

**Trinity
Lutheran
Church**

**August
24th,
2025**

**Eleventh
Sunday after
Pentecost**

**217 Brackenridge
Southwest
Sleepy Eye, MN**

**Website
[www.trinity
sleepyeye.org](http://www.trinitysleepyeye.org)**

**Phone:
(507) 794-5051**

**Email:
[secretary@trinity
sleepyeye.org](mailto:secretary@trinitysleepyeye.org)**

**Office Hours
Mon-Thurs
9am -3pm**

**Ministers
Every member**

**Pastor
David Nissen
(320) 583-9242
Pastor @
trinitysleepyeye.org**

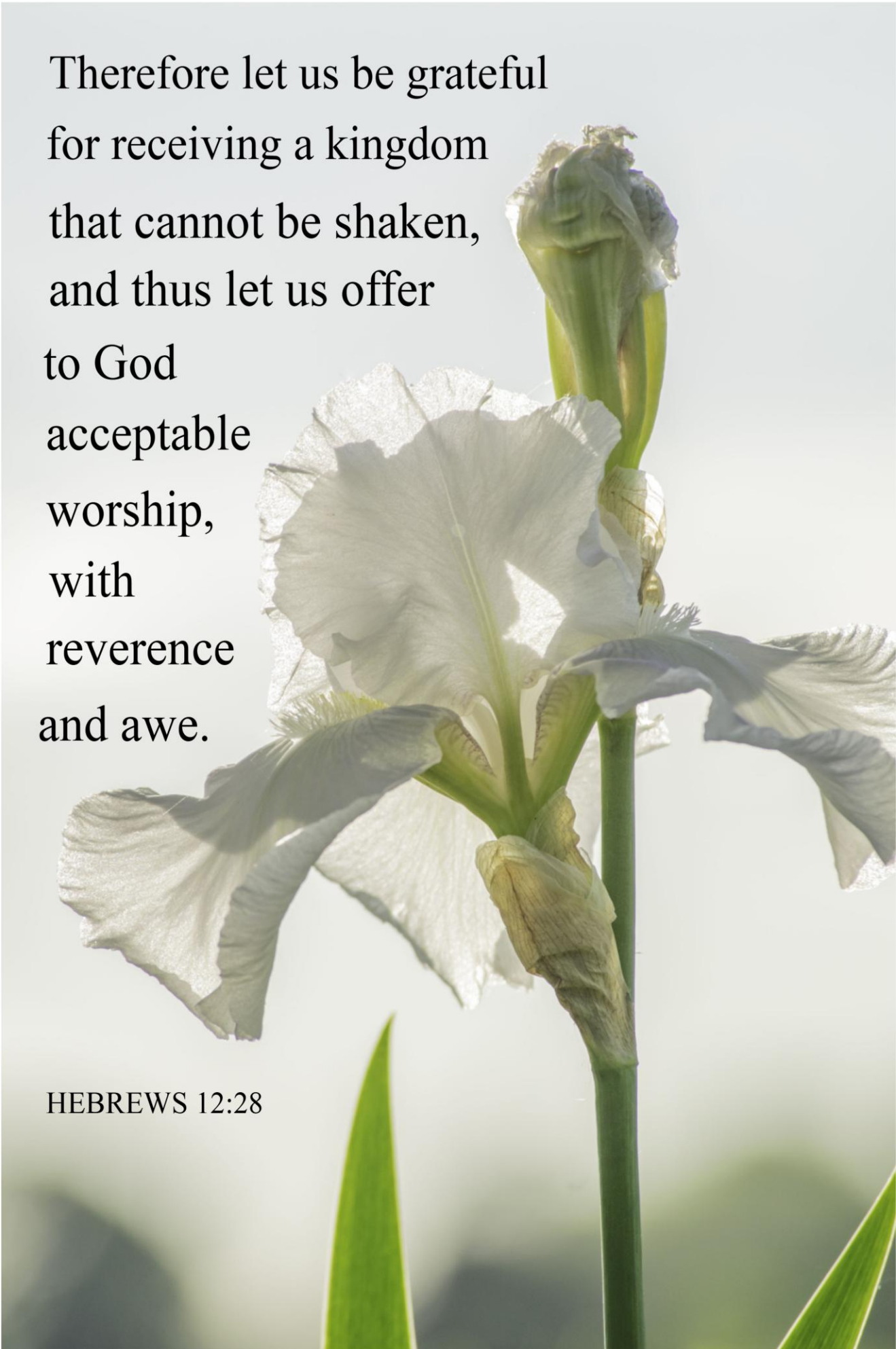
**Parish Secretary
Darlene Brummund
507 276-8013
[secretary@
trinitysleepyeye.org](mailto:secretary@trinitysleepyeye.org)**

**Financial
Secretary
Pat Stevermer
794-7112
[finance@
trinitysleepyeye.org](mailto:finance@trinitysleepyeye.org)**

**Organist /
Choir Director
Mary Mulry
794-3768
[music@
trinitysleepyeye.org](mailto:music@trinitysleepyeye.org)**

**Christian Education
Alyssa Nissen
612 462-2019
[education@
trinitysleepyeye.org](mailto:education@trinitysleepyeye.org)**

**Custodian
Pat Lowther**



Therefore let us be grateful
for receiving a kingdom
that cannot be shaken,
and thus let us offer
to God
acceptable
worship,
with
reverence
and awe.

HEBREWS 12:28

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ~ LECTURE 21

SERVICE OF THE WORD

9 A.M. SUNDAY AUGUST 24TH, 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 an usher ask the usher.

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

GATHERING

WE PREPARE... *Remember the sabbath day. Call the sabbath a delight. This is the Lord's day, and the Lord will do for us what the Lord does: feed us, forgive us, help and heal us. Rejoice at all the wonderful things God is doing.*

PRELUDE / PARISH NOTICES / BELL

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

We are gathered in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

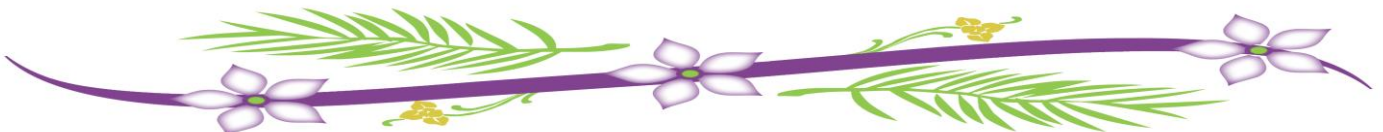
Let us come into the light, the revealing and healing light of God.

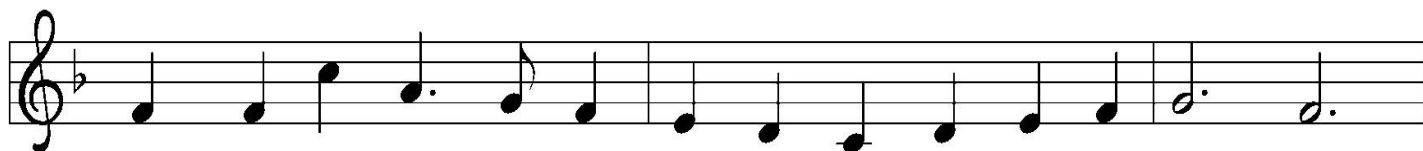
God of grace and glory we confess:

you have brought us through the night of sin into the light of Jesus' resurrection.

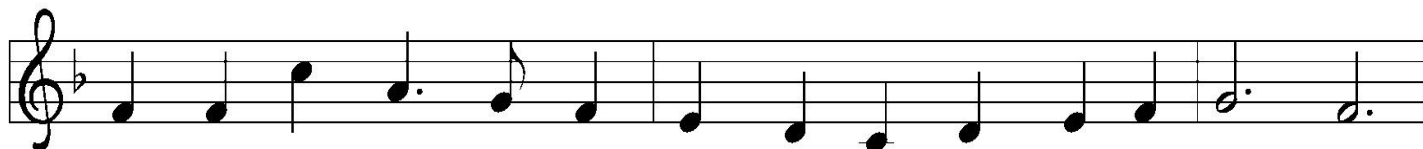
Yet our lives are still shadowed by sin. Make us alive in Christ, O God. Make us new as you make all things new. Rescue us from evil and the gloom of sin, renew us in grace, and restore us to living in your holiness, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen

Rejoice with all creation around God's throne! The light of the risen Christ puts to flight all evil deeds, washes away sin, restores innocence to the fallen, casts out hate, brings peace, and humbles earthly excesses. Jesus Christ loves you and + frees you from your sins by his blood. To him be glory and dominion forever and ever! **Amen.**





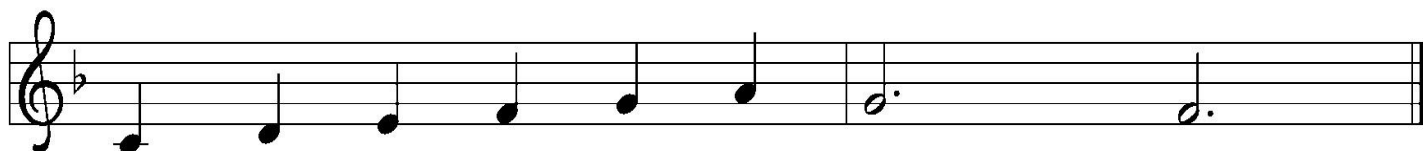
1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won-drous-ly reign - ing
 3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend you;
 4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!
 and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.
 sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.
 All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!



Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,
 Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been
 Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do
 Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.



join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?
 if with his love he be - friend you.
 Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God from which nothing can separate us,
 and the life-giving Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all God's benefits—
who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases;

who redeems your life from the grave and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;
who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

O LORD, you provide vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.

You made known your ways to Moses and your works to the children of Israel.

YOU are full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 58:9b-14

The first reading is in Isaiah chapter 58, verses 9b-14. The Lord promises those who have returned from exile that where justice and mercy prevail, the ruins will be rebuilt and light will rise in the darkness. It is a day for new beginnings.

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.

If you refrain from trampling the sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs; then you shall take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

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

SECOND READING

Hebrews 12:18-29

The second reading is in Hebrews chapter 12, verses 18-29. Using images of Moses from the Old Testament, the writer presents a striking vision of the new covenant of God made possible in Christ. There is no longer fear; only awe in the new promise in Christ into which we are invited.

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken — that is, created things — so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

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

GOSPEL

Luke 13:10-17

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

Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and

said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

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

SERMON

Pastor Dave Nissen

HYMN OF THE DAY

THERE IS A BALM IN GILEAD

ELW #614

Refrain



There is a balm in Gil-e - ad to make the wound - ed whole;



there is a balm in Gil-e - ad to heal the sin - sick soul.



1 Some - times I feel dis - cour - aged and think my work's in vain,
2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can - not pray like Paul,
3 Don't ev - er be dis - cour - aged, for Je - sus is your friend;

Refrain



but then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.
you can tell the love of Je - sus and say, "He died for all."
and if you lack for knowl - edge, he'll ne'er re - fuse to lend.

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 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

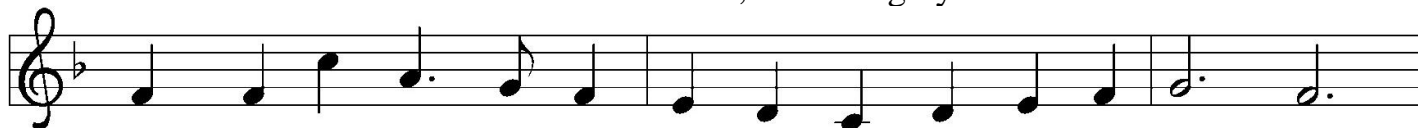
Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with your gifts, that we may live as your risen body in the world. **Amen.**

SENDING

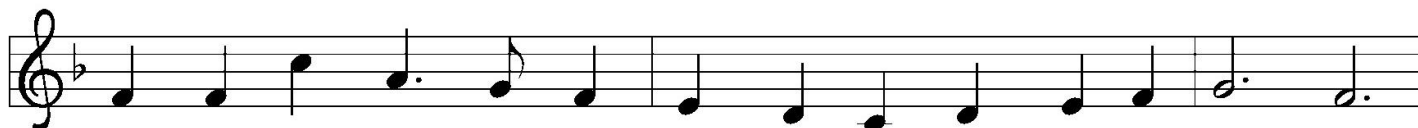
DEPARTING BLESSING

The blessing of the living God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, surround and sustain you, keep you from harm, and fill you with courage. **Amen**





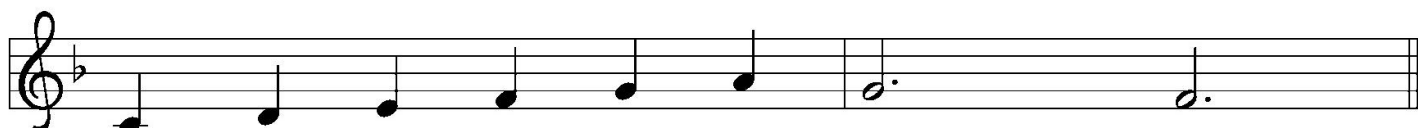
1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly reign - ing
 3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend you;
 4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!
 and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.
 sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.
 All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!



Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,
 Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been
 Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do
 Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.



join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?
 if with his love he be - friend you.
 Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

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	Lorie Grunzke	
Acolyte	Levi Johnson	
Reader	Cheryl Neidt	
Sound Techs	Russ Sorensen	
Greeter	Chris Mangen	
Ushers	Keith Lendt, Mike Petersen	
Altar Guild	Joleen Dittbenner, Nicole Jensen	

TRINITY

REUNION SUNDAY

SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER

7

9:00 SERVICE

Reunite after a busy summer and kick off the program year with a family friendly celebration!

ICE CREAM
SUNDAES

TREK
OPEN
HOUSE

BOUNCE
HOUSE



KEYCHAIN
CRAFT

LAWN
GAMES

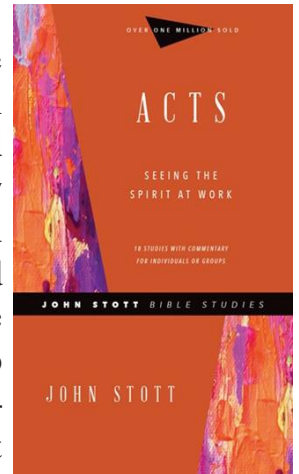
BRING YOUR BACKPACK TO THE SERVICE FOR A SPECIAL BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR!

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH



Congratulations to Brook Stang and Austin Fischer who were married yesterday here at Trinity. May God bless their lives together!

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.





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

God's work.

Our hands.

Trinity will again be sponsoring “God’s Work Our Hands” to aid the Church and our Community on September 14th! Please be there for the fun and Fellowship! Sign up for projects are in the Narthex. Take a look and pick your project! All hands are needed September 14th and always. Please do your part in making this another successful event!

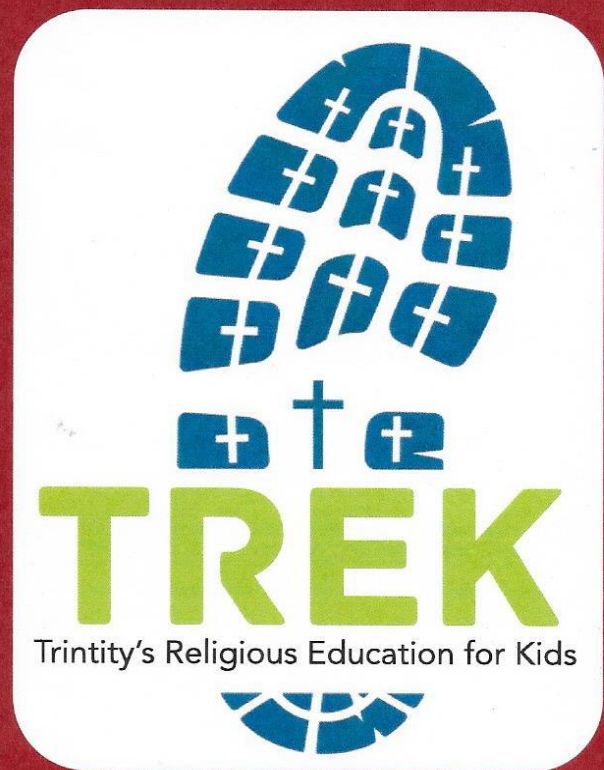
**Tying Fleece Blankets & Quilts
Church Grounds Clean-up
Cookies for our Community
Cards for Homebound**

**Toddler Supply Kits for LLS
Pack Food for the Backpack
Project**

“God’s Work Our Hands” is our way of honoring our Lord and helping other people. Together WE can all make a difference! Please sign up today to help.

**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

August 24th, 2025

Lift us up to praise and worship you.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday	Luke 13:10-17	Jesus heals on the Sabbath
Monday	Psalms 103:1-8	Bless the Lord
Tuesday	Exodus 20:8-11	Remember the Sabbath day
Wednesday	Isaiah 58:6-14	Worship that pleases God
Thursday	Luke 6:1-11	Picking grain on the Sabbath
Friday	Genesis 2:1-3	The seventh day
Saturday	Psalms 92	A Sabbath day psalm
Sunday	Luke 14:1, 7-14	Humility and hospitality



*Sundays after
Pentecost*

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

The Lord is merciful! He is kind and patient, and his love never fails.

Psalm 103:8

SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord Jesus, please set us free from all that cripples us. Lift us up to praise and worship you. Amen. (Luke 13:12-13)

Mealttime Prayer:

O God, who gives us daily bread, our thanks to you we raise. Be present at our table here, and fill our hearts with praise. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord forgive you, heal you, and bless you with love and mercy. Amen.

CARING CONVERSATION

Discuss in your home or small group:

What is the worst injury or sickness you have had? Share your story.

Jesus met a woman who had been crippled for 18 years. What are some of the things that cripple people; physically? emotionally? spiritually?

Jesus healed the woman, saying, "You are now free from your trouble" In what way has Jesus freed you from trouble?

DEVOTIONS

In Luke 13:10-17, Jesus healed a crippled woman. He lifted up the woman and gave her a new reason to praise God. Psalm 103 is a beautiful psalm for those who have recovered from illness. Verses 1-2 and 8 provide the central themes of praise. In your devotions this week reflect on how God has lifted you up when you faced challenges or illness. Then, recite the Scripture Verse for the Week (Psalm 103:8), and respond to this affirmation of God's mercy and love with verses 1-2: **With all my heart I praise the Lord, and with all that I am I praise his holy name! With all my heart I praise the Lord! I will never forget how kind he has been.**

(Psalm 103:1-2)

SERVICE

Isaiah 58:7 reads: "Share your food with the hungry, and give shelter to the homeless. Give clothes to those who need them, and do not hide from relatives who need your help." Plan one action this week in response to this verse. For example, make a donation to a food bank for the needy, give unused clothes to a charity organization, volunteer time at a soup kitchen, or visit an elderly person.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

God spoke to the people through the prophet Isaiah about the Sabbath. God said: "Honor my holy day. Do not work on it. Do not do just anything you want to. Do not talk about things that are worthless. Then you will find your joy in me." How do you observe the Lord's day? Think about using one or more of these ideas:

After going to worship, talk about what you experienced there.

Talk about your highs and lows from the past week, and then talk and pray about the upcoming week.

Say together, "This is the Lord's Day; we will rejoice in it."

Set aside some quiet time for reflection and prayer. Avoid the use of any technology.

Sing Christian songs.

Bless each other using "A Blessing to Give."

Enjoy God's creation by being outside.

© 2015 Milestones Ministry, LLC. All rights reserved.

Please take your bulletin home for weekly devotion



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:	84
Website	46
Bible Studies Attendance:	4+5+8= 17
Weekly Giving: (5730.00 Needed)	\$4193.13
August Giving:(\$23,640.00 .Needed)	\$15,269.56
Yearly Contributions to Date	\$168,960.54



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... 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.

For use solely with the SongSelect Terms of Use • All rights reserved
• www.ccli.com
• CCLI License 1162037 • For use with Streaming License • All rights reserved
• CSPL096295 • Used by permission of Augsburg Fortress • License 1380500101
• Reprinted from WORDS FOR WORSHIP, copyright 2017 Augsburg Fortress.
Used by permission of Augsburg Fortress.



JESUS HEALS ON THE SABBATH

LUKE 13:10-17