

Trinity Lutheran Church

**August 22th,
2021**

**Thirteenth
Sunday of
Pentecost
Lection 21**

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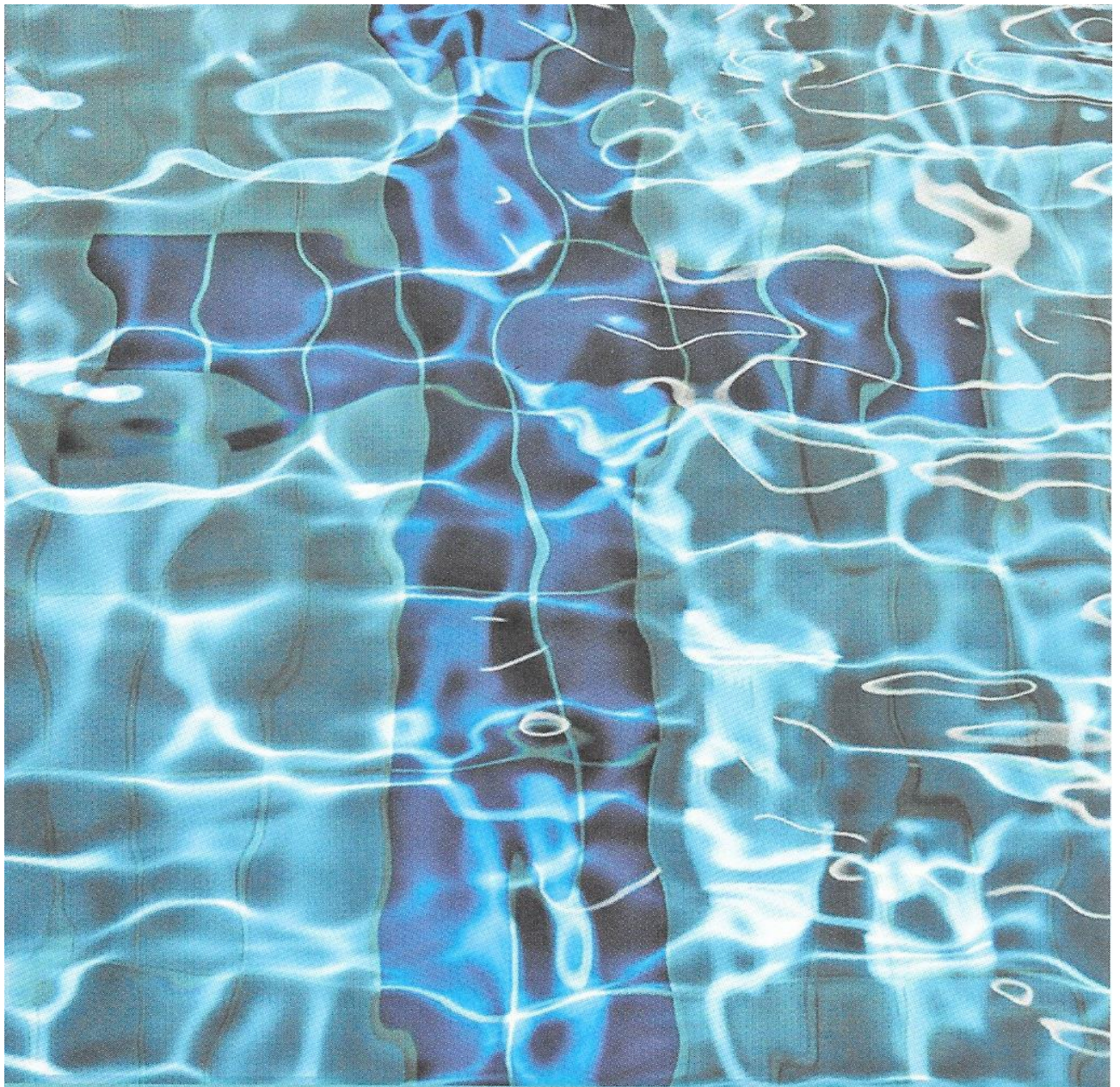
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One Lord, one faith,
one baptism

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST ~ LECTION 21

SERVICE OF THE WORD

9:00 AM AUGUST 22ND, 2021



Sundays after
Pentecost

THE LORD JESUS CHRIST WELCOMES ALL!

We pray, as we enter the presence of the Lord, He would send His Spirit to help us offer our prayer, praise and thanksgiving in our service of worship. If you are worshipping in person and unvaccinated, thanks for keeping your mask on over your nose and mouth all the time you are in the building. You help protect us all.

GATHERING

WE PREPARE... *In today's gospel many people take offense at Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh and drink his blood; even many of Jesus' disciples peel off. This is the backdrop in John's gospel for Peter's confession of faith. "To whom can we go?" asks Peter, in words we sometimes sing just before the gospel is read. "You have the words of eternal life." In order to take such a stand, as Peter and Joshua did, Paul tells us to arm ourselves with the word of God. We pray in the Spirit that we might be bold ambassadors of the gospel.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

WADE IN THE WATER

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. **Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider,

help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, ☩ the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.**



GATHERING SONG

Morning Has Broken



1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing;
2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sun - lit from heav - en,
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing,



black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird.
like the first dew - fall on the first grass.
born of the one light E - den saw play!



Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,
Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - 'ry morn - ing,



Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

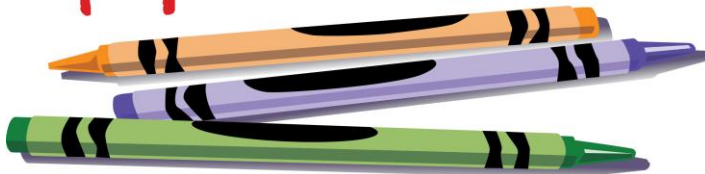
GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Children's
Message



WORD

FIRST READING

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

The first reading is in Joshua chapter 24, verses 1 – 2a and 14 - 18.

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people,

Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

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

SECOND READING

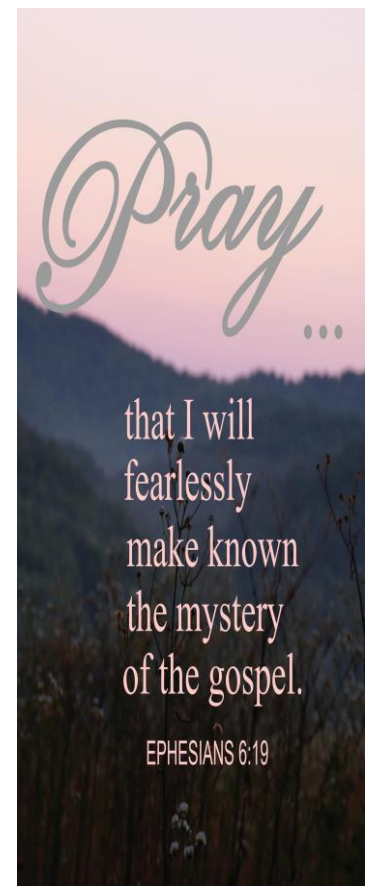
Ephesians 6:10-20

The second reading is in Ephesians chapter 6, verses 10 - 20.

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

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



HYMN OF PRAISE

YOU ARE HOLY

1st



You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more
 than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.
 Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here
 to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

2



You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,
 you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!
 Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!
 Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

GOSPEL

John 6:56-69

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

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." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father." Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

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

MESSAGE

Pastor Grant Fischer

1 You have come down to the lake - shore seek - ing
 2 You know full well what I have. Lord: nei - ther

nei - ther the wise nor the wealth - y, but on - ly
 trea - sure nor wea - pons for con - y, quest, just these my

ask - ing for me to fol - low.
 fish - nets and will for work - ing.

Refrain (Estrillo)

Sweet Lord, you have looked in - to my eyes;
 Se - ñor: me has mi - ra - do a los o - jos;

kind - ly smil - ing, you've called out my name.
 son - ri - en - do, has di - cho mi nom - bre;

On the sand I have a - ban - doned my small boat;
 en la a - re - na he de - ja - do mi bar - ca;

now with you, I will seek oth - er seas.
 jun - to a ti bus - ca - ré o - tro mar.

HOLY BAPTISM

In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.



CHILDREN OF THE HEAVENLY FATHER

I present **Anika Ruth Sahay** for baptism.

As you bring Anika to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with her among God's faithful people, bring her to the word of God and the holy supper, teach Anika the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in her hands the holy scriptures, and nurture her in faith and prayer, so that Anika may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help Anika grow in the Christian faith and life? **I do.**

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Anika in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church? **I do.**

People of God, do you promise to support Anika and pray for her in her new life in Christ?
We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God? **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God? **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God? **I renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Anika Ruth Sahay, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Anika with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

Anika Ruth, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.**

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH God in your mercy....**Hear our prayer.**

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

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING



Leave it There

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

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.

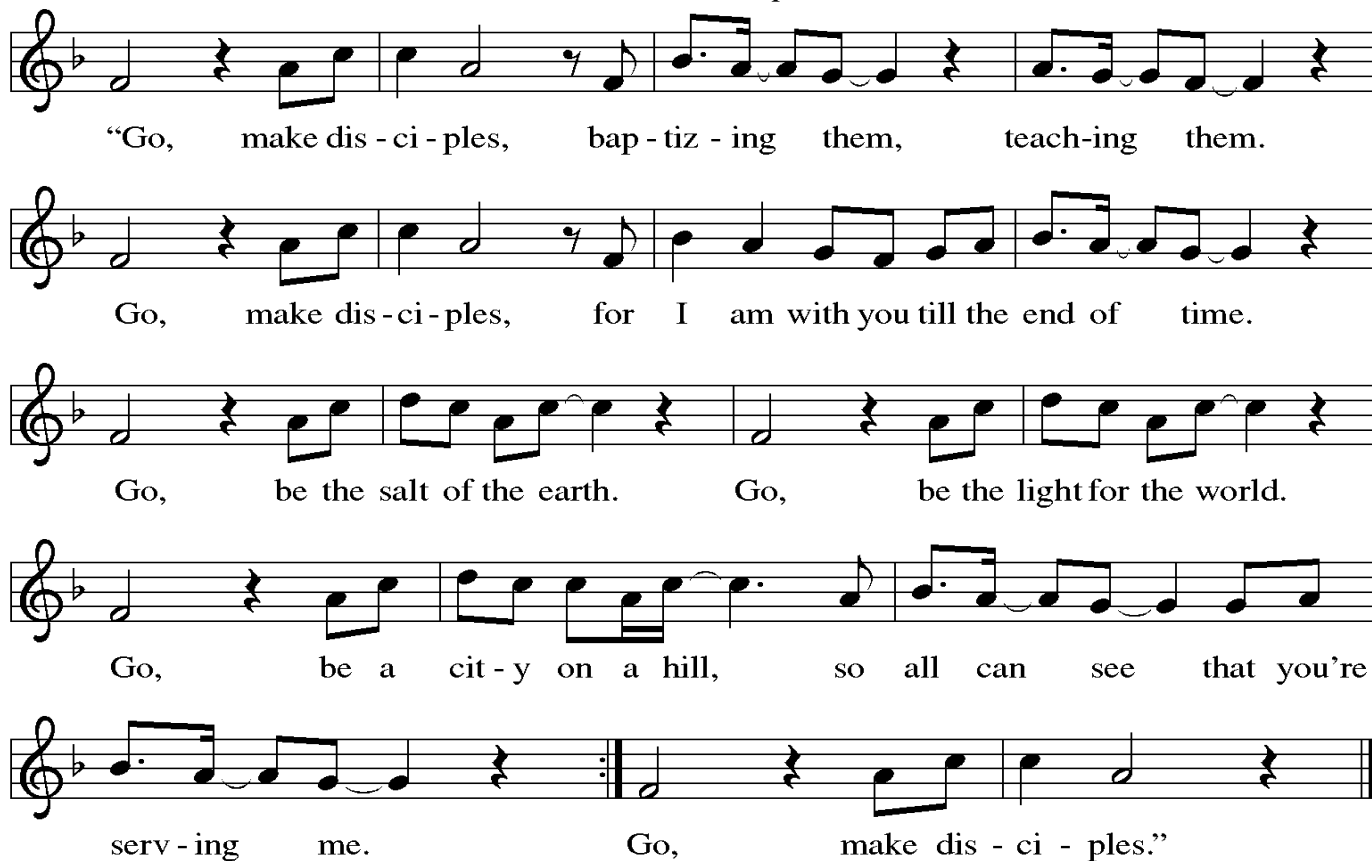
SENDING

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

Go, Make Disciples



“Go, make dis - ci - ples, bap - tiz - ing them, teach - ing them.

Go, make dis - ci - ples, for I am with you till the end of time.

Go, be the salt of the earth. Go, be the light for the world.

Go, be a cit - y on a hill, so all can see that you're

serv - ing me. Go, make dis - ci - ples.”

DISMISSAL

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

Our Thanks To All Who Serve The Body Of Christ

SUNDAY		9:00 am Worship
Accompanist	Mary Mulry	
Song Leaders & Reader	Trinity Worship Team	
Sound Techs	Russ Sorensen	
Greeters	Sue Pedersen & Pat Stevermer	
Ushers	Isaac & Lee Johnson	



WE WELCOME into the Trinity family **Anika Ruth Sahay**, daughter of Harsh & Tracy Sahay, sister of Mina, and granddaughter of Larry & Sherry Baumgardt. Anika was born December 4th, 2020. She is sponsored by Bobby & Kathryn Anglin. May God give them the servant faith to fulfill the promises made before God and this congregation today, bringing Anika to share eternally in the Kingdom of God. God bless Anika in her life of faith!

We Thank Pastor Grant Fischer for leading our Worship!

Women's Bible Study! For an hour each Wednesday morning, beginning at 9:00 a.m., our church hosts a women's Bible study. We meet in the library, and participants are welcome to bring their own coffee or beverage. There is a time to connect socially, learn about our role as women of faith, and pray together. Lesson materials are provided.



In following the advice of our health professionals and out of care and concern for our neighbors, masks are perfectly acceptable (and required for those not yet vaccinated). We space ourselves out around several library tables for even greater precaution. Finally, a Zoom link will be sent for those who wish to listen or participate from afar. Let the church office know if you would like to receive that link to the weekly meeting. All are welcome!



Brown County Public Health will be hosting multiple opportunities for vaccination to the 12+ population. Vaccine clinic dates and announcements will be posted on the Brown County Public Health Facebook page, in newspapers, announced on the radio, or please call 507-233-6820 to inquire about vaccine clinic dates and times.

We'd like to help out the new pastor by putting together a photo book for him to use in learning your name. Please send your picture or a picture of your family to secretary@trinitysleepyeye.org or send it to church to be scanned. Please list the names and order of your family members as well. Thanks!



Rally Day and Welcome to Pastor Tim will be September 12th!
Please be there for fun and Fellowship!

**Please Check out the opportunities to Help Trinity and our Community with
God's Work Our Hands!
September 19th following Worship
Sign up today!**

Pastor Tim Mason has been Called to Trinity by Unanimous Vote

Education: Master of Divinity; Luther Seminary, St. Paul

Work History: Currently Associate Pastor-Incarnation Lutheran Church of Poway, CA; Senior Pastor of Calvary by the Sea Lutheran Church of Honolulu, HI; Senior Pastor of Melto Lutheran Church of Nagoya, Japan; Senior Pastor at Kakegawa/Kikugawa Lutheran church of Kakegawa & Kikugawa, Japan; Associate Pastor of Fukkatsa Lutheran Church of Nagoya Japan.



Areas of Expertise:

Preaching/Worship Leadership
Pastoral Care and Visitation
Evangelism/Mission
Ministry in Daily Life
Ecumenical Work

Areas of Strength:

Participant in the Larger Church
Global Service
Inter-personal Climate
Multicultural Ministry
Innovation/Creativity

Calling- Pastor Tim's reflections on Ministry:

"My Baptismal Promise confirms that I am truly a Child of God and part of the Body of Christ. What a joy this is! This means I do not go into this activity of ministry alone, or under any pretension that I take on this vocation according to my own wisdom, power or even understanding. I know I could do all sorts of "jobs," and I think I could do them well, but ministry is essentially saying "yes," to Jesus's command for us to 'go out into all the world' and be a voice of grace, love, and justice to and for God's people. Being a minister, pastor, evangelist is all about proclaiming and 'being' grace, mercy and love for all people of the world... In all circumstances. Living out a Call also means we see with eyes of faith, and to hear with ears of faith looking for God acting in the world. We need to constantly be open to observing God active in the people we are assigned to serve. My 'calling' is at minimum my realization that doing ministry is what I was born to do, to do anything else would be dishonest to the values and guiding of my heart and conscience."

Accomplishments:

I think our church has become more aware of the need for Christian service and how the Gospel draws us to be in service to others. In Hawaii as a board member of the Foodbank, I have spoken very openly about the homeless (we call them "house-less), the lonely and the hungry.

I have also been a strong advocate of the Stephen Ministry program. Caregiving has become a major component to our service and healing ministry. Again, this program equips people to do things Jesus calls us to do, even when they think they don't have the skills to be a caregiver. Through training and peer-support/supervision, I have people doing care giving ministry that they wanted to do, but didn't feel equipped to do. The more trained Stephen Ministers a congregation has, the stronger and more compassionate they will become.

I believe the sanctuary is a public place that should be used for many purposes and gatherings. I have worked hard to host many different kinds of events in our sanctuary in order to invite people into the church and let the community know that we are a "Welcoming place."

Reference Remarks: Pastor Tim is a "people person". The Call Committee agreed.

Pastor Tim's Family: Pastor Tim is married to Yuriko, who still lives in Honolulu along with one of their two adult sons who attends the University of Hawaii. She is an office manager for a magazine that is geared to Japanese tourists. Their other son attends college in Fargo.



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 Giving:	\$3489.01
August Giving:	\$15,417.17
Yearly Contributions to Date	\$154,732.28

We are \$41,363.50 below budget.

Your help is needed.



This Week's Prayer Concerns

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

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

Pray for all who are ill, afflicted, or recovering...that the Holy Spirit would give comfort and daily strength to **Jeff, Joan, Greg, Lois, Bonnie, Joyce, Abby, Emma, Ed, Story, Son, Tina, Tammy, Robyn, Beth, Carmen, Julia Ann, Nathan, Steven, Tammy, John, Sandy, Tony, Ted, Connor, Sue, Ed, 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 those preparing for marriage and those newly married...that God would be glorified in their union, filling every couple with the light and truth of God's grace and power throughout their lives ...

Pray for the men and women serving in the Armed Forces and those far from home...for **Brady Augustin** and his wife (Donna Augustin's son stationed in Italy)...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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I am giving permission for free use of any of my hymns to churches during the pandemic, knowing that many churches are struggling right now with their budgets. Carolyn Winfrey Gillett



**“The Spirit
gives life;
the flesh counts
for nothing.**

**The words
I have spoken
to you are spirit
and they are life.”**

John 6:63