

**Trinity
Lutheran
Church**

**August 31st,
2025**

**Twelfth
Sunday after
Pentecost**

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Take the
lowest place,
so that when
your host comes,
he will say to you,
"Friend
move up
to a better place."

LUKE 14:10

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ~ LECTIO 22

SERVICE OF THE WORD

9 A.M. SUNDAY AUGUST 31ST, 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... *Invited and inviting—that is the nature of the church. By God's grace in holy baptism we have a place at Christ's banquet table. When, by the power of that same Spirit, humility and mutual love continue among us, the church can be more inviting still.*

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.

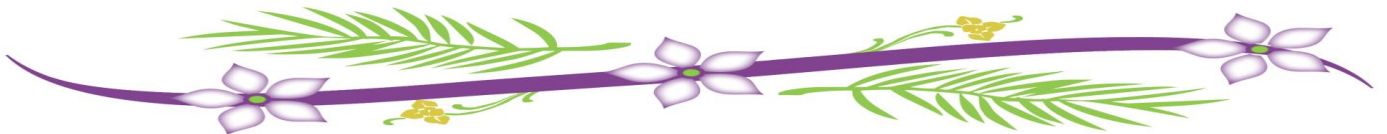
Let us come into the light, the revealing and healing light of God.

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 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
 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

live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
 wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
 stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and

hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
 peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
 live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the

vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
 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

Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
 end to fear and dan - ger:

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

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.**

RESPONSIVE PSALM 112

The righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD and have great delight in God's commandments!

**Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
 the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness will last forever.

**Light shines in the darkness for the upright;
 the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice.

For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.
They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.
Their heart is established and will not shrink,
until they see their desire upon their enemies.

They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever;
they will hold up their head with honor.

The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away;
the desires of the wicked will perish.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING

Proverbs 25:6-7

The first reading is in Proverbs chapter 25, verses 6-7. The book of Proverbs is part of a collection of writings known as wisdom literature. Wisdom literature gave directions to Israel's leaders and people for the conduct of daily life. Today's reading is about humility.

Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great; for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

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

SECOND READING

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

The second reading is in Hebrews chapter 13, verses 1-8 and 15-16. The conclusion of the letter to the Hebrews contains suggestions for the conduct of a holy life, all of which are shaped by God's love toward us in Jesus Christ.

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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 14:1, 7-14

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 14th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

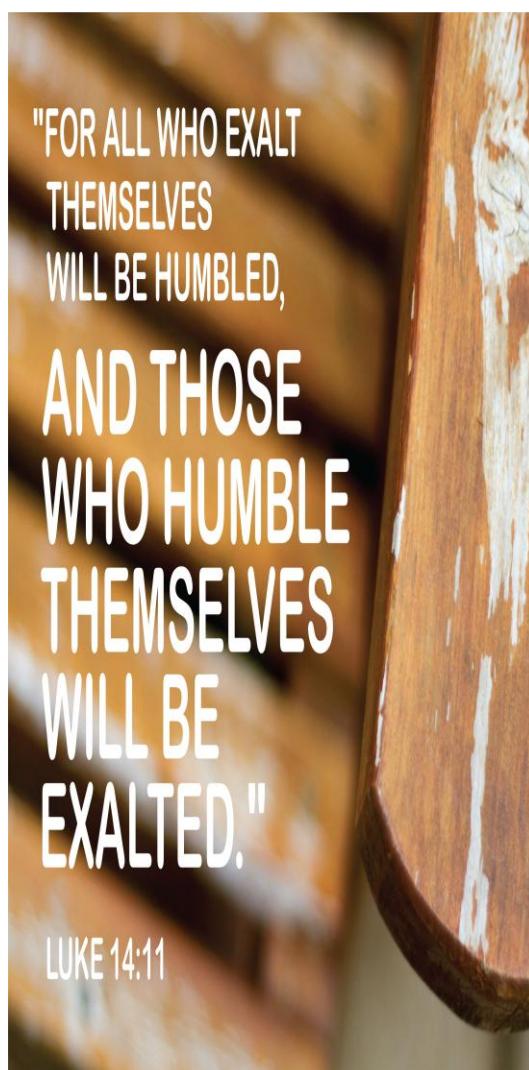
When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

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

SERMON

Pastor Dave Nissen



1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,
 2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;
 3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.
 4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,

feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.
 where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.
 Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.
 Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.

Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,
 For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,
 When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,
 So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.

Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.
 Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.
 Christ tears down our fenc - es: all are wel - come here.
 None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

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

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- 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)

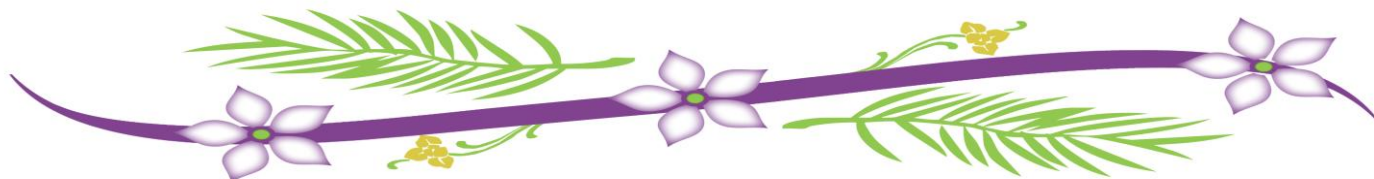
OFFERING PRAYER

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**

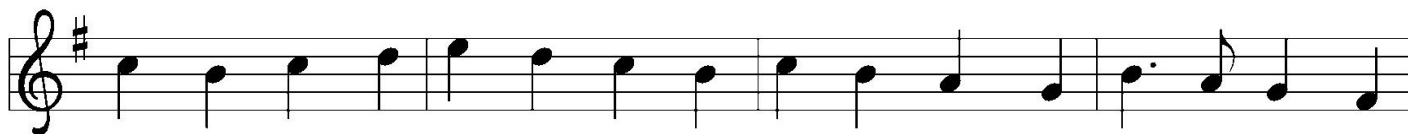




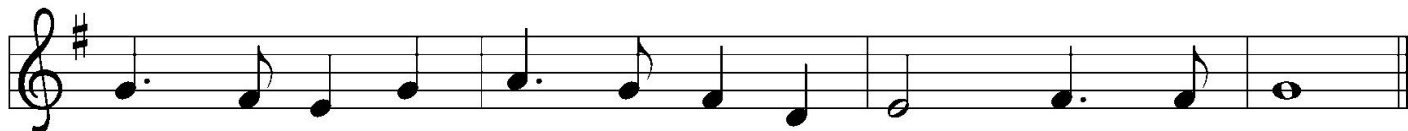
1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
 Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

DISMISSAL

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

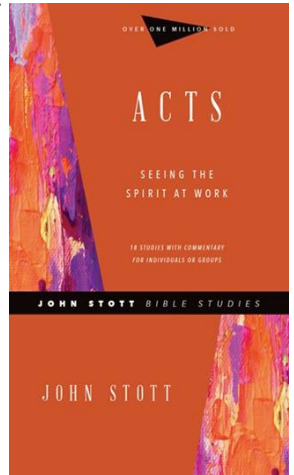
Our thanks to all who serve the Body of Christ

SUNDAY		9:00 Worship
Accompanist	Lorie Grunzke	
Acolyte	Ryder Braun	
Reader	Terry Newgord	
Sound Techs	Russ Sorensen	
Greeter	Chris Manger	
Ushers	Keith Lendt, Mike Petersen	
Altar Guild	Joleen Dittbenner, Nicole Jensen	



Great thanks to all who served summer coffee this year! 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*

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.



**TO THOSE WHO
BELIEVED IN HIS NAME,
HE GAVE THE RIGHT TO BECOME
CHILDREN OF GOD.**

JOHN 1:12

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

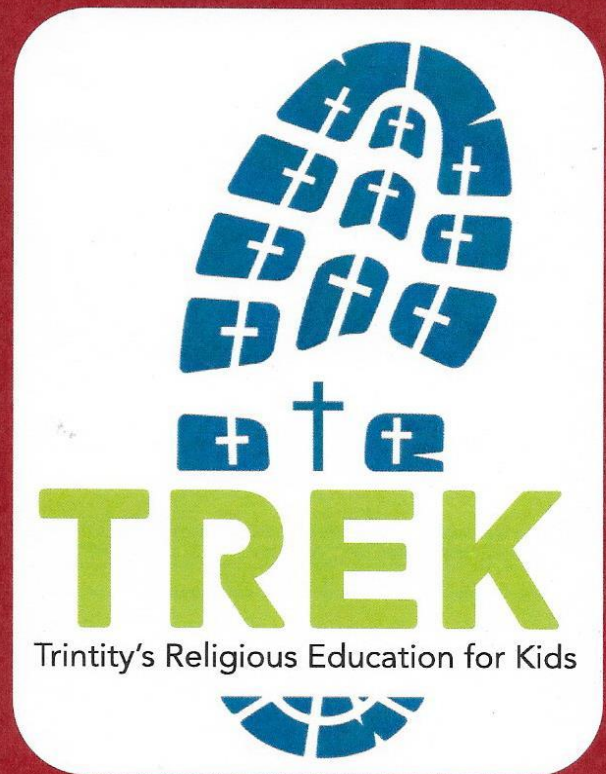
LAWN
GAMES

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

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

**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

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.

August 31, 2025

Jesus was welcoming and humble.

Let us follow his example.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday	Luke 14:1, 7-14	Humility and hospitality
Monday	Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16	Service that pleases God
Tuesday	Genesis 18:1-8	Abraham shows hospitality
Wednesday	1 Kings 3:1-15	Solomon humbles himself
Thursday	Matthew 20:20-28	A request for seats of honor
Friday	Luke 14:15-23	God's hospitality to the lowly
Saturday	Psalm 10	Warnings against pride and arrogance
Sunday	Luke 14:25-33	The cost of being a disciple



*Sundays after
Pentecost*

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Keep being concerned about each other as the Lord's followers should. Be sure to welcome strangers into your home. By doing this, some people have welcomed angels as guests, without even knowing it. Hebrews 13:1-2

SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord Jesus, teach us to be humble like you. Help us to welcome all people in your name. Amen. (Luke 14:7-14)

Mealtime Prayer:

Lord, you care for the poor and lift up the humble. May we be thankful and never grumble. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the God who welcomes you with grace and mercy be with you and guide you today in all that you do and all that you say. Amen.

CARING CONVERSATION

Discuss in your home or small group:

What does it mean to be proud? What does it mean to be humble?

How has Jesus been a humble servant to us? In response, what are some ways we can show humble service to others?

In our society, we are taught to fear strangers.

What does the command to welcome strangers (Hebrews 13:2) teach us about the benefit of honoring people we don't know?

DEVOTIONS

Hebrews 13:7 says, "Don't forget about your leaders who taught you God's message. Remember what kind of lives they lived and try to have faith like theirs." Pray for Christian leaders who teach you about God: pastors, teachers, Sunday school teachers, youth leaders, parents, grandparents, etc. How has their faith helped you with your faith? Plan a way to express your thanks and appreciation to them.

SERVICE

When eating at the house of an important Pharisee, Jesus said: "When you put on a luncheon or a banquet don't invite your friends, brothers, relatives, and rich neighbors. For they will invite you back, and that will be your only reward." Make plans to invite someone you don't know very well to share a meal at your home. Think about how you can work as a household to make them feel as welcome as possible.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Inviting others to be guests in our homes is an excellent way to teach our children about offering hospitality to others. But remember that hospitality is not about putting on a special meal or having a spotless home to show off. It's about welcoming people into our lives as we are and accepting them as they are.

During the week, honor household members or friends by making them the center of attention at a dinner. Set a special place at your dinner table for the honored person. Offer a blessing using "A Blessing to Give" and a special prayer for that person.

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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 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	48
Bible Studies Attendance:	6+8= 14
Weekly Giving: (5730.00 Needed)	\$3799.13
August Giving:(\$23,640.00 .Needed)	\$19,068.69
Yearly Contributions to Date	\$172,759.67



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, Harold, Sherry, Kali, Isak, Vivian, Kim, Pam, Pat, Trish, Beth, Harold, Rita, Sarah, Chris, Kathy, Emmett, Joan, Lois, Joyce, Emma, Darrell, Milo, Ed, Carlo, Dorothy, Tina, Ethan, Robyn, Carmen, Linette, Tammy, John, Tony, Ted, Connor, Kimora, Duane 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.

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"YOU WILL BE REPAID



AT THE RESURRECTION OF THE

Righteous."

LUKE 14:14