

**Trinity
Lutheran
Church**

**August 17th,
2025**

**Tenth Sunday
of Pentecost**

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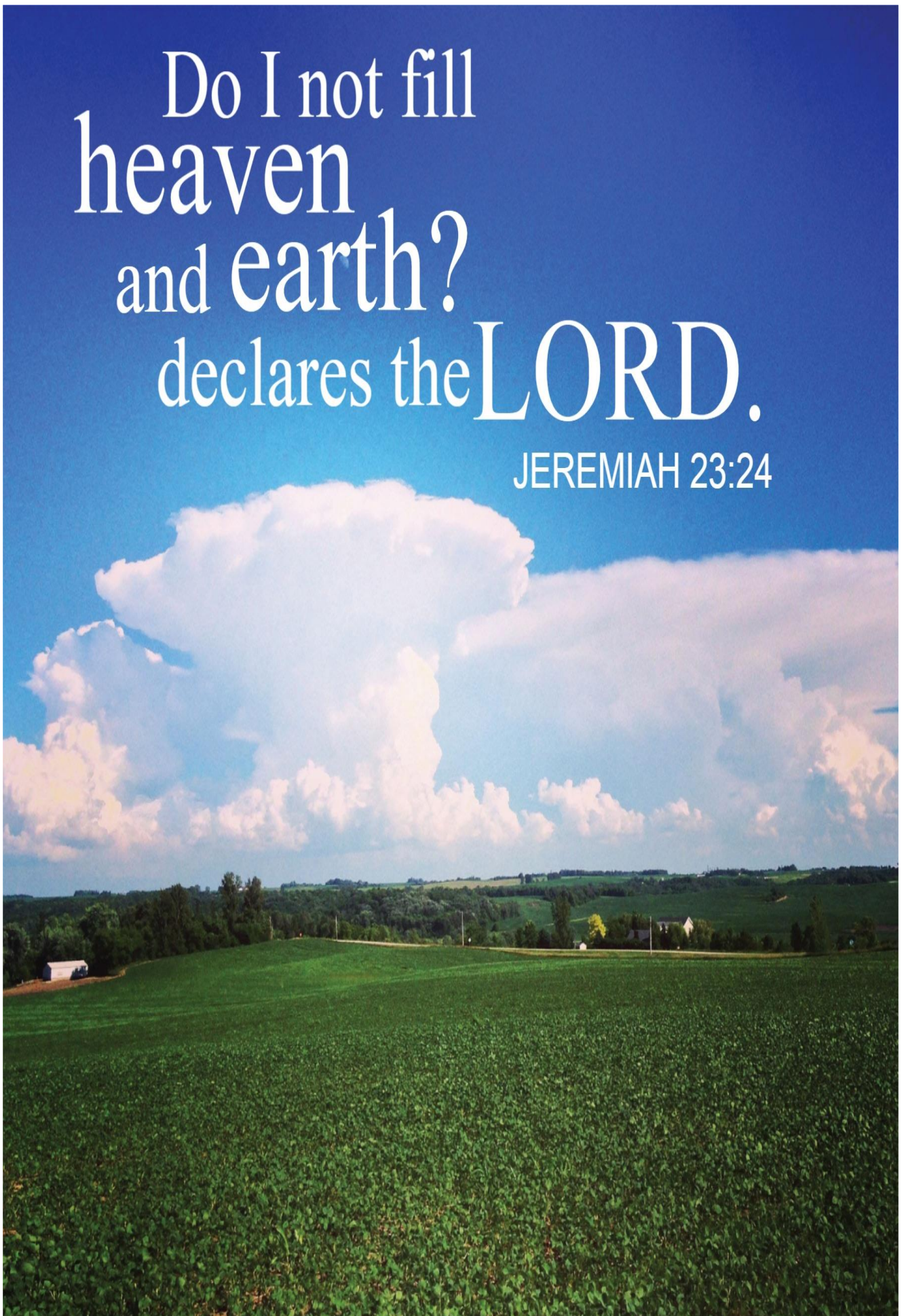
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Do I not fill
heaven
and earth?
declares the LORD.

JEREMIAH 23:24



TENTH SUNDAY OF PENTCOST ~ LECTON 20
HOLY COMMUNION ~ ELW 8
9:00 A.M. ~ Sunday, August 17th, 2025



The Lord Jesus Christ welcomes all!

All are welcome and called to share and give thanks for Christ's gifts of Promise and Presence! Through faith and trust in Christ's words we receive his promise of being present in his gifts of forgiveness, salvation and eternal life.

We thank God for guests who are here today & pray you will be blessed as you are a blessing to our gathering.

WORSHIP AIDS

LARGE PRINT bulletins are available from the ushers.

A NURSERY is located upstairs by the balcony. Though the nursery is not staffed, it is available for your use.

ACTIVITY BAGS for young children are on a stand at the rear of church; please return after services. Thanks.

GATHERING

WE PREPARE... *The word of God is a refining fire. Jesus is the great divide in human history. He invites our undivided attention and devotion. Today in worship we are surrounded by a great "cloud of witnesses." In the word and in holy communion we are invited yet again to look to Jesus, "the pioneer and perfecter of our faith."*

PRELUDE / ANNOUNCEMENTS / BELL
CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the ✚ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

**you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life
you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow
weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us.
Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.**

You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of ✚ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

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

1 Faith of our fa - thers, liv - ing still in spite of dun - geon,
 2 The mar - tyrs, chained in pris - ons dark, were still in heart and
 3 Faith of our fa - thers! We will love both friend and foe in

fire, and sword. Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy
 con - science free; and blest would be their chil - dren's fate
 all our strife; pro - claim thee too, as love knows how,

Refrain
 when - e'er we hear that glo - rious word.
 if they, like them, should die for thee. Faith of our fa - thers,
 by sav - ing word and faith - ful life.

ho - ly faith, we will be true to you till death.

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.**

PSALM 82

Arise, O God, and rule the earth.

God stands to charge the divine council assembled, giving judgment in the midst of the gods:

“How long will you judge unjustly, and show favor to the wicked?”

Save the weak and the orphan; defend the humble and needy;

rescue the weak and the poor; deliver them from the power of the wicked.

They do not know, neither do they understand; they wander about in darkness;

all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

Now I say to you, ‘You are gods, and all of you children of the Most High;
nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, and fall like any prince.’ ”

Arise, O God, and rule the earth, for you shall take all nations for your own.

Prayer of the Day

O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 23:23-29

The first reading is in Jeremiah chapter 23, verses 23-29. Because Jeremiah preaches the unpopular message of God's judgment, he suffers rejection. Today's reading distinguishes between the true prophet, like Jeremiah, who speaks God's word, and the false prophet who misleads the people through dreams. One is like wheat; the other like worthless straw.

Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back — those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

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

SECOND READING

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

The second reading is in Hebrews chapter 11, verse 29 through chapter 12, verse 2. The author of Hebrews presents us with rich stories of faith. In a long list of biblical heroes, we find examples of trust in God that enabled them to face the trials of life faithfully. In addition to this "cloud of witnesses," we have Jesus, the perfect model of faithful endurance.

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets — who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented — of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

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

GOSPEL VERSE

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, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

Luke 12:49-56

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 12th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided:

father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

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

MESSAGE

Pastor David Nissen

HYMN OF THE DAY

Thy Strong Word

ELW #511

1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark-ness; at thy
2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark-ness, dark as
3 Thy strong Word be-speaks us righ-teous; bright with
4 From the cross thy wis-dom shin-ing break-eth

speak-ing it was done. For cre-at-ed light we
night and deep as death, broke the light of thy sal-
thine own ho-li-ness, glo-rious now, we press toward
forth in con-qu'ring might; from the cross for-ev-er

thank thee, while thine or-dered sea-sons run.
va-tion, breathed thine own life-breath-ing breath.
glo-ry, and our lives our hopes con-fess.
beam-eth all thy bright re-deem-ing light.

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Praise to thee who light dost send!
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia with-out end!

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;

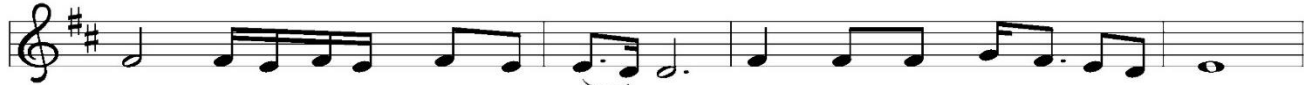
he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

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**

THANKSGIVING

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: respond after Lord, God of grace,



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

SHARING THE PEACE

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

OFFERING

Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring

ELW #692



- 1 Ac-cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up-on your ta-ble.
- 2 The vines were plant-ed, seeds were sown. They grew in your good plea-sure.
- 3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be-fore you.



We do not wor-ship as we ought but on-ly as we're a-ble.
What once was com-mon, dail-y food be-comes a ho-ly trea-sure.
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum-bly we a-dore you.

(THE USHERS BRING UP THE OFFERING)

OFFERING PRAYER

Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

MEAL

COMMUNION WELCOME

All are welcome to the Lord's Table at Trinity. You are well prepared and worthy if by faith you believe these words, "given for you" and "shed for you...for the forgiveness of sin". Welcome to the Lord's Table. Come taste and see that the Lord is good.

THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

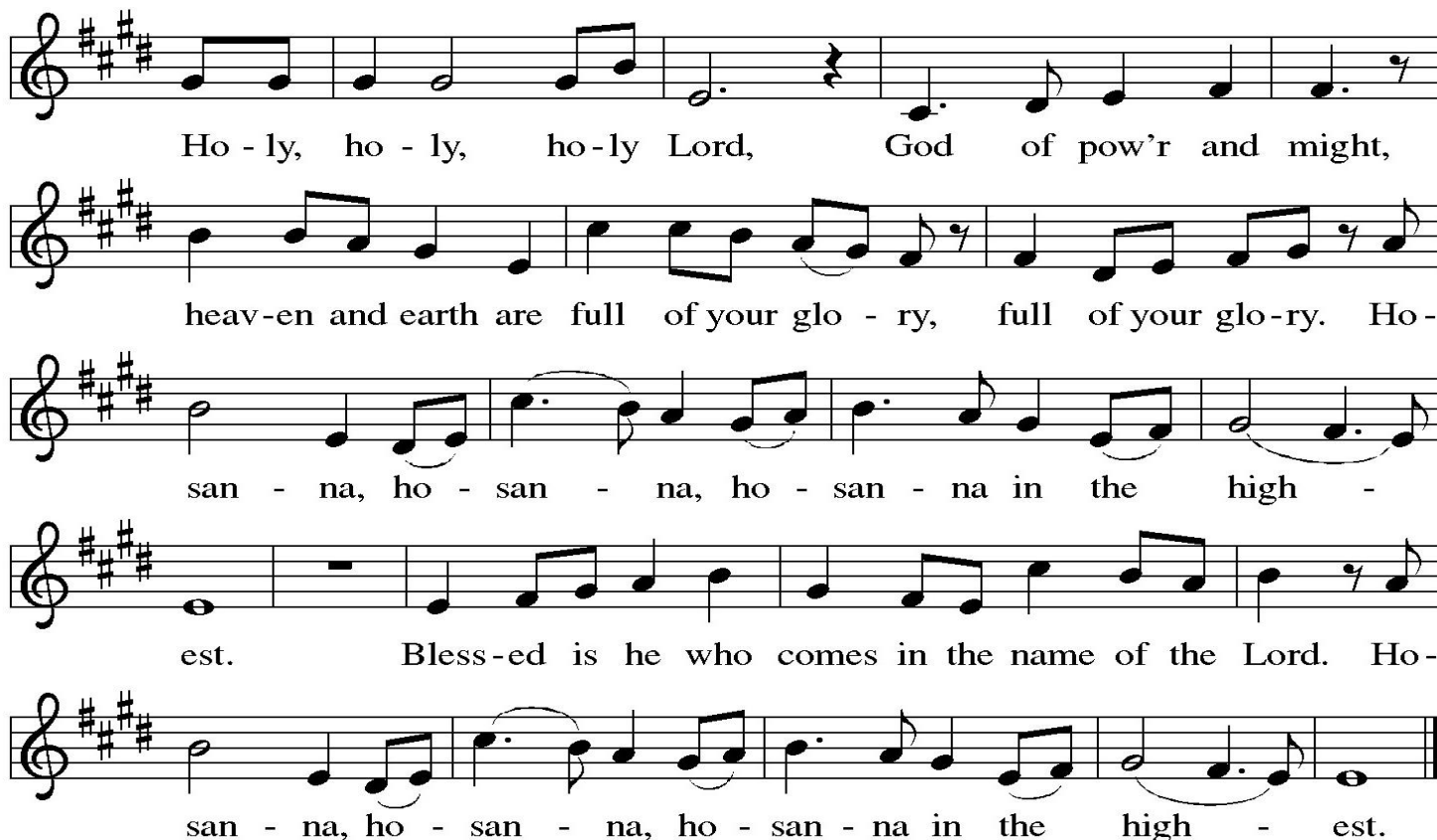
Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

And also with you.

We lift them to the Lord.

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. You reveal your glory as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, on Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your eternal glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF JESUS

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

(Please sign the Welcome Pads and pass to your neighbor.)



PRAYER

Let us pray. God, you have gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit ✝ bless you and give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

Let the Whole Creation Cry

ELW 876



1 Let the whole cre - a - tion cry, "Glo - ry to the Lord on high!"
2 Ser - vants striv - ing for the Lord, proph - ets burn - ing with the word,
3 Men and wom - en, young and old, raise the an - them loud and bold,



Heav'n and earth, a - wake and sing, "Praise to our al - might - y king!"
those to whom the arts be - long add their voic - es to the song,
and let chil - dren's hap - py hearts in this wor - ship take their parts;



Praise God, an - gel hosts a - bove, ev - er bright and fair in love;
Pow'rs of knowl - edge and of law, to the glo - rious cir - cle draw;
from the north to south - ern pole let the might - y cho - rus roll:



sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars, in God re - joice.
all who work and all who wait, sing, "The Lord is good and great!"
"Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly One; glo - ry be to God a - lone!"

BELL AND DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit. **Thanks be to God.**



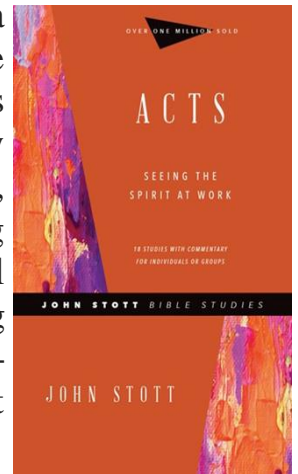
Our thanks to all who serve the Body of Christ

SUNDAY		9:00 Worship
Accompanist	Laurie Grunzke	
Acolyte	Natalie Fulmer	
Reader	Neil Neidt	
Holy Communion	Dave Vosbeck, Larry Baumgardt	
Sound Techs	Russ Sorensen	
Greeter	Chris Mangan	
Ushers	Keith Lendt, Mike Peterson	
Altar Guild	Nicole Jensen, Joleen Dittbenner	



Summer Coffee Fellowship is here. There is a signup sheet by the ramp door for your convenience. **August needs your help!** Coffee will always be available even if there is an open Sunday. Thank you for serving!

Join women from our congregation and our community for a new study of the book of Acts. Together, we will dig into the story of how the Christian church began and continued to carry out the ministry of Christ. Topics covered include learning about the Holy Spirit, the persecution of early Christians, how Satan attacks, getting to know individuals such as Stephen, Philip, Saul, and Cornelius, resolving conflict within the church, understanding politics and religion, spreading the “good news,” and following God. There will always be coffee and prayer, sometimes a treat, good discussion with something to meditate about for a few days, and best of all, fulfilling connections in a faith-centered community. Join us when you can! All ages are welcome. We meet (almost) every Wednesday from 9:00-10:00 a.m. Bring a friend.



MEALS THAT MATTER

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!

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

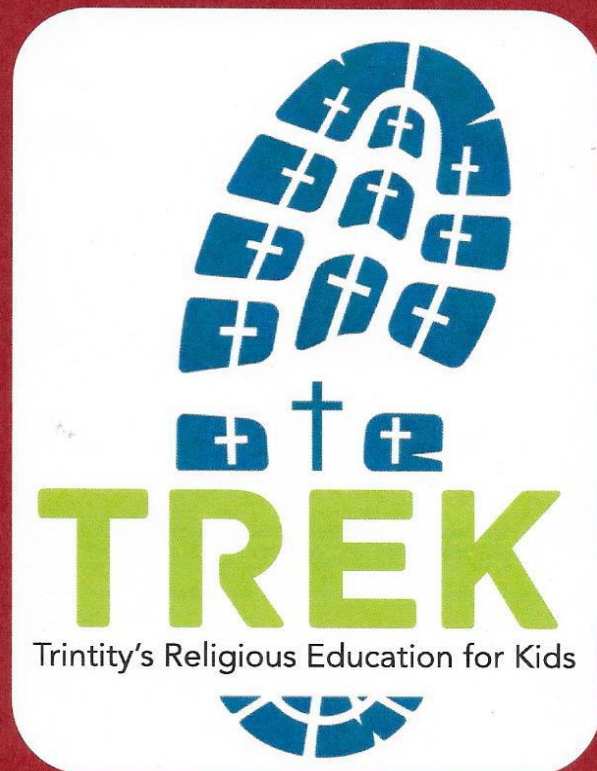


Needed...sheets! If you have bed sheets you would like to recycle that are in good shape, we can use them for backs, or insides for our quilts. Full to King size work well but twin size can also be used- cotton/polyester or flannel work well. Thank you. Donations can be left in the basement on a table near the Kitchen.

We will begin meeting again in September.

**Wednesday
School is now
TREK!**

Join us Wednesdays
starting September
10th for fun, friends,
music, and Bible
learning!



HELP NEEDED!

Can you volunteer to help in our TREK classrooms?
There will be multiple teachers for each grade level so
you will not need to commit to every week.
We are also looking for classroom helpers.
Contact Alyssa Nissen: 612-462-2019 or
education@trinitysleepyeye.org



SCAN ME



Scan to register for the
2025-2026 school year
3 yrs- 6 grade



Trinity Lutheran Church – 2025 Building Fund Campaign

"Rooted in Faith" – Preserving Trinity for Generations to Come

Thank you for your faithful support of Trinity Lutheran Church. **We are launching a vital campaign to raise \$75,000 over the next two years to fund capital improvements approved by the congregation—specifically, the removal of the sanctuary’s north and south wall windows and repairs to the parking lot.** We are grateful for your past generosity and ask that you prayerfully consider supporting this campaign as well.

Campaign Summary

- **Goal:** \$75,000
- **Timeline:** Now through the end of calendar year 2025
- **Purpose:** Fund congregation-approved property repairs and upgrades
- **How to Help:** **One-time gifts or pledges over time! The Stewardship Board is asking members for contributions toward the \$75,000 goal via direct payment(s) and/or pledging payments on a schedule of their choice over a two-year period.**

Bridge Financing Options (if required)

1. **Member Loans:** Promissory notes starting at \$5,000. 2% interest, repaid in installments through 2027.
2. **Commercial Financing:** Will be considered only if needed.

Please prayerfully consider how you can support this important campaign. Your ongoing support is a blessing to our church and God’s mission. Thank you for all you have done and continue to do!

Please return pledge cards to the church office or contact Pat Stevermer with any questions.

Blessings in Christ,
The Stewardship Board

"It is more blessed to give than to receive." — Acts 20:35



SUMMER PROJECT

For youth, ages 16-24, in need of a safe place to go, the REACH Resource Center in Mankato provides a stable, secure environment with access to basic needs like food, clothing, showers, computers, sport groups and connections to housing, counseling, employment coaching, education and other community resources. This center is a program of Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota, and needs our support.

Your Social Ministries Board is holding this important ministry up for you to consider donating needed items during the summer months. Donations may be placed in the basket in the narthex.

The following is a partial list of needed items:

Food: Fruit snacks, macaroni and cheese, canned pasta, canned soups, bottled beverages, granola bars, bottled water.

Kitchen supplies: plastic utensils, napkins, paper plates, paper towels, dish soap, cleaning supplies, paper cups, dish towels and dishcloths, foil, plastic wrap, storage bags and containers, garbage bags.

Bathroom Supplies: toilet paper, feminine hygiene products, bandages and first aid supplies, plunger and toilet bowl brush, waste basket.

Cleaning Supplies: Swiffer brand mop, broom and dustpan, sponges, hand soap, disinfectant spray and wipes, glass cleaner, bleach.

Personal Items: Wicking socks, bug repellent, sun screen.

Also donations of money to Trinity designated for this LSS program will be happily accepted.

Thanks.

SOCIAL MINISTRIES BOARD

August 17th, 2025

Run the race of faith.

Sunday	Luke 12:49-56	Jesus the cause of division
Monday	Hebrews 11:29—12:2	The example of faith
Tuesday	John 9:13-34	Pharisees divided on Jesus
Wednesday	Acts 14:1-7	Division at Iconium
Thursday	1 Corinthians 1:10-17	Paul writes about division
Friday	Hebrews 10:23-25	Persevere in the Lord
Saturday	Psalms 35	Contend, O Lord
Sunday	Luke 13:10-17	Jesus heals on the Sabbath



*Sundays after
Pentecost*

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Such a large crowd of witnesses is all around us! So we must get rid of everything that slows us down, especially the sin that just won't let go. And we must be determined to run the race that is ahead of us. Hebrews 12:1

SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week:

Let us run the race of faith that is before us: Let us never give up. Amen. (Hebrews 12:1)

Mealtime Prayer:

Lord, with food you feed us and with love you lead us. Thank you for giving all we need for living. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God give you a faith that keeps on going. May you keep your eyes fixed on Jesus. Amen. (Hebrews 12:1-2)

CARING CONVERSATION

Discuss in your home or small group:

Who has been an encouragement to you in your life? How?

Hebrews 11 lists people of faith who encourage us by the way they have trusted God.

Who or what encourages you in your faith?

How can you be an encouragement to others?

DEVOTIONS

In Luke 12:49-56, Jesus talks about painful divisions in families. At the heart of these divisions is our turning away from Jesus. Hebrews 12:1-2 reminds us to run the race of faith and keep our focus on Jesus, the one who makes our faith complete. As a devotional for healing of our daily divisions, draw or cut out a running shoe and write on it, "Run the race of faith, (your name), by . . . (list ways you can keep your eye on Jesus by showing kindness and mercy to others)."

SERVICE

The heart of service is God's call to justice and mercy for those in need (see Jesus' opening sermon in Luke 4:16-21). Summer is a particular time many families are in need of food. Give a donation or collect food items that can be used at a local food shelf.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Hebrews 12:1 encourages us to "get rid of everything that slows us down" from following Jesus. Have a service of repentance in your home. Take a stone that symbolizes things in your life that keep you from following Jesus. Pass the stone around. Each person names something silently or aloud that they would like to confess to God. When each person has had a turn, say this prayer:

Dear Jesus, forgive us for those times when we don't follow you. Help us to fight against sin and to keep our eyes on you. Amen.

Conclude by blessing each other using this week's blessing in Taking Faith Home.

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***Please take your 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 a507 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:	73
Website	51
Bible Studies Attendance:	9+8= 17
Weekly Giving: (5730.00 Needed)	\$3391.28
August Giving:(\$23,640.00 .Needed)	\$11,076.43
Yearly Contributions to Date	\$164,767.41

Thrivent members are reminded to direct their Choice Dollars each year any time after April 1st of the year.

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



This Week's Prayer Concerns

Pray for Trinity...that the Holy Spirit would keep our Trinity family united as we continue in worship and in helping others as we are able ...

Pray for the Church...that the Holy Spirit would empower us to live in the image of God so that we would speak and act in every way bringing glory to God before all the nations and peoples with what we have been given...

Pray for our World...that pain of this Covid-19 pandemic, which has penetrated so many lives that your light Lord would help us to see your presence and that the Spirit would lead us to seek the truth and practice grace for all who are hurting...

Pray for all who are ill, afflicted, or recovering...that the Holy Spirit would give comfort and daily strength to **Gary, Alda, Mary, Jane, Krista, Trisha, Mark, Sherry, Kali, Isak, Vivian, Kim, Pam, Pat, Trish, Beth, Harold, Rita, Nip, Sarah, Chris, Kathy, Emmett, Joan, Lois, Joyce, Emma, Darrell, Milo, Ed, Carlo, Dorothy, Tina, Ethan, Robyn, Carmen, Linette, Tammy, John, Tony, Ted, Connor, Kimora, and Mary Jo.**

Pray for the beloved... who now rest from their labors in God's mercy and for all who mourn the personal loss of loved ones... especially Rod & Darlene Brummund in the loss of Rod's brother, **Lawrence**....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 family...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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*Seek the things
that are above,
where Christ is.*

COLOSSIANS 3:1

