

**Trinity
Lutheran
Church**

**October 8th,
2023**

**Nineteenth
Sunday
after
Pentecost
Lection 27**

217 Brackenridge
Southwest
Sleepy Eye, MN

Website
[www.trinity
sleepyeye.org](http://www.trinitysleepyeye.org)

Phone:
(507) 794-5051

Office Hours
Tues-Thurs
9am –4pm

Interim Pastor
Grant Fischer
ogfischer@
gmail.com
(320) 444-3517

Parish Secretary
Darlene
Brummund
507 276-8013
secretary@trinity
sleepyeye.org

*Financial
Secretary*
Pat Stevermer
794-7112
finance@trinity
sleepyeye.org

Music Director
Mary Mulry
507 227-9880
music@trinity
sleepyeye.org

Custodian
Pat Lowther

The
kingdom
of God
will be ... given
to a people
that produces
the fruits
of the **kingdom.**

Matthew 21:43, NRSV

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ~ LECTION 27
SERVICE OF THE WORD



*Sundays after
Pentecost*

9:00 AM OCTOBER 8TH, 2023

THE LORD JESUS CHRIST WELCOMES ALL! *We are gathered in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ who beckons us to come to Him in faith and repentance. **Many thanks to Reverend Dennis Frank as he leads worship today.** May the gospel of the Lord inspire and fill you with the Spirit! Fellowship & refreshments are available in the Library immediately following our Sunday worship.*

GATHERING

WE PREPARE... *In today's gospel reading, Jesus tells a vineyard parable, which serves as an image of Israel, the prophets' mission, and Christ's death. For Christians, the vineyard also speaks of God's love poured out in the blood of Christ, given to us for the forgiveness of sin. Grafted onto Christ the vine at baptism, we are nourished with wine and bread so that we may share Christ's sufferings and know the power of his resurrection.*

PRELUDE/ PARISH NOTICES/ RINGING OF THE 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 Praise and thanks-giv-ing, God, we would of-fer for all things
 2 God, bless the la-bor we bring to serve you, that with our
 3 Fa-ther, pro-vid-ing food for your chil-dren, by Wis-dom's
 4 Then will your bless-ing reach ev-'ry peo-ple, free-ly con-

liv-ing, you have made good: har-vest of sown fields, fruits of the
 neigh-bor we may be fed. Sow-ing or till-ing, we would work
 guid-ing teach us to share one with an-oth-er, so that, re-
 fess-ing your gra-cious hand. Where you are reign-ing, no one will

or-chard, hay from the mown fields, blos-som and wood.
 with you, har-vest-ing, mill-ing for dai-ly bread.
 joic-ing with us, all oth-ers may know your care.
 hun-ger; your love sus-tain-ing show-ers the land.

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

Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD**FIRST READING**

Isaiah 5:1-7

The first reading is in Isaiah chapter 5, verse 1-7.

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard.

What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

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

SECOND READING

Philippians 3:4b-14

The second reading is in Philippians chapter 3, verses 4b-14.

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW# 512

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.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 21st chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'?"

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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

MESSAGE

Pastor Dennis Frank

SONG OF THE DAY

FOR THE FRUIT OF ALL CREATION

ELW#678



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 THE CHURCH God of grace, hear our prayer.

PEACE

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

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

“MARY’S CHOICE”

*(Please sign the Welcome Pads and pass to your neighbor)
(The offering is brought forward by the ushers during the song)*

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.**

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.**



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the
 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
 death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that
 love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and
 pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

DISMISSAL

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

Our thanks to all who serve the Body of Christ

SUNDAY		9:00 Worship	
Accompanist	Mary Mulry		
Acolyte	Jacob Fulmer		
Reader	Phyllis Kleven		
Sound Techs	Russ Sorensen		
Greeters	Chris Mangan		
Ushers	Dennis & Jan Schueler		
Altar Guild	Jolene Dittbenner		



**We Thank Pastor Dennis Frank for leading our Worship today!
 He will be with us October 29th as well. Welcome!**

SEMC has the New Flu and the Bivalent COVID booster available. You have call SEMC at 794-3691 to schedule an appointment. Forms for the vaccine are available at the church in the narthex or on the SEMC website.

Boosters are also available at Randy's Drug. Please call ahead. Flu shots are available anytime.





It's already time to begin planning for the Women's Candlelight Advent Dinner to be held Sunday, December 3rd.

Hostesses are needed. Are you interested in decorating a table and inviting seven women to join you for an inspirational evening?

Sign up in the narthex by October 22nd. If you wish to attend or work, there is a sign up for you as well.

If you have any questions, please contact Joleen Dittbenner at 507 227-2401.

CHRISTMAS WREATHS AND GARLAND FOR SALE!

The women of Trinity are raising funds to continue our work for Trinity and the many organizations and people we help over the year. We are selling wreaths and garland until October 29th as a fundraiser to help with expenses. Wreaths will be delivered the first week of December. You can stop by the church office or see us at the table in the narthex to order. As always, thank you all for your support!



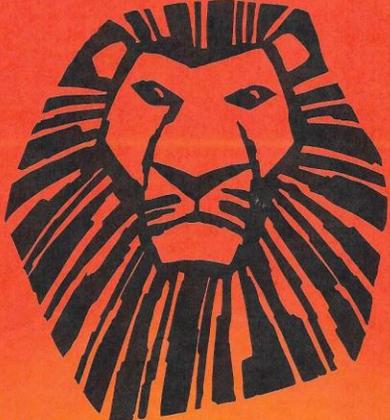
Please join us for Trinity's "Dining Out", following church services 10/15/2023. "Breaking Bread Together" is an opportunity to get to know each other better and share stories. Please sign up at Darlene's Office Window so we can make reservations. Location to be determined. Our goal will be to "Dine Out" the 3rd Sunday of each month!



Trinity Wednesday Church School

We have begun Trinity Church School on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:30! Our students will be following the Sunday School Curriculum at the evening classes. This change has been made after asking our parents if this change would help with busy children's activities. Please join us! Confirmation classes are held on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm. Welcome back to all our students!

SLEEPY EYE HIGH SCHOOL
presents:



Disney
THE LION KING
EXPERIENCE

Music and Lyrics by **Elton John & Tim Rice** Additional Music and Lyrics by **Lebo M, Mark Mancina, Jay Rifkin, and Hans Zimmer** Book by **Roger Allers & Irene Mecchi**

Based on the Broadway production directed by **Julie Taymor**

Music Adapted & Arranged and Additional Music & Lyrics and "Luau Hawaiian Treat" written by **Will Van Dyke**

OCTOBER 12, 14, & 15
Sleepy Eye High School Auditorium
Thursday, October 12 - 7pm | Saturday, October 14 - 2pm
Saturday, October 14 - 7pm | Sunday, October 15 - 2pm

Pre-sale reserved seating and general admission tickets may be purchased October 2nd-6th and October 9th-11th from 3:30-5:30pm at the SEHS concession stand
Tickets are also available at the door, 1 hour prior to performances

Adults: \$10.00 ~ Students (7th-12th Grade): \$8.00
Children (6th Grade & Under): \$6.00

The Lion King Experience is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.mtishows.com

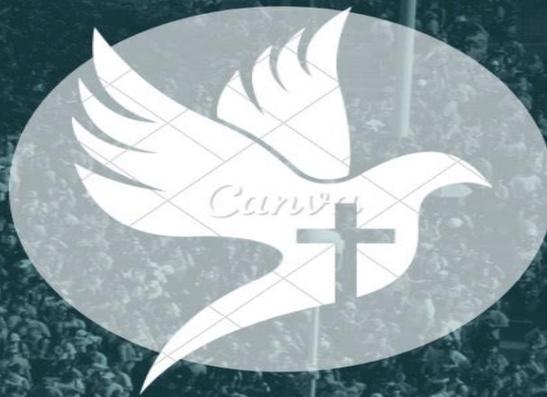
TRINITY YOUTH CAMPFIRE

Join us on Sunday, October 22nd at 5:30

Sportsmans Park

We will help with some park clean up, roast some hot dogs and marshmallows, and enjoy each other's company!

New Orleans July 15-20



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

is going to the

2024 ELCA YOUTH GATHERING!

TEXT KATE NELSON IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN
MORE INFORMATION @320-223-3231



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.

October 8, 2023

God, our King, invites all to the feast.

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 22:1-14	Parable of the wedding feast
Monday	Luke 14:15-24	Parable of the great banquet
Tuesday	Daniel 5:1-31	The banquet of Belshazzar
Wednesday	Esther 5:1-8, 7:1-10	Esther hosts a banquet
Thursday	Isaiah 25:1-8	The Lord will prepare a feast
Friday	Revelation 19:5-10	The wedding feast of the Lamb
Saturday	Psalms 36:5-10	Feasting in the Lord's house
Sunday	Matthew 22:15-22	The question of paying taxes



SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

“Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!” Philippians 4:4 (NIV)

SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week: Lord Jesus, thank you for inviting us to the feast of heaven. Help us to respond with a spirit of welcome and generosity to others. Amen.

Mealttime Prayer: Lord God, as we enjoy this earthly feast, prepare us for the feast of heaven. Thank you for all you give and all you do. Amen.

A Blessing to Give: May God bless you with the peace of Jesus. May the Lord watch over your heart and your mind and keep you safe. Amen. (Philippians 4:7)

CARING CONVERSATION

Discuss in your household or small group:

- Can you remember a party you enjoyed attending? What made it special for you?
- Jesus told a parable about a wedding banquet (read Matthew 22:1-10). Who ended up receiving invitations and attending?
- Jesus said that God's kingdom is like a banquet. What is your response to being invited?
How are you expressing your “yes” or “no” response by the way you live?

DEVOTIONS

In your home devotional times this week, read Psalm 23 together. Have each household member make a sheep figure using cardboard, glue, cotton, buttons (for eyes) and markers. Using string or thread, attach a sign to each “sheep” with the words, “(Name) is Jesus' little lamb.” Hang your “sheep” on your bedroom doors.

SERVICE

World Food Day is celebrated each year on October 16th. This is the day that the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations was founded in 1945. How can your household help those who are hungry and need food? Check your local churches to see if there is a food pantry to which you can contribute food or money.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Isaiah 25 describes a special feast that God is preparing for his people (read Isaiah 25:6). Plan a special meal to show your appreciation to significant people in your lives (e.g. school teachers, church staff, ministry volunteers, mentors). Work together to organize invitations and prepare the meal. Make this an annual event on your household calendar.

© 2013 Vibrant Faith Ministries. All rights reserved. Written by Pr. Greg Priebbenow and edited by Vibrant Faith Ministries.
Go to www.vibrantfaithathome.org for more faith-forming activities

Please take your bulletin home for weekly devotions



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
"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.

Last week at Trinity

Weekly Worship Attendance:	109
Weekly Giving: (5730.00 Needed)	\$3294.63
October Giving: (\$28,650.00 .Needed)	\$3294.63
Yearly Contributions to Date	\$163,578.16
Amount needed to meet Budget	\$229,190.00

We need everyone's help to meet our Budget!



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 Trinity...that the Holy Spirit would keep our Trinity family united as we continue worship and in helping others as we are able ...

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 Mark, Diane, Cindy, Sherry, Audrey, Kali, Leon, JoAnne, 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....

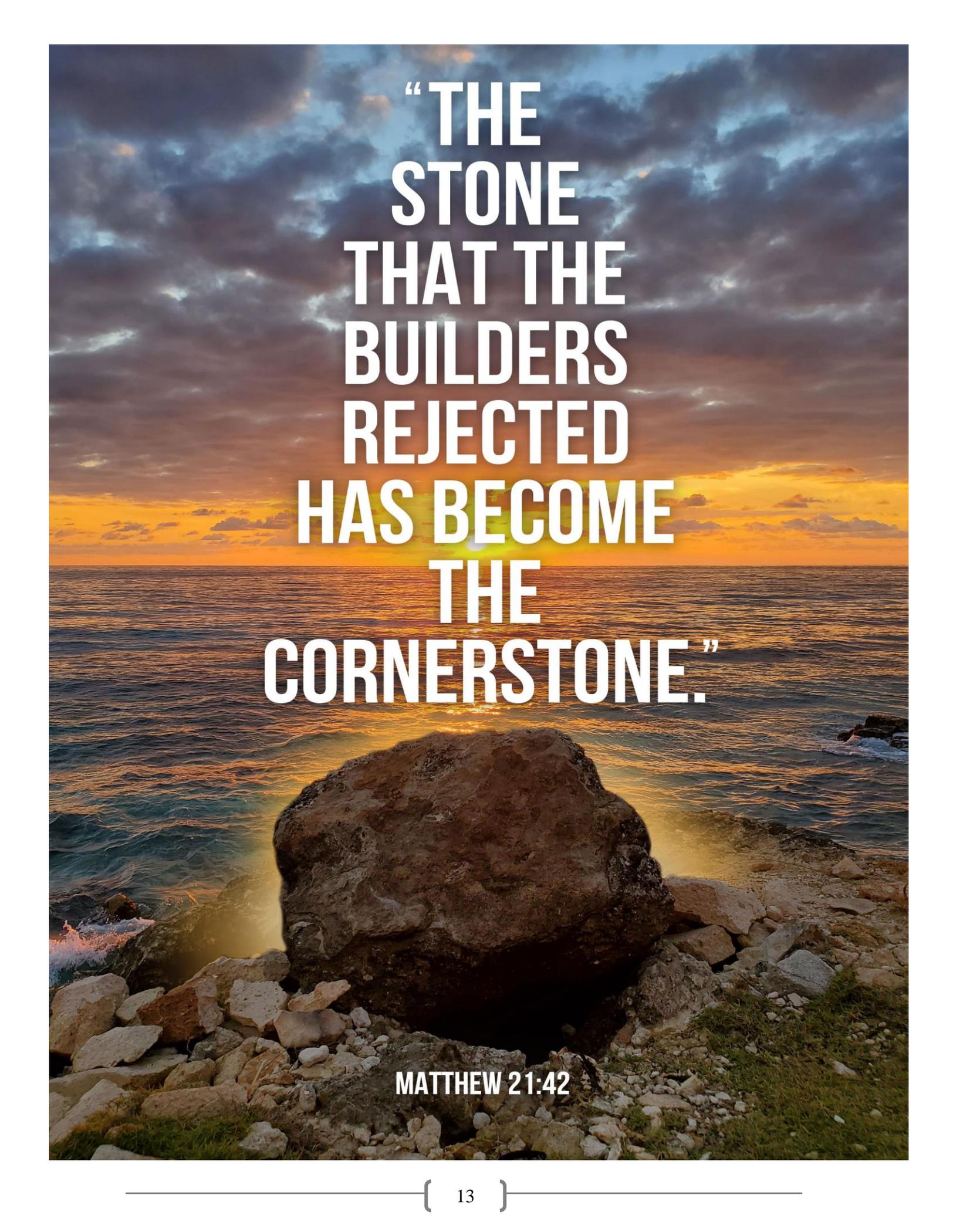
Pray for all families...that the Holy Spirit would bring compassion and mercy to all who are separated from one another and each would give way to mercy, love and reconciliation...

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.

For use solely with the SongSelect Terms of Use • All rights reserved
• www.ccli.com
• CCLI License 1162037 • For use with Streaming License • All rights reserved
• CSPL096295 • Used by permission of Augsburg Fortress • License 1380500101
• Reprinted from WORDS FOR WORSHIP, copyright 2017 Augsburg Fortress. Used by permission of Augsburg Fortress.
• ©2020, ABC Music Co., All rights reserved. OneLicense.net • License s

*Please consider naming Trinity for your Choice Funds.
Call 800-847-4836 and have your ID Number available*



**“THE
STONE
THAT THE
BUILDERS
REJECTED
HAS BECOME
THE
CORNERSTONE.”**

MATTHEW 21:42