

**Trinity  
Lutheran  
Church**

**August 18<sup>th</sup>,  
2024**

**Thirteenth  
Sunday after  
Pentecost**

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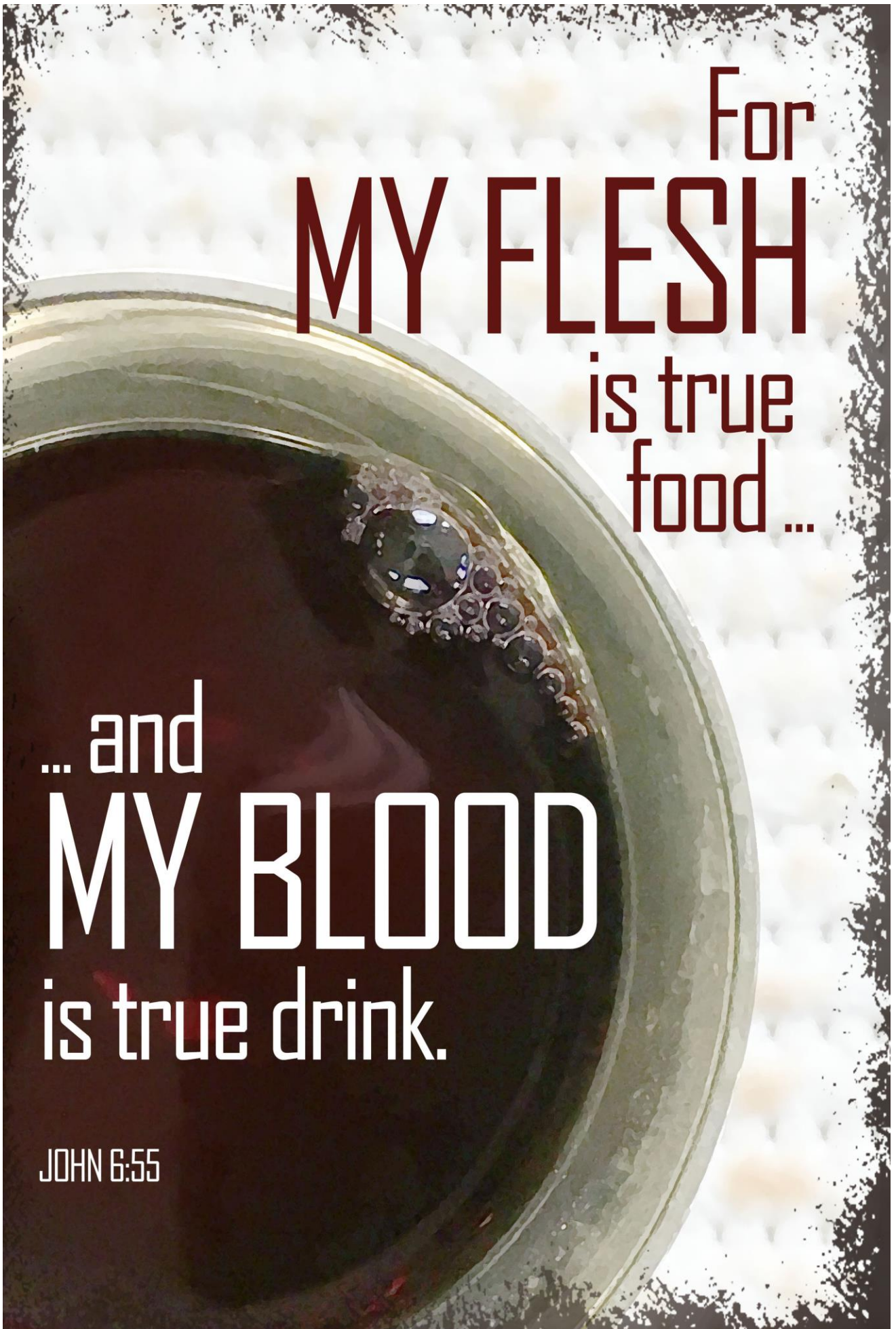
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For  
**MY FLESH**  
is true  
food ...

... and  
**MY BLOOD**  
is true drink.

**JOHN 6:55**



**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST~ LECTIO 20**  
**HOLY COMMUNION ~ SETTING 8**  
**9:00 a.m. JULY 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2024**



*Sundays after  
Pentecost*

**“GOD’S RADICAL LOVE, LIVED OUT EVERY DAY”**

*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 and through the bread and cup as we come to receive 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.

**PREFERENCE** to receive grape juice is indicated by raising your index finger to the server.

**GLUTEN FREE** wafers are available. Simply tell the server you wish to receive *gluten free*.

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**GATHERING**

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**WE PREPARE:** *Wisdom prepares a feast, sets her table, and invites all to come and eat her bread and drink her wine. The first chapter of John’s gospel owes much to the biblical tradition that imagined Wisdom as existing before anything was created and having a role in the work of creation. Christ, the wisdom of God (1 Cor. 1:24), today invites us to eat his flesh and drink his blood. John’s gospel includes no account of the institution of the Lord’s supper, but here we can’t help hearing Jesus’ words as an invitation to the meal of bread and wine we share.*

**PRELUDE/ BELL**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

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

Moment of silence for reflection

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

Gracious God,

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

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

**OPENING SONG**

*What Feast of Love*

**ELW #487**



1 What feast of love is of-fered here, what ban-quet come from heav - en?  
 2 What light of truth is of-fered here, what cov - e - nant from heav - en?  
 3 What wine of love is of-fered here, what crim-son drink from heav - en?



What food of ev - er - last-ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?  
 What hope of ev - er - last-ing life, what won-drous word is giv - en?  
 What stream of ev - er - last-ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.  
 This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav - en.  
 This, this is Christ the king, the sweet - est wine of heav - en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!  
 Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv - en!  
 Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv - en!

**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.**

**KYRIE**

*Refrain*



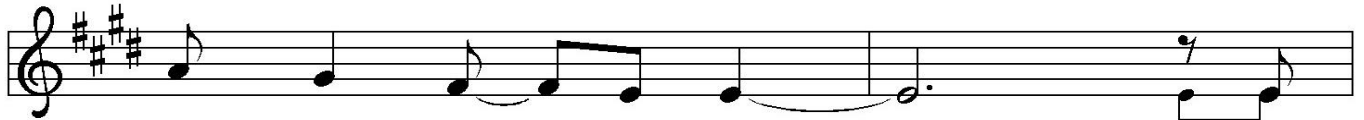
Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



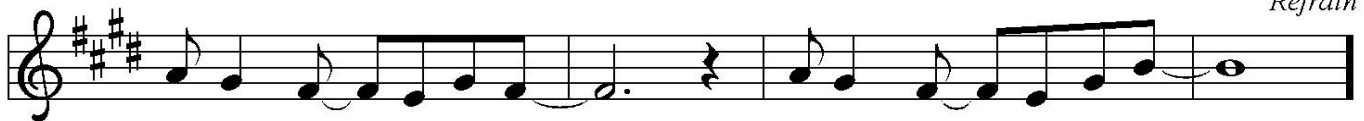
1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the  
 2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the  
 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for  
 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for  
 hun - gry and the poor; that  
 friends and fam - i - ly; for  
 wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,  
 we may live out . . . . . truth and jus - tice and grace,  
 life and for love, . . . . . for our work and our play,  
 nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

**RESPONSIVE PSALM 34**

*Those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.*

Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD, for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.

**The lions are in want and suffer hunger, but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.**

Come, children, and listen to me; I will teach you reverence for the LORD.

**Who among you takes pleasure in life and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?**

Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from lying words.

**Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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# WORD

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## FIRST READING

Proverbs 9:1-6

The first reading is in Proverbs chapter 9, verses 1 - 6. Wisdom is portrayed as a woman who invites people to partake of her banquet. Just as ordinary food is necessary for physical life, Wisdom's food—insight and understanding—is necessary for fullness of life with God. Partaking of Wisdom's banquet is the way to life.

*Wisdom has built her house, she has hewn her seven pillars.  
She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine, she has also set her table.  
She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls from the highest places in the town,  
"You that are simple, turn in here!"  
To those without sense she says, "Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed.  
Lay aside immaturity, and live, and walk in the way of insight."*

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

## SECOND READING

Ephesians 5:15-20

The second reading is in Ephesians chapter 5, verses 15 - 20. True wisdom integrates our new reality in Christ with our Christian fellowship and daily conduct. Because we are filled with the Spirit, Christians regularly rejoice together, give thanks to God for one another, and care for one another. In this way we revere our Lord Jesus Christ.

*Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

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.

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The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 6th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

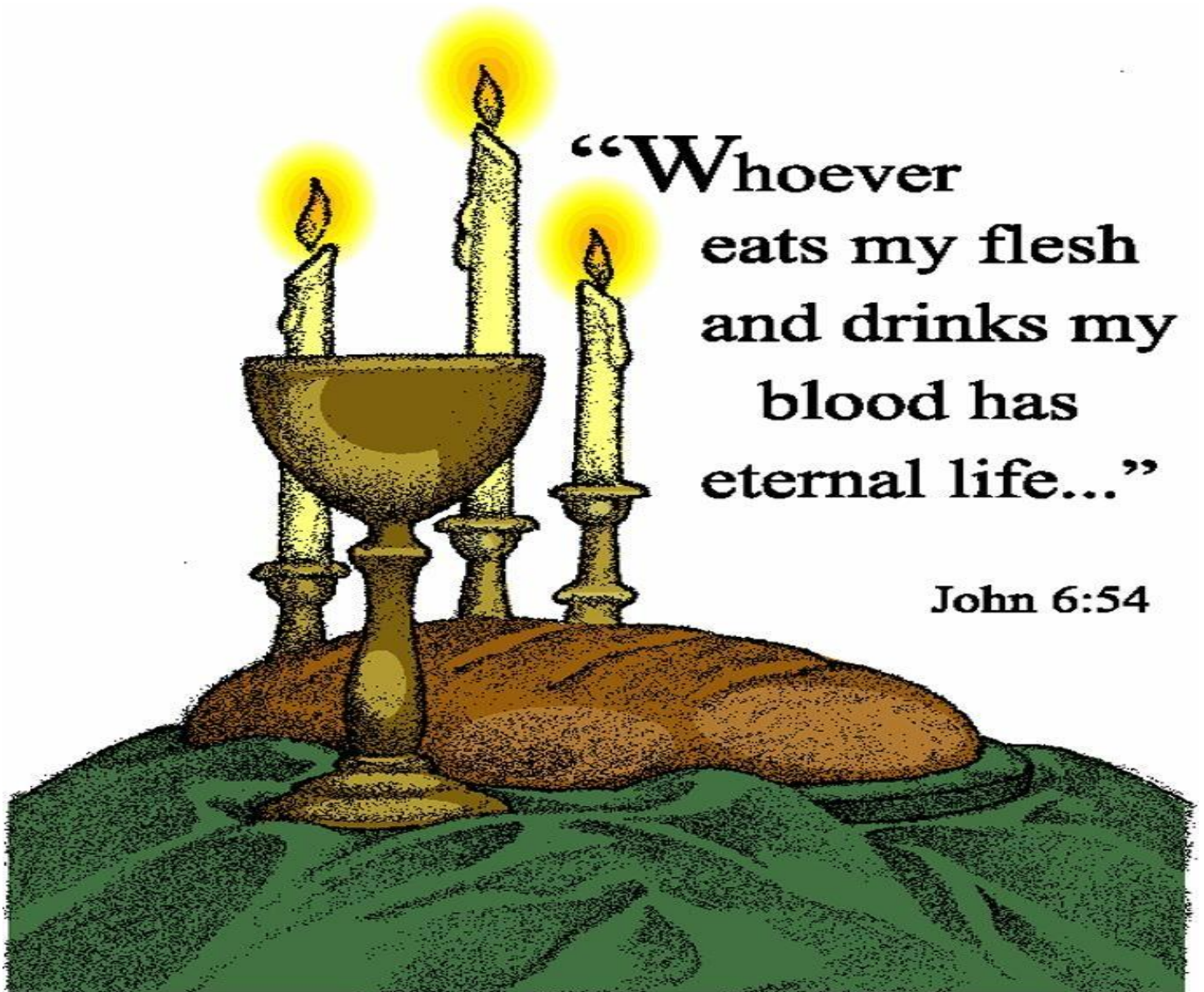
*I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."*

*The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."*

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

SERMON

Pastor Grant Fischer



**“Whoever  
eats my flesh  
and drinks my  
blood has  
eternal life...”**

**John 6:54**

Leader or All

1 "I am the Bread of life. You who  
 2 "The bread that . . . I will give is my  
 3 "Un - less . . . you . . . eat of the  
 4 "I am the res - ur - rec - tion, . . .  
 5 Yes, Lord, . . . I be - lieve that . . .

come to me shall not the hun - ger, and who be -  
 flesh for the life of the world, . . . and if you  
 flesh of the Son of Man . . . and . . .  
 I . . . am the life. . . If you be -  
 you . . . are the Christ, . . . the . . .

lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to  
 eat . . . of this bread, and you shall . . . live for -  
 drink . . . of his blood, and drink . . . of his  
 lieve . . . in . . . me, e - ven . . . though you  
 Son . . . of . . . God, who . . . have . . .

me ev - er, . . . un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons."  
 blood, you shall live for - ev - er."  
 die, . . . you shall not have life with - in you."  
 come in - to . . . you shall live for - ev - er."  
 the . . . world. . .

*Refrain*  
All

"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,

and I will raise you up on the last day."

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 Merciful God, receive our prayer.

SHARING THE PEACE

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

OFFERING

*Everybody's Got Something to Offer*

♩ = 100 C F G C

Ev-ery-bo - dys got some-thing to of - fer Young and old the prince and the pau - per

Am F G C

Ev - ery - bo - dy's got some - thing to of - fer in the name of the Lord

C F Am7 G

To the lost and the low - ly ones here the mes - sage it is clear true  
To the be - lie - vers gath - ered here the mes - sage it is true

G F Am7 G

We have all got a gift to give our hands our hearts our tears Ev - ery - body's got  
We have all got a gift to give in all we say and do Ev - ery - body's got

(THE USHERS BRING UP THE OFFERING)

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# MEAL

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## 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.

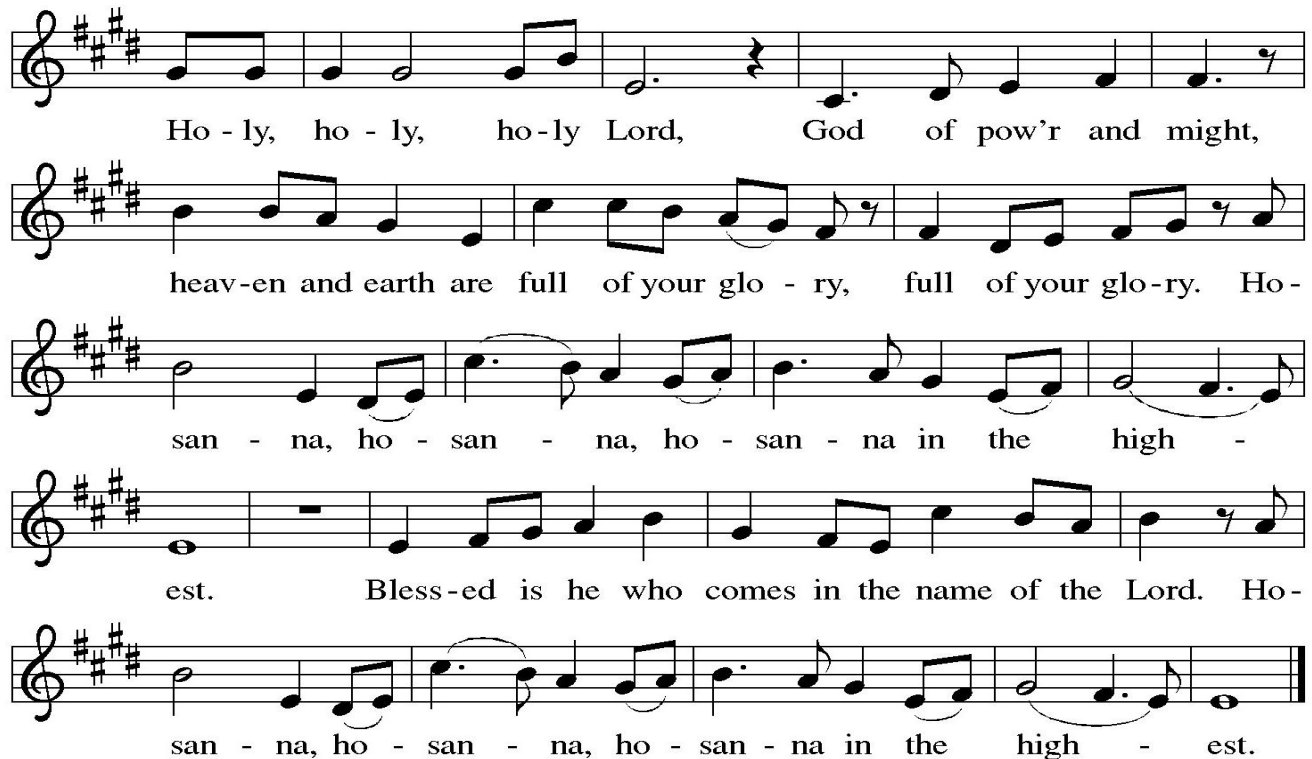
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

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

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave Himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with the earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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. Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life. **Amen.**

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## SENDING

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### BLESSING

May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy. Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

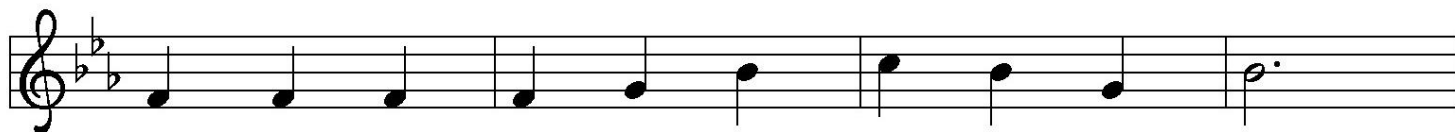
### SENDING SONG

*Be Thou My Vision*

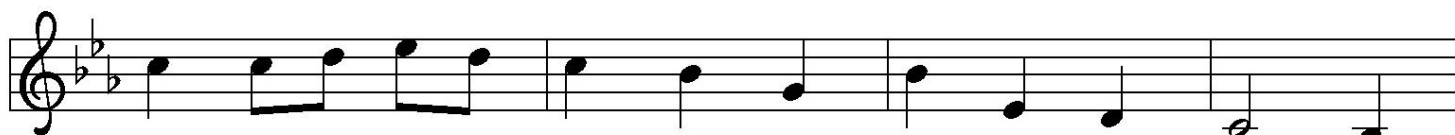
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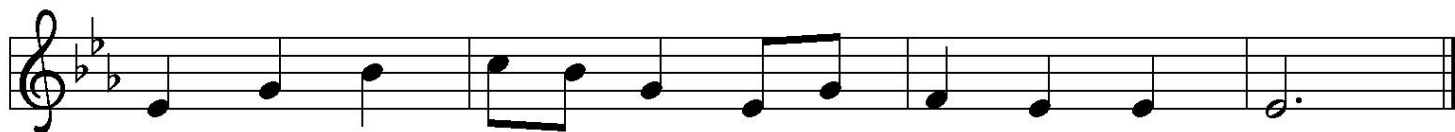
1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,  
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:  
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:  
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,  
Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,  
thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,  
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.  
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

**Thanks be to God.**



**OUR THANKS TO ALL WHO SERVE THE BODY OF CHRIST**

**Sunday 9:00 am Worship**

<b>Accompanist</b>	Mary Mulry
<b>Acolyte</b>	Anders Coulson
<b>Reader</b>	Rose Wall
<b>Sound Techs</b>	Russ Sorensen
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Brian Polesky, Larry Baumgardt
<b>Greeters</b>	Chris Mangen
<b>Ushers</b>	Keith Lendt & Lee Johnson
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Terry Newgord and Judy Johnson



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

Our church school program is excited to start another season. Church school will resume September 18th from 6-7 pm. Our Wednesday evenings will consist of music, snacks and classroom work. Trinity youth has made our program a great success and we look forward to working with the teachers, parents and students once again. We will be singing on the first Sunday of each month followed by a fun activity after service for parents and youth to attend. All are welcome! We are in need of teachers and classroom aids to assist our youth ages 3 years-6th grade for our

Church school program to be a success. If you are able to contribute weekly or just monthly, we are flexible. We are so appreciative to those who have assisted us in the past and our goal is to continue to provide a great Christian learning environment for our youth; so please don't hesitate to join. If interested or if you have questions please call or text 507-215-2866. Thanks,



Trinity Wednesday Church School

Jamie Heiderscheidt



The 2024 St John's Lutheran Home Auxiliary membership drive is underway! A box with our envelopes is in the Narthex. Please consider a \$5 donation to the Auxiliary. Place envelope in the offering plate. We help with bingo, birthday parties and fund raisers which support the residents and staff. We are proud of the facility and Trinity is church member of St John's Home. Thank you for caring and for your support!

**MEALS THAT MATTER** Remember! Prepared frozen meals are in the freezer for you to deliver to a friend or neighbor who have had a life changing event- illness, birth of a baby, death in the family, etc... *Be the hands of Jesus!*



**Social**

**Ministry**

The Board of Social Ministry will again this summer collect needed items for Ivy House. Ivy House is a 24/7 crises nursery located in New Ulm which provides direct care to children ages 0-10 whose families are in crisis or stressful situations. May was an extra busy month for them as many families were in need of their services. Types of items that we are collecting will be Personal care items (requested are pull-ups for boys and girls (5T); Office supplies such as postage stamps, business size envelopes, printer paper; House needs such as garbage bags, dish and hand soap, Kleenex and Children's activities such as play-doh, finger paints. The Ivy House website also has a link to an Amazon wish list with items you can order directly from Amazon to be sent to them or you could use that list as suggestions for items to donate here at Trinity. The Ivy House website is worth a visit because there is lots of good information about their mission and how they are helping area families. Last summer we donated several needed items to them and they were very appreciative of our support.





**ST. JOHN'S  
CIRCLE OF CARE**  
A TRADITION ... FOR ALL AGES

201 S. County Road 5  
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Please **JOIN US**

St. John's Circle of Care is inviting you to a

## Family & Friends Support Group for Dementia & Alzheimer's

the last Tuesday of each month

Location: St. John Lutheran Nursing Home  
at **4:00** p.m. for 1 hour

### SHARE - SUPPORT - LEARN

- ◆ Support groups provide families & friends with the emotional support and education to better understand neurogenetic disease, Alzheimer's disease, dementia or memory care needs in a judgement free atmosphere.
- ◆ Be a part of a community of people who share similar experiences. Understand you are not alone in the journey.
- ◆ Discover new ideas and positive approach skills which provide a better quality of life for you and your loved one. New topics monthly!

For more information  
Please contact the front desk or  
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Coordinator, C.D.P. at  
(507) 723-3200 or by e-mail  
[chandraj@sjlhome.com](mailto:chandraj@sjlhome.com)  
with questions/concerns.  
That time doesn't work with your  
schedule? Please contact Chandra and  
additional opportunities will be arranged!

\*Date/Time is subject to change  
due to accommodation, weather and  
unforeseen circumstances,  
view our page on Facebook  
page for updates\*

August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024

# Jesus is the bread of life.

## 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	John 6:24-35	Christ, the bread of life
Monday	Deuteronomy 8:6-10	You will eat your fill
Tuesday	Isaiah 55:1-9	Come and eat
Wednesday	1 Kings 17:1-6	Elijah is fed
Thursday	Mark 14:12-17, 22-26	Jesus takes bread
Friday	1 Corinthians 11:23-26	The Lord's Supper
Saturday	Psalms 107:1-3, 33-43	God feeds the hungry
Sunday	John 6:35, 41-51	Bread from heaven



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## SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

**Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”**

John 6:35

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

A Prayer for the Week: Jesus, bread of life, we come to you to be fed. Fill us up to live for you. Amen. (John 6:27,35)

Mealtime Prayer: Jesus, bread of life, feed us, body and soul. Jesus, bread from heaven, come and make us whole. Amen.

A Blessing to Give: May Jesus, the bread of life, give you all you need for life, here and in heaven with him. Amen.

## CARING CONVERSATION

Discuss in your household or small group:

- What are your favorite foods?
- Jesus called himself the bread of life. He said that those who come to him will never go hungry. What do you think he meant?
- In what ways does Jesus feed you?

## DEVOTIONS

Gather a selection of different breads and slice them into small pieces. Invite household members to feed on the different breads, and with each piece eaten, to share a way in which God has provided for them during the day or week. Read the “Scripture Verse for the Week” together and say a prayer of thanks for Jesus, the bread of life given from heaven.

## SERVICE

Make bread to give away to your neighbors. Try this simple recipe: *Ingredients:* 1 cup milk (hot); ¼ cup sugar; 4 tbsp. margarine; 1 tsp. salt; 1 pkg. yeast; 1 egg; 4 cups all-purpose flour; ¼ cup warm water.

*Instructions:* Add sugar, margarine and salt to the hot milk. Let cool. In a small bowl, mix the warm water and yeast. Set aside until bubbly (about 5 min.) To the milk mixture, add 1 cup of flour and mix well. Add one slightly beaten egg and the yeast mixture. Use a wire whisk to mix the ingredients. Next, add approximately 3 more cups of flour (use wooden spoon). Knead until smooth, then place in greased bowl for first rise. Punch down or knead, place in two greased bread pans, cover with a damp cloth and let rise again. Bake at 350°F (180°C) for 20 minutes. As you enjoy what you have baked, talk about how Jesus is the bread of life for you.

## RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

August 5th is observed across the world as Universal Peace Day. This day marks the anniversary of the dropping of atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki near the end of World War II. Many people suffered from radiation sickness and other diseases for years after the war as a result of the bombings. One was an 11-year-old girl named Sadako who developed leukemia in 1955. While she was in the hospital, her friends reminded her of the Japanese legend that if a person were to fold one thousand paper cranes, her wish of being healthy again might come true. Sadly, although she folded over a thousand cranes, she died at the age of 12. But she never gave up hope and continued folding cranes until her death. The paper crane has since become a symbol of the hope for peace in the world. In your home devotional times this week, work together to make paper cranes. For instructions, visit [www.e22.com/peacecrane/fold.htm](http://www.e22.com/peacecrane/fold.htm). As you make cranes, pray for peace in your home, community, nation and the world.

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In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: [www.milestonesministry.org](http://www.milestonesministry.org)

***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](mailto: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](mailto:secretary@trinitysleepyeye.org) and let Darlene know you want your newsletter via email!

**TRINITY IS NOW ON FACEBOOK CHECK IT OUT!!**

*"Trinity Lutheran (ELCA) Sleepy Eye MN"*

The Trinity Tidings newsletter is now also posted on [www.sleepyeyeonline.com](http://www.sleepyeyeonline.com) watch this site for community news and events.



If you haven't already, please consider *Simply Giving*, an automated giving program for your offering. You determine the frequency of your offering which is deposited into Trinity's account the same day it is withdrawn from your account. It's a "hassle-free" way to give.

Talk to Pat or Darlene if you are interested. Thank You. *Please pick up your statements and envelopes in your mailbox. Thank You!*

### Last week at Trinity

Weekly Worship Attendance:	68
Website Views	19
Bible Studies Attendance:	10+5+7 = 22
Weekly Giving:	\$4266.28
August Giving	\$8336.67
Amount given this year	\$151,231.31
Amount needed to meet Budget	\$183,360.00
2024 Budget	\$298,000.00

## 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 **Grazie, Sandy, Cindy, Wade, Krista, Trisha, Jan, Sherry, Kali, Jane, Ramsey, Jim, John, Sarah, Molly, Patricia, Lennon, Chris, Julie, Kathy, Emmett, Joan, Lois, Joyce, Emma, Milo, Ed, Carlo, Dorothy, Story, 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 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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*Those who  
eat my  
flesh and  
drink my  
blood have  
eternal life,  
and I will  
raise them  
up on the  
last day...*

*John 6:54*

