

**Trinity
Lutheran
Church**

**August 13th,
2023**

**Eleventh Sunday
after
PENTECOST
Lectionary 19**

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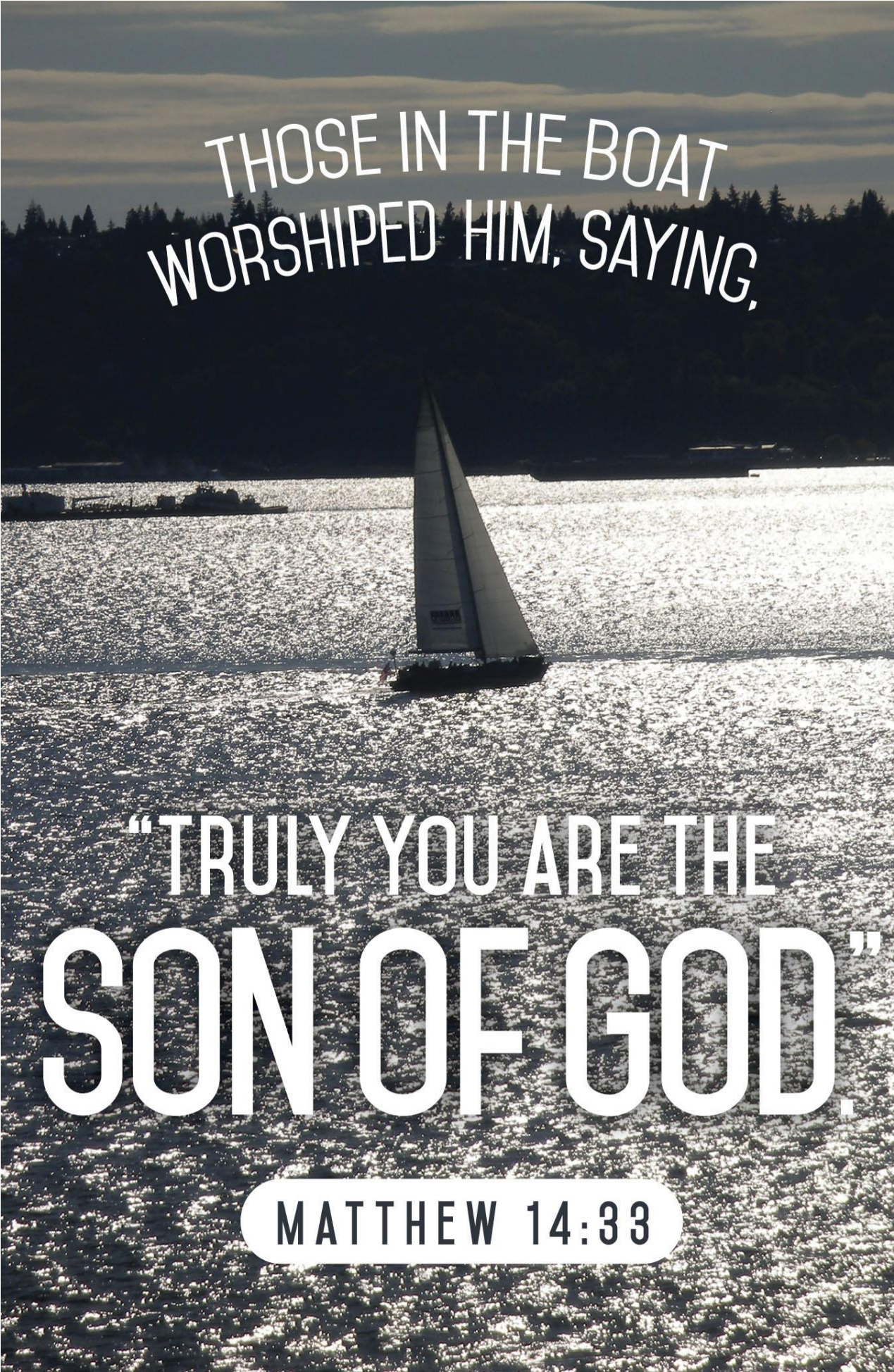
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THOSE IN THE BOAT
WORSHIPED HIM, SAYING,

“TRULY YOU ARE THE
SON OF GOD.”

MATTHEW 14:33

ELEVENTH WEEK AFTER PENTECOST

ELW SERVICE OF THE WORD

9:00 A.M. ~ Sunday, August 13th, 2023

Welcome to



***ALL ARE WELCOME!** Jesus invites everyone, guests and visitors to join in receiving God's Word. To all the people gathered here, your presence and participation is a blessing to our worship experience together... Remind us again, O Lord, of your promise to be present wherever and whenever people are gathered in your name. Amen!*

GATHERING

WE PREPARE: *Elijah finds the presence of God not in earthquake, wind, or fire, but in the sound of sheer silence. When the disciples face a great storm on the sea, they cry out with fear. Jesus says: "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Amid the storms of life, we gather to seek the calm presence of Christ that soothes our fears. In comforting words of scripture and in the refreshing bread and cup of the eucharist, God grants us peace and sends us forth to be a sign of God's presence to others.*

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL / ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. May God grant you entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**



1 My life flows on in end-less song; a-bove earth's lam-en-ta-tion,
 2 Through all the tu-mult and the strife, I hear that mu-sic ring-ing.
 3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv-eth.
 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev-er spring-ing!



I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre-a-tion.
 It finds an ech-o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
 What though the dark-ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv-eth.
 All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

Refrain

No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**WORD****FIRST READING**

1 Kings 19:9-18

The first reading is in Isaiah chapter 44, verses 6 - 8.

At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

The Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

Romans 10:5-15

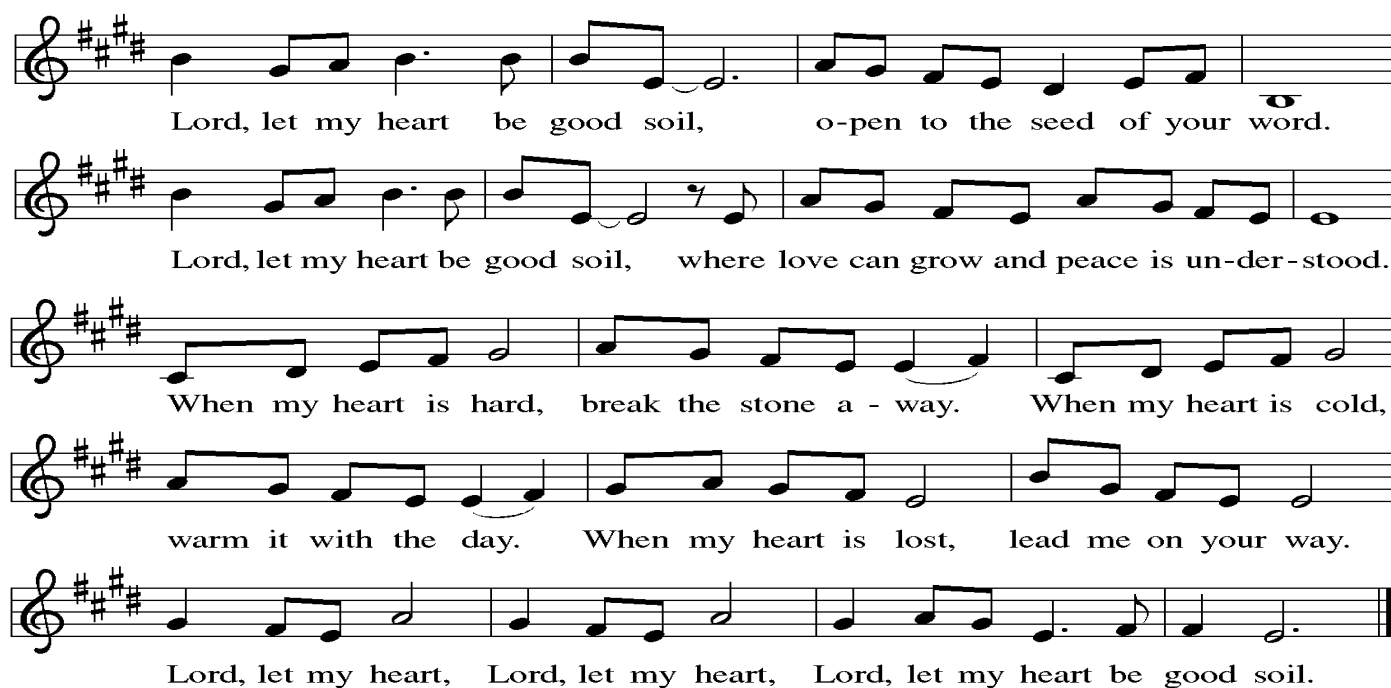
The second reading is in Romans chapter 8, verses 12-25.

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) or 'Who will descend into the abyss?' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say?

"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

The Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God.**



Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,

warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

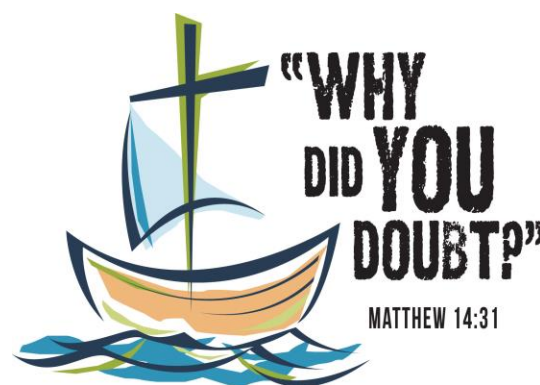
GOSPEL

Matthew 14: 22-33

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 14th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."



The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE

PASTOR TIM MASON



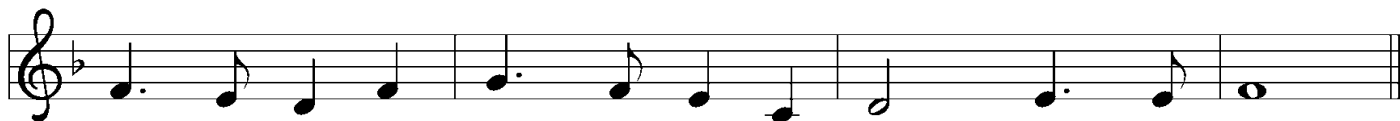
1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
 most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

CREED

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 Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

PEACE The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

THANKSGIVING

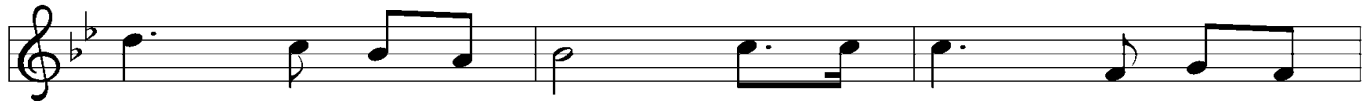
OFFERING

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ELW #755



1 Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me o - ver
2 As a moth - er stills her child, thou canst
3 When at last I near the shore, and the



life's tem - pes - tuous sea; un - known waves be - fore me
hush the o - cean wild; bois - t'rous waves o - bey thy
fear - ful break - ers roar twixt me and the peace - ful



roll, hid - ing rock and treach - 'rous shoal; chart and
will when thou say'st to them: "Be still." Won - drous
rest, then, while lean - ing on thy breast, may I



com - pass come from thee. Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me.
sov - 'reign of the sea, Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me.
hear thee say to me: "Fear not, I will pi - lot thee."

(THE USHERS BRING UP THE OFFERING)

OFFERING PRAYER

God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Together, let us pray with confidence the words our Savior gave us:


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

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.**

Verse 1




1. You shall cross the bar-ren des-ert, but you shall not die of



1. thirst. You shall wan-der far in safe-ty though you do not know the



1. way. You shall speak your words in for-eign lands and all will un-der-




1. stand. You shall see the face of God and live. to Refrain

Refrain



Be not a-fraid. I go be-fore you al-ways. Come fol-low



me, and I will give you rest. 1, 2 to Vss 2, 3 Final 2

Verse 2



2. If you pass through rag-ing wa-ters in the sea, you shall not



2. drown. If you walk a-mid the burn-ing flames, you shall not be



2. harmed. If you stand be-fore the pow'r of hell and death is at your



2. side, know that I am with you through it all. to Refrain

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

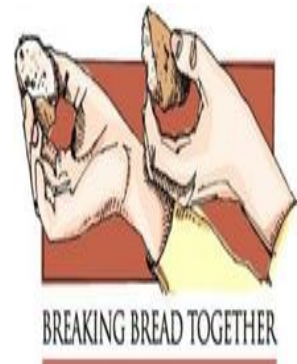
OUR THANKS TO ALL WHO SERVE THE BODY OF CHRIST

Sunday 9:00 am Worship	
Accompanist	Mary Mulry
Acolyte	Brayden Heiderscheidt
Reader	Harold Pettis
Sound Techs	Russ Sorensen
Greeter	Chris Mangan
Ushers	Keith Lendt and Dennis Mangan
Altar Guild	Judy Johnson, Terry Newgord



We extend our Deepest Sympathies to Bonnie Zarn and her family in the loss of her husband Lannie, who passed away Friday, July 28th. May God bless the memory of Lannie Zarn.

**Join us for the next "Breaking Bread Together" August 20th!
Sign up in the office for the Fellowship and Fun!**



Our Float in the Parade!

Trinity's Evangelism Board has started planning a community project, "God's Work Our Hands", entering a church vehicle in the Sleepy Eye Summerfest Grand Parade this August 19 from 6pm -8pm.

We are in need of:

- parents and students to walk close to the curb handing out candy
- We are ordering bulk candy.
- We will decorate the unit in the church parking lot prior to the parade.

We have 1 week left to make this a successful event!

A Thrivent Card has been approved to cover costs.

Please call Cindy Steffl with any questions at 507 227-0824.

Parents of Trinity Sunday School students please respond the Remind invite that will be text to you for important Sunday school information for the upcoming 2023/2024 year.

Thank You Parents For All You Do!





Faith Formation & Youth Ministry Coordinator

Trinity Lutheran Church

Sleepy Eye, MN

507 794-5051

Job Description

Trinity Lutheran Church is a welcoming church focused on evangelism and mission in the community of Sleepy Eye and beyond. As a welcoming and nurturing church, we are shaped by prayer, worship, scripture and the Holy Spirit, where everyone's gifts are valued, where people's spiritual needs are met, and God's love with the world is shared.

Position: Faith Formation Youth Ministry Coordinator (Part-time)

Summary of Position: Faith Formation Youth Ministry Coordinator oversees and directs Christian Education for the youth and children's ministries, and manages the development and growth of the Christian Education and Youth programs while building relationships with families and their children.

Supervision: Christian Education Board and Board of Young People's Work

Supported by: Senior Pastor(s), Personnel Committee other church staff and members of Trinity Lutheran Church

15 hours per week which are flexible to meet the needs of the church based on planned activities and evenings and weekends required as needed.

Compensation: \$16/hr

Further information and Application on our website www.trinitysleepyeye.org under About Us/Employment or in the Church office.

August 13, 2023
ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Faith in Jesus is always rewarded.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These readings are related to the Lectionary readings for this Sunday.

We invite you to take time each day to read the assigned Bible passages.

Sunday	Matthew 15:21-28	A woman's faith
Monday	2 Kings 5:1-14	The foreigner, Naaman, is healed
Tuesday	Matthew 8:1-13	Jesus heals many people
Wednesday	Acts 14:19-28	God opens the door to Gentiles
Thursday	Acts 15:1-21	Believing Jews accept the Gentiles
Friday	Romans 11:25-27	God saves Jews and Gentiles
Saturday	Psalms 87	Foreigners praise God in Zion
Sunday	Matthew 16:13-20	Peter's confession of Christ



Sundays after
Pentecost

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

The Lord says, "Hold on to what is right and fair. Do what is right and good. My saving power will soon come." Isaiah 56:1 (NLT)

SAY, PRAY AND BLESS

A Prayer for the Week: Lord Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us this day! (Matthew 15:22)

Mealttime Prayer: Lord, we give you praise and gratitude for food and drink and family too; and also for a roof above, but most of all for your great love. Amen.

A Blessing to Give: May God show loving kindness towards you and bring good to you. May he make his face shine upon you. Amen. (Psalm 67:1)

CARING CONVERSATION

Discuss in your household or small group:

- Share about a time when you trusted someone to help you. Was your trust rewarded?
- Jesus said that the Canaanite woman who came to him had "great faith" (read Matthew 15:21-28). How did she show her faith? How was her faith rewarded?
- Finish this sentence: "*I am placing my trust in Jesus to...*"

DEVOTIONS

Have each person in your household take a "walk of faith." Blindfold them and lead them around your house or your neighborhood. Be sure to give them clear, simple instructions so that they do not stumble or fall. Talk about your experiences of trusting one another. Relate this to what it means to live with faith in Jesus and to trust him in daily life. Pray that each member of your household may grow in their faith.

SERVICE

The Canaanite woman who came to Jesus for help wasn't made very welcome by his disciples (Matt. 15:23). Are newcomers made to feel welcome at your church? What part do you play in welcoming others? Plan a way to make someone who is relatively new to your church feel more at home, or offer to serve as part of your church's greeting ministry.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

The prophet Isaiah declared God's intention to make his house a "*house of prayer for all nations*" (Isaiah 56:7). Use this creative prayer idea to make your home a "house of prayer" for others. Pass around a bag or bowl of M&Ms (or equivalent sweet) when your household gathers for prayer. Let each person take a handful, but don't let anyone eat them yet. Explain that the color of the M&Ms will indicate the direction of your prayers. Lead your household in prayer using this guide:

- For every red M&M, pray for a member of your family by name.
- For every green M&M, pray for a friend or neighbor.
- For every orange M&M, pray for a teacher in your life.
- For every yellow M&M, pray for someone in need.
- For every dark brown M&M, pray for a leader in your life.
- For every light brown M&M, pray for someone who is unwelcome in your school or workplace.
- For any other color, offer a prayer of your choice!

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Please take your bulletin home for weekly devotion



Trinity's Mission Statement

We are a community where Jesus is Lord: our mission is to invite, welcome, nurture, and equip all people to be disciples in His name.

TRINITY'S PRAYER CHAIN Send an email to secretary@trinitysleepyeye.org or call the office at 507 794-5051. Leave a message.

TRINITY'S WEBPAGE Send an email to the church office at secretary@trinitysleepyeye.org and let Darlene know you want your newsletter via email!

TRINITY IS NOW ON FACEBOOK CHECK IT OUT!!

"Trinity Lutheran (ELCA) Sleepy Eye MN"

The Trinity Tidings newsletter is now also posted on www.sleepyeyeonline.com watch this site for community news and events.



If you haven't already, please consider *Simply Giving*, an automated giving program for your offering. You determine the frequency of your offering which is deposited into Trinity's account the same day it is withdrawn from your account. It's a "hassle-free" way to give.

Talk to Pat or Darlene if you are interested. Thank You. *Please pick up your statements and envelopes in your mailbox. Thank You!*

Last week at Trinity

Weekly Worship Attendance:	68
Weekly Giving: (5730.00 Needed)	\$4167.57
August Giving: (\$22,920.00 .Needed)	\$4167.57
Yearly Contributions to Date	\$133,979.00
Amount needed to meet Budget	\$183,350.00



Thrivent members are reminded to direct their Choice Dollars each year any time after April 1st of the year.

This Week's Prayer Concerns

Pray for the Church...that the Holy Spirit would empower us to live in the image of God so that we would speak and act in every way bringing glory to God before all the nations and peoples with what we have been given...

Pray for our World...that pain of this Covid-19 pandemic, which has penetrated so many lives that your light Lord would help us to see your presence and that the Spirit would lead us to seek the truth and practice grace for all who are hurting...

Pray for all who are ill, afflicted, or recovering...that the Holy Spirit would give comfort and daily strength to **Diane, Cindy, Sherry, Audrey, Kali, Jerry, Beth, Harold, Sarah, Chris, Kathy, Emmett, Joan, Lois, Joyce, Emma, Milo, Ed, Carlos, Dorothy, Story, Tina, Ethan, Robyn, Carmen, Linette, Tammy, John, Tony, Ted, Connor, Kimora, and Mary Jo.**

Pray for the beloved... who now rest from their labors in God's mercy and for all who mourn the personal loss of loved ones.... that God would fill each one with the hope of our Lord's promise to bring us to a new heaven and earth where suffering, crying, pain and death will be no more....

Pray for all families...that the Holy Spirit would bring compassion and mercy to all who are separated from one another and each would give way to mercy, love and reconciliation...

Pray for the men and women serving in the Armed Forces and those far from home...for **Brady Augustin** and his wife ...and for all of our military Veterans that the Holy Spirit would guard them in safety and keep their hearts stayed in Christ...

Pray for the missionaries of our church (ELCA)...that they proclaim their witness of the Gospel throughout the world.

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