



**First Sunday in Lent**  
**March 8-9, 2025**



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

March 9, 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. Today we hear the story of the “Good Samaritan.” This parable begins and ends with the question, “Who is my neighbor?” and the answer is, surprisingly, “the stranger.” The Samaritan, whose place of worship and customs are different from the scribe who questions Jesus, is both a stranger and a neighbor to the man who was beaten and left in a ditch. In our world, many of our physical neighbors are strangers to us, and many of our neighbors—those closest to us—feel like strangers. If we align our intentions and actions, then maybe we need to reconsider who we consider “stranger,” and ask ourselves if we have acted as good neighbors.*

**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 Daniel Hanson  
Pastor Beverly Butler

**Organist** Deb Nielsen

**Cantor** Melissa Shallberg (9am)

**Greeters** Mike and Lynn Brown

**Coffee Fellowship**  
Penny Bennett, Kay Larson

**Scripture Readers**  
5:00 p.m. Sally Becker  
9:00 a.m. Kathy Dobrzynski

**Acolytes**  
Izzy Fredrick, Kathrine Holmes

**Technical Support**  
9:00 a.m. Carter Rockwell  
Sophia Fitzgerald  
Addison Koob

**Worship Transportation**  
9:00 a.m. Dean Graven, Lou Ann Rossler

**Ushers**  
5:00 p.m. Liz Fitzgerald, Donna Henaman  
9:00 a.m. Arlyn Butler, John Rodriguez  
Joe and Julie Sanchez  
Gary Wattnem,

**Building Host**  
Jim Reisinger

# GATHERING

## Prelude

*“Ah, Holy Jesus”*  
Trinity Bronze Bell Choir

## Welcome

### Call to Worship

P Friends in Christ, with the whole church we continue our walk with Jesus during this season of Lent. This is a time of focus and rekindling- a time when we remember Jesus’ suffering, death and resurrection and how, in Christ, our lives are renewed.

**C We look to the cross of Christ to see God’s love and salvation.**

P Lent is a call to step forward, even when we’re not fully ready. Are you ready to move toward transformation? Are you ready to listen for good news amid the noise and division of our world? Are you ready to begin again?

**C Jesus, be our strength. Jesus, help us follow you.**

P Lent is here. So let us begin by acknowledging our need for repentance and God’s mercy. Let us admit that we are not ready to follow, but that God through sheer grace and forgiveness, sets us free to start walking. Freed by Christ from sin and all that draws us away from loving God and others, let us now confess our brokenness.

### 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**

*O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

ELW 886

**\*Greeting**

P The grace, the wisdom, and the power of almighty God, be with you all.

**C And also with you.**

**\*Prayer of the Day**

P Gracious God,  
We love to ask you questions.  
We love to throw our wonderings at the sky,  
to bring our curiosity to your feet,  
to examine and imagine all day long.  
But when the answers come, we don't always like what we hear.  
Awaken a curiosity in us.  
Awaken a penchant for listening.  
Make room in our spirits for your Word to land. In Jesus' name,

**C Amen.**

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

**Pastor Daniel Hanson**

**First Reading: Deuteronomy 6:4-8**

L Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. <sup>5</sup> You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. <sup>6</sup> Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. <sup>7</sup> Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. <sup>8</sup> Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, <sup>9</sup> and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

L The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading: Leviticus 19:9-18

- L <sup>9</sup> “When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. <sup>10</sup> You shall not strip your vineyard bare or gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the alien: I am the LORD your God.
- <sup>11</sup> “You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; and you shall not lie to one another.
- <sup>12</sup> And you shall not swear falsely by my name, profaning the name of your God: I am the LORD.
- <sup>13</sup> “You shall not defraud your neighbor; you shall not steal; and you shall not keep for yourself the wages of a laborer until morning. <sup>14</sup> You shall not revile the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind; you shall fear your God: I am the LORD.
- <sup>15</sup> “You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. <sup>16</sup> You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand idly by when the blood of your neighbor is at stake: I am the LORD.
- <sup>17</sup> “You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. <sup>18</sup> You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### \*Gospel Acclamation

ELW pg. 142



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 tenth chapter.

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

**\*Gospel: Luke 10:25-37**

P <sup>25</sup> An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” <sup>26</sup> He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” <sup>27</sup> He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>28</sup> And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.”

<sup>29</sup> But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” <sup>30</sup> Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead.

<sup>31</sup> Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup> So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup> But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. <sup>34</sup> He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. <sup>35</sup> The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, “Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.” <sup>36</sup> Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” <sup>37</sup> He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon**

**Pastor Daniel Hanson**

**Hymn of the Day**

*Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace*

ELW 716

## **\*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.*

## **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**

### *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.**

### **\*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**      *Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

ELW 547

### **\*Sending**

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

C Thanks be to God!

### **Postlude**

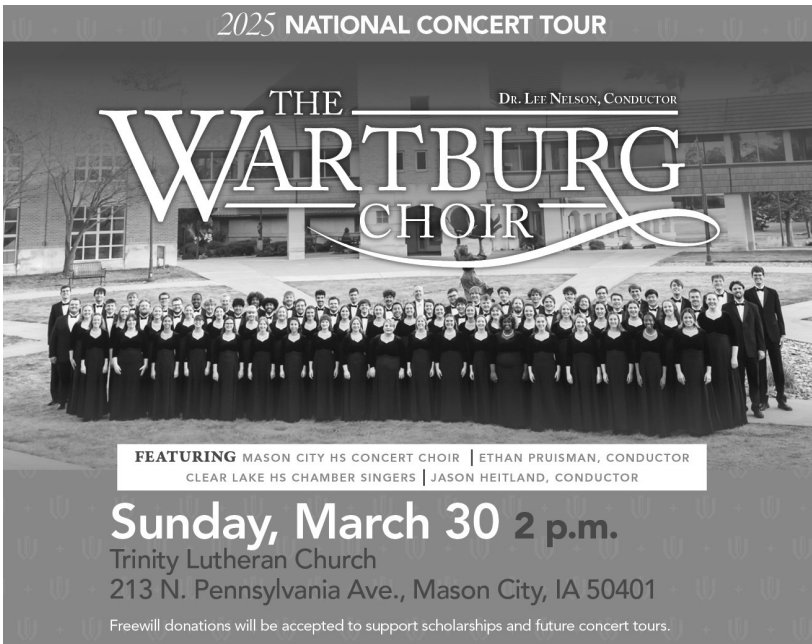
# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 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!

**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.

**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

DR. LEE NELSON, CONDUCTOR

THE WARTBURG CHOIR

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

Sunday, March 30 2 p.m.  
Trinity Lutheran Church  
213 N. Pennsylvania Ave., Mason City, IA 50401

Freewill donations will be accepted to support scholarships and future concert tours.

## Book Discussion

**Monday, March 10 / 1:00 PM**

Gathering Space

Our March book is *The Maid* by Nita Prose. "*The Maid* explores what it means to be the same as everyone else and yet entirely different. **Multiple copies are available to check out from the Trinity Lutheran Church Office.**

***Lydia Bible Study*** meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month and will meet on **Wednesday, March 12 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, March 13 at 9:30 a.m. in Rm. 208.** Rev. Dr. Norma Cook Everist will lead the study. We will continue to study the Biblical book of Luke. We use interactive discussion. Bring other women with you.

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

Volunteer nurses provide blood pressure checks.

# 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.



## 2ND SUNDAY IN LENT

March 15-16, 2025

Guest Preacher—Dr. Norma Cook Everist



## 3RD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 22-23, 2025



## 4TH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 29-30, 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. Journal questions are provided to dig deeper and to reflect on the daily readings.

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. In journeying with Jesus' sacred story, may we be fed and grounded in God's word. 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](http://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 12—Alan Steckman

April 2—Brian Koob

March 19—Carol Dettmer

April 9—Carlyle Dalen

March 26—DaniVogel

### 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!

### Lent Dinners are from

**6-6:30 p.m.** in the

Fellowship Hall

### March 12th Menu:

*French Toast Breakfast*

*Casserole, Sausage,*

*Fruit & Pastries*

All donations from the

meals will support

Trinity Youth activities.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Monday, March 10

- 9:00 a.m. Rolling Bandages (Fellowship Hall)  
9:00 a.m. Lectio Divina (Rm. 322)  
9:30 a.m. Altar Guild (Rm. 300)  
6:00 p.m. Trinity Bronze Bell Choir  
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts (Fellowship Hall)

### Tuesday, March 11

*Lutheran Day on the Hill*

- 8-9:00 a.m. BASES Exercise (Gathering Space)  
Noon Staff Meeting

### Wednesday, March 12

- 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  
9:30 a.m. Lydia Circle (Rm. 208)  
6:00 p.m. Lent Meal  
6:30 p.m. Lent Worship Service  
Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rm.)

### Thursday, March 13

- 8:00 a.m. BASES Exercise (Gathering Space)  
9:30 a.m. WELCA Bible Study (Rm. 208)  
10:30 a.m. Clappers & Coffee Bell Choir  
7:00 p.m. Una Vocis Rehearsal

### Saturday, March 15

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

### Sunday, March 16

- 9:00 a.m. **Worship Service**  
10:00 a.m. Blood Pressure Checks  
(Gathering Space)

**NO** Sunday School

- 10:30 a.m. **Worship Service**  
1:30 p.m. Healing Service (Sanctuary)

### Kitchen Gadgets Galore - *Instant Pot*

**Monday, March 17 | 1:00 PM / Kitchen**

Come and learn some creative uses for those kitchen gadgets taking up space in your cabinets. On March 17 from 1:00 - 3:00 PM, 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.

### Mental Health First Aid Class

**Friday, March 28 /8:00 AM - 4:30 PM**

*Fellowship Hall*

Mental Health First Aid is a course that teaches individuals how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illnesses and substance use disorders. Instructor Thomas Heiar is the Population Health Coordinator at CG Public Health focused on prevention and raising awareness around mental health. Cerro Gordo Public Health received a mental health grant from the University of Iowa that will cover the cost of training materials. Lunch provided. Space is limited to first 25 people. **Register by March 14** by calling 641-423-0536 or visit [trinity-mc.org/events/mental-health-first-aid](http://trinity-mc.org/events/mental-health-first-aid).

**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.

**EASTER FOOD BOX DONATIONS NEEDED**—see the display by the offices.