 p.m. Cooking Class—*Getting to Know the Onion Family* (*Kitchen*)
- 7:00 p.m. Una Vocis Rehearsal

NEXT WEEKEND—AT ALL SERVICES

Generosity Series Fueling Faith/Transforming Lives

*Transforming Digital Ministry
Response Weekend*

Saturday, 12

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

Sunday, 13

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

Questions? Contact us at 641-423-0536.

Global Health Ministries Newborn Kits

Items are needed for newborn kits that are distributed to mothers after the baby arrives in Liberia and Madagascar at GHM Hospital locations.

Bath Towels—from Dollar General, Family Dol-

lar or Dollar Tree need to be 55" x 26"; **Wash Cloths**—no microfiber; **Ivory Bar Soap**—White in original package; **Newborn Onesies**—Cotton 0-3 mths; **Pillowcases**—kits are placed in a pillowcase before tied and shipped. Questions call Lea Norlinger, 641-494-7614

