

**Trinity  
Lutheran  
Church**

**July 2nd, 2023**  
**Fifth Sunday after**  
**PENTECOST**  
**Lectionary 13**

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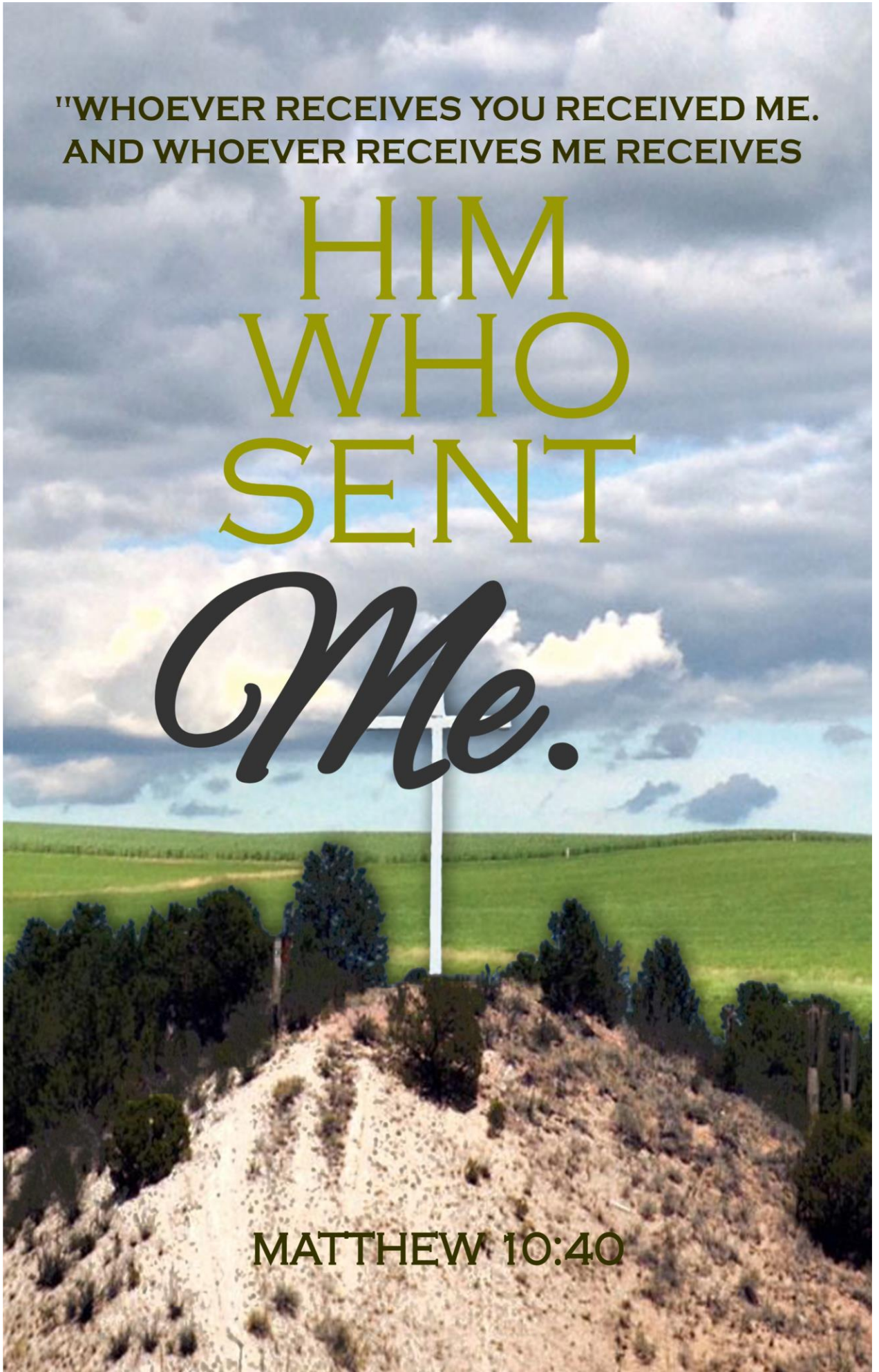
*Custodian*  
Patrick Lowther

"WHOEVER RECEIVES YOU RECEIVED ME.  
AND WHOEVER RECEIVES ME RECEIVES

HIM  
WHO  
SENT

Me.

MATTHEW 10:40



**FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**HOLY COMMUNION ~ ELW SETTING 3 ~ LECTION 13**

**9:00 A.M. ~ Sunday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023**

**EVERYONE SING TO THE LORD A NEW SONG! HALLELUJAH!**



*All are welcome in this house of worship as we gather to share and give thanks for God's gifts of Word & Sacrament. Through faith God promises to all who believe to be present in and through the bread & cup as we gather in Jesus' name receiving the gifts of forgiveness, salvation and eternal life. **Today we welcome Bishop Dee Peterson to lead our worship service.** Everyone is 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...***The welcome of baptism is for all God's children. This baptismal gift sets us free from the power of sin and death. In today's gospel, Christ promises that the disciple who gives a cup of cold water to the little ones serves Christ himself. From worship we are sent on our baptismal mission: to serve the little ones of this world and to be a sign of God's merciful welcome.*

**PRELUDE / PARISH NOTICES / BELL**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

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

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Gracious God,

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

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



1 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**

O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**WORD****FIRST READING**

Jeremiah 28, 5-9

The first reading is in Jeremiah chapter 28, verse 5-9.

*Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD; and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back*



*to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet."*

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

**SECOND READING**

Romans 6:12-23

The second reading is in Romans chapter 6, verses 12-23.

*Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.*

*What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.*

*When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

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.



The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple —truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."*

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

SERMON

Bishop Dee Peterson

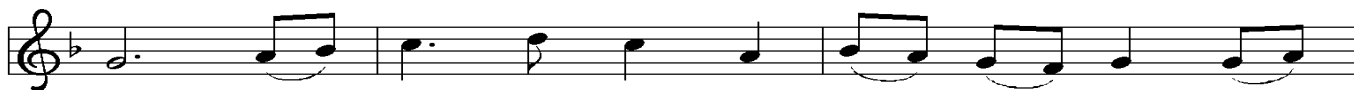
SONG OF THE DAY

*All Are Welcome*

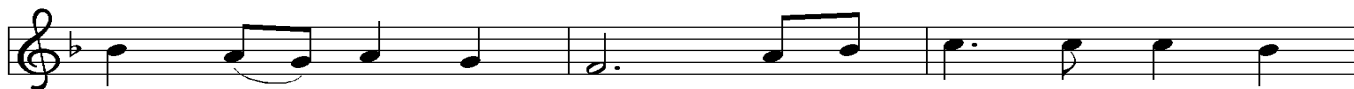
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1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly  
 2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and  
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and  
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and  
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how  
 true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to  
 wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where  
 stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and  
 heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and  
 dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as  
 peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through  
 live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the  
 words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of  
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we  
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in  
 strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an  
 laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:  
 claim the faith of Je - sus:  
 Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,  
 end to fear and dan - ger:  
 claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

## THE APOSTLE'S 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, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

**PEACE**

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

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## MEAL

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**THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

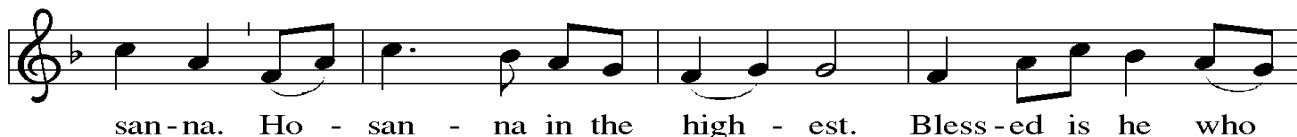
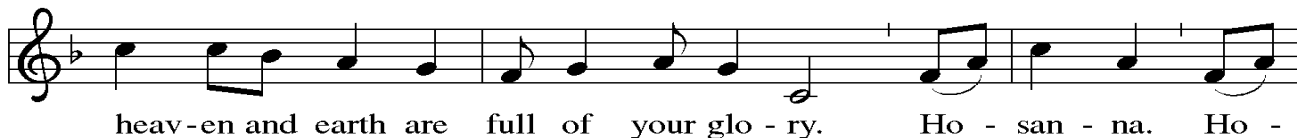
**And also with you.**

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.)*

### COMMUNION BLESSING

### PRAYER

Let us pray. Living God, you have greeted us in our brokenness and nourished us with the body of Christ, broken for us. 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.)*

### OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. 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. **Amen.**



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## SENDING

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### BLESSING

Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**





1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,  
 2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,  
 3 This is my prayer, O God of all earth's king - doms,



a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.  
 and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.  
 your king - dom come; on earth your will be done.



This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;  
 But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,  
 O God, be lift - ed up till all shall serve you,



here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;  
 and skies are ev - 'ry - where as blue as mine.  
 and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.



but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing  
 So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,  
 So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions;



with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.  
 a song of peace for their land and for mine.  
 my - self I give you; let your will be done.

**BELL AND DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. The Father, Son and Spirit sends us forth to serve. **Thanks be to God.**

**Our Thanks To All Who Serve The Body Of Christ**

<b>SUNDAY</b>		<b>9:00 Worship</b>
<b>Accompanist</b>	Mary Mulry	
<b>Acolytes</b>	Hayden Domeier	
<b>Readers</b>	Larry Baumgardt	
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Brian Polesky	
<b>Sound Techs</b>	Russ Sorensen	
<b>Greeters</b>	Keith & Sarah Lendt	
<b>Ushers</b>	Harold & Bonnie Pettis	
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Joleen Dittbenner	





**We thank Bishop Dee Peterson for leading worship this morning.**

**Remember Lakeside Worship is next Sunday at the Sportsman's Park.**

**SUMMER COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HAS BEGUN.** There is a signup sheet by the ramp door for your convenience. Coffee will always be available even if there is an open Sunday. Thank you for serving.



With the delicious meals available in the freezer located in room 109 just off the dining room we now need your help. The meals are to be given to people who are experiencing some sort of life changing event, be it a new baby, illness, a death in the family, or anyone you think would benefit from a tasty, readymade dinner. Remember, you are the hands of Jesus in our world.

*Thank you for being the hands of Jesus!*


This summer the Board of Social Ministry would like to challenge our congregation to support Ivy House in New Ulm through donations both monetary and actual. Ivy House (formerly known as the Southern Minnesota Crisis Nursery) is a 24/7 crisis nursery which provides direct care to children aged 0-12 whose families are in crisis or a stressful situation. In addition to providing up to 72 hours of direct care they also connect families with community resources. You can learn more about Ivy House from their website: [ivyhousemn.org](http://ivyhousemn.org). Items needed by Ivy House include: Children's Activities: Play-Doh; Kinetic sand; Finger paints; Fidget toys. Personal Care: Pull-ups: Girls and boys (5T); Girls underwear sizes 10-12 or 14/16. House needs: Unscented laundry detergent; Clorox wipes, Dishwasher soap; Hand soap; Dish soap; Kleenex; Garbage bags. Office supplies: Postage stamps; Business size envelopes; Printer paper; HP 952XL toner - black and color. Other: Five point harness NEW car seats; New computer monitors. We will be collecting both monetary donations for Ivy House or individual items from this list. A basket will be placed in the narthex for your donations. We will be collecting donations through the end of August. Thank you in advance for your support.



***Remember...Our Food Shelf Box is in the back of the Sanctuary.  
The Good Work of this Church continues!***

**Twins FREE! YOUTH BASEBALL CLINIC!**  
**FRIDAY, JULY 7 / SLEEPY EYE, MN**  
OPEN TO EVERYONE, AGES 6-12!

<b>FIELD:</b> Prairieview Field 400 4th Ave SW Sleepy Eye, MN 56085	<b>HOST:</b> Brown County Rural Electrical Association (REA)
<b>TIME:</b> 4:00 – 6:00 PM	<b>REGISTER:</b> <a href="http://PLAYBALLMN.COM">PLAYBALLMN.COM</a>

Twins COMMUNITY FUND  GREAT RIVER ENERGY





Join us for  
**Lakeside Worship**  
 July 9th  
 at Sportsman's  
 Park at 9:00 am

**Coffee & Cinnamon Rolls**  
 following Worship

LUTHERAN  
**MEN<sup>IN</sup>**  
**MISSION**



29<sup>th</sup> Annual  
**GOLF TOURNAMENT**

- Registration: 2:30 pm
- Shotgun Start: 3:00 pm
- Price: \$75.00 per golfer  
 Includes GOLF CART,  
 green fees, meal, prizes  
 and a donation to LMM

**Friday, July 21st, 2023**

Redwood Falls Golf Club,  
 Redwood Falls, MN

*Registration Deadline: Monday, July 17th*



*Help Grow Leaders in Rural Ministry*

**Fund for Leaders Endowment**

The SW MN Synod Lutheran Men in Mission (LMM) provides seminary tuition scholarships. Recipients will have an openness and commitment to future service in rural settings.

The profit from the LMM golf tournament goes into the LMM's Fund for Leaders Endowment to help grow leaders.

Donations to the LMM Scholarship Endowment Fund are appreciated even if you are not able to participate in the Golf Tournament.

**Registration Forms are available in the office. Let's field a Trinity Team!**



July 2, 2023

## Jesus invites us to bring our burdens to 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 11:16-19, 25-30	Rest for the weary
Monday	Isaiah 40:28-31	God gives strength
Tuesday	Jeremiah 31:1-6	God comes to give rest
Wednesday	Jeremiah 31:23-26	God will refresh the weary
Thursday	Matthew 6:25-34	Do not worry
Friday	Luke 12:22-31	God knows your needs
Saturday	Psalms 62:1-8	Find rest in God alone



Fifth Sunday of

*Pentecost*

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

***Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."*** *Matthew 11:28 (NLT)*

#### **SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:**

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord Jesus, we bring our burdens to you. Please give us rest and teach us your ways. Amen. (Matthew 11:28-30)

Mealtime Prayer:

God so kind, you give us food for our bodies. Please give us peace in our hearts and rest for our souls. Praise be to you! Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God take your burdens from you and give you rest. May God lift you up and show you great love. Amen. (Matthew 11:28;

Psalms 145:13-14)

#### **CARING CONVERSATION**

Discuss in your household or small group:

- Have you ever felt worn out? Share your experiences.
- Jesus invites those who are weary and carrying heavy burdens to come to him, and promises to give them rest. How does Jesus help us when we are weary?
- A yoke was something that joined two animals together when working in the fields. In what ways are Christians "yoked" to Jesus?

#### **DEVOTIONS**

In Romans 7:15-25, we hear of the Apostle Paul's struggles against sin. He wrote: "I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do, I do not do, but what I hate I do." In your home devotional times this week, join Paul in confessing your struggles against sin.

God of grace, we bring to you our sins.

For the times we have been impatient: Please forgive us.

For our failures to listen to each other: Please forgive us.

For the ways we have been unkind to others: Please forgive us.

For our selfish and uncaring attitudes: Please forgive us.

For our lack of honesty: Please forgive us.

Lord, what we want to do, we do not do, but instead we do what we know to be wrong. Please forgive us. (*Time of silence*)

Jesus takes our burdens from us and gives us rest. Through him we have God's forgiveness.

Thanks be to God, through Jesus Christ our Lord! Amen.

#### **SERVICE**

Do you know someone who is heavily burdened with sickness, grief, depression or other troubles? Send them an encouraging card or note featuring Jesus' words from Matthew 11:28.

#### **RITUALS AND TRADITIONS**

Place a bowl of water on a table or bench in your home, and next to it a bowl of marbles or river stones. Invite members of your household to symbolically deposit their worries into the bowl each day this week by dropping in a stone or stones. After they do, they can make the sign of the cross on their foreheads with a wet finger, remembering Jesus' love for them pledged in baptism.

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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.*

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**TRINITY'S WEBPAGE** Send an email to the church office at [secretary@trinitysleepyeye.org](mailto: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](http://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. *Please pick up your statements and envelopes in your mailbox. Thank You!*

### Last week at Trinity

Weekly Worship Attendance:	56
Weekly Giving: (5730.00 Needed)	\$2962.56
June Giving: (\$22,920.00 .Needed)	\$14,908.82
Yearly Contributions to Date	\$108,984.64
Amount needed to meet Budget	\$148,980.00



*Thrivent members are reminded to direct their Choice Dollars each year any time after April 1<sup>st</sup> 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 **Cindy, Sherry, Audrey, Kali, Jerry, Beth, Harold, Rodney P., 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.... Especially Anita Kopitzke and her family in the loss of her husband **Gary**...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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