



Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
February 8-9, 2025

Trinity Lutheran Church
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February 8, 2025 - 5:00 p.m.

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

Livestream Worship Service/KCMR 97.9

In a world where we are constantly being told that we are insufficient—that we do not have enough, know enough, or matter enough—God’s trust in us seems misguided, almost irrational. God calls us to bear the good news of Christ to a hungry, hurting world.

Why would God entrust such an important mission to us? Because God also equips the called. Caught up in God’s abundant grace, Jesus provides all we need. Each day. We follow trusting that it’s not about us, but God’s abundance and faithfulness.

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 Joe Chodur

Cantor Alli Day

Greeters Jon & Mary Wicks

Coffee Fellowship
Ronda Smith
Alan & Sharon Steckman

Scripture Readers
5:00 p.m. Roger Rossum
9:00 a.m. Kirk Hardcastle

Acolytes
Kathrine Holmes, Ginny Lindsay

Technical Support
9:00 a.m. Sophia Fitzgerald, Colton Hesley

Worship Transportation
9:00 a.m. Dean Graven, Kirk Hardcastle

Ushers
5:00 p.m. Penny Bennett
Bob VerBrugge
9:00 a.m. Randy Dedor, Brian Koob
Noah Koob, Ethan Miller

Building Host
Randy Elsbernd

GATHERING

Prelude (5:00 p.m.)

Let All Things Now Living

String Quartet—Sophia Fitzgerald, Dan Gerriets, Pat Guetzko, Melissa Shallberg

(9:00 a.m.)

Fanfare Flourish

Trinity Bronze Bell Choir

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**

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!

ELW 413

***Greeting**

P May the God of hope and Lord of life be with you all.

C And also with you.

***This is the Feast**

ELW pg. 140

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

***Prayer of the Day**

P Most holy God,
the earth is filled with your glory,
and before you angels and saints stand in awe.
Enlarge our vision to see your power at work in the world,
and by your grace make us heralds
of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

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

Pastor Dan Gerrietts

First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8

L ¹In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ²Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory."
⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"
⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." ⁸Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

L ¹ Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ² through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

³ For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴ and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹ Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Acclamation

ELW pg. 142

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke the fifth chapter.

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

***Gospel: Luke 5:1-11**

P ¹ Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, ² he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³ He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. ⁴ When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.” ⁵ Simon answered, “Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.” ⁶ When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. ⁷ So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸ But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!” ⁹ For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; ¹⁰ and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.” ¹¹ When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Dan Gerrietts

Hymn of the Day

Here I am, Lord

ELW 574

***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 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.

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.



Offering Music (5:00pm)

String Quartet

Sophia Fitzgerald, Dan Gerriets, Pat Guetzko, Melissa Shallberg

***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.

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

C **Amen.**

***Sending Hymn**

Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult

ELW 696

***Sending**

P Go in peace. Live in hope.

C **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude (5:00 p.m.)

Joyful, Joyful

String Quartet—Sophia Fitzgerald, Dan Gerrietts, Pat Guetzko, Melissa Shallberg

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **altar flowers** are in memory of **Bruce Gettman** given by Marlene Kruger.

The **colored bulletins** are in memory of **Doug Freudenberg's 62nd birthday** (February 13th) given by his family.

Team Spirit Weekend

Have a favorite sports team or organization? Look for the Superbowl Offering Challenge where you can "vote" for who you think will win the big game. Containers are located in the front and back of the Sanctuary. **All proceeds will go to the Camp Scholarship Drive.**

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.

Child Car Seats for Families in Need

Cerro Gordo Public Health, the Mason City Community School District and the State of Iowa are working together to provide proper car seat use training to Mason City's growing Micronesian community. Donations for car seats are also needed to ensure each family has proper equipment to protect their little ones. Trinity is looking to provide 10 car seats (\$90 each) toward these hands-on training sessions. To make a gift, simply write "Car Seats" on your check or envelope. Thanks for helping us serve our neighbors in need!

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!

California Fire Relief

Multiple wildfires have broken out across Los Angeles County in California. Lutheran Disaster Response is coordinating with the Southwest California Synod, Pacifica Synod and other partners to provide for immediate needs and recovery. LDR will accompany recovering communities for months and years to come. Please pray for those affected by the fires. To support LDR's work in California, write "U.S. Fires" on your check or envelope or go to the Give tab on our website. 100% of these gifts will be used to assist those in need.

Wednesday Night **ALIVE**

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 12

Meal / 6:00 PM

Menu: Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Salad, Chips & 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 12th—Alps | Italy | Switzerland—Sam Hunt
February 19th—Iceland—Bruce & Suzanne McKee
- **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**.

The 2025 Flower Calendar and Bulletin Calendar

have been posted. 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.

Blood Pressure Checks

Sunday, February 16th

10:00 AM / The Gathering Space
Volunteer nurses provide blood pressure checks on the third Sunday of the month in The Gathering Space.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, February 10

- 9:00 a.m. Rolling Bandages for Global Health Ministries (Fellowship Hall)
9:00 a.m. Lectio Divina (Rm. 322)
9:30 a.m. Altar Guild (Rm. 300)
3:00 p.m. Adult Ministries Cabinet Mtg. (Rm. 300)
6:00 p.m. Trinity Bronze Bell Choir
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, February 11

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

Wednesday, February 12

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
8:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
9:30 a.m. Lydia Circle (Rm. 208)
6:00 p.m. WNA Meal
6:30 p.m. WNA Programming

Thursday, February 13

- 8:00 a.m. BASES Exercise (Gathering Space)
9:30 a.m. Living Waters Conference - Good Shepherd
10:30 a.m. Clappers & Coffee Bell Choir
7:00 p.m. Una Vocis Rehearsal

Holy Communion Celebrated next Weekend

Saturday, February 15

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

Sunday, February 16

- 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. **Worship Service**
2:00 p.m. Rosenchor Choral Concert

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.

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/

Rejoicing Spirits

Wednesday, February 19 |

5:00 PM / Trinity 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.

Home Alone Workshop

Wednesday, February 19 | 6:30 PM / Trinity 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.

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. Pop-corn and water/soda will be provided.

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.

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.

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

