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**August 25,
2024**

**14 Sunday of
PENTECOST
Lection 21**

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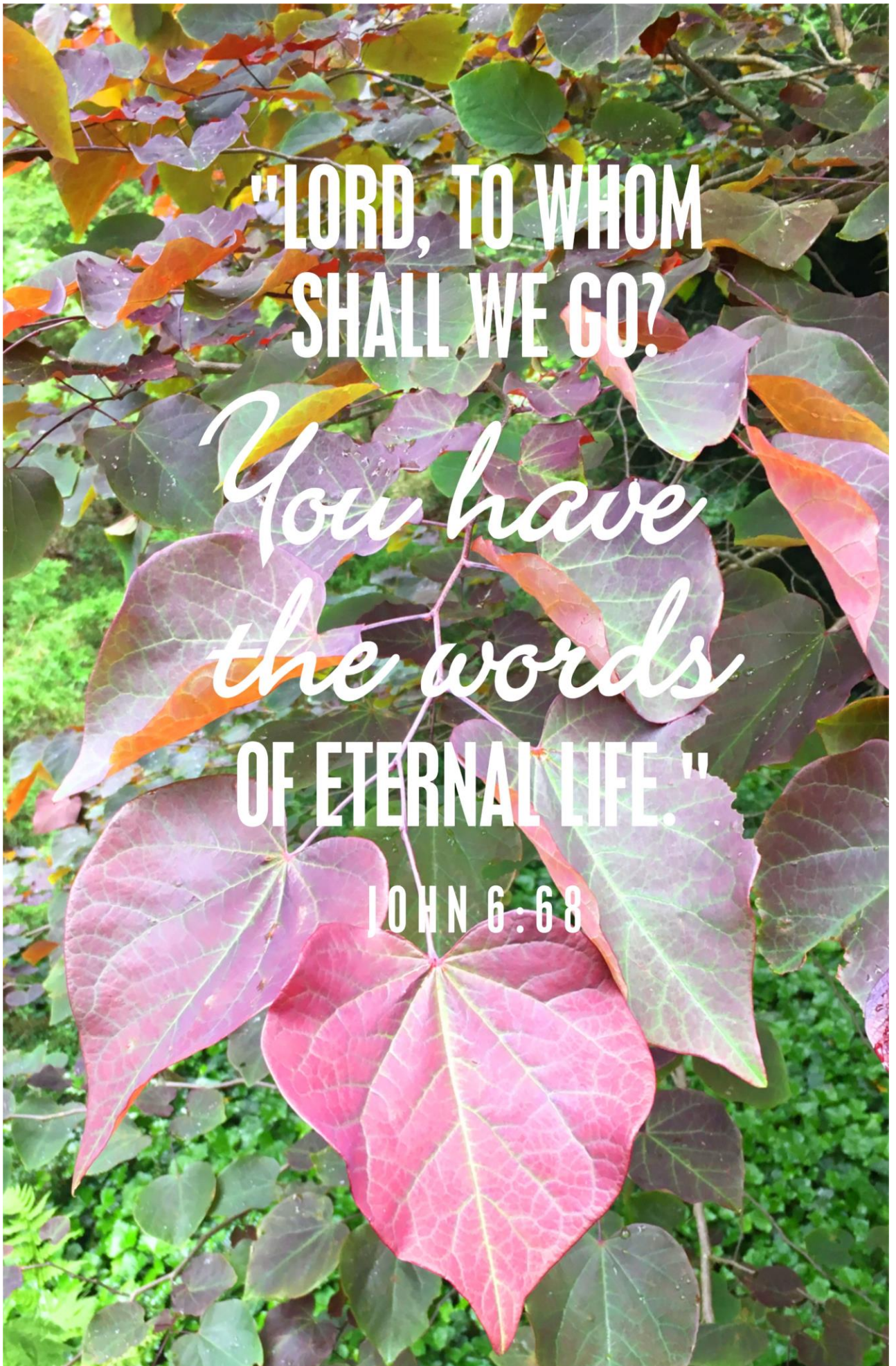
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**"LORD, TO WHOM
SHALL WE GO?"**

*You have
the words
OF ETERNAL LIFE."*

JOHN 6:68

**14TH WEEK AFTER PENTECOST~ LECTURE 21
SERVICE OF THE WORD**

God's Radical Love, Lived Out Every Day

9:00 A.M. August 25th, 2024



THE LORD JESUS CHRIST WELCOMES ALL *to this house of worship!*
*As Jesus welcomed the crowds to listen to him teach, so the Spirit of God
welcomes us to listen to God's teachings. May our gathering around God's
Word of grace bless one and all alike!*

WORSHIP AIDS

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS ARE AVAILABLE. Please ask the usher for a copy.

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

I WISH CARDS are in your pews; please let us know your ideas to improve our Trinity home.

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.*

**PRELUDE/RINGING OF THE BELL
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.**

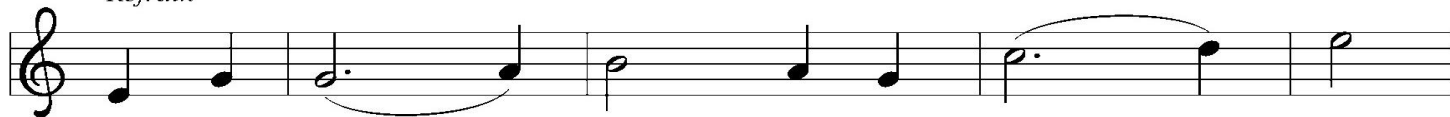


1 In the morn-ing when I rise, in the morn-ing when I rise,
 2 Dark . . . mid-night was my cry, dark . . . mid-night was my cry,
 3 Just a - bout the break of day, just a - bout the break of day,
 4 Oh, . . . when I come to die, oh, . . . when I come to die,
 5 And . . . when I want to sing, and . . . when I want to sing,



in the morn-ing when I rise, give me Je - sus.
 dark . . . mid - night was my cry, give me Je - sus.
 just a - bout the break of day, give me Je - sus.
 oh, when I come to die, give me Je - sus.
 and when I want to sing, give me Je - sus.

Refrain



Give me Je - sus, give me Je - sus.



You may have all the rest, give me Je - sus.

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 34: 15-32

The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous.

The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, and God's ears are open to their cry.

The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, to erase the remembrance of them from the earth.

The righteous cry, and the LORD hears them and delivers them from all their troubles.

The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves those whose spirits are crushed.

Many are the troubles of the righteous, but the LORD delivers them from every one.

God will keep safe all their bones; not one of them shall be broken.

Evil will bring death to the wicked and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants, and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

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.**

WORD

FIRST READING

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

The first reading is in Joshua chapter 24, verses 1–2a and 14- 18. In the Near East, covenant means agreement or alliance. It describes relationships and is the primary word used to characterize the relationship between God and Israel. By delivering Israel, God has already begun the relationship. Joshua calls upon the people to respond.

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. Like a general giving a rousing speech to troops before battle, this letter closes by calling on Christians to be equipped for spiritual warfare against evil. The full armor of God includes truth, righteousness, peace, faith, the gift of salvation, and the word of God inspired by the Spirit.

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.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

GOSPEL

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.**

SONG OF THE DAY

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

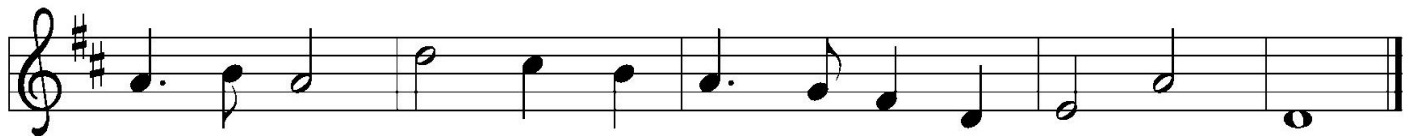
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1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
 2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
 3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,
 4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
 my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my
 be thou my guide; bid dark - ness turn to day, wipe sor - row's
 shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love fear and dis -



guilt a - way, oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine!
 love to thee pure, warm, and change - less be, a liv - ing fire!
 tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.
 trust re - move; oh, bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!

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.**

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

Everybody's Got Something to Offer

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

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

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

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)

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Merciful God, receive the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving and the offering of our lives, that following in the way of the cross, we may know the joy of the resurrection; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us pray:

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

Blessed Assurance

ELW #638



- 1 Bless-ed as-sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di - vine!
- 2 Per - fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per - fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal - va - tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.
an - gels de-scend-ing bring from a - bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis-pers of love.
watch-ing and wait-ing, look - ing a - bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

Refrain



This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav - ior all the day long:



this is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

DISMISSAL

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



Our thanks to all who serve the Body of Christ

SUNDAY		9:00 Worship
Accompanist	Mary Mulry	
Acolyte	Hayden Domeier	
Reader	Cheryl Neidt	
Sound Techs	Russ Sorensen	
Greeters	Chris Mangan	
Ushers	Keith Lendt, Lee Johnson	
Altar Guild	Terry Newgord and Judy Johnson	



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,

Jamie Heiderscheidt

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!*



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.



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AND SUPPER!!!



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**WEDNESDAY
AUGUST 28TH** **11:00AM - 1:00PM
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*PRE-ORDERS ARE ENCOURAGED FOR ANY ORDERS OVER 4 MEALS!
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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
Chandra, Memory Care
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(507) 723-3200 or by e-mail
chandraj@sjlhome.com
with questions/concerns.

That time doesn't work with your
schedule? Please contact Chandra and
additional opportunities will be arranged!

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due to accommodation, weather and
unforeseen circumstances,
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August 25, 2025

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 (CEV)

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.

TRINITY'S PRAYER CHAIN Send an email to secretary@trinitysleepyeye.org or call the office at 507 794-5051. Leave a message.

TRINITY'S WEBPAGE Send an email to the church office at secretary@trinitysleepyeye.org and let Darlene know you want your newsletter via email!

TRINITY IS NOW ON FACEBOOK CHECK IT OUT!!

"Trinity Lutheran (ELCA) Sleepy Eye MN"

The Trinity Tidings newsletter is now also posted on www.sleepyeyeonline.com watch this site for community news and events.



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

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

Last week at Trinity

Weekly Worship Attendance:	97
Website	22
Bible Studies Attendance:	10+6 =16
Weekly Giving:	\$5142.34
August Giving	\$13,479.01
Amount given this year	\$156,373.65
Amount needed to meet Budget	\$189,090.00
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, Sarah, Molly, Patricia, Lennon, Chris, Julie, Kathy, Emmett, Joan, John, 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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