

**Trinity
Lutheran
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**April 30,
2023**

**Confirmation
SUNDAY**

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Confirmation Sunday

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY HOLY COMMUNION

9:00 A.M. ~ Sunday, April 30, 2023



WITH JOY IN OUR HEARTS we gather in celebration of Christ's victory over sin and death as we approach God's throne of grace where mercy and life is given to all. Today, five young baptized members are making Affirmation of their Baptism in Christ. Therefore with gratitude, we honor these young saints as we recall the renewal and affirmation of our Baptism in Christ. Further, we proclaim all who believe in Christ's real presence are prepared and called to receive Holy Communion. Children who have yet to be instructed in Communion are invited to come forward to receive a personal blessing.

GATHERING

WE PREPARE: *Today is sometimes called "Good Shepherd Sunday." Jesus is called the "gate" of the sheep in today's gospel. The risen Christ opens the way to abundant life. He anoints our heads with oil and guides us beside the still waters of our baptism. Each Sunday he spreads a feast before us amid the world's violence and war. We go forth to be signs of the resurrection and extend God's tender care to all creation.*

PRELUDE



THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

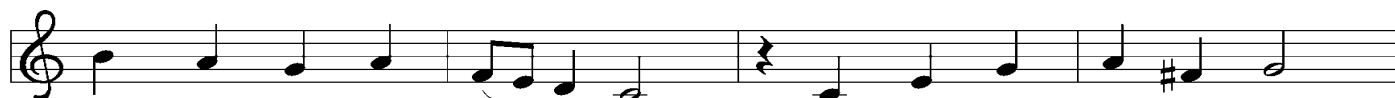
To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**



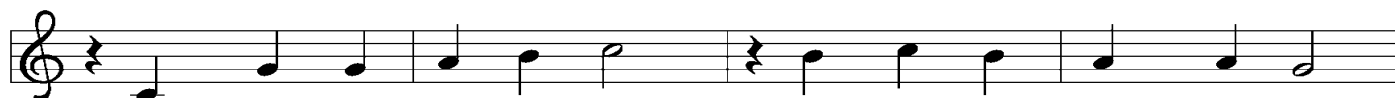
1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
 vour us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

GREETING

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray ...

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING~

Acts 2:42-47

The first reading is in Acts chapter 2, verses 42-47.

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

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

PSALM 46~

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

*Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;*

Though its waters rage and foam,

and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

*There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.*

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;

God shall help it at the break of day.

The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;

God speaks, and the earth melts away.

The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Come now, regard the works of the LORD,

what desolations God has brought upon the earth;

Behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;

who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

Be still, then, and know that I am God;

I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.

The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

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

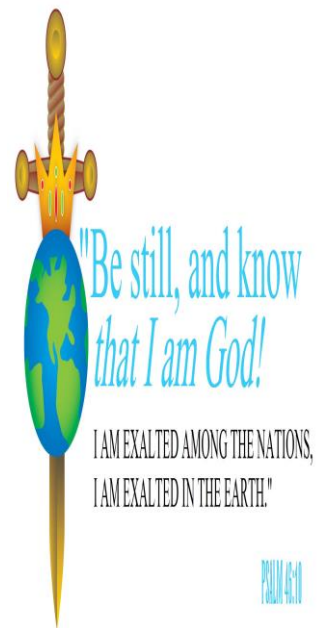
SECOND READING~

1 Peter 2:19-25

The second reading is in First Peter chapter 2, verses 19-25.

For it is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

"He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth."



When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.

For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

THY WORD

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

Fine

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

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

-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;

D.C. al Fine

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

GOSPEL

John 10:1-10

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 10th chapter. Glory to you, O Lord.

Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

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

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.

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

(Confirmands come forward to the rail)

P: These persons have been instructed in the Christian faith and desire to make public affirmation of their Baptism:

*Destiney Marie Dittbenner, Kayden William Klein, Hunter Victor Mertz,
 Kali Sue Nachreiner, and Samantha Kay Price*

P: Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for Destiney, Kayden, Hunter, Kali, and Samantha, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in this community of faith. Uphold them in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

Amen.

P: Dear friends, we rejoice that you now desire to make public profession of your faith and assume greater responsibility in the life of our Christian community and its mission in the world. In Holy Baptism our Lord Jesus Christ received you and made you members of his Church. Therefore, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Confirmands: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Confirmands: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Confirmands: I renounce them.

(Congregation stands to affirm our faith with the Confirmands)

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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

THE PRAYERS

Let us pray for Destiney, Kayden, Hunter, Kali, and Samantha and for all who are affirming their Baptism in Christ this day:

Let us pray for those who are affirming their Baptism, and for all the baptized everywhere:

That they may be redeemed from all evil and rescued from the way of sin and death:

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

That the Holy Spirit may open their hearts to your grace and truth: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

That they may be kept in the faith and communion of your holy Church: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

That they may be sent into the world in witness to your love: Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

That they may be brought to the fullness of your peace and glory: Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy,
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

(Congregation sits as the minister addresses the Confirmands.)

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear his Word and share in his supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Confirmands: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and brothers and pray for them in their life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

(Confirmands sit down)

Let us pray.

Gracious Lord, through water and the Spirit you have made these young men and women your own. You forgave them all their sins and brought them to newness of life. Continue to strengthen them with the Holy Spirit, and daily increase in them your gifts of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. **Amen**

(Confirmands come forward on the first step in front of Pastor Tim as you are called.

Parents, Baptismal Sponsors and Mentors come forward up the middle to the Communion Rail.

After please exit to the side.)

Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in (name) the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm (his/her) faith, guide (his/her) life, empower (him/her) in (his/her) serving, give (him/her) patience in suffering, and bring (him/her) to everlasting life. Amen.

PRESENTATION

Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

We rejoice with you in the life of our baptism in Christ. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.** (You may be seated.)

MEAL



Trinity Choir

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

Come, eat, drink, and live the life God has for you.

Holy Communion



COMMUNION BLESSING

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

(The offering is brought forward by the ushers)

PRAYER OF THANKS

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

Baptized in Christ, receive God's 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.**



SENDING SONG

Lift High the Cross



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till



all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Refrain



our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
 bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is always with you. **Thanks be to God.**

Our thanks to all who serve the Body of Christ

SUNDAY		9:00 am Worship	
Accompanist	Mary Mulry		
Acolyte	Davin Suess		
Readers	Samantha Price, Destiney Dittbenner, Kayden Klein		
Sound Techs	Russ Sorensen		
Communion Assistants	Kali Nachreiner & Hunter Mertz		
Greeters	Jeff & Lynette Carlson		
Ushers	Dale & Diane Eckstein		
Altar Guild	Joleen Dittbenner		



THE FOLLOWING YOUNG PEOPLE ARE AFFIRMING THEIR FAITH TODAY



Confirmation

Destiney Marie Dittbenner 11/25/2007
 Parents: Craig & Joleen Dittbenner
 Baptized: 12/23/2007
 Sponsors: Debbie & Mark Joramo
 Kerry & Shannon Dittbenner
 Mentor: Lee Johnson
 Bible Verse: Isaiah 41:10
 "Do not Fear, for I am with you,
 do not be afraid, for I am your God.
 I will strengthen you, I will help you,
 I will uphold you with my victorious
 hand.

Kayden William Klein 07/10/2007
 Parents: Jim & Beth Klein
 Baptized: 09/30/2007
 Sponsors: Jenny & Daryn Huiras
 Sarah & Cliff Heglund
 Mentor: Norman Krienke
 Bible Verse: Proverbs 3:5-6
 "Trust in the Lord with all your
 heart and lean not on your own
 understanding; in all your ways
 acknowledge Him, and He shall
 direct your paths.

Hunter Victor Mertz 05/17/2007
 Parents: Cal & Jocelyn Mertz
 Baptized: 06/16/2007
 Sponsors: Rachel Severson
 Shawn Heiderscheidt
 Mentor: Jenifer Heiderscheidt
 Bible Verse: Philippians 4:13
 "I can do all things through Him who
 strengthens me."

Kali Sue Nachreiner 12/26/2007
 Parents: Jason & Nicole Nachreiner
 Baptized: 03/13/2008
 Sponsors: Rick & Angie Meine
 Jodi Nachreiner & Duane Streich
 Mentor: Angie Meine
 Bible Verse: Ruth 1-16
 "But Ruth said,
 Do not press me to leave you
 or to turn back from following you!
 Where you go, I will go;
 where you lodge, I will lodge,
 your people shall be my people,
 and your God my God."

Samantha Kay Price 08/16/2007
 Parents: Mike & Mindy Hardin, Rob & Brittany Price
 Baptized: 10/07/2007
 Sponsors: Nick & Tammy Price
 Mentor: Jodi Arneson
 Bible Verse: Acts 9:19
 "And after taking some food,
 He regained his strength.



The Christian Education is seeking people willing to organize and help during this summer's Vacation Bible School. Please email education@trinitysleepyeye.com or swing by the office and let Brittney or Darlene know you are willing by April 30th. We need help to make this a successful VBS.

May 7th will be our last day of Sunday School this spring. Our children will be singing as well. Please have your child at church at 8:40 to practice. A fun morning is planned!



Adult Forum continues on Sunday with "How Lutherans Interpret the Bible," a refreshing look at some of the unique ways Lutherans read God's holy word. Join us in the Friendship Room after worship.

Remember...Our Food Shelf Box is in the back of the Sanctuary.



Please talk to Darlene or Pat if you are interested in attending the Convention. Everyone can help fund our WELCA women by buying your flowers through us! This will help fund all the projects our quilters accomplish during the year. Thank you for your support!

Darlene Brummund, WELCA President

2023 SW MN SWO Convention



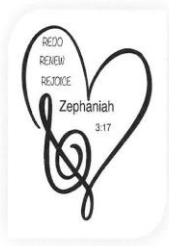
Friday, May 5, 2023

Shetek Lutheran Ministries

14 Keeley Island Drive, Slayton, MN 56172

Theme Verse: Zephaniah 3:17b

**Theme Hymn: "Change My Heart,
O God"**



Opening Worship with Holy Communion
Rev. Heather Culuris officiating

Guest Speaker: Katie Chapman, Director
Shetek Environmental Learning Center

Registration Fee: \$35.00

Note: There will not be a truck for In-Kind Offerings this year.

Convention Offerings: 50% to Churchwide Women, 25% to Shetek Lutheran Ministries,
25% to Shetek Environmental Learning Center

Katie's Cans available – Bring your loose change for Katie's Fund.

Convention Schedule

9:00 a.m. Registration/Coffee/Displays
10:00 Opening/Voting Member Orientation
10:15 Worship with Holy Communion
3:30 Convention Closes



Hanging Baskets ~ 10 inch

Mixed Petunia Basket	\$30.00
Trailing Wave Petunia	\$30.00
Impatiens Basket	\$30.00
Ivy Geranium Basket	\$30.00
Zonal Geranium Basket	\$30.00
Mixed Basket of Annuals	\$30.00
12 inch Mixed Basket of Annuals	\$35.00

Colorful Containers

Combo Patio Planter 10"	\$30.00
Combo Patio Planter 12"	\$35.00
Oval Planter 16"	\$35.00
Geranium Tub 12"	\$35.00
Sun coleus Planter 12"	\$35.00
Succulent Planter 12"	\$35.00
Color Bowl of Mixed Annuals 12"	\$35.00
Color Bowl of Mixed Annuals 14"	\$40.00



Join us for a fun day of learning, planting and fellowship during our annual Gardening Event with Master Gardener Lynn Hacker on May 20th at 10 AM. Enjoy a lesson in gardening and plant your own container. We will then have lunch and just enjoy the day.

In addition, you may pickup your planters and hanging baskets ordered through Welca that day. Thank you for supporting the projects of the Women of Trinity!



TRINITY YOUTH GROUP

Splash Your Worries Away!

Come swim or shoot some hoops!

April 30th 1-4

New Ulm Vogel

\$5

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INSTAGRAM



To the parents of our young children, may we suggest...

Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome!

Grab an activity bag at the back of the sanctuary which has some quiet toys and books in them.

Sit toward the front where it is easier for your little ones to see and hear what's going on. They tire of seeing the backs of others' heads.

Quietly explain the parts of the worship service and actions of the pastor and worship leaders, choir, ushers and readers.

Sing the hymns, pray and voice the responses. Children learn liturgical behavior by copying you.

If you have to leave the sanctuary with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back. There is a Friendship room across from the sanctuary doors with a few toys and a rocking chair to settle them. Worship is shown on a big screen TV for you to participate in worship while the children settle. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."

Remember that the way we welcome children in worship directly affects the way they respond to the Church and a life of faith, to God, and to one another. Let them know that they are at home in this house of worship.

To the members of our congregation:

The presence of children is a gift to the Church and they are a reminder that the Church of Jesus Christ is a multi-generational body of Christ followers. Please welcome our children and give a smile of encouragement to their parents and caregivers.

April 30th, 2023

Jesus is our Good Shepherd.

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	John 10:1-10	Christ the shepherd
Monday	Jeremiah 23:1-8	God will gather the flock
Tuesday	Ezekiel 34:1-16	God will rescue the sheep
Wednesday	Ezekiel 34:20-31	God's promise of a shepherd
Thursday	Matthew 18:10-14	The parable of the lost sheep
Friday	John 10:11-18	The good shepherd dies for the sheep
Saturday	Psalms 100	We are the sheep of God's pasture
Sunday	John 14:1-14	Jesus is the way, truth, and life



SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

“A thief comes only to rob, kill, and destroy. I came so that everyone would have life, and have it in its fullest.” John 10:10 (CEV)

SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week:

Jesus, our Good Shepherd, help us to recognize your voice each day and follow you. Amen. (John 10:4)

Mealtimes Prayer:

Jesus our Good Shepherd, through this day your hand has led us, and we thank you for your care. You have warmed us, clothed and fed us, listen to our grateful prayer. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord be your Good Shepherd. May God provide for all your needs and refresh you inside and out. Amen. (Psalm 23:1-4)

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your household or small group:

- Which people do you trust most? Why?
- Jesus said his sheep listen to his voice and follow him (John 10:3-4). When and where do you hear Jesus' voice?
- How does listening to Jesus' voice help us?

DEVOTIONS

In your home devotional times this week, read together Psalm 23 (“The Lord is my shepherd”). As an additional challenge, try to commit it to memory.

SERVICE

As one of the Ten Commandments, God asks us to honor our father and our mother. Mother's Day is a special opportunity to honor our mothers through acts of loving service. If there is a mother in your home, work together to serve her on Mother's Day and throughout the week (e.g. cook her a special meal, relieve her of any household chores, plan an outing that she will enjoy).

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

If there is a mother in your home, have a special time of affirmation, prayer and blessing for her. Begin by naming those things about her that you appreciate. Then, join together in a “finish the sentence” prayer:

“Lord God, am I thankful for (her name) because . . . ”

To finish, gather around her and lay hands on her while saying this blessing:

“Lord God, thank you for the gift of our mother. Please bless her with wisdom, patience and strength. Help her to always know your love and ours, and lead us to always support her and appreciate her. Amen.”

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Please take you Bulletin home for weekly family devotional time.



Trinity's Mission Statement

We are a community where Jesus is

Lord: our mission is to invite,

welcome, nurture, and equip all

people to be disciples in His name.

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

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

**TRINITY IS NOW ON FACEBOOK
CHECK IT OUT!!**

"Trinity Lutheran (ELCA) Sleepy Eye MN"

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



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

It's a "hassle-free" way to give.

Talk to Pat or Darlene if you are interested. Thank You.

Last week at Trinity

Weekly Worship Attendance:	83
Weekly Giving: (5480.00 Needed)	\$6767.92
April Giving: (\$23,600.00.Needed)	\$21,161.41
Budget Contributions needed	\$91,680.00
Yearly Contributions to Date	\$74,913.25



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 **Sherry, Audrey, Kali, Jerry, Beth, Harold, OraDell, Chris, Kathy, Emmett, Joan, Lois, Joyce, Emma, Milo, Ed, Carlos, Dorothy, Story, Tina, Ethan, Robyn, Carmen, Julia Ann, 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 joy and spiritual growth to all who are separated from one another and each would be blessed with their safe return to us...

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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