

**Trinity  
Lutheran  
Church**

**September  
1<sup>st</sup>, 2024**

**Fifteenth  
Sunday after  
Pentecost**

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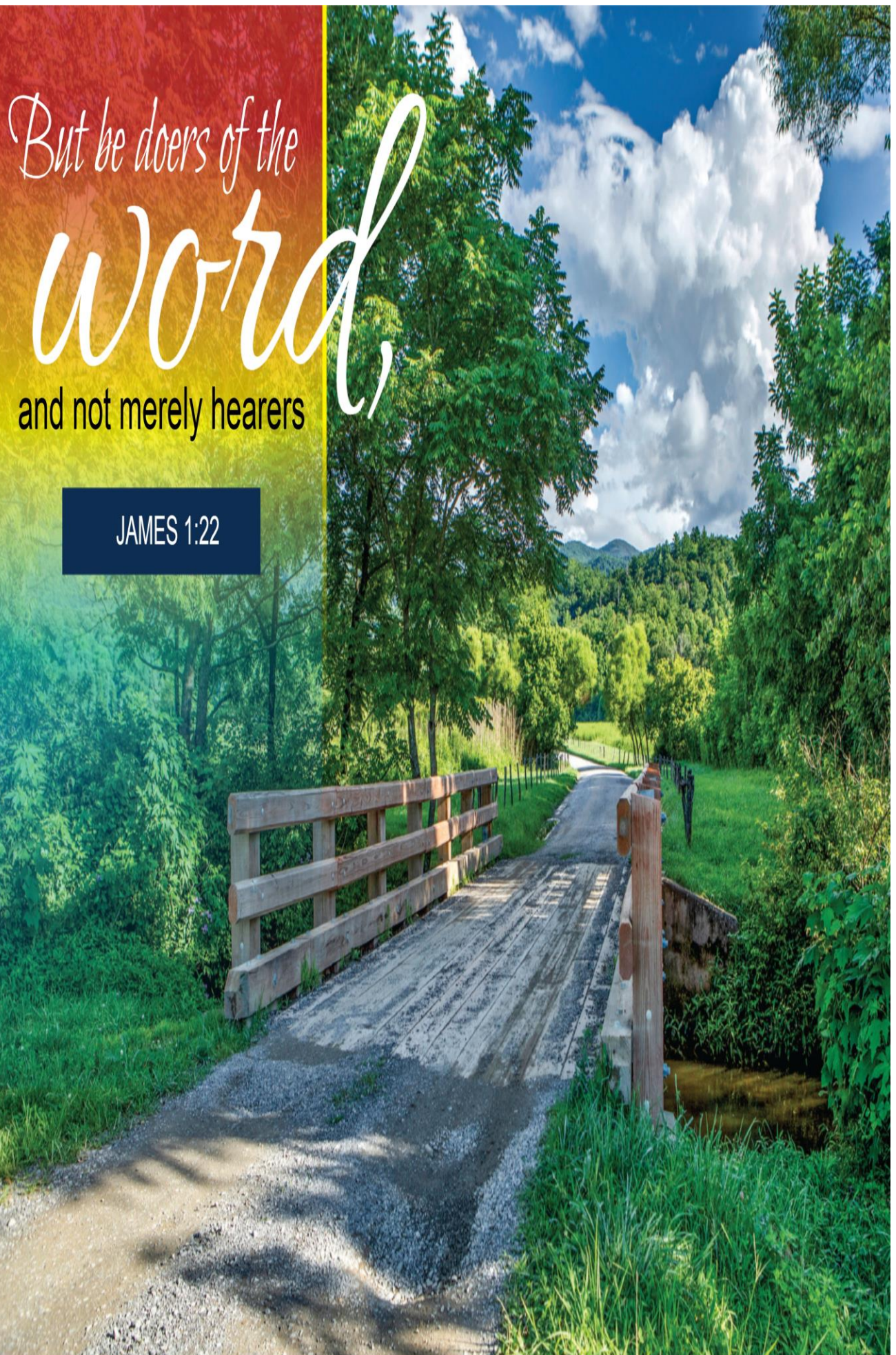
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**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST~ LECTIO 22**  
**HOLY COMMUNION ~ SETTING 8**  
**9:00 a.m. SEPTEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2024**

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



*Sundays after  
Pentecost*

*All are welcome and called to share and give thanks for Christ’s gifts of Promise and Presence! Through faith and trust in Christ’s words we receive his promise of being present in and through the bread and cup as we come to receive his gifts of forgiveness, salvation and eternal life.*  
*We thank God for guests who are here today & pray you will be blessed as you are a blessing to our gathering.*

**WORSHIP AIDS**

**LARGE PRINT BULLETINS** are available from an usher ask the usher.

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

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

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

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**GATHERING**

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**WE PREPARE:** *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**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

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

Moment of silence for reflection

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

Gracious God,

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

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

**OPENING SONG**

*Let Justice Flow Like Streams*

**ELW #717**

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 from which nothing can separate us, and the life-giving Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

**KYRIE**

*Refrain*

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.  
 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, ev - 'ry day.



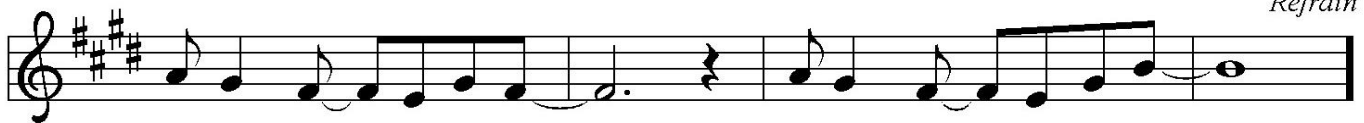
1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the  
 2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the  
 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for  
 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



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



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



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

**RESPONSIVE PSALM 15**

*LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle?*

LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may abide upon your holy hill?

**Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right,  
 who speak the truth from their heart;**

they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends;  
 they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

**In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the LORD.**

**They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.**

They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent.  
 Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

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.**

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# WORD

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## FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

The first reading is in Deuteronomy chapter 4, verses 1 – 2 and 6 - 9. The Israelites believed the law was a divine gift that provided guidelines for living out the covenant. Moses commands the people to obey the law and neither to add to nor subtract from it. The Israelites are also to teach the law to their children and their children's children.

*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. The letter of James was intended to provide first-century Christians with instruction in godly behavior. Here, Christians are encouraged to listen carefully and to act on what they hear, especially by caring for those least able to care for themselves.

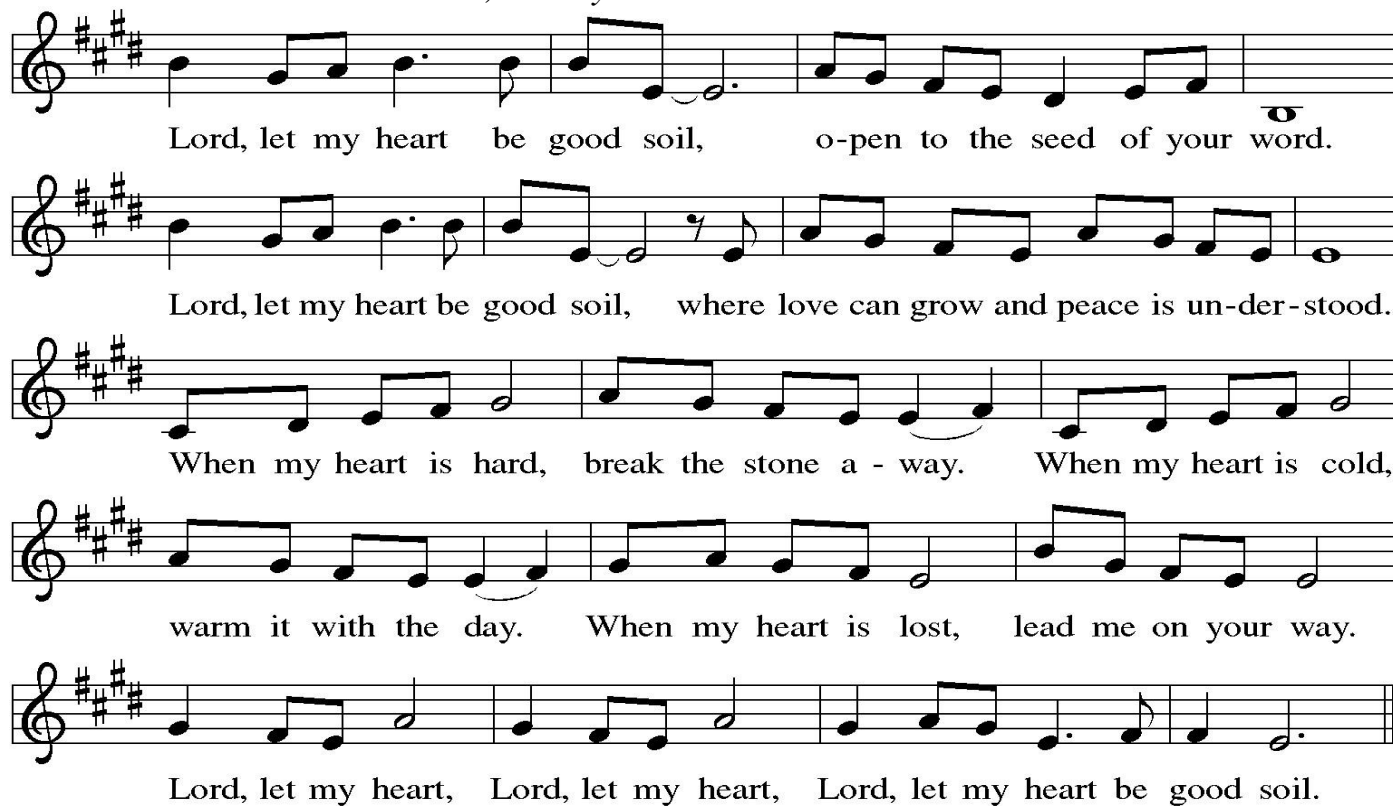
*Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.*

*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.**



Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,

warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

## GOSPEL

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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."*

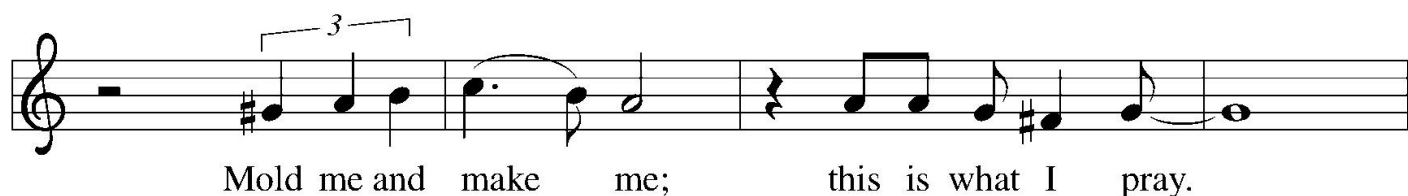
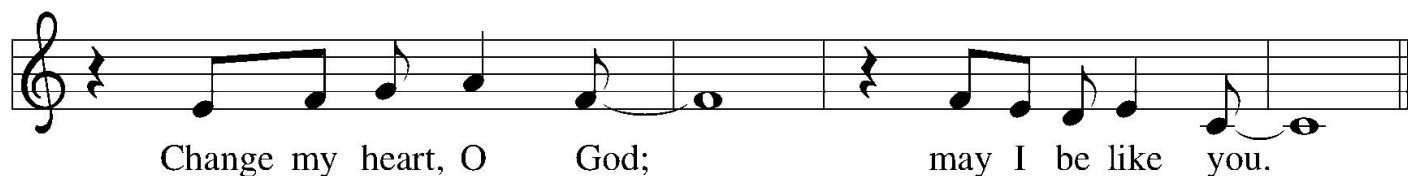
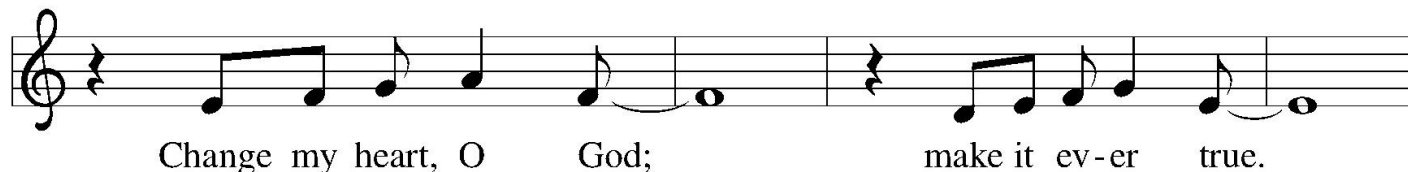
*For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."*

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

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*Change My Heart O God*

ELW #801



## CREED

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;**

**he descended to the dead.\* On the third day he rose again;**

**he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: respond after Merciful God, receive our prayer.

## SHARING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**



OFFERING

*Everybody's Got Something to Offer*

♩ = 100 C

F G C

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

Am F G C

Ev-ery-bo-dys got some-thing to of-fer in the name of the Lord

C F Am7 G

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

G F Am7 G

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

(THE USHERS BRING UP THE OFFERING)

**MEAL**

**COMMUNION WELCOME**

All are welcome to the Lord's Table at Trinity. You are well prepared and worthy if by faith you believe these words, "given for you" and "shed for you...for the forgiveness of sin". Welcome to the Lord's Table. Come taste and see that the Lord is good.

**THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

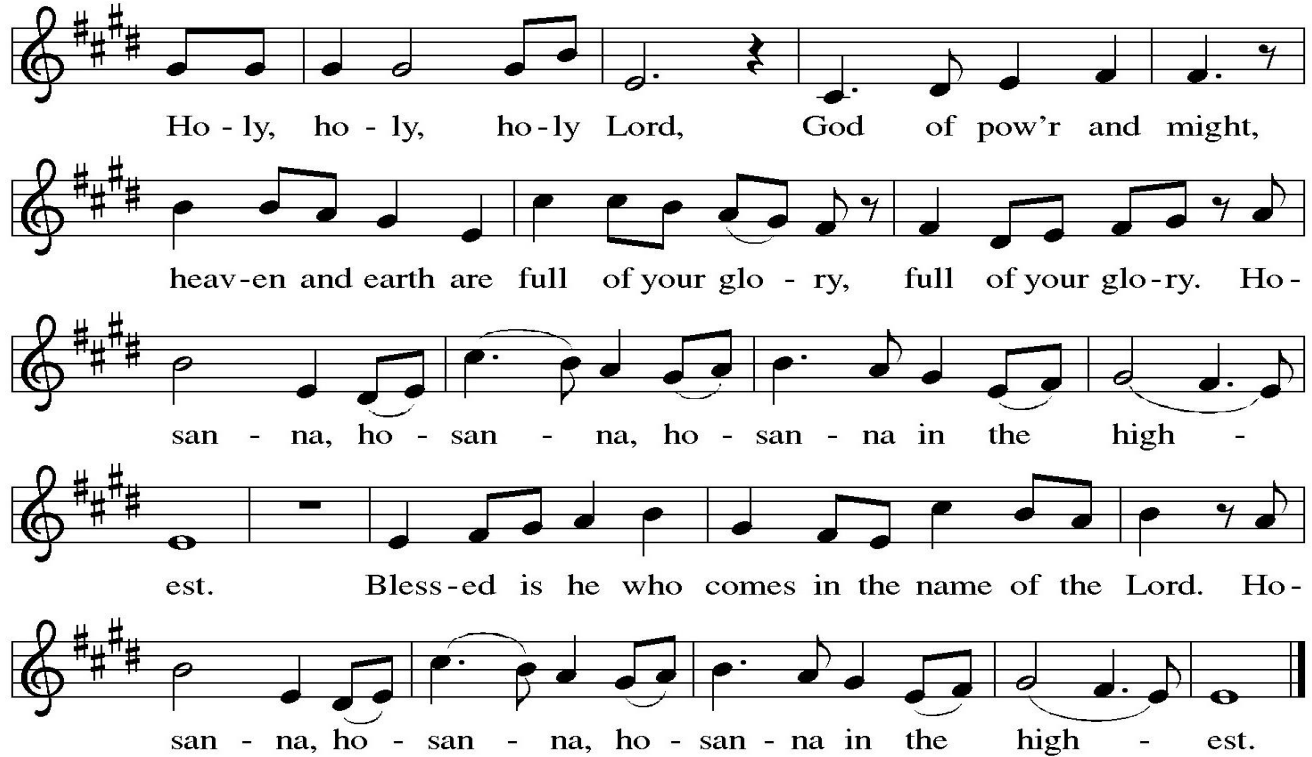
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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



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

WORDS OF JESUS

LORD'S PRAYER

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

DISTRIBUTION

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



PRAYER

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

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# SENDING

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## SENDING OF COMMUNION

Eternal God, whose glory is revealed in the crucified and risen Lord, bless those who go forth to share your word and sacrament with our sisters and brothers who are homebound. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those to whom we bring this communion in the body and blood of your Son, that we may all feast upon your abundant love made known in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



Holy Communion  
for the Homebound

## BLESSING

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

## SENDING SONG

*This Is My Song*

ELW #887

1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,  
2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,  
3 This is my prayer, O God of all earth's king - doms,

a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.  
and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.  
your king - dom come; on earth your will be done.

This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;  
But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,  
O God, be lift - ed up till all shall serve you,

here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;  
and skies are ev - 'ry - where as blue as mine.  
and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.

but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing  
So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,  
So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions;

with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.  
a song of peace for their land and for mine.  
my - self I give you; let your will be done.

**DISMISSAL**

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

**Thanks be to God.**



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

Sunday 9:00 am Worship	
Accompanist	Mary Mulry
Acolyte	Hayden Domeier
Reader	Susie Pedersen
Sound Techs	Russ Sorensen
Communion Assistant	Lee Johnson at the rail
Greeters	Jeff & Lynette Carlson
Ushers	Eric & Juliann Wahlborg
Altar Guild	Sara Sellner, Nicole Jensen

*WE EXPRESS OUR SYMPATHIES to Lewis Larson and his family and friends in the loss of his wife, **Jan** who passed away on Sunday, August 25th and was laid to rest Thursday, August 29th with services here at Trinity. May God bless and keep them in His perfect peace.*



**Trinity Choir welcomes new members Sunday at 8 A.M.  
Beginning September 15th**

**All are welcome to practice  
in celebration of the music to come!**

**Call Mary at 507 227-9880 with any questions.**

**Bell Choir starts Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M.**

**All are welcome  
to ring in the music to come!**

**Call Rose at 507 276-0013 with any questions**



**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!*



God's work.  
Our hands.

Trinity will again be sponsoring "God's Work Our Hands" to aid the Church and our Community on September 8th! 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 8th and always. Please do your part in making this another successful event!

Tying Fleece Blankets  
Packing School Bags  
Church Grounds Clean-up

Cookies for our Community  
Packing Blizzard Bags

"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.



**RALLY SUNDAY**  
**A RENEWAL OF ENERGY IN JOINT ACTION**  
**ALL ARE WELCOME!**  
**SEPTEMBER 8TH**

**EVENTS TO FOLLOW SUNDAY WORSHIP:**  
**ICE CREAM SUNDAYS TO BE SERVED BY FELLOWSHIP BOARD**  
**BOUNCE HOUSE**  
**FAMILY BINGO : PRIZES INCLUDE BAKED GOODS, 1919 APPAREL, BEER AND ROOT BEER**  
**SERVICE PROJECT WITH WELCA: SCHOOL KITS CHURCH SCHOOL KIDS TO ASSIST WITH PUTTING TOGETHER**  
**FOOD DRIVE IS ALSO ASKING FOR 16OZ PEANUT BUTTER AND BOXES OF CRACKERS FOR WEEKEND FOOD BAGS .**  
**PLEASE DONATE !**

**TRINITY LUTHERAN SHIRTS FOR SALE**



# Dale & Diane Eckstein

## 50th

### Wedding Anniversary!



Please join us to help celebrate  
our 50th Wedding Anniversary

Dawg Haus Bar & Grill  
300 1st Ave. N., Sleepy Eye  
(AKA The Railway)

Saturday, September 28, 2024  
2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> <b>9 am- Holy Communion</b> 10 am Fellowship Hour	<b>2</b> 	<b>3</b> 7am-Men's Bible Study 5:30 pm WELCA 6:30 pm AA	<b>4</b> 9 am-Women's Bible Study 7 pm Confirmation Parent/Student Meeting 	<b>5</b> 7am-Men's Bible Study	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> <b>9 am-Worship</b> 10 am Rally Sunday/ God's Work Our Hands Service Projects  <b>God's work. Our hands.</b>	<b>9</b> 9 am Quilting & Bandage Making	<b>10</b> 6:30 pm AA	<b>11</b> 9 am-Women's Bible Study 1 pm Ross Park 8 pm Stewardship	<b>12</b> 7am-Men's Bible Study	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 8 am Trinity Choir  <b>9 am- Holy Communion</b> Installation of Sunday School Teachers 10:15 am Lay Ministry 11 am Breaking Bread Together 	<b>16</b> 9 am Quilting & Bandage Making	<b>17</b> 6:30 pm AA	<b>18</b> 9 am-Women's Bible Study 5 pm Property Bd. 6 pm Church School 6:30 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Confirmation   Family Wednesday Church School	<b>19</b> 7am-Men's Bible Study	<b>20</b> <b>Tidings Articles Due</b>	<b>21</b> Johnson Bridal Shower 
<b>22</b> <b>9 am-Worship</b> 10 am Fellowship Hour	<b>23</b> 9 am Quilting & Bandage Making	<b>24</b> 6:30 pm AA	<b>25</b> 9 am-Women's Bible Study 1 pm Ross Park 6 pm Church School 6:30 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Confirmation 	<b>26</b> 7am-Men's Bible Study	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 2-5 pm  Eckstein 50 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Celebration at the Dawg House
<b>29</b> <b>9 am- Worship</b> Pre-school Plaques 10 am Fellowship Hour	<b>30</b> 9 am Quilting & Bandage Making					

September 1, 2024

## 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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***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@trinitysleepveve.org](mailto:secretary@trinitysleepveve.org) or call the office at 507 794-5051. Leave a message.

**TRINITY'S WEBPAGE** Send an email to the church office at [secretary@trinitysleepveve.org](mailto:secretary@trinitysleepveve.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.sleepveveonline.com](http://www.sleepveveonline.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:	61
Website Views	26
Bible Studies Attendance:	7+2+7 =16
Weekly Giving:	\$1727.63
August Giving	\$15,206.64
Amount given this year	\$158,101.28
Amount needed to meet Budget	\$194,820.00
2024 Budget	\$298,000.00

## This Week's Prayer Concerns

**Pray for Trinity**...that the Holy Spirit would keep our Trinity family united as we continue in worship and in helping others as we are able ...

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

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

**Pray for all who are ill, afflicted, or recovering**...that the Holy Spirit would give comfort and daily strength to **Grazie, Sandy, Cindy, Wade, Krista, Trisha, Jan, Sherry, Kali, Jane, Ramsey, Jim, Sarah, Molly, Patricia, Lennon, Chris, Julie, Kathy, Emmett, Joan, Lois, Joyce, Emma, Milo, Ed, Carlo, Dorothy, Story, Tina, Ethan, Robyn, Carmen, Linette, Tammy, John, Tony, Ted, Connor, Kimora, and Mary Jo.**

**Pray for the beloved**... who now rest from their labors in God's mercy and for all who mourn the personal loss of loved ones, especially Lewis Larson and the family and friends of his wife Janis .....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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The background is a vertical painting of a sunset. The sky is filled with textured brushstrokes in shades of blue, orange, and yellow. A thin crescent moon is visible in the upper left corner. The bottom of the painting shows a dark horizon line over a body of water, with several dark, vertical posts or pilings extending into the water.

Every  
good gift  
and every  
perfect gift  
is from above,  
coming down  
from the  
Father of lights.

James 1:17