

Trinity Lutheran Church

September 3rd,
2023

Fourteenth Sunday
after
PENTECOST
Lectionary 22

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"Truly, I say to you,
there are some standing here
who will not taste death
until they see the
Son of Man
coming in
his kingdom."

Matthew 16:28

**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
HOLY COMMUNION ~ ELW SETTING 3 ~ LECTION 222**

9:00 A.M. ~ Sunday, September 3rd, 2023

EVERYONE SING TO THE LORD A NEW SONG! HALLELUJAH!



All are welcome in this house of worship as we gather to share and give thanks for God's gifts of Word & Sacrament. Through faith God promises to all who believe to be present in and through the bread & cup as we gather in Jesus' name receiving the gifts of forgiveness, salvation and eternal life. Everyone is invited to fellowship and refreshments following our Sunday worship.

WORSHIP AIDS

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS are available from an usher ask the usher.

ACTIVITY BAGS for children are on a stand at the back of church; please return after services. Thank you.

PREFERENCE to receive grape juice is indicated by raising your index finger to the server.

GLUTEN FREE wafers are available. Simply tell the server you wish to receive *gluten free*.

GATHERING

WE PREPARE...*The prophet Jeremiah speaks of the incurable wound of his suffering yet finds in God's words the delight of his heart. When Peter doesn't grasp Jesus' words about suffering, Jesus tells the disciples they will find their lives in losing them. Such sacrificial love is described by Paul when he urges us to associate with the lowly and not repay evil with evil. In worship we gather as a community that we might offer ourselves for the sake of our suffering world.*

PRELUDE / PARISH NOTICES / BELL

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be God, the one who forms us, ✠ Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete. **Amen.**

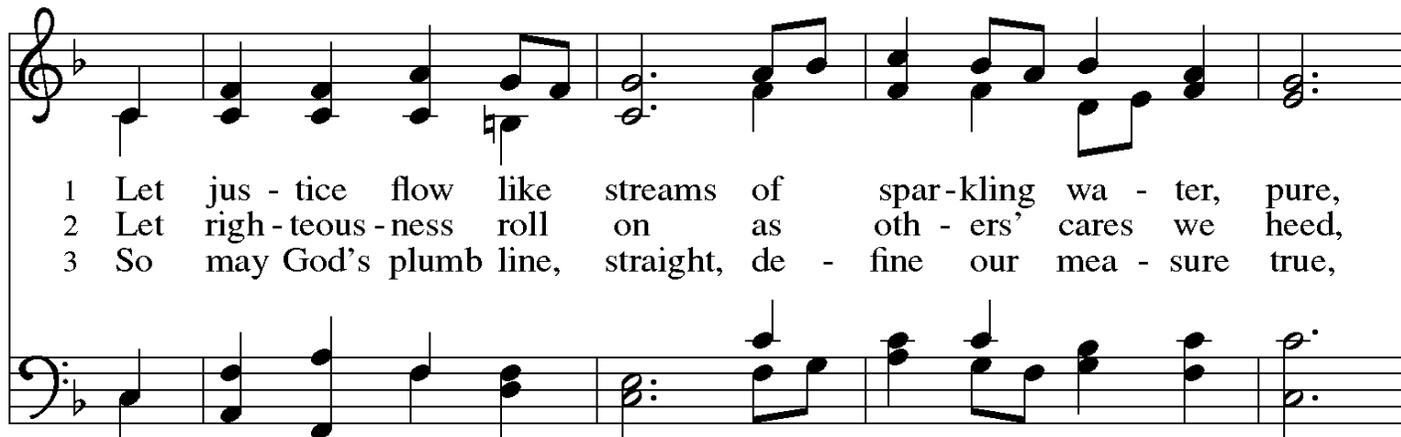
Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

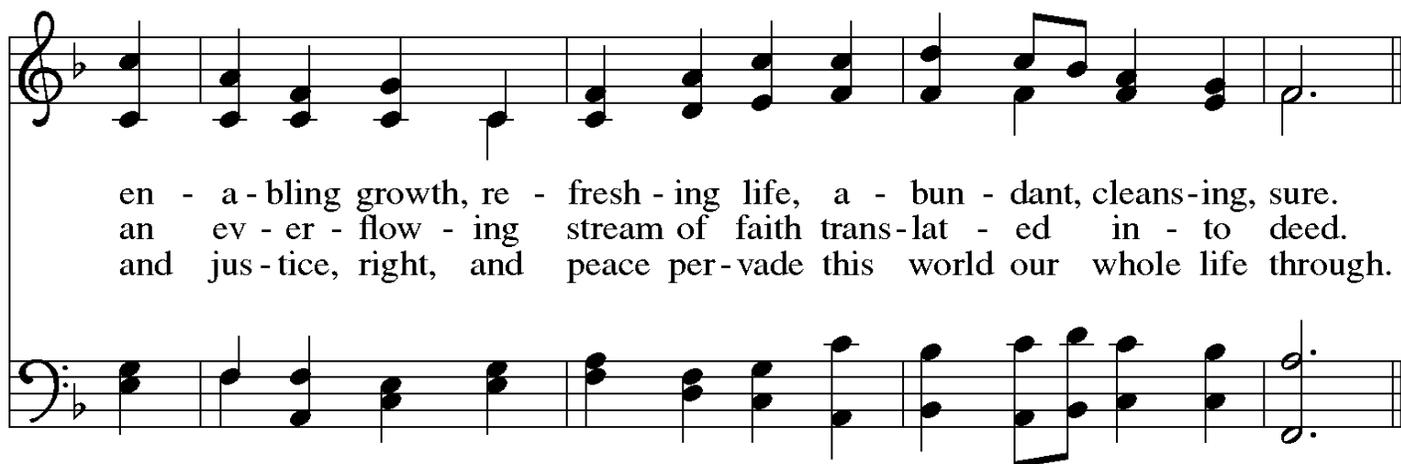
Steadfast and faithful God,

you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Beloved in Christ, God's justice stretches beyond all understanding. God's compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In ✠ Christ, you are already and always forgiven. **Amen.**



1 Let jus - tice flow like streams of spar - kling wa - ter, pure,
 2 Let righ - teous - ness roll on as oth - ers' cares we heed,
 3 So may God's plumb line, straight, de - fine our mea - sure true,



en - a - bling growth, re - fresh - ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans - ing, sure.
 an ev - er - flow - ing stream of faith trans - lat - ed in - to deed.
 and jus - tice, right, and peace per - vade this world our whole life through.

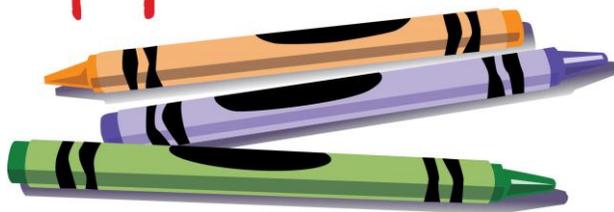
GREETING

God of hosts most gracious, God the Son who saves us, and God the Spirit placed upon us, be with you all. **And also with you**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Children's
Message



WORD

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 15:15-21

The first reading is in Jeremiah chapter 15, verses 15-21.

*O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me,
and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.
In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult.
Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts.
I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice;
under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation.
Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed?
Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail.
Therefore thus says the LORD: If you turn back, I will take you back,
and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,
you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them.
And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze;
they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you,
for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the LORD.
I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.*

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

SECOND READING

Romans 12:9-21

The second reading is in Romans chapter 12, verses 9-21.

*Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.
Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.*

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL READING

Matthew 16:21-28

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 16th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."



For those who want to save their life
will lose it,
and those who lose their life for my sake
will find it.

Matthew 16:25, NRSV

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

SERMON

Pastor Tim Mason



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call

your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you care for cruel and
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low

know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?
 you and nev - er be the same.

Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and

name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and

grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"
 grow in you and you in me.

THE APOSTLE'S 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 THE CHURCH God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

PEACE

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

MEAL

THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

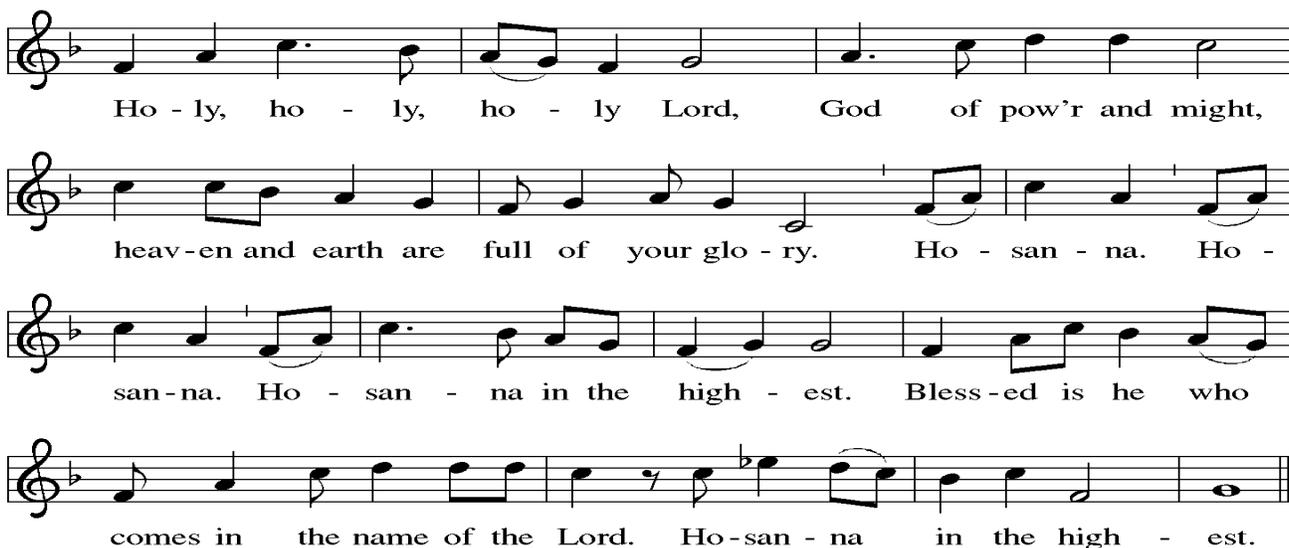
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave Himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with the earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF JESUS

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

DISTRIBUTION

(Please sign the Welcome Pads and pass to your neighbor.)



PRAYER

Let us pray. Living God, you have greeted us in our brokenness and nourished us with the body of Christ, broken for us. Risen to new life with you, send us now to bear your healing love into the wounded world, in the name of our risen Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

(The offering is brought forward by the ushers.)

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

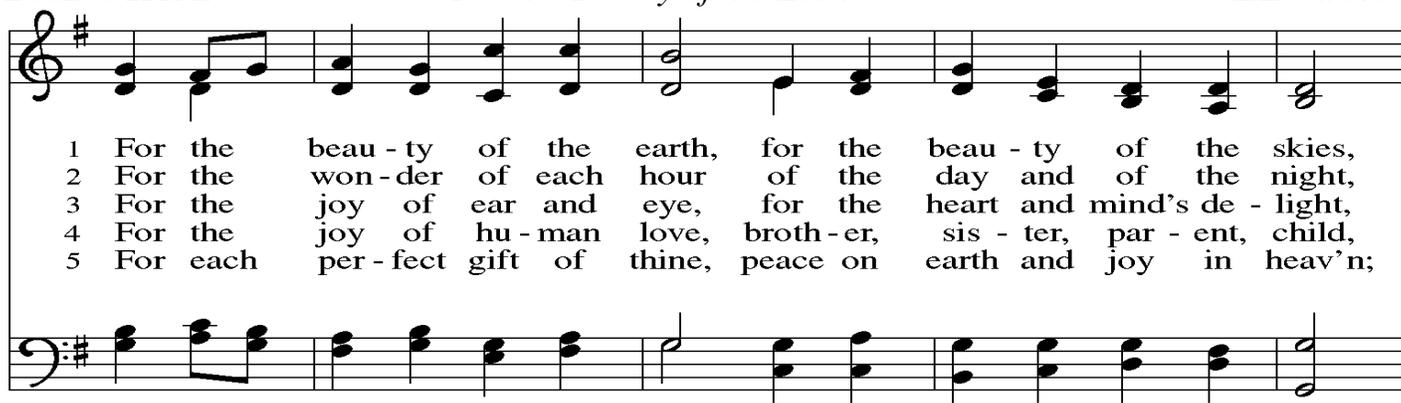
BLESSING

Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

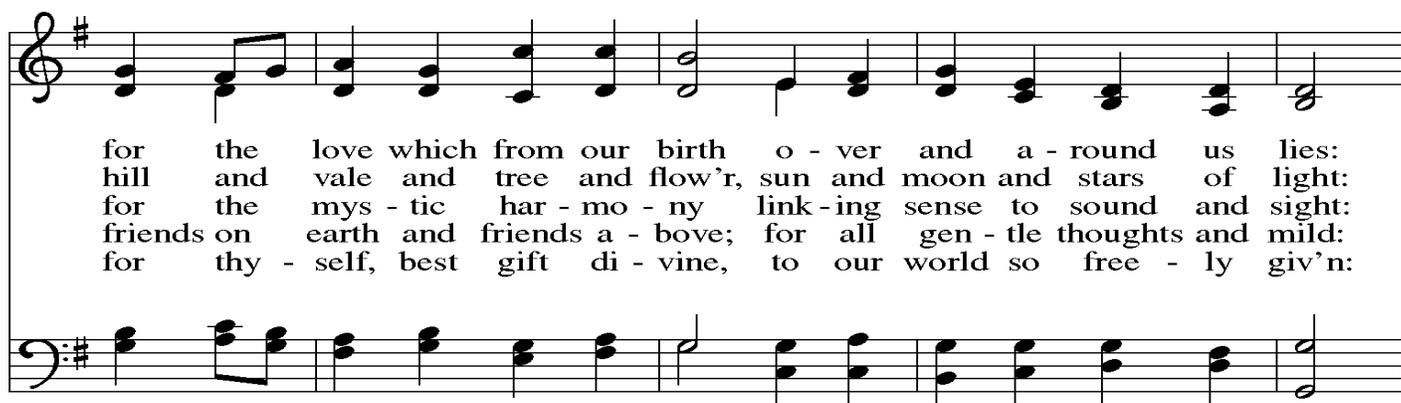
CLOSING HYMN

For the Beauty of the Earth

ELW#879



1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
5 For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:

Refrain



Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

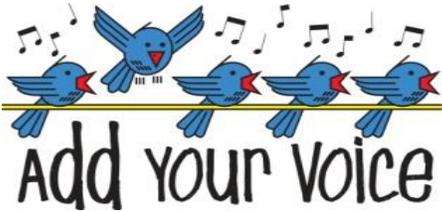
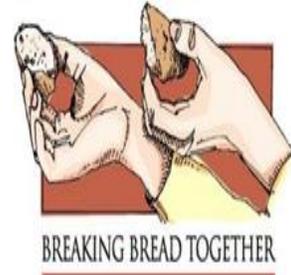
BELL AND DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The Father, Son and Spirit sends us forth to serve. **Thanks be to God.**

Our Thanks To All Who Serve The Body Of Christ

SUNDAY		9:00 Worship
Accompanist	Mary Mulry	
Acolytes	Davin Suess	
Readers	Eric Wahlborg	
Communion Assistant	Neil Neidt	
Sound Techs	Russ Sorensen	
Greeters	Chris Mangen	
Ushers	Brian Polesky, Lee Johnson	
Altar Guild	Beth Klein	

**Join us for the next “Breaking Bread Together” September 17th!
Sign up at the office window for the Fellowship and Fun!**



Senior Choir starts Wednesday, September 6th at 5:00 P.M.
All are welcome to practice
in celebration of the music to come!
Call Mary at 507 227-9880 with any questions.

**Bell Choir starts Wednesday, September 6th
at 6:00 P.M.**

All are welcome
to ring in the music to come!
Call Rose at 507 276-0013 with any questions.

Thank you for being the hands of Jesus!



**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!

The Advent Supper has been one of Trinity’s wonderful community outreach events for many years. After taking a Covid break, we are ready to bring it back again, but we can’t make it happen without your help. If you would like to be part of this reorganized planning committee by bringing your time and talents, we would love to have you. Please join us September 11th at 5:15 at the Golf Course for dinner to let the party planning begin for this grand event! Feel free to contact Judy Johnson or Joleen Dittbenner with any questions. Hope to see you there!





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.

September 3rd, 2023

Jesus calls us to make things right with others.

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 18:15-20	Seeking reconciliation
Monday	Matthew 5:21-26	Be reconciled to your brother
Tuesday	Luke 6:37-42	Forgive and you will be forgiven
Wednesday	Luke 17:1-4	If your brother sins
Thursday	Colossians 3:12-15	Forgive as the Lord forgave you
Friday	Ephesians 4:25-32	Forgive each other
Saturday	Psalms 32:1-7	Blessed are the forgiven
Sunday	Matthew 18:21-35	A parable about forgiveness



*Sundays after
Pentecost*

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

“If your brother sins against you, go to him. Tell him what he did wrong. Keep it between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won him back.” Matthew 18:15

SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:

Lord Jesus, help us to forgive others and make peace with them. Amen. (Matt.18:15-17)

Mealtime Prayer:

As two or more who gather here, we thank you, Christ, for coming near. Please bless this food and our home, too, that we may shine with love for you. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord Jesus be with you. May you be one with him and at peace with others. Amen.

CARING CONVERSATION

Discuss in your household or small group:

- What does it mean to forgive someone? Do you find it difficult or easy to forgive? Why?
- What does God's forgiveness mean to you?
- How does God's forgiveness change the way we see and treat other people when they sin against us?

DEVOTIONS

As part of your household devotional times this week, spend a few minutes admitting your sins to each other and asking for and receiving words of forgiveness. Each person may say: *“I am sorry for (name a particular thing) and ask you to forgive me.”* Others may respond: *“God has forgiven me, and I forgive you in his name.”* Express your forgiveness with a handshake, hug or kiss.

SERVICE

Romans 13:9 tells us that whatever commandments there are can be summed up in this one rule: *“Love your neighbor as yourself.”*

Challenge members of your household to each do at least one act of kindness for another person every day this week (whether at school, work or home). Report on your efforts at evening mealtimes. Share about how your acts of kindness were received by others.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Jesus promises that wherever two or three people come together in his name, he is with them (Matthew 18:20). This week, light a candle when you meet as a household to symbolize Christ's presence with you, and say together: *“We come together in Jesus' name. And he is right here with us.”*

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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.sleepyeyonline.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:	71
Weekly Giving: (5730.00 Needed)	\$4402.92
August Giving: (\$22,920.00 .Needed)	\$12,193.41
Yearly Contributions to Date	\$142,004.84
Amount needed to meet Budget	\$194,810.00



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, Carlo, 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...especially the Trebesch family in the untimely loss of **Austin**...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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