



*God empowers us
with the*

**HOLY
SPIRIT**

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
February 15-16, 2025

Trinity Lutheran Church

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February 15, 2025 - 5:00 p.m.

February 16, 2025 - 9:00 a.m.

Livestream Worship Service/KCMR 97.9

While the early church expected the coming of God's Realm to take place fairly soon, Luke prepares the community for a delay. Jesus' followers are to live in the present on the basis of the values and practices of the Realm. We cannot do this on the strength of our own will; God empowers us with the Holy Spirit.

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 **unstaffed 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.

Serving in Worship This Weekend

Pastor	Pastor Dan Gerrietts Pastor Daniel Hanson Pastor Beverly Butler
Organist	Jodi Korth
Cantor	Sam Pang
Greeters	Jake and Nancy Rockman
Coffee Fellowship	Cynthia Zach Tracy and Mindy Farland
Scripture Readers	5:00 p.m. Cliff Rossler 9:00 a.m. Kim Pang
Communion Servers	5:00 p.m. Patty Flatness Cliff and Lou Ann Rossler 9:00 a.m. Kim and Samantha Pang
Acolytes	Bennett LeDuc, Aden Swisher
Technical Support	9:00 a.m. Colleen Frein, Ginny Lindsay
Worship Transportation	9:00 a.m. Randy Elsbernd, Craig Remmen
Ushers	5:00 p.m. Penny Bennett Brian Koob 9:00 a.m. Larry and Nancy Carroll Randy Dedor, Ethan Miller
Custodian	Dave Smith

GATHERING

Prelude (9:00 a.m.)

“Ave verum corpus”

by Francis Poulenc

Rosenchor Ensemble from Wartburg College

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,
our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.

C Amen.

P Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Merciful God,

**C you speak blessing
and compassion into the world.
Forgive us for the ways we act
with judgment, cruelty, or indifference.
We ignore the needs of our neighbors;
we resist your call to oppose injustice;
we give in to scarcity and fear;
we assume the worst about one another.
Cleanse us from our faults
and release us from their grasp.
Show us your lovingkindness.
Restore our hearts and repair your world,
that we may live in Christ’s ways.
Amen.**

P God proclaims these words of assurance:
“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name. You are mine.”
In ✠ Christ, you are forgiven.
In the Spirit, you are made free.
Refreshed by the waters of mercy,
live anew as beloved children of God.

C Amen.

***Gathering Hymn**

We Come to the Hungry Feast

ELW 479

*Greeting

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

to Refrain

***Prayer of the Day**

P Living God, in Christ you make all things new.
Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

Children's Sermon(9:00 a.m.)

Pastor Beverly Butler

Psalm: Psalm 1 (Read responsively)

L ¹ Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

C ² **Their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.**

L ³ They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with
leaves that do not wither;
everything they do shall prosper.

C ⁴ **It is not so with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

L ⁵ Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

C ⁶ **For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-10

L ⁵ Thus says the LORD:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals
and make mere flesh their strength,
whose hearts turn away from the LORD.

⁶ They shall be like a shrub in the desert,
and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,
in an uninhabited salt land.

⁷ Blessed are those who trust in the LORD,
whose trust is the LORD.

⁸ They shall be like a tree planted by water,
sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes,
and its leaves shall stay green;
in the year of drought it is not anxious,
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

⁹The heart is devious above all else;
it is perverse—
who can understand it?

¹⁰I the LORD test the mind
and search the heart,
to give to all according to their ways,
according to the fruit of their doings.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**

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 Luke the sixth chapter.

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

***Gospel: Luke 6:17-26**

P ¹⁷ [Jesus] came down with [the twelve] and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. ¹⁸ They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹ And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

²⁰ Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹ “Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

²² “Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³ Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

²⁴ “But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

²⁵ “Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶ “Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Beverly Butler

Hymn of the Day

Jesus, the Very Thought of You

ELW 754

***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.

During this cold and flu season please greet one another in the name of the Lord with a wave and a smile.

MEAL

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 Music (9:00 a.m.)

“Jesu dulcis memoria”

by Ludovico Tommaso da Vittoria

Rosenchor Ensemble from Wartburg College

***Offertory**

Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heav’nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***Offering Prayer**

P God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens,
and your abundance to the depths of the seas.

Bless what we offer to your service:

our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts.

Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity,
now and always.

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.**

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.

SENDING

***Blessing**

P The Spirit of the triune God
✠ bless you with joy,
anoint you with compassion,
and send you in love.

C Amen.

***Sending Hymn**

Jesus Shall Reign

ELW 434

***Sending**

P Go in peace. Live in hope.

C Thanks be to God!

Postlude (9:00 a.m.)

“Alleluia”

by Mariano Garau

Rosenchor Ensemble from Wartburg College

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **altar flowers** are in honor of **Bob and JoAnn Mason's 47th Wedding Anniversary**.

The **colored bulletins** are in honor of **Doris Weber's 95th Birthday** (February 18th) given by Harlan and Marge Baack

Team Spirit Results

Thank you to all you participated in last weekends Team Spirit challenge. All proceeds will go towards Camp Scholarships. *Commercials-* \$389.55 *Chiefs-*\$377.83 *Eagles-*\$255.00

A total of \$1022.38

Blood Pressure Checks | **Sunday, February 16th** | **10:00 AM** / *Gathering Space*

Volunteer nurses provide blood pressure checks on the third Sunday of the month in The Gathering Space.

Wartburg College Rosenchor at Trinity

Rosenchor, a student-led a cappella vocal ensemble from Wartburg College, will perform a concert in the Trinity sanctuary on **Sunday, Feb. 16 at 2 PM**. Rosenchor, or "Choir of Roses", is a treble-voiced group dedicated to service, faith and choral excellence. The group includes Trinity member Jennaya Everist and will also take part in 9 AM worship that morning.

Community Event

A special event Celebrating Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Black History Month and honoring local outstanding African Americans will take place on **February 16, 2025 at 4pm** at 1st Congregational United Church of Christ (100 1st St. NE, Mason City). A complimentary soup supper and fellowship to follow event.

Rejoicing Spirits | **Wednesday, February 19** | **5:00 PM** / Fellowship Hall

Rejoicing Spirits is inclusive of all ages and abilities as we connect with God and one another. Join us on Wednesday, February 19, as we learn about the parable of the Prodigal Son through camp style music, interactive skit, and prayer. Following the worship service, enjoy pizza and root beer floats for a free-will donation.

Camp Scholarship Drive

Trinity's camp scholarship provides funds to offset the cost of attending bible camp. To ensure this can continue, we are launching a special drive to raise \$15,000 for camp scholarships by Easter Sunday 2025. Added to current funds, this should provide enough to cover the next three years of scholarships.

To make a gift, simply write "Camp Scholarships" on your check or envelope or go to our online giving page. Thanks for helping camps continue to be sacred spaces for God's holy work!

Wednesday Night **ALIVE**

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 19

Meal / 6:00 PM

Menu: Pizza, Salad & Dessert
(free will offering)

Programming / 6:30 PM

- **Around the World in Eight Weeks** will be held in the Gathering Space. Explore the world through the lens and stories of Trinity members and friends. Each Wednesday world travelers will share their adventures to faraway lands. Photos of their trips will be highlighted in the Rotating Art Gallery.
February 19th—Iceland—Bruce & Suzanne McKee
February 26th—Wales—Susan Bangert
- **A Time for Burning**— Feb. 12 & Feb. 19 (1966) is a documentary which tells the story of Augustana Lutheran Church in Omaha, NE, wrestling with questions of racial justice and mission. Eighty-five years later, this documentary continues to invite the church today to examine its own prejudice and wonder how its imagination for mission is limited by these prejudices. Join Pastor Daniel for a viewing and discussion on this documentary, in the Chapel.
- **Trinity Strategic Initiatives**—Feb. 26—Presented by Pastor Dan with group discussion.
- **KINDERGARTEN - GRADE 6** Students will come to the 2nd floor and learn new things from talented Trinity adults with new activities each week.
- **CHOIR**—in the Choir Room—let's lift our voices!
- **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.
- **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.

Scholarship Applications

Attention High School seniors and current college students: Scholarship applications and re-applications for the 2024-2025 school year are available to pick up outside the church office. Forms are available on Trinity's website. Applications must be turned in to the church office by **March 1, 2025**.

Home Alone Workshop

Wednesday, February 19 | 6:30 PM

Education Wing

The workshop is designed for youth in third - sixth grade to help prepare them for times when they are home alone. Discussion topics will be: creating a home alone plan, calling 9-1-1, and how to deal with a variety of situations, both emergency and non-emergency. This class will be held on the 2nd floor of the Sunday School Wing as part of Wednesday Night Alive. All 3rd - 6th graders are invited. Please sign up in the church office by Monday, February 17 for this special event.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, February 17

- 9:00 a.m. Quilt Workshop (Fellowship Hall)
- 9:00 a.m. Centering Prayer (Rm. 322)
- 6:00 p.m. Trinity Bronze Bell Choir
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, February 18

- 8-9:00 a.m. BASES Exercise (Gathering Space)
- 10:45 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry (Rm. 307)
- Noon Staff Meeting
- 4:00 p.m. Building & Grounds Comm. (Fellowship Hall)
- 4:15 p.m. NordKor Rehearsal (Choir Rm.)
- 5:00 p.m. Education Committee (Rm. 307)
- Finance Committee (Rm. 300)
- Ministries Committee (Gathering Space)
- 6:00 p.m. Generosity Committee (Rm. 300)
- Worship & Music Committee (Library)

Wednesday, February 19

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 8:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
- 2:00 p.m. Cancer Support Group (Rm. 300)
- 5:00 p.m. Rejoicing Spirits Worship Service
- 6:00 p.m. WNA Meal
- 6:30 p.m. WNA Programming

Thursday, February 20

- 8:00 a.m. BASES Exercise (Gathering Space)
- 10:30 a.m. Clappers & Coffee Bell Choir
- 7:00 p.m. Una Vocis Rehearsal

Saturday, February 22

5:00 p.m. Worship Service

Sunday, February 23

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

Sunday School kids Age 3 - Grade 4 will sing at the beginning of the 10:30 AM service on Sunday, February 23

Pizza & Bibles

Wednesday, February 26 | 5:15-6:20 PM | Rm. 208

Pastor Daniel would like to meet with all 3rd graders and a parent together to explore the Bible and how to read it. Please RSVP at <https://www.trinity-mc.org/pizza-and-bibles>.

Bonhoeffer (2024) Watch Party

Thursday, February 27th at 6PM / Youth Room

Join Pastor Dan Gerriets for a viewing of the 2024 Bonhoeffer film - "Bonhoeffer - Pastor, Spy, Assassin" (Rated PG-13) in the HS Youth Room, located near the kitchen. Short discussion to follow. Popcorn and water/soda will be provided.

The 2025 Flower Calendar and

Bulletin Calendar If you'd like to honor a loved one, remember a birthday and/or an anniversary while enhancing Trinity's sanctuary for the celebration of worship, please consider donating altar flowers or colored bulletins for a weekend. Both calendars are located on the bulletin board next to the church office. Altar Flowers are \$45 and Bulletins are \$25.

John Adams Backpack Winter Food Drive

The John Adams Middle School (JAMS) backpack food drive will begin **February 8**

and end on February 23. There will be two drop sites, one by the office and one by the stairway to the sanctuary. Lists of foods that are needed will be located in the front of the box.

If you would prefer, you can make out a check, put JAMS in the memo line, and drop it off at the office or in the collection plate. Thanks in advance to all those who donate to this wonderful program.

GRADES 5 - 8 Middle School Lock-In | Friday, February 28 | 6:00 - 10:00 PM

All 5-8th graders and their friends are welcome for a Trinity Lock-In! We will have new things planned, so please encourage your tween/teen to come out and connect with their awesome Trinity family at this free, active event! We will have supper, play games, run around the church, have devotions in small groups with the high schoolers, play more and eat more! Parents, YOU are welcome from 6:00 - 7:00 PM in the Gathering Space to have adult time with appetizers. Carol will supply the apps. Just come and hang out. Your friends are welcome, too. RSVP to carol.dettmer@trinity-mc.org.

Trinity's WEATHER Cancellation Policy

(due to inclement weather) is as follows:

- If Mason City School District has a **2-hour late start**, all morning activities are canceled.
- If Mason City School District has an **early dismissal**, all afternoon and evening activities are canceled.
- If Mason City School District is **closed for the day**, all day and evening activities are canceled.

Any cancellations made by Trinity Lutheran Church will be communicated via the following media outlets: **KIMT**, **KCMR 97.9 FM**, our **Facebook page**, and on our **website**, trinity-mc.org/announcements/

TLC Legacy Fund Announces 2025 Recipient

Each January proceeds from the Trinity Legacy Fund are designated to a ministry(s) not supported by the general budget. This year's disbursement of \$2000 was directed to Trinity's Worship Transportation Ministry (WTM). The WTM provides rides to and from worship on a fully accessible bus staffed by volunteers who assist with loading, safety and hospitality. It's an important and growing ministry to many in our community!

Thanks to all who have invested in the Trinity Legacy Fund through their wills, memorials and other gifts. These gifts will provide for God's mission at TLC for years to come. To learn more about the Legacy Fund, go to trinity-mc.org/legacy or grab a flier at the Welcome Center.

Our Mission *We are called to share God's healing
love through Christ's forgiveness and our personal servanthood.*

