

Trinity Lutheran Church

August 29th,
2021

Fourteenth
Sunday
of Pentecost
Lection 22

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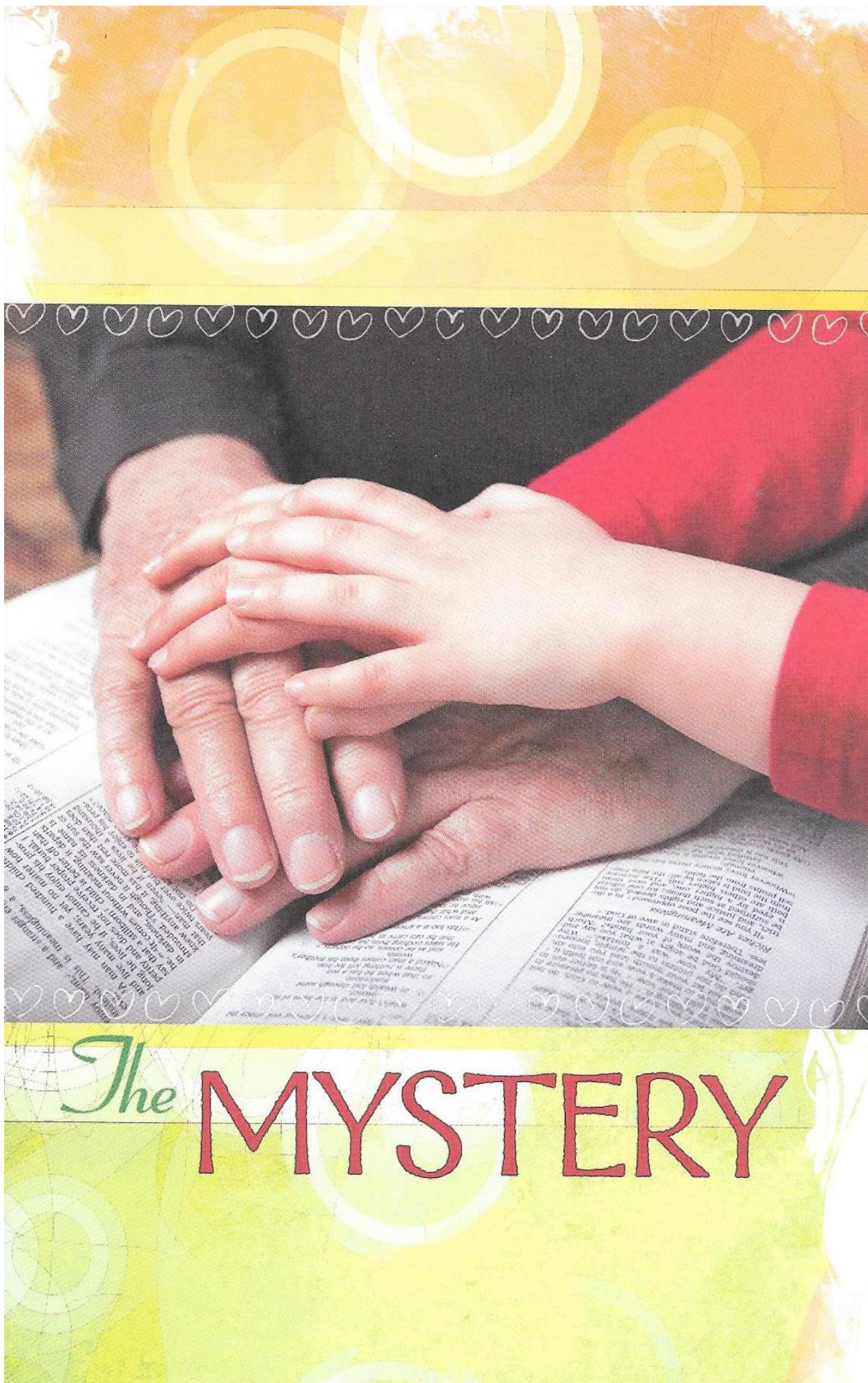
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The MYSTERY

ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST ~ LECTION 22

SERVICE OF THE WORD

9:00 AM AUGUST 29TH, 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... Jesus protests against human customs being given the weight of divine law, while the essence of God's law is ignored. True uncleanness comes not from external things, but from the intentions of the human heart. Last week Jesus told us "the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life" (John 6:63). Now James says God has given us birth by the word of truth. We who were washed in the word when we were born in the font return to it every Sunday to ask God to create in us clean hearts.

PRELUDE / BELL/ PARISH NOTICES

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

Let Justice Flow like Streams

1 Let jus - tice flow like streams of spar - kling wa - ter, pure,
2 Let righ - teous - ness roll on as oth - ers' cares we heed,
3 So may God's plumb line, straight, de - fine our mea - sure true,

en - a - bling growth, re - fresh - ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans - ing, sure.
an ev - er - flow - ing stream of faith trans - lat - ed in - to deed.
and jus - tice, right, and peace per - vade this world our whole life through.

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

O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

The first reading is in Deuteronomy chapter 4, verses 1 – 2 and 6 - 9.

So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you. You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children —.

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

SECOND READING

James 1:17-27

The second reading is in James chapter 1, verses 17 - 27.

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act — they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

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

GOSPEL

Mark 7:18, 14-15, 21-23

Mark's gospel depicts Jesus as challenging traditional ways in which religious people determine what is pure or impure. For Jesus, the observance of religious practices cannot become a substitute for godly words or deeds that spring from a faithful heart.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 7th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord."**

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?"

He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

"This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines."

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile."

For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

There is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.

Mark 7: 15.



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

MESSAGE

Cheryl Neidt

SONG OF THE DAY

MAKE ME A CHANNEL OF YOUR PEACE

1. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where there is ha-tred,
2. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where there's de-spair in
4. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. It is in par-don-

1. let me bring your love. _____ Where there is in - ju -
2. life, let me bring hope. _____ Where there is dark-ness -
4. ing that we are par-doned, _____ In giv - ing of our -

1. ry, your par-don, Lord, And where there's doubt, true
2. _____ on - ly light, And where there's sad - ness
4. selves that we re - ceive, And in dy - ing that we're

1, Final 1st time: to Verse 2 2 to Verse 3
(Fine)

1. faith in you. 2. joy.
2. ev - er
4. born to e - ter - nal life.

Verse 3

3. O Mas-ter, grant that I may nev-er seek So much to be con -

3. soled, as to con-sole, To be un-der-stood, as to un-der-

3. stand, To be loved, as to love, with all my soul. to Verse 4

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 THE CHURCH

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

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.**



Blessed
shall you be when
you come in,
and Blessed
shall you be when
you go out.

Deuteronomy 28:6

SENDING SONG

This is My Father's World



1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-t'ning ears all
 2 This is my Fa-ther's world; the birds their car-ols raise; the
 3 This is my Fa-ther's world; oh, let me not for-get that,



na-ture sings, and round me rings the mu-sic of the spheres.
 morn-ing light, the lil-y white, de-clare their mak-er's praise.
 though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul-er yet.



This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of
 This is my Fa-ther's world; he shines in all that's fair. In the
 This is my Fa-ther's world; why should my heart be sad? The



rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won-ders wrought.
 rus-ting grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev-'ry-where.
 Lord is king, let heav-en ring; God reigns, let earth be glad!

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	
Sound Techs	Russ Sorensen	
Greeters	Sue Pedersen & Karen Voge	
Ushers	Isaac & Lee Johnson	

Pastor Grant Fischer will return to us to lead our worship on September 5th.

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!**

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR OUR

RALLY DAY CELEBRATION

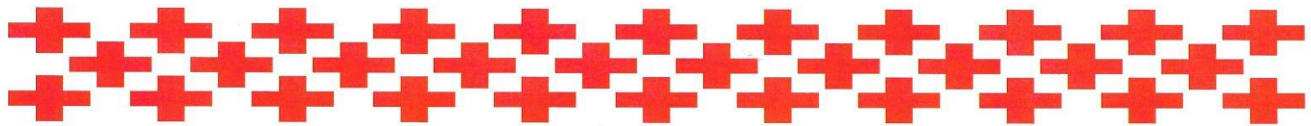
9.12.21 | 9AM WORSHIP
10AM PARKING LOT PARTY

LET'S WELCOME PASTOR TIM AND
FELLOWSHIP TOGETHER!
REFRESHMENTS/ACTIVITIES PROVIDED.

SEE YOU THERE!

American Red Cross

Give blood. Help save lives.



Sleepy Eye Blood Drive Event Center

110 12th Ave NE
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**Tuesday, August 31, 2021
12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

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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.

September 2, 2018

Followers of Jesus are promised eternal 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 6:35, 41-51	Bread from heaven
Monday	Luke 6:20-26	You will be satisfied
Tuesday	John 4:4-13	Jesus promises living water
Wednesday	John 7:37-41	Come and drink
Thursday	Revelation 7:13-16	Never again will they hunger
Friday	Revelation 22:16-17	Whoever is thirsty, come
Saturday	Psalms 81:16	God will feed us
Sunday	John 6:51-58	Christ, the true food and drink



SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

“I tell you for certain that everyone who has faith in me has eternal life.” John 6:47

SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord God, thank you for the life we enjoy now and for your gift of life forever.

Help us to live today with thanks and hope in our hearts. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

We thank you, God, for this our food; for life and health and every good. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God bless you with a strong faith in Jesus. May the promise of eternal life give you hope, peace and joy. Amen. (John 6:47)

CARING CONVERSATION

Discuss in your household or small group:

- What do you hope to be doing five, ten and twenty years from now?
- Jesus promises eternal life to everyone who has faith in him (John 6:47). How do you feel about Jesus' promise?
- What difference does Jesus' promise make in your life today?

DEVOTIONS

The circle is a common symbol for eternity. A circle has no beginning and no end. Eternal life comes from God, who has no beginning, and continues with God without end. Place a hoop on the floor or mark out a large circle. Recite John 6:47 together as a household and then have one person step inside the circle to share their thoughts or feelings about the verse. While they do so, the other household members walk around the circle. Repeat until each person has shared. Then, hold hands together around the circle and say a prayer of thanks for God's gift of life. Throughout the week, continue the practice of gathering together in a circle for prayer.

SERVICE

St. Paul reminds us that, as Christians, we work not only to provide for ourselves, but so that we “have something to share with those in need.” (Ephesians 4:28). Collect a household offering to support an organization helping the poor or needy. Have children contribute from their allowances or do chores around the house to earn money to give.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

St. Paul writes, “Don't let any evil talk come out of your mouths. Say only what will help to build others up and meet their needs. Then, what you say will help those who listen.” (Ephesians 4:29). Make an intentional effort this week to give each other compliments or words of encouragement. Set aside a minute or two for this each time you gather as a household. Pray that God will help you become more encouraging to one another.

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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.*

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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.sleepyeyonline.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:	\$1773.45
August Giving:	\$19,381.17
Yearly Contributions to Date	\$158,696.38

We are \$43,341.81 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 Agnes, 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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May the LORD
bless his people
with peace!

Psalm 29:11

