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2023**

**Fifth Sunday
After Epiphany**

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"Let your

*Light
Shine*

before others,
that they may
see your good
deeds and glorify
your Father
in heaven."



Matthew 5:16

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY HOLY COMMUNION

FEBRUARY 5TH, 2023 AT 9:00 A.M.



THE LORD JESUS CHRIST WELCOMES ALL WHO ENTER THIS HOUSE OF WORSHIP! The risen Christ calls all to faith and invites you to come and partake of the Lord's real presence and free grace given and shed for you through the bread and cup of salvation today. May you be filled with new life to love and serve God and neighbor as a child of God!

Children not yet instructed in Communion are always welcome to come forward and receive a personal blessing. Following the Sunday morning worship you are invited to join in fellowship and refreshments served in the Library.

AVAILABLE WORSHIP AIDS

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS are available from the ushers.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY BAGS are available at the rear of church—please return them after the service, thanks.

PLEASE SIGN the Friendship Pad as it is passed to you during the time of distribution.

YOU CAN INDICATE your preference to receive grape juice by raising your index finger to the server.

I WISH CARDS are available in the pews & may be placed in offering plates to express your ideas/questions, thanks.

GATHERING

WE PREPARE: *Light shines in the darkness for the upright, the psalmist sings. Isaiah declares that when we loose the bonds of injustice and share our bread with the hungry, the light breaks forth like the dawn. In another passage from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus, the light of the world, calls his followers to let the light of their good works shine before others. Through baptism we are sent into the world to shine with the light of Christ.*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, † one God, who stretches out the heavens, who sends light to the nations, who gives breath to us all. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Loving God,

we confess that we have turned from your way to follow our own ways. Forgive us for the times we have spoken or acted too quickly; we have not spoken or acted at all; we have hurt those closest to us; we have hurt those we have yet to know; we have thought more about ourselves than others; we have thought less of ourselves than we ought. Turn us around, and give us a fresh start, so that we can live again as your children. Amen.

Even when we have done wrong, God makes us right. Even when we have messed up, God puts us together. God's love never runs out. God never tires of calling us beloved children. Hear God say to you now: Your sins are forgiven, for the sake of † Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered
 2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;
 3 Come, cel - e - brate; your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,
 4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent the Son to save us.



our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. He comes to
 he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing. All men and
 your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark - ness hurl - ing. To all the
 Tell of the Son, who life and free - dom gave us. Tell how the



us, by death and sin sur - round - ed, with grace un - bound - ed.
 wom - en, who by guilt are driv - en, now are for - giv - en.
 world go out and tell the sto - ry of Je - sus' glo - ry.
 Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry na - tion God's new cre - a - tion.

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

Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**



WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 58:1-9a

The first reading is in Isaiah chapter 58, verses 1-12.

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins.

Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God.

"Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?"

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers.

Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist.

Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high.

*Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself?
 Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?
 Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD?
 Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke,
 to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?
 Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house;
 when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin?
 Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly;
 your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.
 Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say,
 Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger,
 the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
 then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.
 The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your
 bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never
 fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
 you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.*

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

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 2:1-16

The second reading is in 1 Corinthians chapter 2, verses 1-16.

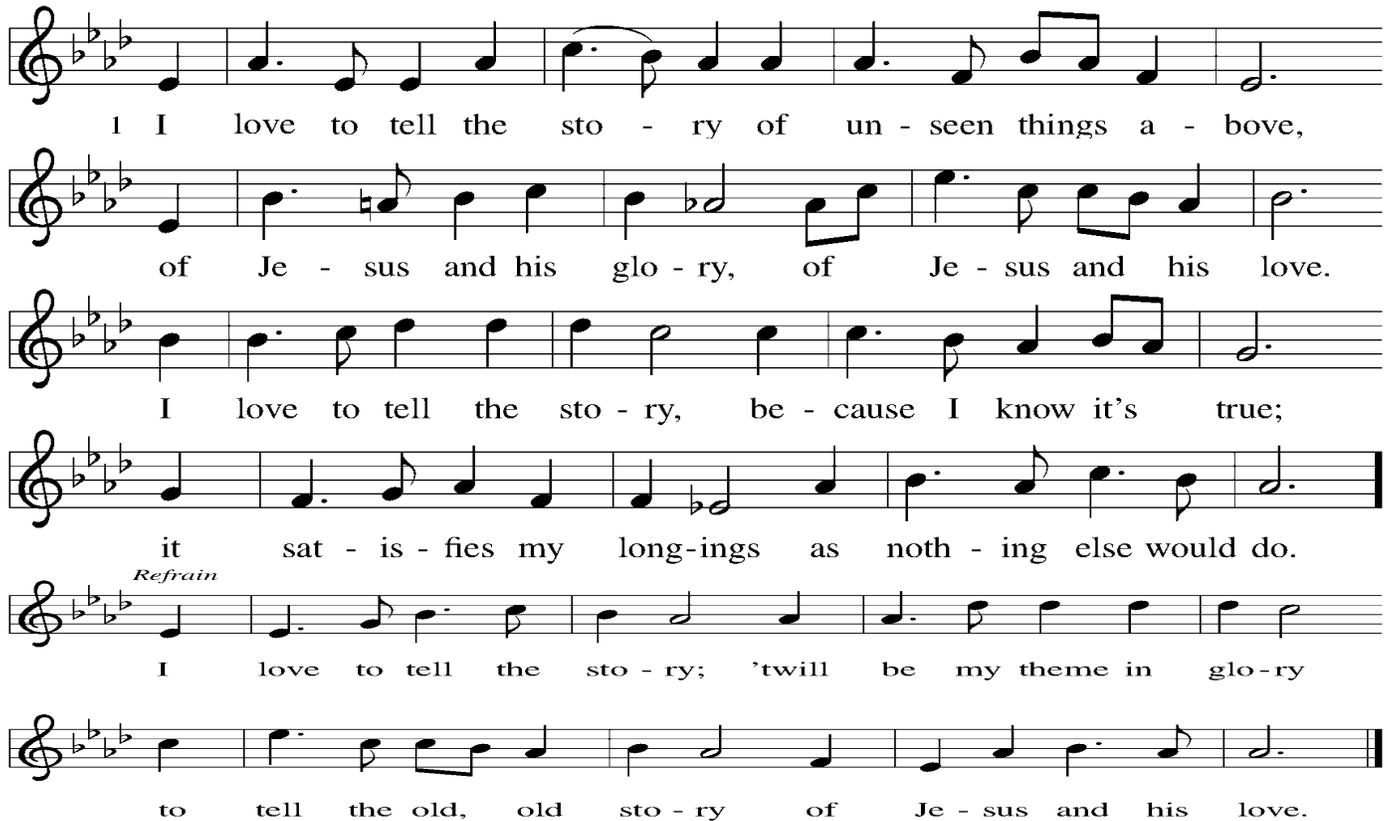
*When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you
 in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and
 him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and
 my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the
 Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.
 Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers
 of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which
 God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if
 they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has
 seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love
 him" — these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches
 everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except
 the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the
 Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God,
 so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. And we speak of these things in
 words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those
 who are spiritual.*

*Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to
 them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. Those who
 are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny.*

"For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?"

But we have the mind of Christ.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY**


I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;
it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.
Refrain
I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry
to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

GOSPEL**Matthew 5:13-20**

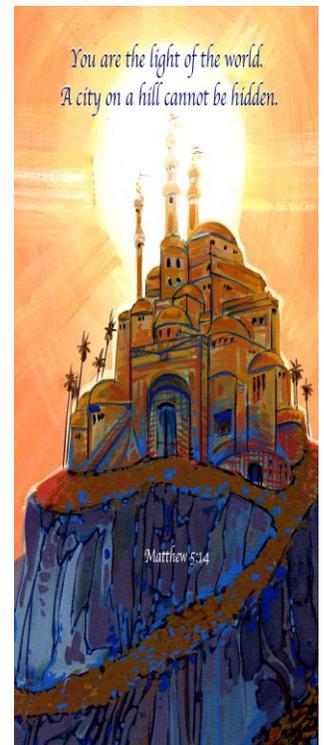
The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 5th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled underfoot.

You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.



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

SERMON

Pastor Tim Mason



1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser-vice bore the weight of hu-man need,
 2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry cry for bread;
 3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, till your love's re-veal-ing light
 4 Called by wor-ship to your ser-vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up-on the cross, for-sak-en, worked your mer-cy's per-fect deed:
 still the cap-tives long for free-dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
 in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up-on our quick-ened sight,
 to the child, the youth, the a-ged, love in liv-ing deeds to show;



we, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a-lone, but heart;
 As you, Lord, in deep com-pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
 mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,
 hope and health, good-will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give,



con-se-crat-ing to your pur-pose ev-'ry gift which you im-part.
 by your Spir-it send your pow-er to our world to make it whole.
 stir-ring us to ar-dent ser-vice, your a-bun-dant life to share.
 that your ser-vants, Lord, in free-dom may your mer-cy know and live.

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

... Lord, send forth your light, And let your mercy shine upon us.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.** (Due to illness, vocal only)

MEAL

THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

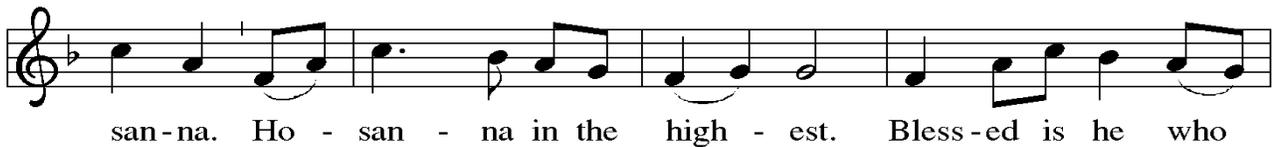
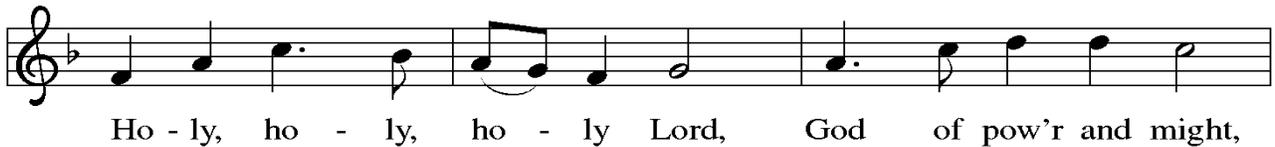
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

And also with you.

We lift them to the Lord.

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, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue. 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:



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.



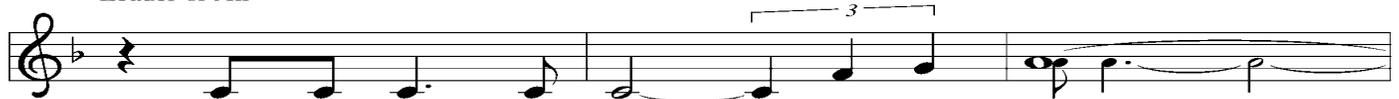


Taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord. Oh,



taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

Leader or All



1 I will bless the Lord at all times.
 2 Glo - ri - fy the Lord with . . . me.
 3 Wor - ship . . . the Lord, all you peo - ple.



Praise shall al - ways be on my lips;
 To - geth - er let us all praise God's name.
 You'll want for noth - ing . . . if you ask.



my soul shall glo - ry in the Lord;
 I called the Lord, . . . who an - swered me;
 Taste and see . . . that the Lord is good;



for God has been so good to me.
 from all my trou - bles I was set free.
 in God we need put all our trust.

Refrain

COMMUNION BLESSING The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his peace. **Amen.**

(THE USHERS BRING UP THE OFFERING)

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray... Good and loving God, we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace. As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be blessing for others. With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven, we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

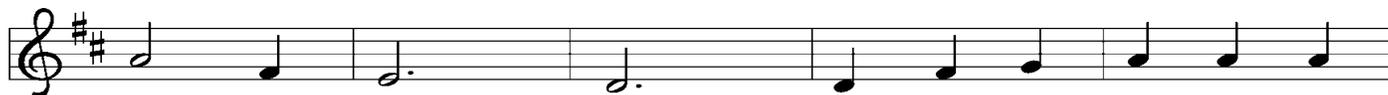
SENDING

BLESSING

God the Creator who delights in you, Jesus the Savior who is born for you, and the life giving Spirit who shines on you, ✠ bless you and keep you in hope and peace. **Amen.**



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
 2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to
 3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to



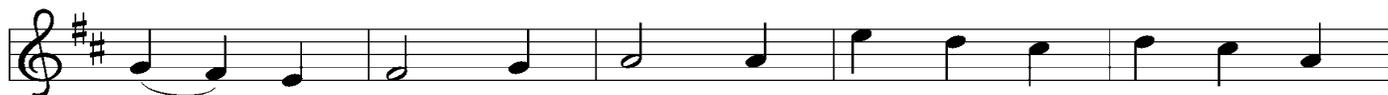
fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
 look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,
 be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
 shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain

In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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

OUR THANKS TO ALL WHO SERVE THE BODY OF CHRIST

SUNDAY		9:00 am Sunday Worship	
Accompanist	Mary Mulry		
Acolyte	Blaine Arneson		
Reader	Terry Newgord		
Communion Assistants	Lee & Isaac Johnson, Mark Miller		
Sound Techs	Russ Sorensen		
Greeters	Eric & Juliann Wahlborg		
Ushers	Dennis Mangen, Sue Pedersen		
Altar Guild	Nicole Stevermer, Nikki Nachreiner		



With Deepest Sympathy

WE EXPRESS OUR SYMPATHIES to Jamie Heiderscheidt and all of the family members and friends of **Elaine Miesen**, Jamie's grandmother, who has passed away. May God bless and keep them in His perfect peace.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Altar Guild is seeking additional members. Duties include light cleaning, setting up & cleaning up following communion services, handling floral arrangements, refilling candles, changing colors and other similar weekly tasks. For more information, please contact Joleen Dittbenner or leave your name and number in church office. Thank you.



Bowling Party at Sleepy Eye Lanes

February 19th 1-3 p.m.

Free for ages 3-9th Grade

Snacks and Water will be provided. You can buy pop and candy there.

If you have any questions you can contact Brittany at (507)227-2627 or education@trinitysleepyeye.org



 **February** 
2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 OUR CHURCH WELCOMES			1 9 am-Women's Bible Study 5 pm Trinity Choir 5 pm Evangelism Board 6 pm Bell Choir 6:30 pm Confirmation	2 7 am Preschool Screening 3 pm Maples Bible Study  Groundhog Day	3	4
5 9 am- Holy Communion Sunday School Sings Blood Pressure Checks 10 am Education Hour <i>Fifth Sunday after</i>  Epiphany	6 9 am Quilting Noon WELCA 1 pm Staff Meeting 5:30 pm AI Anon	7 7am-Men's Bible Study 6:30 pm-AA	8 9 am-Women's Bible Study 4 pm Trinity Choir 5:00 pm Parish Planning Council 6 pm Bell Choir 6:30 pm Confirmation 	9 10 am Bible Study at Countryside	10	11
12 9 am- Worship ~ 10 am Education Hour Camp Registration Due Today! 11:30 am Worship at Sundown  Green Lake Bible Camp	13 9 am Quilting 1 pm Staff Meeting 5:30 pm AI Anon	14 7am-Men's Bible Study 3:pm Ross Park 5 pm Lay Ministry 3 pm Prokinship for Kids 6:30 pm-AA  Valentine's Day	15 9 am-Women's Bible Study 5 pm Trinity Choir 6 pm Bell Choir 6:30 pm Confirmation	16 3 pm Maples Bible Study	17	18 National Quilting Day
19 9 am- Holy Communion 10 am Education Hour 1-3 pm Bowling Party in Sleepy Eye  TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY	20 9 am Quilting 1 pm Staff Meeting 5:30 pm St. John Lutheran Home Annual Meeting 5:30 pm AI Anon 6 pm Social Ministries  Presidents DAY TIDINGS ARTICLES DUE	21 7 am-Men's Bible Study 6 pm Lay Ministry 6:30 pm-AA	22 9 am-Women's Bible Study Noon Ash Wednesday Worship 5 pm Trinity Choir 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Ash Wednesday Worship  ASH WEDNESDAY	23 Pastor at Synod workshop	24	25
26 9 am- Worship 10 am Education Hour 11:30 am Worship at Sundown  Good Sunday	27 9 am Quilting 1 pm Staff Meeting 5:30 pm AI Anon	28 7 am-Men's Bible Study 3:pm Ross Park 3 pm Prokinship for Kids 6:30 pm-AA	 I will praise you as long as I live. PSALM 63:4			

February 5th, 2023

Jesus calls us to live as salt and as light for him.

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 5:13-20	Salt and light
Monday	2 Kings 2:19-22	A miracle involving salt
Tuesday	Mark 9:42-50	Have salt in yourselves
Wednesday	Colossians 4:2-6	Conversation seasoned with salt
Thursday	Ephesians 5:3-14	You are light in the Lord
Friday	1 Thessalonians 5:5-11	You are children of the light
Saturday	Psalms 36:5-9	In your light we see light
Sunday	Matthew 5:21-37	Teachings of Jesus



SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

“Make your light shine, so that others will see the good that you do and will praise your Father in heaven.” Matthew 5:16

SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord God, be our light when darkness surrounds us. Shine over us, in us, and through us. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Jesus our Savior, thank you for this food, so full of flavor. Jesus our Light, may we shine for you, with love so bright. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God's love shine through you, so that others see God's goodness and offer praise to the Lord. Amen.

CARING CONVERSATION

Discuss in your household or small group:

- What is your favorite salty food?
- Jesus calls his followers the “salt of the earth” (Matthew 5:13). What do you think he means by this?
- Like salt flavors food, Christians “flavor” the lives of others by the way we live. Share some examples from your own experience.

DEVOTIONS

Share some salty foods during your home devotional times this week (e.g. salted potato chips). As you snack, discuss ways in which other Christians have “flavored” your lives with the love of Jesus, and ways in which you can flavor the lives of others (look up Isaiah 58:6-7,9b-10 for some ideas). Pour some salt into small containers to carry with you during the week as a reminder to be salty for Jesus!

SERVICE

In 1 Corinthians 2:3, the apostle Paul says that when he first visited the Christians in Corinth he came in “weakness and fear, and with much trembling.” Pastors and other church workers may seem composed on the outside, but often they feel inadequate in their work. Write a note of encouragement to your pastor or a staff member of your church. Let them know that you appreciate them, and tell them how God is using them as a light in your lives.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Find a candle for each member of your household. Finish your mealtimes this week with a brief candle lighting ritual. Light one another's candles in turn either by using matches or passing a flame from candle to candle. As each person's candle is lit, have other household members say to them this week's Blessing to Give: “May God's love shine through you, so that others see God's goodness and offer praise to the Lord. Amen.” As an additional reminder to do good for Jesus this week, set up piles of salt to mark the path from the front door of your home out into the wider world.

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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 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:	64
Weekly Giving: (5730.00 Needed)	\$2795.89
January Giving:	\$20,377.23
Yearly Contributions to Date	\$20,377.23

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, Linda, Micah, Jerry, Beth, Harold, 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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