

Do not
be afraid
for I am
with you

November 9-10, 2024



Trinity Lutheran Church

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Twenty Forth Sunday after Pentecost

November 9, 2024 - 5:00 p.m.

November 10, 2024 - 9:00 a.m.

Livestream Worship Service/KCMR 97.9

Be Not Afraid

How would you live if you were not afraid? Fear is used by politicians to gain our votes, by the media to get our attention, and by advertising firms to sell us products. Fear can be exhausting and debilitating.

But like the pain that warns us of injury and nausea that tells us we are becoming ill, our fear also has a positive use: it lets us know our vulnerability, and it tells us what we truly value and truly trust. "Where do we put our true faith and trust in this time?"

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. A **staffed nursery** is available during the **9:00 and 10:30 services**, 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 Pastor Dan Gerrietts
Pastor Daniel Hanson
Pastor Beverly Butler

Organist Ryan Hulshizer

Cantor Alli Day

Greeters Ken and Paula Zimmerman

Coffee Fellowship
Dan and Nancy Clarke
Cynthia Zach

Scripture Readers

5:00 p.m. Sally Becker

9:00 a.m. Becky Elsbernd

Acolytes

Jack Dettmer, Aubrey Otto

Technical Support

9:00 a.m. Sophia Fitzgerald, Ellen Gansen
Peyton Wickering

Worship Transportation

9:00 a.m. Randy Elsbernd
Dennis and Anna Marie Wilson

Ushers

5:00 p.m. The Suntken Family
9:00 a.m. Brad Baalson, Phil Lee
Craig Miller, Tony Siemons,
Burton TeKippe

Custodian

Dave Smith

GATHERING

Prelude (9am)

Sing to the Lord of Harvest
Trinity Bronze Bell Choir

by Sondra Tucker

Welcome

Holy Baptism - Henry Orton Schneider (5pm)

ELW pg. 227

Confession and Forgiveness (9am)

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
our refuge,
our delight,
our beginning and our end.

C Amen.

P Let us come in truth before the one who loves us
and has freed us from our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,

**C we confess that sin has taken hold of us
and we are complicit in its power.**

We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest.

Unbind us and set us free.

**Lead us again to the waters of rebirth,
that we may live just and generous lives
for the good of your world
and the care of our neighbors,
following in the servant way of Jesus.**

Amen.

P These words are trustworthy and true:
Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross,
swallowing up death forever.

For his sake, you are † forgiven
and God remembers your sin no more.

Let your heart be glad again,
and rejoice in your salvation.

C Amen.

***Gathering Hymn**

For the Fruit of All Creation

ELW 679

Stanza 1 & 3—All

Stanza 2—All in 4 part harmony

*Greeting

P The grace that is Christ's gift to us,
the love of God,
and the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace
be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

*Kyrie

Marty Haugen

Assistant: In peace, in peace,

Refrain

Assistant: *Congregation:*

Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have
mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

to Verses

Assistant: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all . . . (to Refrain)

Assistant: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word . . . (to Refrain)

Assistant:

Help, save and de - fend us, O
God. A - men.

Congregation:

*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 in 4/4 time with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The score consists of ten staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "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 O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Children's Sermon(9:00)

Pastor Dan Gerriets

First Lesson: 1 Kings 17:8-16

L ⁸The word of the LORD came to [Elijah,] saying, ⁹“Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” ¹⁰So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.” ¹¹As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” ¹²But she said, “As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.” ¹³Elijah said to her, “Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴For thus says the LORD the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the LORD sends rain on the earth.” ¹⁵She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 146 (*Read Responsively*)

L ¹Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

C ²**I will praise the LORD as long as I live;**

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

L ³Put not your trust in rulers,

in mortals in whom there is no help.

- C** ⁴When they breathe their last, they return to earth,
and in that day their thoughts perish.
- L** ⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,
whose hope is in the LORD their God;
- C** ⁶who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;
who keeps promises forever;
- L** ⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.
The LORD sets the captive free.
- C** ⁸The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed
down; the LORD loves the righteous.
- L** ⁹The LORD cares for the stranger;
the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.
- C** ¹⁰The LORD shall reign forever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

***Gospel Acclamation**

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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 twelfth chapter.
- C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

***Gospel: Mark 12:38-44**

P ³⁸As [Jesus] taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, ³⁹and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! ⁴⁰They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

⁴¹He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴²A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Dan Gerriets

Hymn of the Day

Day by Day

ELW 790
Stanza 1 & 3—All
Stanza 2—All in 4 part harmony

Welcoming of New Members (9am)

*Joyce Ennis
Jamie Fuller
Robin Fox
Casey and Cassidy Harris
Teagan and Landon
Shea and Michael Jorgensen
Finn and Calvin*

*Matthew and Kari Leibrand
Reece, Ryder and Summer
David and Cary Morehouse
Barry Schrag
Larry Schimka
David and Lindsey Swartwood
Lydia*

*Will and Rachel Symonds
Aurora and Sebastian
Dani Vogel*

***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.

The ministers and congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THANKSGIVING

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

As the Grains of Wheat

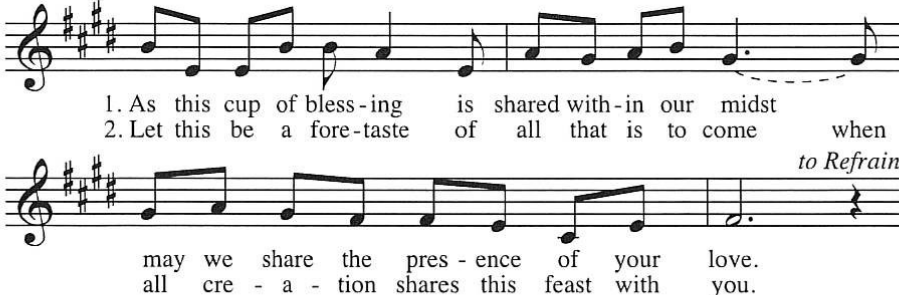
Marty Haugen

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 Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup,
you offered yourself in love for the world,
and in this meal you nourish us with your life.
Fill us with your abundance,
that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger,
trusting in your name.

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 May the God who was,
who is and
who is to come,
✠ bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

***Sending Hymn**

Jesus Shall Reign

ELW 434

***Sending**

P Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

C Thanks be to God!

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Flowers are in honor of **Eric and Sara True's 33rd Wedding Anniversary.**

The colored bulletins are in honor of **Dan and Millie Godfrey's 61st Wedding Anniversary.**

Holy Baptism

This weekend we celebrate the baptism of :

Henry Orton Schneider (5pm). Henry is the son of Zachary and Kiersten Schneider. Henry's sponsors are Chrismar Covin, Sam Schneider and Will Schneider.

Kenleigh Rose Frank (10:30am) Kenleigh is the daughter of Dillon Frank and Sean and Jessica McDonnell. Kenleigh's sponsors are Tia Gutierrez, Ashley Peterson and Joey and Lorena Petrehn.

Join us in giving thanks to God as we welcome **Henry and Kenleigh**
to the Body of Christ and the mission we share!

Good Shepherd Annual Meeting

Trinity is a member church of Good Shepherd Inc. Each year Good Shepherd holds an annual board meeting with delegates from its member churches. The meeting will be at The Manor (4 3rd St. NW) on Friday, November 22nd at Noon. Lunch served. Sign-up by the church offices by Sun. Nov. 10.

Prairie Land Trail Bike Ride

Join us on a family bike ride on the Prairie Land Trail on **Sunday, November 10 at 1:00 PM** The Prairie Land Trail runs along an abandoned railroad bed from Nettle Ave SW of Mason City to Apple Ave SW of Meservey. We will meet at the trailhead at **13773 240th St.** It is a down and back trail so riders can do as many miles as they wish. The surface is compacted lime chip. *Weather permitting.*

Book Discussion Monday, November 11 | 1:00 PM | Gathering Space

Life of the Beloved: Spiritual Living in a Secular World by Henri Nouwen This classic explains the spiritual life in simple terms, avoiding theology and technical language.

Walking to Better Health Wednesday November 13 & 20 | 10:30 a.m. | Gathering Space

We will walk in place with easy to follow moves for shaping the waistline, flattening the tummy and strengthening the back. This Leslie Sansone DVD workout is high energy and loads of fun!

Blood Pressure Checks Sunday, November 17 | 10:00 AM | Gathering Space

Bible Study Opportunities

Lydia Bible Study meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month and will meet on **Wednesday, November 13 at 9:30 a.m. in Rm. 208.** We meet for treats, conversation and then continue with the Bible Study.

WELCA Bible Study meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month and will meet on **Thursday, November 14 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. We use interactive discussion. Bring other women with you.

Trinity Grounds Fall cleanup date has been changed. It will be on **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH, 8:30 AM - Noon.** Bring leaf/garden rakes, tarps, leaf blowers, hedge trimmers/loppers, brooms, spades, shovels, etc. Please help for as long as you can.

Wednesday Night

ALIVE

Wednesday November 13th

Meal / 6:00 PM - Baked Potato Bar with toppings & Dessert (*free will offering*)

Programming / 6:30 PM

- **"Another look at the Gospel of Mark."**
Nothing earth-shaking, just fun stuff to see, led by Pastor Tom Dettmer. Bring your Bible! In the Gathering Space
- **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.

KCMR AN OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS

NIACC Auditorium—**Sunday, November 10 at 2pm**
Tickets are \$12—can be purchased at any Hy-Vee location.

SOUL SPA—Friday, November 15 | 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Soul Spa invites participants to engage in a variety of activities to nurture body, mind, and spirit. Both individual and group activities available include Lectio Divina, seated healing touch sessions, journaling, painting, refreshments and more. Wear comfortable clothing and come as you are. Register by calling 641-423-0536 or just show up.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, November 11

9:00 a.m. Rolling Bandages for Global Health Mission
9:00 a.m. Lectio Divina (Rm. 322)
9:30 a.m. Altar Guild (Rm. 300)
1:00 p.m. Book Discussion (Gathering Space)
6:00 p.m. Bronze Bell Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, November 12

8-9:00 a.m. BASES Exercise (Gathering Space)
9:30 a.m. Bazaar Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
12:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
4:15 p.m. NordKor Choir Rehearsal
6:15 p.m. Women's Ministry Cabinet Mtg. (Rm. 300)

Wednesday, November 13

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
8:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
9:30 a.m. Lydia Circle (Rm. 208)
10:30 a.m. Walking to Better Health (Gathering Space)
6:00 p.m. WNA Dinner
6:30 p.m. WNA Programming

Thursday, November 14

8:00 a.m. BASES Exercise (Gathering Space)
9:30 a.m. WELCA Bible Study (Rm. 208)
10:30 a.m. Clappers Bell Choir (Sanctuary)
4:30 p.m. Finance Committee (Rm. 300)
7:00 p.m. Una Vocis Rehearsal

Friday, November 15

9:00 a.m. Soul Spa

Saturday, November 16

5:00 p.m. Worship Service

Sunday, November 17

9:00 a.m. Worship Service
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Blood Pressure Checks
10:30 a.m. Worship Service