



everything
[in] between
lost & found

Rite of Healing

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 29-30, 2025



Trinity Lutheran Church
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March 29, 2025 - 5:00 p.m.

March 30, 2025 - 9:00 a.m.

Livestream Worship Service/KCMR 97.9



*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. This weekend we focus on the Parable of the Lost Sheep. Herding sheep is a never-ending task. As soon as one is found, another may go missing. Our lives have a similar ebb and flow—in one moment we might feel like we have it all together, and in the next, we’re struggling to survive. The promise of this parable is that no matter how “lost” we feel, the Good shepherd is by our side.

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	Sophia Fitzgerald
Greeters	John and LaVonne Welch
Coffee Fellowship	Brian and Jayne Carlson Rhonda Smith
Scripture Readers	5:00 p.m. Sally Becker 9:00 a.m. Aubrey Lingbeek
Acolytes	Miles Hansen, Aden Swisher
Assisting with Rite of Healing	5:00 p.m. Becky Elsbernd, Mary Galazin, Patti Niver 9:00 a.m. Susan Schilling
Technical Support	9:00 a.m. Colton Hesley, Evelyn Hunt
Worship Transportation	9:00 a.m. Travis Hesley Jake & Nancy Rockman
Ushers	5:00 p.m. Liz Fitzgerald, Donna Henaman 9:00 a.m. Mike Brown, Tim Latham, Joe & Julie Sanchez, Gary Wattnem,
Custodian	Dave Smith

GATHERING

Prelude (9am)

Air for the G String

String Quartet

Sophia Fitzgerald, Pastor Dan Gerrietts, Pat Guetzko, Melissa Shallberg

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**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ELW #834

***Greeting**

- P Sisters and brothers, called to freedom in Christ:
Grace, mercy, and peace be with you all.
- C **And also with you.**

***Prayer of the Day**

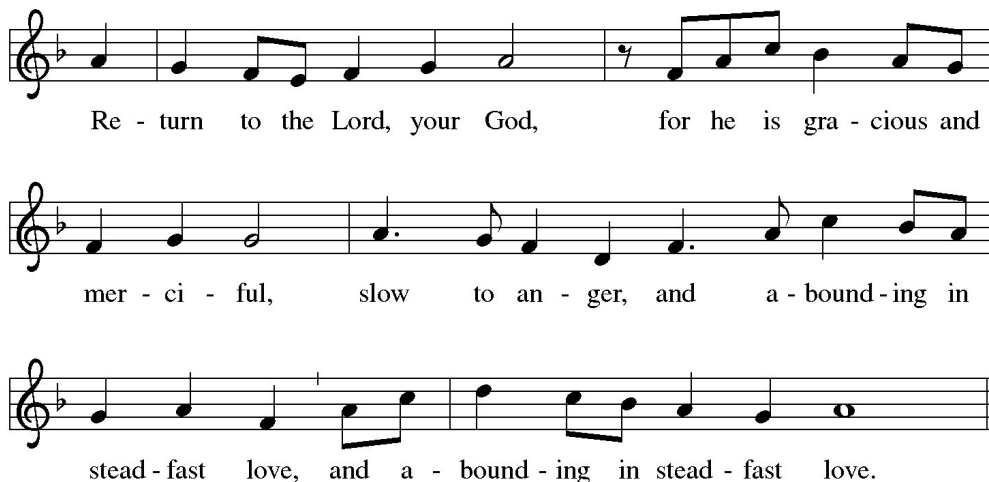
- P Shepherding God, You look for us.
You search for us.
You turn every corner and climb every mountain.
You call our name until your voice is hoarse.
When we lose our way, you never stop seeking after us.
So once again we pray, find us in this moment.
Look for us.
Then surround us with your presence,
so that we might feel you near.
With hope we pray and we listen.
- C Amen.

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

Pastor Beverly Butler

Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

- L ¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we no longer know him in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; look, new things have come into being! ¹⁸All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ: be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake God made the one who knew no sin to be sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.
- L The word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke the fifteenth chapter.

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

***Gospel: Luke 15:1-7**

P ¹ Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ² And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.” ³ So he told them this parable: ⁴ “Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵ And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶ And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.’ ⁷ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Pastor Beverly Butler

Hymn of the Day

There Is a Balm in Gilead

ELW #614

***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.

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 (5pm)

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Clappers Bell Choir

(9am)

Be Thou My Vision

String Quartet

Sophia Fitzgerald, Pastor Dan Gerrietts, 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 Gracious Provider,
you set your immense treasures among us,
opening your heart to the world.
Deepen our commitment to sharing
those treasures with others,
through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

RITE OF HEALING

***Healing**

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Our Lord Jesus healed many as a sign
of the reign of God come near and sent the
disciples to continue this work of healing -
with prayer, the laying on of hands, and anointing.
In the name of Christ, the great healer and reconciler
of the world, we now entrust to God all who are in need of healing.

C Amen.

Laying On of Hands and Anointing

Those who wish to receive laying on of hands and anointing will come forward and stand as one might do in order to receive communion. Your forehead will be anointed by a pastor while a healing touch spiritual minister lays a hand on your shoulder. Ushers will assist in directing you forward. All who sense the need for God's healing in any aspect of their lives, the lives of others, and the world are invited to come forward.

Spirit of Gentleness

Sung by Sophia Fitzgerald

***Prayer**

P Living God,
through the laying on of hands,
anointing and prayer,
grant comfort in suffering to all who are in need of healing.
When we are afraid, give us courage;
when afflicted, give us patience;
when dejected, give us hope;
and when alone, assure us of the support of your holy people.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

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

C Amen.

***Sending Hymn** *Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us*

ELW #789

***Sending**

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

C Thanks be to God!

Postlude (9am)

Ave Verum Corpus

String Quartet

Sophia Fitzgerald, Pastor Dan Gerrietts, Pat Guetzko, Melissa Shallberg

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Flowers are given in honor of **Norma and Eldean Matheson who are celebrating their 70th Wedding Anniversary** which is on *April 2nd* given by their family.

Colored Bulletins are in honor of **Reed Hohenstein's 70th birthday** which is today.

Belong and Grow—Membership Class

Tuesday, April 1 at 6:30 p.m. or Sunday, April 13th at 1:30 p.m. (Choose one session)

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 Gerrietts leads an interactive class for those exploring membership or wondering if Trinity is right for them. This is the only session one attends to prepare for membership. Learn about our mission commitments and the faith expressions that ground us. Take a tour of the building. Meet other people! New Member Sunday will be May 4th at the 9am worship service, reception to follow.

Living Well in the Midst of Grief and Loss

Living Well in the Midst of Grief & Loss is a four-week class that will give you an opportunity to explore how grief and loss impact your heart, soul, strength, and mind. We will have 4 sessions: **Wednesdays, April 23 and 30, and May 7 and 14, at 2:00 PM.** Please call the office if you are planning to attend so we can plan accordingly. This class is facilitated by Linda Vold, retired therapist, and Beverly Butler, Pastor of Spiritual Care.

SPECIAL WAYS TO HELP AT EASTER

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. **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.**

Confirmation Students Are Needed!

Youth are needed to help pack the Easter Food bags on **Friday, April 11th from 4-6pm** in the Gathering Space. Pizza will be served! We'll also hide the Easter Eggs! And on **Saturday, April 12th from 9-11am** help is needed to load the bags into cars and assist with the Easter Egg Hunt.

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 (We have a few spots left). 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 April 4.**

Baby Kits for Lutheran World Relief are in need of the following items for babies 6 to 24 months.

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| 1. Diapers - pre-folded | 2. Socks | 3. Receiving Blankets |
| 4. Ivory soap bars | 5. Hand towels | 6. Monetary donation |

Items can be placed on the tables on the stage.

LENT 2025

Our 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.



5TH SUNDAY IN LENT

April 5-6, 2025

PALM PASSION SUNDAY—APRIL 12-13, 2025

Celebrate Christ's triumphal entry with Palms, youth sing and help lead worship.

MAUNDY THURSDAY—APRIL 17, 2025 AT 6:30 P.M.

Recall the Last Supper, First Communion recognition

GOOD FRIDAY CANTATA—APRIL 17, 2025 AT 6:30 P.M.

Featuring Trinity's musicians and ensembles

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.

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.*

April 2—Brian Koob

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 EGG HUNT

Trinity Lutheran church is excited to invite you to participate in our **annual Easter Egg hunt on April 12 at 10am!** This year, we will offer a variety of crafts, story time for different age groups, and of course, plenty of eggs to find across the church campus. This hunt is located totally indoors, so rain or shine, you are guaranteed to have a great time! This event is open to youth ages 0 to grade 6.

Lent Dinners are from

6-6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

April 2 Menu:

Chicken Casserole, Salad Vegetables, & Dessert

All donations from the meals will support Trinity Youth activities.

WE HAVE ENOUGH CANDY! THANK YOU FOR DONATING.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, March 31

- 9:00 a.m. Quilt Workshop (Fellowship Hall)
Noon Lent Discussion (Fellowship Hall)
6:00 p.m. Trinity Bronze Bell Choir
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, April 1

- 8-9:00 a.m. BASES Exercise (Gathering Space)
10:00 a.m. Visio Divina (MacNider Museum)
Noon Staff Meeting
4:15 p.m. NordKor Rehearsal
6:30 p.m. Belong and Grow / New Member Class

Wednesday, April 2

- 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
5:15 p.m. Welcome to the Table Communion Class (Rm. 208)
6:00 p.m. Lent Meal
6:30 p.m. Lent Worship Service
7:10 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rm.)

Thursday, April 3

- 8:00 a.m. BASES Exercise (Gathering Space)
10:30 a.m. Funeral Service for Steve Rye
2:15 p.m. Clappers & Coffee Bell Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Una Vocis Rehearsal

Saturday, April 5

Sacrament of Holy Communion

- 10:30 a.m. Funeral Service for Ann Espinosa
5:00 p.m. Worship Service

Sunday, April 6

Sacrament of Holy Communion

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

Welcome to the Table—April 2 & April 9—5:15 p.m.

The Education Committee and church staff recommend 4th grade as a good time to receive instruction on Communion. Our two-part Communion class, Welcome to the Table, is being offered for Grade 4 students accompanied by at least one parent. The class is designed for those youth who have already taken Communion and those who are preparing for their first Communion. We welcome older or younger students who have not yet had Communion instruction or desire to have Communion instruction before 4th grade to participate. Students who complete the class will be recognized on Maundy Thursday at 6:30 PM with a reception following in the Gathering Space.

BRASS INSTRUMENTALISTS - Would you like to play in the Trinity brass ensemble on Easter Sunday? Easter is on April 21— 9:00 and 10:30 AM worship services. Please contact Deb Nielsen at 641-420-4113 or debknielsen@gmail.com if you can play.

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!

Visio Divina

Tuesday, April 1st | 10:00 AM /

MacNider Museum-303 2nd St. SE, Mason City
Visio Divina, or "sacred seeing," is an ancient form of Christian prayer in which we allow our hearts and imaginations to enter into an image. Come and encounter the Divine through visual art. The current exhibit, *Diferent Perspectives*, focuses on artists who have not always received equal time in the artistic spotlight.

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.

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.

**Community Lenten Service of
Repentance and Reflection**

On **Sunday April 6 at 2:00pm** at **First Presbyterian Church**, there will be a special Lenten service of repentance and reflection. Several area churches have planned this service which focuses on our shared history of complicity in allowing social injustice. This worship service will include readings from scripture, a litany of confession, and hymns. Discussion and snacks to follow. All are welcome.

Fellowship Coffee is Back
Tuesday, April 8 | 9:30 AM

Fellowship Hall

Come for a time of coffee and treats and to hear Sarah Swegle, Trinity's 2025 Council President

SOUL SPA Friday, April 11 | 9:00 - 11:00 AM

Soul Spa invites participants to engage in a variety of spiritual practices to nurture body, mind, and spirit. Lent is the perfect time to step away from your routine for reflection and renewal. We will start and end together with free time in the middle for you to visit as few or as many stations as you desire. Stations offered include creating an Easter resurrection garden, walking the labyrinth, visio divina, refreshments and, seated healing touch sessions. Wear comfortable clothing and come as you are. Register by calling 641-423-0536 or just show up.

Trinity Trippers to Tulip Festival Thursday, May 1 | We're departing at 7:30 AM from the Trinity parking lot.

Trippers are traveling to Pella, Iowa, for the annual Tulip Time Festival on Thursday, May 1. This is a "do-it-yourself" trip with charter bus transportation, and the day is open for your food and activity choices. Walk through town to see the tulips, watch the 2:45 PM pa-rade, check out the craft market and antique implements, browse the stores, enjoy the museum flower show – all for free! Purchase a Pella City tour, Historical Village and Wind-mill tour, watch demonstrations of Dutch crafts and cooking, take in the Grandstand Show with special seating for the parade, and more. For additional information go to <https://www.pellahistorical.org/tuliptime> . **Sign up and pay to reserve your spot in the church office by April 24. The cost is \$40 for the trip.** This is not refundable.

New Christ in Our Home devotional books for **April, May and June** are available at the Welcome Desk and by the church offices.