

Trinity Lutheran Church

October 15,
2023

Twentieth
Sunday
after
PENTECOST
Lection 28

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For **MANY**
are called,
but **FEW**
are chosen.

Matthew 22:14, NRSV

TTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HOLY COMMUNION ~ LECTURE 28

9:00 am Sunday October 15, 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. We Welcome Pastor Grant Fischer as he leads our worship today. You are 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... *In Isaiah we are given a vision of the great feast to come, when God will wipe away death forever. In Jesus' parable about a great banquet, those invited do not come, so the invitation is extended to others. In our liturgy God spreads a table before us. Even amid anxiety and hardship we rejoice in the peace of God which surpasses all understanding. With great joy we feast at the table of the Lord, and we go forth to share the wonderful invitation with others hungering and thirsting for the abundant life of God.*

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: cleanse 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 As we gath-er at your ta-ble, as we lis-ten to your word,
 2 Turn our wor-ship in-to wit-ness in the sac-ra-ment of life;
 3 Gra-cious Spir-it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
 send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.
 where tri-um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa-cred sto-ry till we claim it as our own;
 Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for-give as you for-gave;
 There no more will en-vy blind us nor will pride our peace de-stroy,



teach us through this ho-ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic-t'ry known.
 may we still be-hold your im-age in the world you died to save.
 as we join with saints and an-gels to re-peat the sound-ing joy.

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

Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING:

Isaiah 25:1-9

The first reading is in Isaiah chapter 25, verses 1-9.

*O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name;
 for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure.
 For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin;
 the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt.
 Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you.
 For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress,
 a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.*

When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled. On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

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

SECOND READING

Philippians 4:1-9

The second reading is in Philippians chapter 4, verses 1-9.

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL READING:**Matthew 22:1-14**

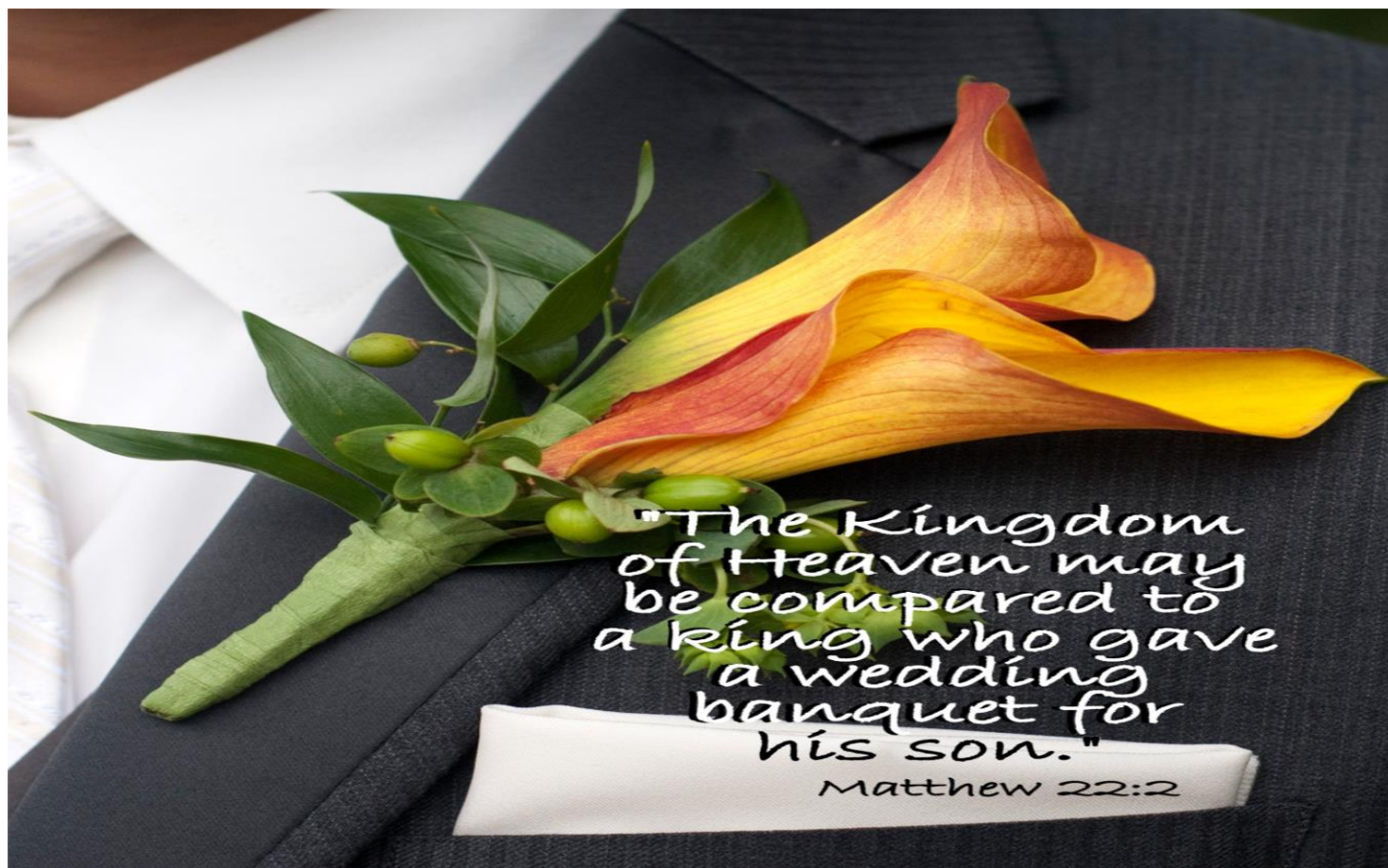
The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 22nd chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**”

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

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

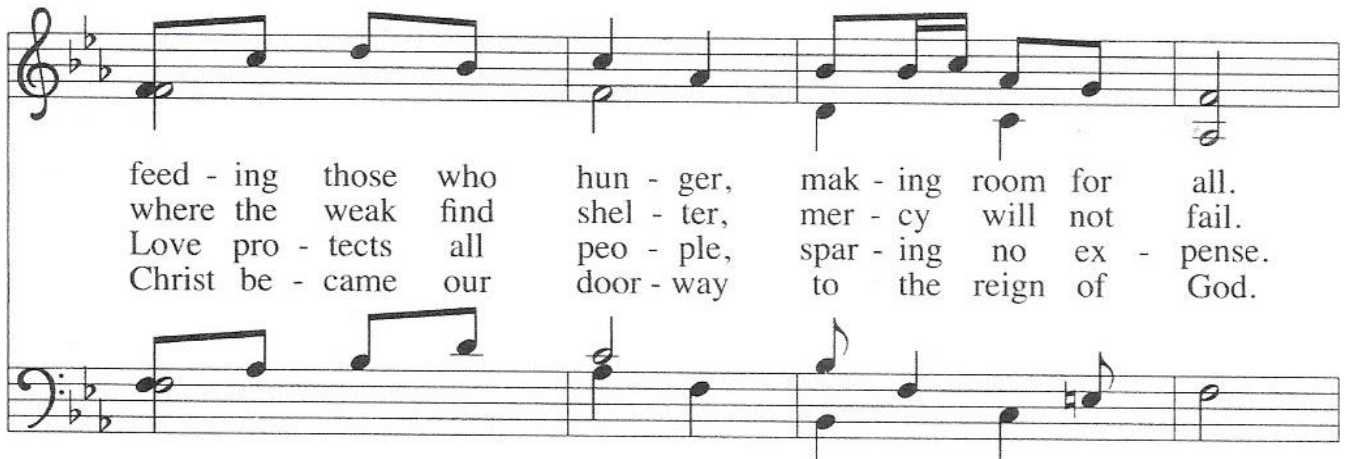
SERMON

Pastor Grant Fischer

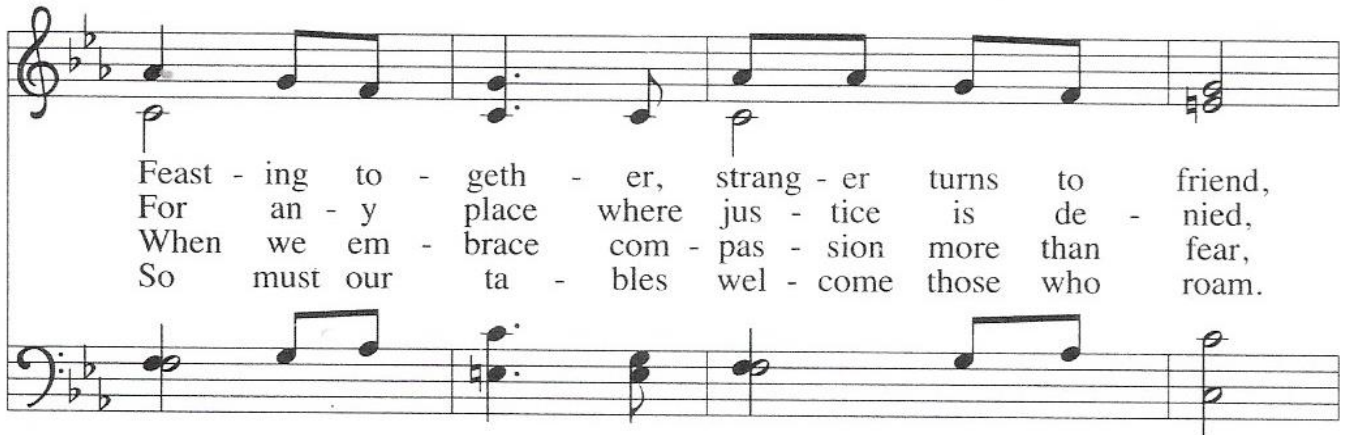




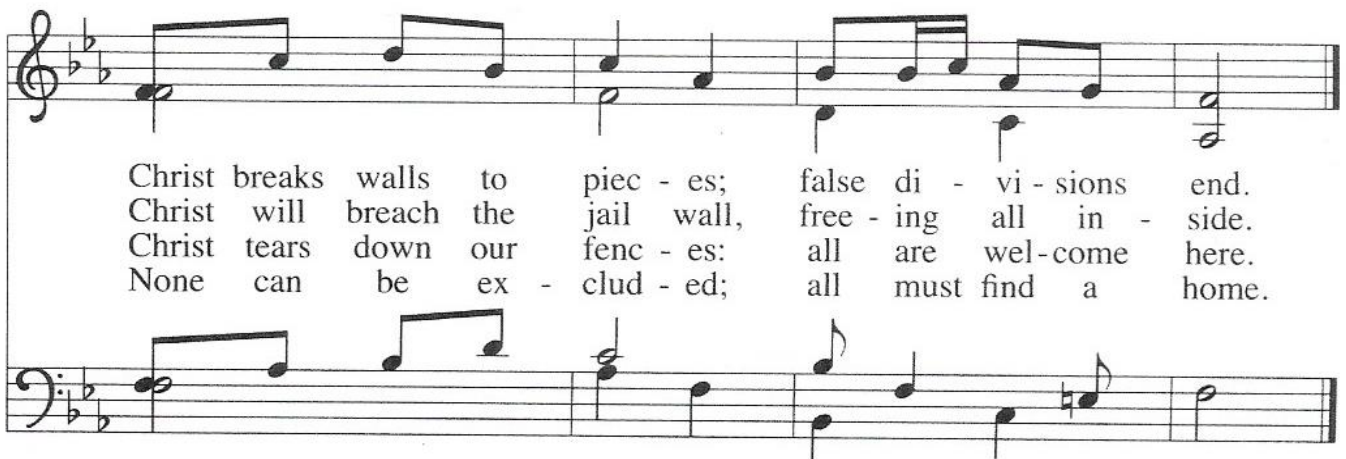
1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,
 2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;
 3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.
 4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.
 where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.
 Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.
 Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,
 For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,
 When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,
 So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.
 Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.
 Christ tears down our fenc - es: all are wel - come here.
 None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

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

THE PEACE

MEAL

THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

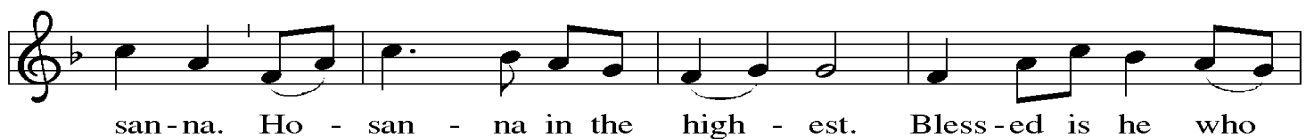
And also with you.

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:



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.)

SENDING

BLESSING

The God of glory, ✚ Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

CLOSING SONG

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

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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 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 teaching, receptive souls
 With your feast you feed us, with your light now

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

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

POSTLUDE



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

SUNDAY 9:00 am Worship	
Accompanist	Mary Mulry
Acolyte	Blaine Arneson
Reader	Diane Evers
Communion Assistants	Larry Baumgardt, Dave Vosbeck, Neil Neidt
Sound Techs	Russ Sorensen
Usher/Greeters	Dave & Mardy Vosbeck, Chris Mangen
Altar Guild	Joleen Dittbenner



We Thank Interim Pastor Grant Fischer for leading our Worship today!
He will be with us October 22nd as well. Welcome Back!
Pastor Dennis Frank will be leading Worship October 29th.
We are blessed to welcome them both.

The Noisy Offering is in the back of the church. This month it goes to World Hunger.



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

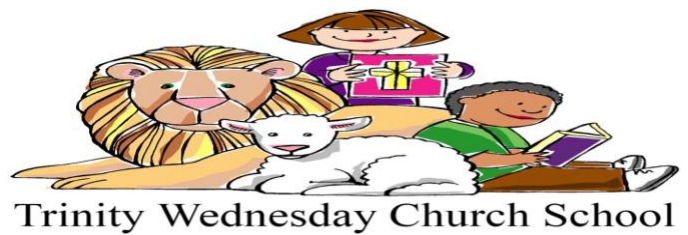
Hostesses are needed. Are you interested in decorating a table and inviting seven women to join you for an inspirational evening?

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 beginning next week 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!

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!

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.





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Pastor Grant Fischer 9 am-Holy Communion~ Pre-school Plaques 10:00 am Fellowship Hour	2 9 am Quilting & Bandage Making 3:30 pm WELCA	3 7 am-Men's Bible Study 6:30 pm AA	4 9 am-Women's Bible Study 5 pm Trinity Choir 6 pm Bell Choir 6:30 pm Church School 7 pm Confirmation Class	5	6	7
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29 Reformation Sunday Pastor Dennis Frank 9 am- Worship 10:00 am Fellowship Hour	30 9 am Quilting & Bandage Making	31 7 am-Men's Bible Study 6:30 pm AA 				Don't forget your change for Noisy Offering this Month!

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

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TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

is going to the

2024 ELCA YOUTH GATHERING!

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

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!



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 15th, 2023

God calls us to honor earthly rulers and authorities.

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 22:15-22	The question of paying taxes
Monday	Matthew 17:24-27	Jesus pays the temple tax
Tuesday	Jeremiah 29:1-7	Advice to the exiles in Babylon
Wednesday	Daniel 1:3-21	Daniel in the king's court
Thursday	Romans 13:1-7	Duties towards state authorities
Friday	Titus 3:1-8	Doing what is good
Saturday	Psalms 2	A warning for earthly rulers
Sunday	Matthew 22:34-46	Loving God and neighbor



SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

“Give the Emperor what belongs to him and give God what belongs to God.”

Matthew 22:21 (CEV)

SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:

Prayer for the Week:

We praise you Lord, for you are wise and compassionate. There is no other god. Amen. (Psalm 96:1-9; Isaiah 45:5-6)

Mealtimes Prayer:

All thanks to God who gives us food and blesses all our days. To God who rules from heaven above, we offer heartfelt praise. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God fill your life with power through the Good News of Jesus. May he give you faith, hope and love and keep you strong in following him. Amen. (1 Thessalonians 1:3,5)

CARING CONVERSATION

Discuss in your household or small group:

- What symbols or images are on the coins you use? Which is your favorite?
- Jesus said, “Give the Emperor what belongs to him and give God what belongs to God” (Matthew 22:21).
What belongs to earthly rulers? What belongs to God?
- How does God use earthly rulers to take care of us? Why is it important to support them? How can we do that?

DEVOTIONS

Paul wrote that the Christians in Thessalonica had become “imitators” of Jesus (1 Thessalonians 2:7). Play a game of “Simon Says.” Then, have a discussion about ways in which we “copy” others in our lives—both in good and bad ways. Discuss what it means to imitate Jesus and to be an example of Christian faith, hope and love to others. Pray for one another, giving thanks for the good work God is doing in and through each person in your home.

SERVICE

Prepare an appreciation card to send to elected officials in your community, state or nation. Thank them for all they are doing to serve your community. Let them know that you are praying for them

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

An important faith practice or ritual is regular giving to the Lord through Sunday offerings. Discuss together what your household gives to the Lord. If you have not already done so, develop a regular pattern for setting aside each week what you will give in Sunday offerings. Include each household member in the practice of giving (even very young children can be involved).

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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:	86
Weekly Giving: (5730.00 Needed)	\$5415.47
September Giving: (\$22,920.00 .Needed)	\$8710.10
Yearly Contributions to Date	\$168,993.63
Amount needed to meet Budget	\$234,920.00

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.

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

This Week's Prayer Concerns

Pray for Pastor Tim and Trinity...that the Holy Spirit would keep our Trinity family united as we continue in 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, 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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