

**Trinity  
Lutheran  
Church**

**Reunion  
Sunday  
September  
7th,  
2025**

**Thirteenth  
Sunday of  
Pentecost**

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**“Everyone then  
who hears these  
words of mine  
and does them  
will be like a  
wise man who  
built his house  
upon the rock.”**

***Matthew 7:24***

# THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTCOST ~ LECTIO 23

## HOLY COMMUNION ~ ELW 8

9:00 A.M. ~ Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, 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. Please join us for refreshments and fellowship following Worship.*

### WORSHIP AIDS

**PREFERENCE** to receiving grape juice instead of wine is indicated by raising your index finger to the server.

**GLUTEN FREE HOSTS ARE AVAILABLE**

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

**LARGE PRINT BULLETIN AVAILABLE.** Please ask the usher for a copy.

## GATHERING

**WE PREPARE...** *Called to contemplate the cost of discipleship, we might be helped by translating Paul's request to Philemon into our prayer of the day: Refresh my heart in Christ. Strengthened by the company and forgiveness of Christ in holy communion and recalling God's grace in remembrance of baptism, we can be strengthened in this hour to "choose life"—to choose life in God as our own.*

**PRELUDE / ANNOUNCEMENTS / BELL**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

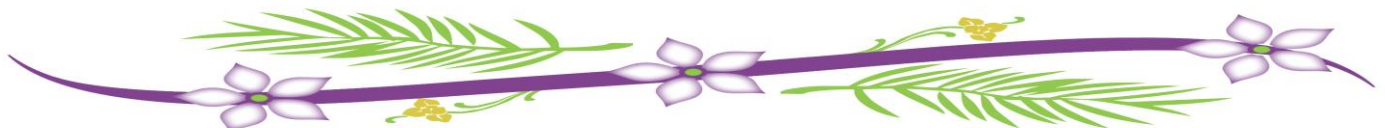
Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,

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

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




Refrain/Estribillo


E A B7  
  
 To - ma, oh Dios, mi vo - lun - tad, y haz - la tu - ya, na -  
 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord,

E A  
  
 da más; to - ma, sí, mi co - ra - zón  
 to thee; take my mo - ments and my days;

B7 E To stanzas Last time E A B E  
  
 y tu tro - no en él ten - drás. ten - drás.  
 let them flow in cease - less praise. less praise.

A  
  
 1 Que mi vi - da en - te - ra es - té  
 1 Take my hands and let them move  
 2 Take my sil - ver and my gold,  
 3 Take my voice and let me sing  
 4 Take my will and make it thine;

B7 E  
  
 con - sa - gra - da a ti, Se - ñor;  
 at the im - pulse of thy love;  
 not a mite would I with - hold;  
 al - ways, on - ly for my King;  
 it shall be no lon - ger mine;

A  
  
 que a mis ma - nos pue - da guiar el im -  
 take my feet and let them be swift and  
 take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry  
 take my lips and let them be filled with  
 take my heart, it is thine own; it shall

B7 E B7 Refrain/Estribillo  
  
 pul - so de tu a - mor.  
 beau - ti - ful for thee.  
 pow'r as thou shalt choose.  
 mes - sag - es from thee.  
 be thy roy - al throne.

GREETING

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

## PSALM 133

How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

**It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard,  
on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.**

It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.

**For there the Lord ordained his blessing, life forevermore.**

## Installation of Teachers and Blessing Backpacks

At this time, all the Sunday School staff are invited to come and gather before the altar.

L: You have accepted the call to serve on the TREK staff of Trinity Lutheran Church and we welcome you as partners in this important ministry we share together. You will have opportunities to tell how much God has done for you as you work with the children, youth, and adults of this congregation. Therefore -

Will you promise to do your best in teaching your students by trusting in God's care, seeking to grow in love for those you serve, and striving in excellence in all you do?

**Staff: We do, and we ask God to help us.**

L: Will you be diligent in your study of the scriptures and faithful in your use of prayer for your students?

**Staff: We will, and we ask God to help us.**

Parents and friends of our TREK program, will you faithfully support this ministry by bringing your children, participating in the educational opportunities where and as you are able, and praying for the education programs of this congregation?

**C: We will, and we ask God to help us.**

Let us pray: Creator God, thank you for these gifted people. Inspire and guide them to be your instruments. Help us to surround them with our faithfulness and support. Keep us all in your care as we ask it in Jesus name.

**All: Amen.**



*This is Amazing Grace*

**Praise Team**

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## WORD

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FIRST READING

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

The First Reading is in Ecclesiastes, Chapter 4, verses 9-12.

*Two are better than one because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up the other, but woe to one who is alone and falls and does not have another to help. Again, if two lie together, they keep warm, but how can one keep warm alone? And though one might prevail against another, two will withstand one. A threefold cord is not quickly broken.*

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

The Second Reading is in Romans, Chapter 13 verses 8-10.

*Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.*

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

GOSPEL VERSE



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

Matthew 7:24-29

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 7<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

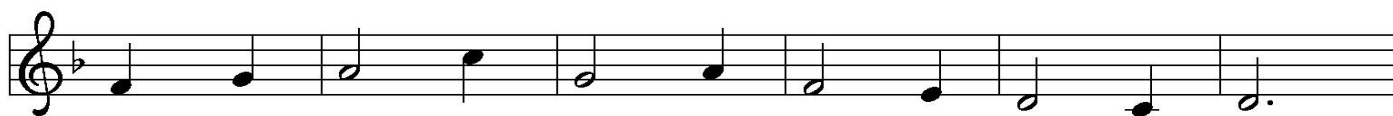
*Jesus said to the crowd, “Everyone, then, who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall because it had been founded on rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!”*

*Now when Jesus had finished saying these words, the crowds were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as their scribes.*

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

MESSAGE

Pastor David Nissen



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call  
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call  
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call  
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call  
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't  
 your name? Will you care for cruel and  
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners  
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -  
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?  
 kind and nev - er be the same?  
 free and nev - er be the same?  
 side and nev - er be the same?  
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -  
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as  
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the  
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be  
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer  
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I  
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and  
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"  
 pray'r in you and you in me?"  
 mean in you and you in me?"  
 sound in you and you in me?"  
 grow in you and you in me.

## 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**

## BLESSING FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

*(Parents and children and all who are returning to school please stand together)*

For everything there is a season...**and a time for every matter under heaven.**

This is a time of change, excitement and new opportunities for those who are beginning and resuming their education in schools and colleges throughout our land. Whether you are scared about the unknown, anxious about how you will perform, or excited about learning new things, be assured of the Psalmist's words:

**The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.** *(Psalm 121:8)*

Let us pray: Gracious God, you have promised to keep us safe and holy. Be present with those who are returning to school. Bless these backpacks and give each student an open and eager mind. Protect all your children from temptation, and guide them with your love.  
**Amen.**

Parents, please make the sign of the cross on the forehead of your student while saying:  
*(Name), Jesus is with you everywhere you go.*  
God bless you and guide. **Amen.**

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## THANKSGIVING

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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

### *Give Thanks*

Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the  
Ho - ly One; Give thanks be - cause He's giv - en Je - sus  
Christ, His Son. And  
now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am rich" be - cause of  
what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks.  
Give thanks.

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(THE USHERS BRING UP THE OFFERING)

## OFFERING PRAYER

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

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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.

Lift up your hearts.

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

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

WORDS OF JESUS  
 LORD'S PRAYER

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

DISTRIBUTION

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



PRAYER

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

# SENDING

## BLESSING

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

## SENDING SONG

### *Send Us Out*

G C G C G C D

We have been called by the Lord. We have been saved by the Word.  
We who were bound by our shame, ruled by our fe-ars with-in

G C G C G C D Em D

Now let the Word be re-stored Now let the Gospel be heard send us  
Stand and de-clare by the name, free-dom from all of our sin.

C D G D C Em D C D G D C Em D

out to teach what God has done. Send us out to reach ev'-ry sin-gle one. Send us

C D G D G C D

out. Send us out.

G C D G C D

Teach what God has done. Reach ev'-ry sin - gle one.

21 G C D G C D Em D

Teach what God has done. Reach ev'-ry sin - gle one. Send us

25 C D G D C Em D C D G D C Em D

out to teach what God has done. Send us out to reach ev'-ry sin-gle one. Send us

29 C D G D G C D G

out. Send us out.

## BELL AND DISMISSAL

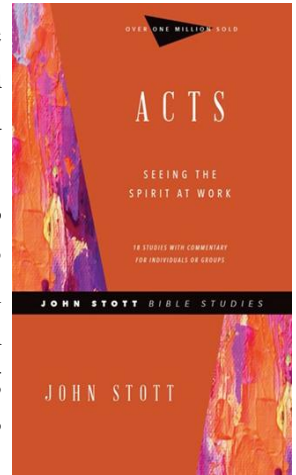
Go in peace. Live by the Spirit. Thanks be to God.



## Our thanks to all who serve the Body of Christ

<b>SUNDAY</b>		<b>9:00 Worship</b>
<b>Accompanist</b>	Mary Mulry	
<b>Acolyte</b>	Colton Case	
<b>Reader</b>	Mike Petersen	
<b>Holy Communion</b>	Lee Johnson at the rail	
<b>Sound Techs</b>	Russ Sorensen	
<b>Greeter</b>	Harold & Bonnie Pettis	
<b>Ushers</b>	Larry Baumgardt, Dennis Mangen	
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Terry Newgord, Joleen Dittbenner	

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.



**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!*

**BOUNCE HOUSE**

**ICE CREAM SUNDAES**

**TREK OPEN 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 10<sup>th</sup> for fun, friends, music, and Bible learning!

Trinity's Religious Education for Kids

**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](mailto:education@trinitysleepyeye.org)

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

SCAN ME

# 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 Packpack  
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.**



## 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

SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

***Following Jesus can be difficult,  
but it is always worth it!***

### **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	Luke 14:25-33	The cost of being a disciple
Monday	Matthew 10:34-42	The cost of discipleship
Tuesday	Matthew 16:21-26	Taking up our cross
Wednesday	Acts 5:17-41	Suffering for Jesus' sake
Thursday	Philippians 3:7-14	Sharing in Jesus' sufferings
Friday	1 Peter 4:12-19	Suffering as Christians
Saturday	Psalm 101	Choosing God's law
Sunday	Luke 15:1-10	The lost sheep and the lost coin



*Sundays after  
Pentecost*

### **SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK**

“Choose life! Be completely faithful to the Lord your God, love him, and do whatever he tells you. The Lord is the only one who can give life.” **Deuteronomy 30:19-20 (CEV)**

**SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:**

**A Prayer for the Week:**

Lord Jesus, please give us ears to hear your voice this week. Amen. (Luke 14:35)

**Mealtime Prayer:**

For the food we share, for loved ones who care, and for days so fair, we thank you, God. Amen.

**A Blessing to Give:**

Grace and peace to you from God the Creator and the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen. (Philemon 3)

### **CARING CONVERSATION**

Discuss in your household or small group:

- What is the best thing about being a follower of Jesus? What is the most difficult thing?
- Jesus said that we must “give up everything” to be his disciples. How do you understand his words?  
What has Jesus given up for you?

### **DEVOTIONS**

Saint Paul wrote these words to his friend Philemon: “I always thank God as I remember you in my prayers, because I hear about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints” (Philemon 4-5). In your home devotion times this week, pray by name for your Christian friends. Send them cards containing this verse.

### **SERVICE**

Saint Paul gave his love, care and support to a young man called Onesimus, whom he met in prison. Who in your community is experiencing hard times due to illness, loss of work or separation from family? Choose people who will be for you the “**ONES I MUST SERVE**” this week. Make them a meal, do an act of service for them (such as mow their lawn or help clean their home) or offer friendship to them.

### **RITUALS AND TRADITIONS**

Many people make plans for their financial future, but few approach their spiritual lives in the same way. In Luke 14, we find Jesus encouraging us to think carefully about what it means to follow him and to plan our whole lives accordingly. Make time this week to talk about your family's spiritual goals. As a community of Jesus' disciples, what would you like to keep doing, stop doing, start doing and do differently? Set one or two goals for your spiritual life, such as, “We would like to pray together more,” or “We would like to serve others more.” Brainstorm ideas for working towards these goals and decide on one or more action steps. Print up your goal(s) on a poster or large piece of paper and place it in a prominent spot in your home. Revisit your goal(s) in the coming months.

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***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](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:	72
Website	58
Bible Studies Attendance:	4+8= 12
Weekly Giving: (5730.00 Needed)	\$5062.63
August Giving: (\$29,325.00 .Needed)	\$24,131.32
Yearly Contributions to Date	\$177,822.30



*Thrivent members are reminded to direct their Choice Dollars each year any time after April 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

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Enter through the narrow gate...small is the gate  
and narrow the road that leads to life...

