



everything
[in] between
faith and service

Second Sunday in Lent
March 15-16, 2025



Trinity Lutheran Church
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March 15, 2025 - 5:00 p.m.

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

Livestream Worship Service/KCMR 97.9



Faith and Service

*Sometimes faith is simple. But
sometimes it's messy and nuanced
— more complex than black or*

white, one thing or the other. This Lent, we are letting the Gospel of Luke guide us to the “in-between” nature of following Jesus. Today Jesus comes to the home of Martha and Mary. Hospitality! In many translations, Jesus says that “Mary has chosen the better part,” which has been used to create a divide between Mary and Martha. However, in the Greek, Mary has chosen the “good portion,” and Martha’s tasks are called “ministry.” We need the Word. Come Lord Jesus! By faith we serve Jesus in the world.

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).

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 Gerriets
Pastor Daniel Hanson
Pastor Beverly Butler

Guest Preacher
Dr. Norma Cook Everist

Pianist Rachel Everist

Greeters Kay Larson

Coffee Fellowship
Kevin Hendrikson
Bruce and Karen Squier

Scripture Readers
5:00 p.m. Amy Dodge
9:00 a.m. Danny Miller

Communion Assistants
5:00 p.m. Amy Dodge, Linda Nolte
Earl Keifer
9:00 a.m. Judy Miller, Janet Schmitz

Acolytes Olivia Powell, Kelsey Morud

Technical Support
9:00 a.m. Carter Rockwell
Evelynn Hunt

Worship Transportation
9:00 a.m. Dean Graven, Elle Koester

Ushers
5:00 p.m. Liz Fitzgerald, Donna Henaman
9:00 a.m. Mike Brown, Tim Latham
Joe Sanchez, Gary Wattnem

Custodian Dave Smith

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 return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Compassionate One,

**C you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,
but our lives do not always reflect you
and your love for the world.**

**We do not show others the tender compassion
you have shown to us.**

**We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality
you grant to all people.**

**We oppress others,
even though you have set us free again and again.**

We squander the abundant gifts of the earth.

**Transform our lives
and guide us again in the way of the cross.**

Amen.

P Beloved in Christ,
God's arms are always stretched open wide
to welcome the wandering ones home.

In † Christ your sins are forgiven.

You have a place in God's house forever.

C Amen.

***Gathering Hymn**

God Loved the World

ELW 323

***Greeting**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

P Loving God,
When our anxiety hovers close,
when fear clings to our bones,
when our stress rises like the tide, see us.
Speak to us. Call us by name.
See us in the kitchen, in the classroom, in the hospital waiting room.
Speak to us in the quiet, in the crowd, in the inky black of night.
Call us by name. Call us your child.
Whatever you do, speak to us,
for we cannot live on bread alone.

C Amen.

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

Pastor Dan Gerrietts

Reading: Portions of Psalm 104 *(Read Responsively)*

L Bless the Lord, O my soul.
You are clothed with honor and majesty.

**C You make the clouds your chariot,
You ride on the wings of the wind.**

L O Lord, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom you have made them all:

**C Yonder is the sea, great and wide,
Living things both small and great.**

L These all look to you
To give them their food in due season

**C When you give to them, they gather it up;
When you open your hand, they are filled with good things.**

L May the glory of the Lord endure forever;
May God rejoice in God's works.

**C I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.**

L Bless the Lord, O my soul.

C Praise the Lord!

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-7, 13: 1-7

L ⁴Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, ⁵and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

If I speak in the tongues of humans and of angels but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophetic powers and understand all mysteries and all knowledge and if I have all faith so as to remove mountains but do not have love, I am nothing. ³If I give away all my possessions and if I hand over my body so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing.

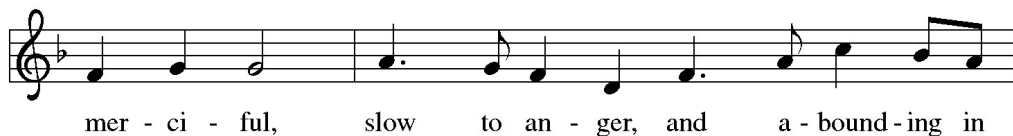
⁴Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable; it keeps no record of wrongs; ⁶it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth. ⁷It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Acclamation

ELW pg. 142



P The Holy Gospel according to Luke the tenth chapter.

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

***Gospel: Luke 10:38-42**

P Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him. ³⁹ She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me." ⁴¹ But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, ⁴² but few things are needed—indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Dr. Norma Cook Everist

Hymn of the Day

Holy Spirit, Enter In

ELW 786

***Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God,

**the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

**the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,**

**begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

***Prayers of Intercession**

P God, in your mercy.

C Receive 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.



Offering Song

Many Gifts, One Spirit

Trinity Choir—Directed by Dennis Lee

by Allen Pote

***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 Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

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.

***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.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Communion Songs

Although I Speak with Angel's Tongue ELW 644
Oh, Love, How Deep ELW 322

***Prayer after Communion**

P Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new.

Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

SENDING

***Blessing**

P God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit,
✠ bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

***Sending Hymn**

Blessed Assurance

ELW 638

***Sending**

P Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

C Thanks be to God!

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Flowers are given by Jamie Fuller. **Colored Bulletins** are in honor of **Donna Stoltenberg's 93rd Birthday on March 21st**. Given by Dan and Judy Miller and Janet Schmitz. If you know Donna and would like to send her a card, her address is: *P.O. Box 108, Lutheran Retirement Home, Northwood, IA 50453*.

A Healing Service will be offered on **Sunday, March 16, 2025, at 1:30pm** in Trinity's Sanctuary. Family and friends are invited for this dedicated time to pray for healing of body, mind, spirit, and relationship. All are welcome. One does not need to have an illness to come to pray for others and receive anointing with oil and the "laying on of hands" for oneself. Pastor Beverly Butler, Parish Nurse Becky Elsbernd, and members of the Healing Touch Spiritual Ministry Team are leading this service. Please use the East Entrance off the parking lot.

Kitchen Gadgets Galore - Instant Pot | Monday, March 17 | 1:00 PM / Kitchen

We will learn about the wonders of the Instant Pot. This multifunctional pressure cooker is perfect for camping or preparing a meal quickly. This workshop offers hands-on participation with every step of the process—from preparing to eating! The instructor is Kim Reisinger. The supply fee is \$5.00. Space is limited, so sign up at the church office or call 641-423-0536.

Rejoicing Spirits | Wednesday, March 19th | 5:00 PM / Fellowship Hall

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

Easter Food Project

The Ministries Committee is asking for monetary donations to provide local, less fortunate individuals or families with a healthy Easter meal to enjoy. Give online or in person! Easter Food Project Envelopes are available by the church office. Funds will be collected through March 31. If you know of someone who could benefit from receiving an Easter box, please call the church office. The deadline for submission of recipients is March 31.

You can also help by signing up to deliver food boxes to recipients on Saturday, April 12 in the morning. Please get in touch with the church office by March 31.

Lunch and Learn—Dementia Friendly Iowa | Thursday, March 27th | 12:00-1:00 PM / Fellowship Hall

Dementia Friendly Iowa is an initiative of the Northeast Iowa Area Agency on Aging to promote change and education in communities across Iowa to create a more informed, safe, and respectful place for people living with dementia and their caregivers. Come for some practical tips and helpful information. A light lunch of soup and sandwich will be provided for a free-will donation. Please see the sign up sheet located by the church offices.

Trinity's seeks a skilled and organized individual to serve as our Administrative Assistant to Congregation Life. This person is our front-of-office receptionist, providing welcome and assistance to those entering the church and phoning in. They also produce and print worship bulletins, manage new members and church membership, serve as staff support for church committees, cabinets and other program staff, coordinate volunteers, and provide assistance with scheduling of events. To learn more visit Trinity-mc.org/employment.

Trinity at Roller City | Saturday, March 22 | 1-4:00 p.m. | at Roller City Skating Rink

For 5th & 6th Graders but—**all are welcome to skate**. Cost is \$5.00 per person for skating and rental. Contact Carol Dettmer at carol.dettmer@trinity-mc.org with any questions.

LENT 2025

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3RD SUNDAY IN LENT
March 22-23, 2025



4TH SUNDAY IN LENT
March 29-30, 2025



5TH SUNDAY IN LENT
April 5-6, 2025

Journey with Jesus: Reading Luke through Lent

Using the devotional, Journey with Jesus, we will together read the Gospel of Luke, a chapter a day, along with other readings from the Bible that connect to Luke. For those interested, there will be a ***gathering at noon on Mondays during Lent in the Fellowship Hall, to discuss and process the Scripture for the past week in community.*** People are encouraged to bring a lunch and to stay for whatever time their schedule affords. Copies are available by the church offices and the Welcome Center.

Lenten Offering Folder

This offering benefits Trinity's ongoing ministry in our community. If you're unable to fill it with \$40, please give the amount that feels right for you. To complete online, go to trinity-mc.org/give. Extra coin folders can be found at the welcome desk and by the church offices.

Lent Services will be at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Based on our Lent Series "Everything [in] Between," is for people living in a divided world. It's for all who seek a spiritual life that engages with complexity instead of avoiding it. It's for those who want to experience a God who shows up on the edges and everywhere in between. *Each week someone from our faith community will share a reflection.*

March 19—Carol Dettmer

April 2—Brian Koob

March 26—DaniVogel

April 9—Carlyle Dalen

Middle School Mom Lent Bible Study | 6:00 AM / Cabin Coffee - MC

Middle School moms are invited to Cabin Coffee in Mason City with Carol Dettmer on Wednesday mornings during Lent from 6:00 - 7:00 AM to read and discuss the Lent Bible Study of Luke that is for all Trinity members. No RSVP needed for either, just show up!

Easter Garden & Memorials

Please see the signup sheets located by the church office if you would like to remember or honor a loved one with an Easter plant. Plants can be purchased for \$15 each (Plant limit of 30 total). Remember or honor a loved one with an Easter memorial. You can also call the church office with your request. The Easter garden (and Easter memorial) deadline is March 28.

Donations Requested: ***Candy for the Easter Egg Hunt***

We are in need of candy donations for Trinity's Community Easter Egg Hunt. Donations of **wrapped** or plastic Easter eggs are greatly appreciated. We hope to fill 1,500 Easter Eggs. Please bring donations to the church office by **April 1**. Thank you!

**Lent Dinners are from
6-6:30 p.m. in the
Fellowship Hall**

March 19th Menu:
*Pizza, Salad, Applesauce
& Dessert*
All donations from the
meals will support
Trinity Youth activities.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, March 17

- 9:00 a.m. Quilt Workshop (Fellowship Hall)
- 9:00 a.m. Centering Prayer (Rm. 322)
- Noon Lent Discussion (Fellowship Hall)
- 1:00 p.m. Gadgets Galore—Instant Pot (Kitchen)
- 6:00 p.m. Trinity Bronze Bell Choir
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, March 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 Committee (Fellowship Hall)
- 4:15 p.m. NordKor Rehearsal (Choir Rm.)
- 5:00 p.m. Education Committee (Nursery)
Finance Committee (Rm. 300)
Ministries Committee (Gathering Space)
- 6:00 p.m. Generosity Committee (Rm. 300)
Worship & Music Committee (Library)

Wednesday, March 19

- 6:00 a.m. MS Mom Lent Bible Study (Cabin Coffee)
- 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 8:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Legacy Committee (Rm. 300)
- 5:00 p.m. Rejoicing Spirits Worship Service (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:00 p.m. Lent Meal
- 6:30 p.m. Lent Worship Service
- 7:10 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rm.)

Thursday, March 20

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

Friday, March 21

- 4:30 p.m. Winter Jam (7-12th Graders)

Saturday, March 22

- 1-4:00 p.m. Trinity at Roller City
- 5:00 p.m. **Worship Service**

Sunday, March 23

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

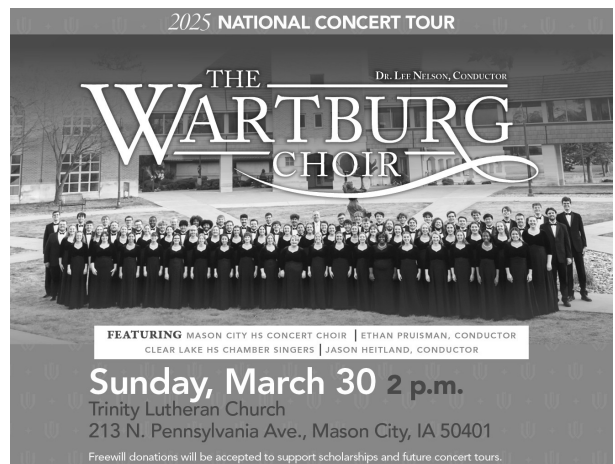
Winter Jam 2025 | Friday, March 21 | 4:30 PM /

Trinity Lutheran Church Parking Lot
All 7th-12th graders and their parents are welcome to attend Winter Jam in Des Moines at the Wells Fargo Arena. One van will leave Trinity at 4:30 PM, and a second vehicle may leave later if needed. We will return around midnight. This concert is a gathering of many Christian artists such as Colton Dixon, Anne Wilson, Skillet, KB, Newsong and many more. <https://www.jamtour.com/des-moines-ia/>. Tickets cost \$15, and scholarships are available. Friends are welcome. We hope to ride in 1 or 2 vans, so please RSVP by email to carol.dettmer@trinity-mc.org by Monday, March 17, so we can confirm 1 or 2 vans.

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. **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!

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.



2025 NATIONAL CONCERT TOUR

THE WARTBURG CHOIR

DR. LEE NELSON, CONDUCTOR

FEATURING MASON CITY HS CONCERT CHOIR | ETHAN PRUISMAN, CONDUCTOR
CLEAR LAKE HS CHAMBER SINGERS | JASON HEITLAND, CONDUCTOR

Sunday, March 30 2 p.m.
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Freewill donations will be accepted to support scholarships and future concert tours.