

Trinity Lutheran Church

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Seventh Sunday
of Pentecost
Lection 15

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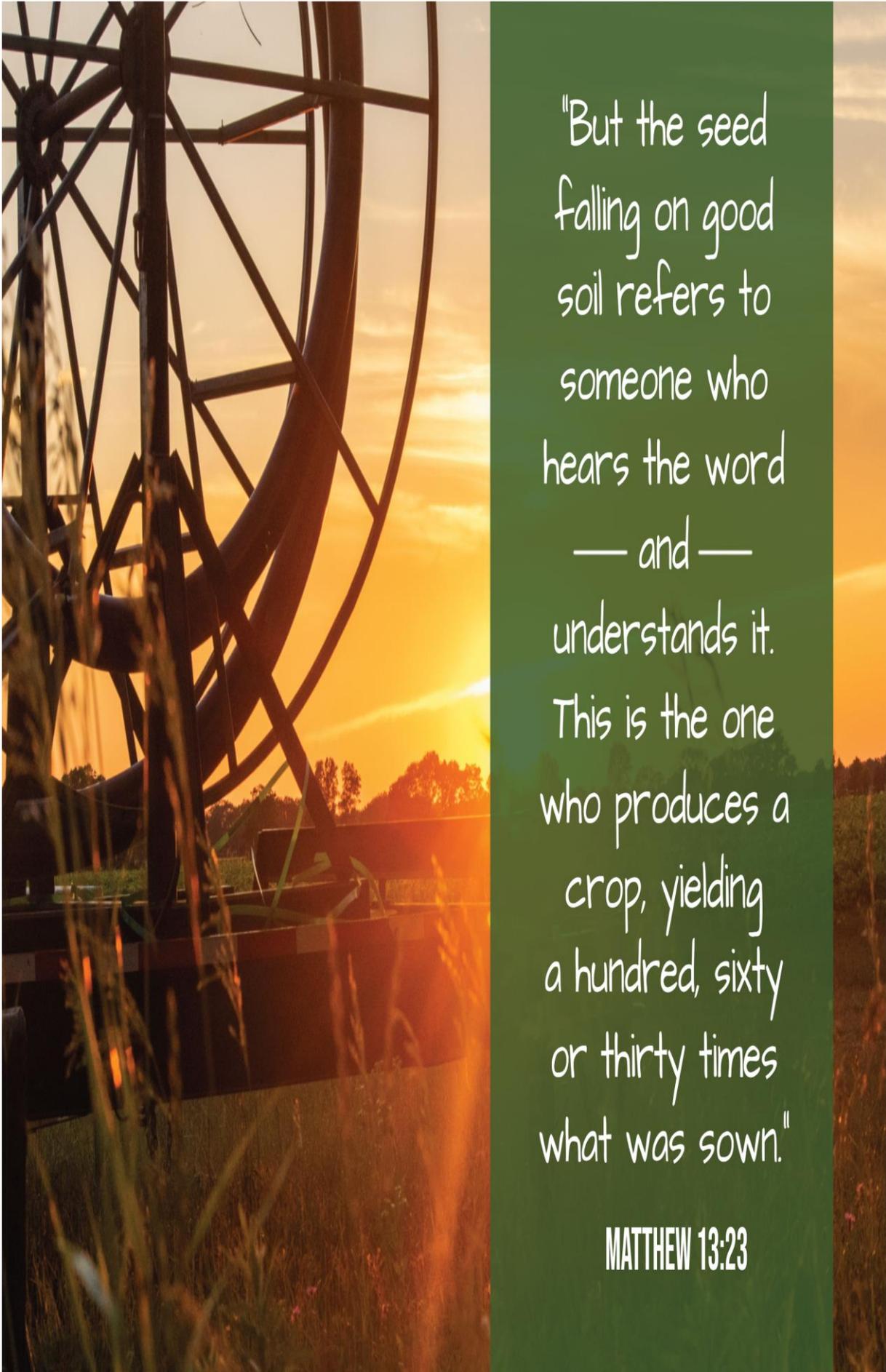
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"But the seed
falling on good
soil refers to
someone who
hears the word
— and —
understands it.
This is the one
who produces a
crop, yielding
a hundred, sixty
or thirty times
what was sown."

MATTHEW 13:23

SIXTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST ~ LECTON 15

HOLY COMMUNION

9:00 AM JULY 16TH, 2023



Sundays after
Pentecost

ALL ARE WELCOME! Jesus invites everyone, guests and visitors to join in receiving God's Word. To all the people gathered here, your presence and participation is a blessing to our worship experience together... Remind us again, O Lord, of your promise to be present wherever and whenever people are gathered in your name. Amen! You are invited to share in fellowship and treats in the Library following our Worship Service.

GATHERING

WE PREPARE... *God's word is like the rain that waters the earth and brings forth vegetation. It is also like the sower who scatters seed indiscriminately. Our lives are like seeds sown in the earth. Even from what appears to be little, dormant, or dead, God promises a harvest. At the Lord's table we are fed with the bread of life, that we may bear fruit in the world.*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure. **Amen.**

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

Merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community.

We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty.

In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Righteous God,

we confess that we have sinned. We have failed to be honest. We have lacked the

courage to speak. We have spoken falsely. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant

us your mercy.

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of ✚ Jesus Christ. **Amen.**



1 Sav - ior like a shep - herd lead us; much we need your ten - der care.
 2 We are yours; in love be - friend us, be the guard - ian of our way;
 3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;
 4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor, ear - ly let us do your will;

In your pleas - ant pas - tures feed us, for our use your fold pre - pare.
 keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.
 you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
 bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.

Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours.
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still.

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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

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**



WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:10-13

The first reading is in Isaiah chapter 55, verses 10 - 13.

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

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

SECOND READING

Romans 8:1-11

The second reading is in Romans chapter 8, verses 1– 11.

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law — indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
 thou my best thought both by day and by night,
 wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.

GOSPEL

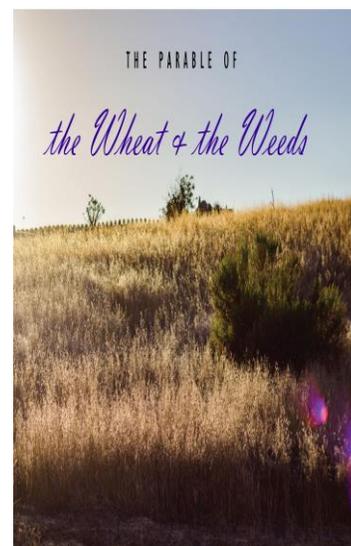
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 13th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

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



Pastor Tim Mason

MESSAGE



1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing com - fort
 2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to serve and
 3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur - dens



to my anx - ious soul. Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you send me
 wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me
 grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will hear me



draw me near - er to my heav'n - ly goal. Love di - vine, be - yond all
 o'er the paths I strug - gle day by day. I will fear no e - vil
 when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no mat - ter



mor - tal mea - sure, brings to naught the bur - dens of my quest; Sav - ior,
 of the mor - row, I will trust in your en - dur - ing grace. Sav - ior,
 what be - tide me, you will hold me ev - er in your hand. Sav - ior,



lead me to the home I trea - sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.
 help me bear life's pain and sor - row till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.
 with your pres - ence here to guide me, I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

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 Merciful God, receive our prayer.

PEACE

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

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.

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 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. 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

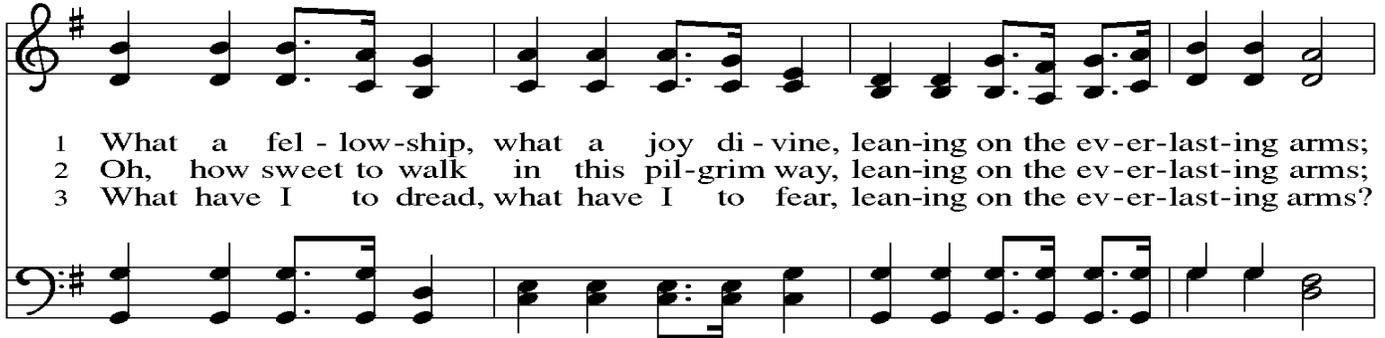
BLESSING

The 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.**

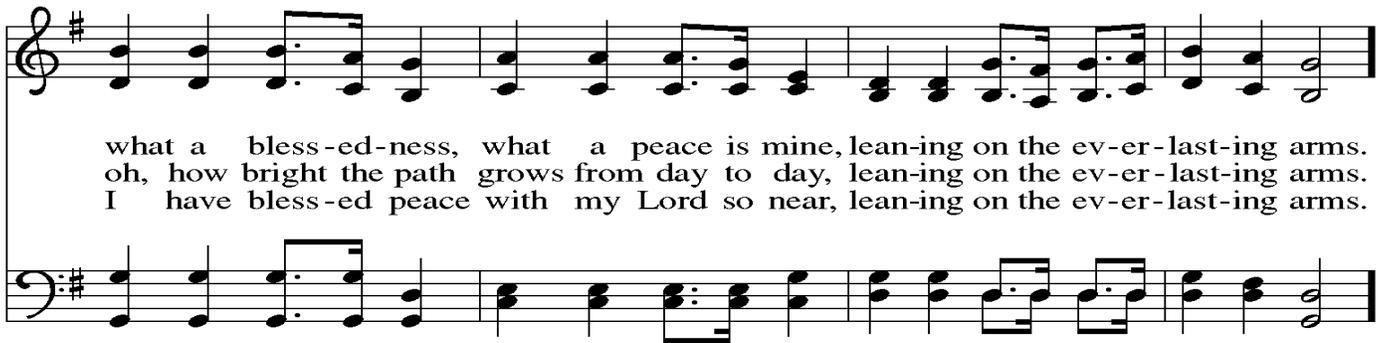
SENDING SONG

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

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1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms;
2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms;
3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms?

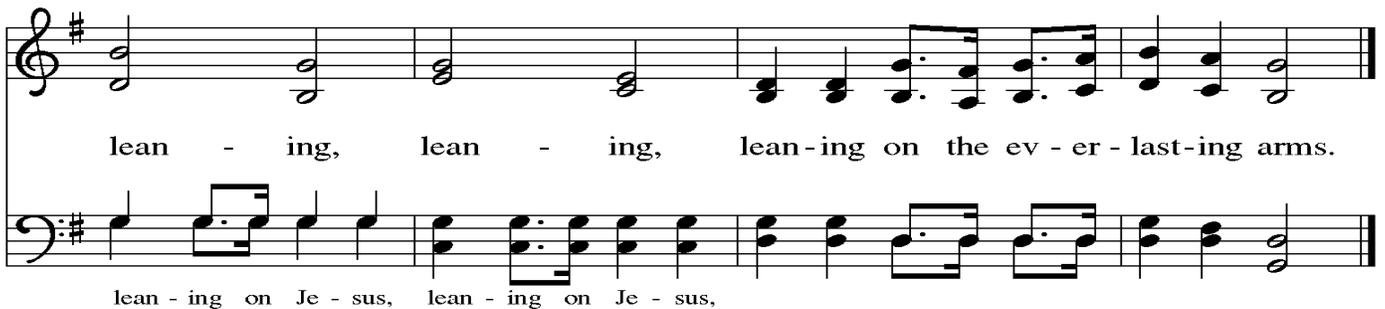


what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.
oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.
I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.

Refrain



Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se-cure from all a - larms;
Lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,



lean - ing, lean - ing, lean-ing on the ev - er - last-ing arms.
lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,

DISMISSAL

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

Our Thanks To All Who Serve The Body Of Christ

SUNDAY	9:00 Worship
Accompanist	Pastor Tim Mason
Acolyte	Karter Haala
Reader	Lee Johnson
Communion Assistants	Dave Vosbeck, Brian Poleski, & Larry Baumgardt
Sound Techs	Russ Sorensen
Greeters	Harold & Bonnie Pettis
Ushers	Lee & Isaac Johnson
Altar Guild	Judy Johnson, Terry Newgord

To our Trinity Lutheran Church family:

We have been showered with beautiful cards and caring messages since the death of our husband, father and grandfather, Earle Stevermer. Thank you, Pastor Tim, for being available at the visitation, funeral and luncheon. The gifts of food and snacks were very welcome and enjoyed by all. Monetary gifts were given to the Lions Club, Sleepy Eye Education Foundation, Sleepy Eye Athletic Boosters, Trinity's Building Fund, and Holiday Lights in Motion. The Heavenly Bells make wonderful sounds in our back yard. Blessings to you all as we have been blessed.



Pat Stevermer and family



Tuesday, July 18th from 4:30 to 6:00. Please come to help clean up the yard here at Trinity! Bring hand tools, work gloves and a smile as we keep the grounds beautiful. Thank You!

Please sign up to help with this summer's deep cleaning of our church. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the back entrance. Make it a family project or join with another family to pick an area. Thank you for your help!

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. 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!***

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
Sunday	Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23	Parable of the sower and seed



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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; Psalm 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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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. *Please pick up your statements and envelopes in your mailbox. Thank You!*

Last week at Trinity

Weekly Worship Attendance: 67

Not Available

We are still behind budget and need your help!

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 **Diane, Cindy, Sherry, Audrey, Kali, Jerry, Beth, Harold, 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 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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