

**Trinity
Lutheran
Church**

**September 17,
2023**

**Sixteenth
Sunday after
PENTECOST
Lectionary 24**

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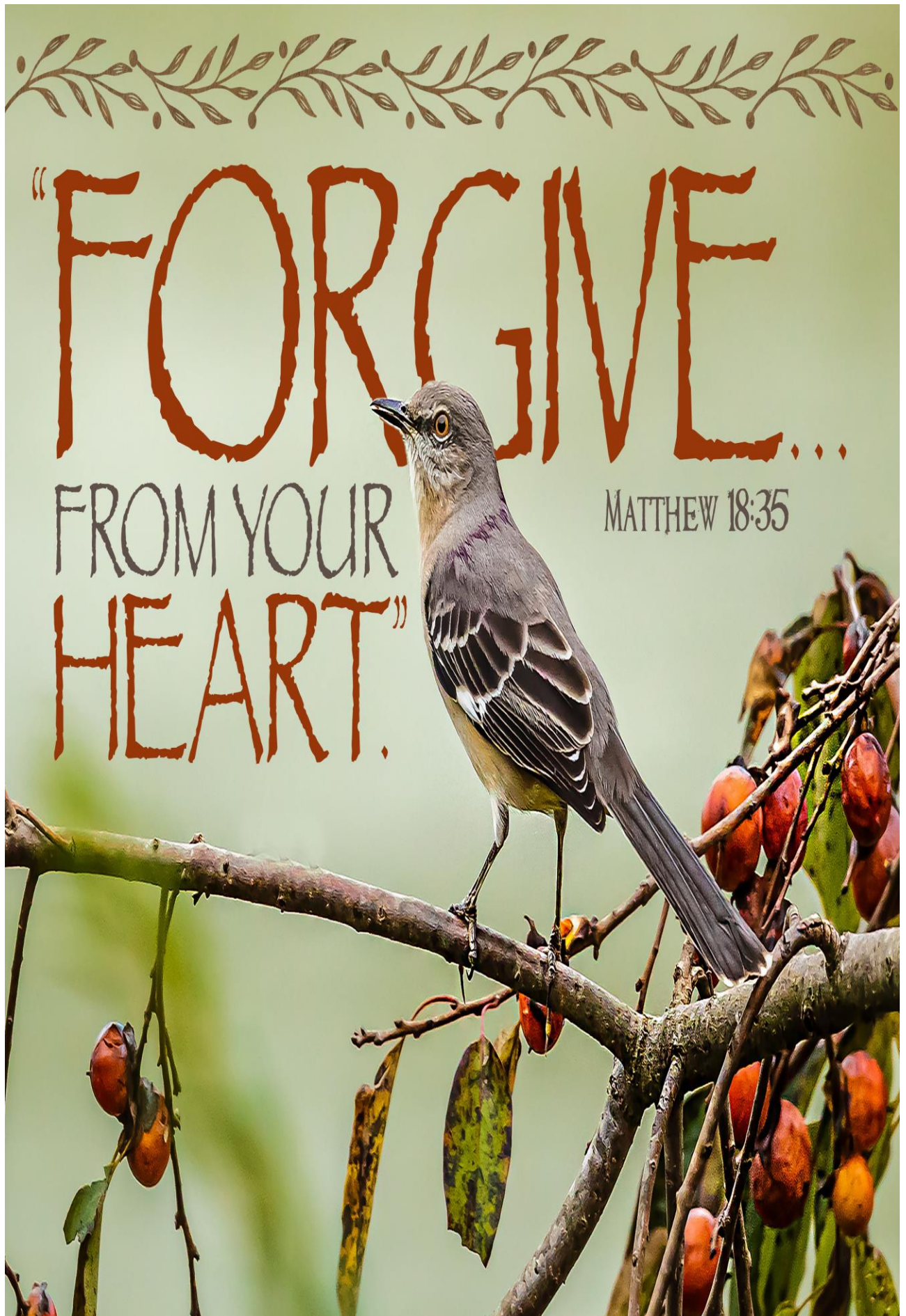
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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HOLY COMMUNION ~ LECTURE 24

9:00 am Sunday September 17th, 2023



EVERYONE SING TO THE LORD A NEW SONG! HALLELUJAH!

All are welcome in this house of worship as we gather to give thanks and share God's gifts of Word & Sacrament. Through faith our Lord promises to be present in and through the bread & cup to all who believe as we gather in Jesus' name receiving God's gifts of forgiveness, salvation and eternal life. As we say farewell to Pastor Tim Mason, you are invited to fellowship and refreshments following our Sunday worship. Please join us for "Breaking Bread Together" at 11:00 am as well.

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...*In today's second reading Paul questions why we judge one another, since we all stand before the judgment of God. Yet we do sin against one another, and Jesus' challenge that we forgive seventy-seven times reveals God's boundless mercy. When we hear the words of forgiveness in worship and sign ourselves with the cross, we are renewed in baptism to be signs of reconciliation in the world.*

PRELUDE / PARISH NOTICES / BELL

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleansed the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through 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.

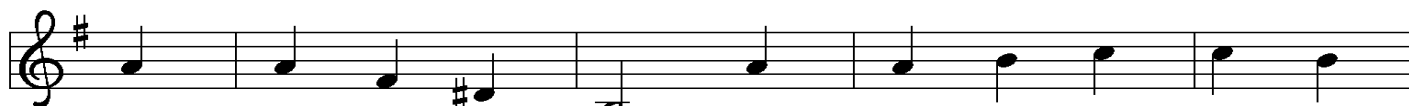
Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**



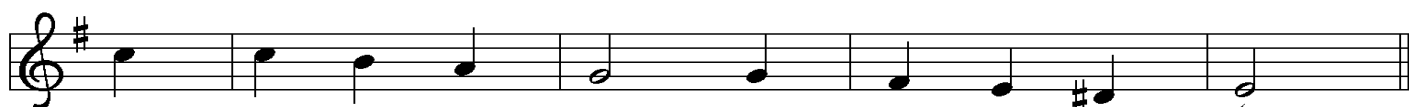
1 *Can - tad al Se - ñor un cán - ti - co nue - vo.*
 1 Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.
 2 For God is the Lord, and God has done won - ders.
 3 So dance for our God and blow all the trum - pets.
 4 Oh, shout to our God, who gave us the Spir - it.
 5 For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia!



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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.**

RESPONSIVE DIALOG FROM PSALM 103

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all God's benefits—

who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases;

who redeems your life from the grave and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;

who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

O LORD, you provide vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.

You made known your ways to Moses and your works to the children of Israel.

LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy,

slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love;

you will not always accuse us, nor will you keep your anger forever.

You have not dealt with us according to our sins, nor repaid us according to our iniquities.

For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is your steadfast love for those who fear you.

As far as the east is from the west, so far have you removed our transgressions from us.

As a father has compassion for his children, so you have compassion for those who fear you, O LORD.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**



WORD

FIRST READING:

Genesis 50:15-21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

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

SECOND READING:

Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

F C/E F B \flat /D C F

Thy Word is a lamp un - to _ my feet and a light un - to my path.

5 C/E F B \flat /D C F Fine

Thy Word is a lamp un - to _ my feet and a light un - to my path.

VERSE

9 C Gm Dm Am B \flat C

1. When I feel _ a - fraid, and I think I've lost _ my way, still You're there right be -
 2. I will not _ for - get Your _ love for me, _ and yet my heart for - ev - er is

12 B \flat /F F C Gm Dm Am

-side _ me. Noth - ing will _ I fear as _ long as You _ are near.
 wan - der - ing. Je - sus, be _ my guide and _ hold me to _ Your side;

15 B \flat C C/D D C^{sus} C D.C. al Fine

Please be near me to the end. _____
 I will love You to the end. _____

GOSPEL READING:

Matthew 18:21-35

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 18th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**"

Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for



... how often should
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 "Not **SEVEN** times,
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**SEVENTY-
 SEVEN**
 times."

Matthew 18:21-22

him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

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

SERMON

Pastor Tim Mason

SONG OF THE DAY

Amazing Grace

ELW #779



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

INSTALLATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL STAFF

In the Learning Community of the Church, we encourage one another in faith and life. “Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another.” (Hebrews 10:24-25) One of the ways the community of the church experiences the encouragement of God is through the ministry of teaching. We, as God’s people, are gathered to search the Scriptures where God speaks through the words we speak to one another and where we receive encouragement in faith.

You have been called to encourage God’s people in faith. Will you assume this ministry in the confidence that it comes from God? **I will, and I ask God to help me.**

Will you seek to encourage God’s people in accordance with the teaching and practice of the Lutheran church? **I will, and I ask God to help me.**

Will you allow God to encourage you in faith and life through study of the Holy Scripture and regular attendance in worship and prayer?

I will, and I ask God to help me.

People of Trinity, will you encourage these friends in the teaching ministry to which they have been called, uphold them in prayer, and seek to support them in every way?

C: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Gracious Lord, we give praise and thanks that you continue to call people into the teaching ministry of the church. Continue to encourage us through your Word, in order that we may be strong in faith, strong in love, and strong in service. Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray.

Amen.

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

THE PEACE

MEAL

THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

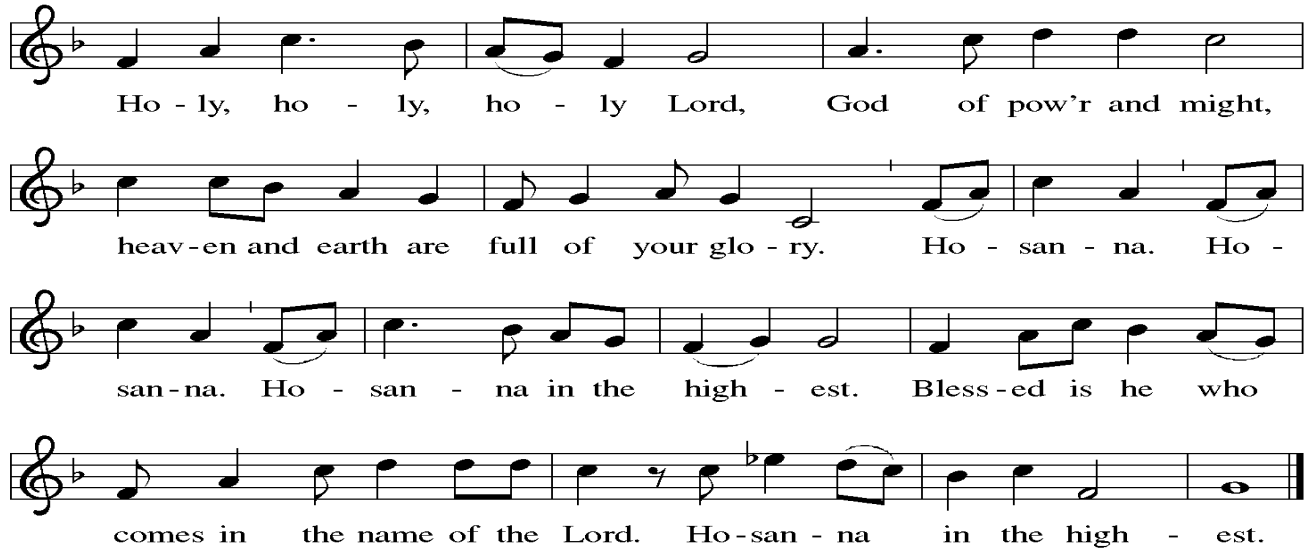
And also with you.

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. 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. 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.)



MAKE MY LIFE A SONG

Trinity Choir

SENDING

FAREWELL AND THANKSGIVING

L: My dear brothers and sisters in Christ: In the book of Ecclesiastics, the preacher writes:

*“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:
a time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
a time to kill, and a time to heal;
a time to break down, and a time to build up;
a time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
a time to throw away stones,
and a time to gather stones together;
a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
a time to seek, and a time to lose...”*

Our pastor, Reverend Tim Mason, led by the Spirit, is leaving us to follow God’s call into another ministry. The time has come, therefore, to mark the ending of his two years of ministry here at Trinity Lutheran Church. God has blessed us with his faithful service as our co-worker in Christ, our counselor, teacher, companion, and most of all, our pastor. With a mixture of joy and sadness, we give thanks to God for our time together and mark the ending of his ministry with us.

Pastor Tim, we called you to be our pastor, to proclaim God’s Word, to baptize new members into the Church of Jesus Christ, to announce God’s forgiveness to us, and to preside at our celebrations of the Lord’s Supper. With the Gospel you have comforted us in times of sickness and trouble, and at the death of our loved ones. Sharing our joys and sorrows, you have been important to our life together in the Church of Jesus Christ and in our service to the community.

P: People of God, you called me to serve in this place. Now God has seen fit to lead me elsewhere, bearing witness to what we have gathered weekly to celebrate. I am thankful for the time God has given us together. I have known your love and patience. In Christ’s name, you have ministered to me as I have to you; you have been my teachers as I have sought to be yours; you have forgiven me as I have forgiven you. Side by side we have walked in Christ’s unfading light, and we have lived with one another in the gospel. The Holy Spirit brought us together for a time, and I shall not soon forget you.

L: The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

L: Let us pray for Pastor Tim and give thanks for our life together. Eternal God, we thank you for Pastor Tim, and for our life together in this congregation and community. You have led him by the Holy Spirit to serve your people in this place, to build up your Church, and to glorify your name. We have labored in common for the sake of the gospel. Together we have studied your Word, been nourished at your table, lifted our voices in prayer and praise, sought your comfort and guidance, witnessed to your deeds of love and mercy in our work, and been renewed by the gift of the Holy Spirit.

In thanksgiving, we praise you for raising up faithful servants among us for the ministry of your Church. And we pray that Pastor Tim may continue to exemplify in word and deed the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Grant that with him we may continue to serve you in the Church on earth and be brought to rejoice in you kingdom forever, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

P: Scripture tells us that endings are only new beginnings, therefore, let us go forth, doing God's will in our own places, for the sake of the gospel of Christ. As you have been a blessing to me, so also may you be a blessing to others.

As God's faithful people, let us each serve as we are called to do. Let us thrive for righteousness, godliness, faithfulness, love, endurance, and gentleness, giving and receiving comfort as we serve within the Church.

P: The God of peace-who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant-make you perfect in every good work to do God's will, working in you that which is well pleasing in His sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom be honor and glory forever and ever.

Amen.

God's blessing go with you to guide and equip you and give you peace.

PRESENTATION

L: And now, as he has been a blessing to us, send him forth to be a blessing to others; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**



1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,
 2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,

the peo - ple of our God from this dwell - ing take leave.
 the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—

The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed
 our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,

the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
 em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.

The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls
 With your feast you feed us, with your light now

reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
 lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.

Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us
 Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing

to give work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.
 hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

DISMISSAL Go in peace. Be the light of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

**OUR THANKS TO ALL WHO SERVE THE BODY OF CHRIST
 WE WILL MISS YOU, PASTOR TIM**

POSTLUDE



OUR THANKS TO ALL WHO SERVE GOD'S WORK...OUR HANDS!

SUNDAY 9:00 am Worship	
Accompanist	Mary Mulry
Acolyte	Kaden Braun
Readers	Darlene Brummund
Communion Assistants	Dave Vosbeck, Brian Polesky, Larry Baumgardt
Sound Techs	Russ Sorensen
Usher/Greeters	Brian Polesky, Lee Johnson, Rose Wall
Altar Guild	Judy Johnson and Beth Klein

Join us for the next “Breaking Bread Together” at the Golf Course September 17th at 11:00 am as we say farewell to Pastor Tim! He will be so missed. Sign up at the office window for the Fellowship and Fun!



**Senior Choir is on Wednesdays 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 is on Wednesdays
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 Church School students please respond to the Remind information that will be text to you for important Church school information for the 2023/2024 year. We begin this Wednesday, September 20th at 6:30 pm.

Thank You Parents For All You Do!

BINGO				
15	28	37	51	73
6	17	32	45	61
9	15	★	60	70
12	26	44	52	66
7	22	34	48	72

Help Needed at
St. John's Home

TRINITY WILL BE HOSTING BINGO on Friday, September 29th, at 2:00 pm, at St. John Lutheran Home. If you are able to assist, please contact Judy Weedman. Four or five volunteers are needed. Thank you.

The Board of Social Ministry would like to thank all of you who donated to Ivy House over the summer. We know that these gifts will be much appreciated as by Ivy House as they provide care to children whose families need some extra support during stressful times.



God's work.
Our hands.

Trinity will again be sponsoring “God’s Work Our Hands” to aid the Church and our Community on September 24th! Please be there for the fun and Fellowship! Sign up for projects are in the Narthex. Take a look and pick your project! All hands are needed September 24th and always. Please do your part in making this another successful event!

- Tying Fleece Blankets
- Cooking for Meals that Matter
- Planting at the Parsonage
- Cookies for our Community
- Packing Blizzard Bags

Missions Sept. 20th at the first Wednesday Night Church School at 6:30.

Our Confirmation students will be sending packages to our new college students.

Our Church School students will be packing School bags for

“God’s Work Our Hands” is our way of honoring our Lord and helping other people. Together WE can all make a difference! Please sign up today to help.





Faith Formation & Youth Ministry Coordinator

Trinity Lutheran Church
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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.

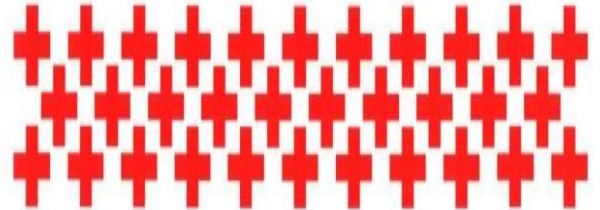
Position: Faith Formation Youth Ministry Coordinator (Part-time)

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

American Red Cross

Give blood. Help save lives.



Blood Drive **Sleepy Eye Community** **Event Center**

110 12th Ave NE
Sleepy Eye, MN

Tuesday, September 19, 2023
12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: Sleepy Eye to schedule an appointment.



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September 17th, 2023

God is amazingly generous!

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 20:1-16	Parable of the vineyard workers
Monday	Titus 3:3-7	The generosity of God
Tuesday	1 Timothy 6:17-19	God provides richly
Wednesday	Ephesians 1:3-8	The riches of God's grace
Thursday	Romans 11:33-36	God owes us nothing
Friday	John 1:14-18	One blessing after another
Saturday	Psalms 65:9-13	God's bountiful gifts
Sunday	Matthew 21:23-32	Parable of the two sons

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK



“You are merciful, Lord! You are kind and patient and always loving.”

Psalm 145:8 (CEV)

SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord, you are so generous to us. Help us to be generous to others. Amen. (Matthew 20:1-16)

Mealtime Prayer:

God so generous, God so good, we thank you for our daily food. Bless our meal and with us stay, guide and keep us through this day. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord be kind to you and help you to live for him. Amen. (Psalm 145:8-9; Philippians 1:21)

CARING CONVERSATION

Discuss in your household or small group:

- Share about a time when you felt you were treated unfairly.
- Jesus told a parable about some vineyard workers (read Matthew 20:1-16). How do you think you would have felt if you were one of those hired first? How would you have felt if you were one of those hired last?
- Should we be bothered if we see God being generous to others? Why or why not?

DEVOTIONS

When Jonah was thrown overboard into the sea, God kept him from drowning by sending a whale to swallow him (Jonah 1:15-17).

Draw or cut out a picture of whale. When you gather for your evening meals this week, share ways in which God provided for you during the day. Write these onto “sticky notes” and attach them to your whale. Say a prayer of thanks to God for his generosity to your household.

SERVICE

Psalm 145:4 says: *“Each generation will announce to the next your wonderful deeds.”* Talk about people from older or younger generations who have shared Christ with you. Draw them a picture, make them a card or write them a note to say thanks. If possible, invite them to your home to share a meal with you.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

September 21st is the day on which the Christian church remembers the apostle Matthew, one of Jesus' original twelve apostles (most of the Gospel readings for this year are from Matthew's Gospel). One day, while Matthew (also called Levi) was seated at his table of books and money, Jesus looked at him and said two words: *“Follow me.”* This was all that was needed to make Matthew rise and leave behind his pieces of silver to follow Christ. Matthew then hosted a great banquet at his home to which he invited his fellow tax-collectors. The Jews were surprised to see Jesus with a tax collector, but Jesus explained that he had come *“not to call the righteous, but sinners”* (Luke 5:27-32). Host a “Matthew Party” at your home this week. Invite friends from your church to join you. Share your favorite stories from the Gospel of Matthew and whatever information you can discover from books or the Internet about the later life and ministry of Saint Matthew.

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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.

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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:	91
Weekly Giving: (5730.00 Needed)	\$2567.57
September Giving: (\$22,920.00 Needed)	\$6243.49
Yearly Contributions to Date	\$151,304.25
Amount needed to meet Budget	\$212,000.00



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... 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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