# Trinity Lutheran Church

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> Sixteenth Sunday of Pentecost Lection 24

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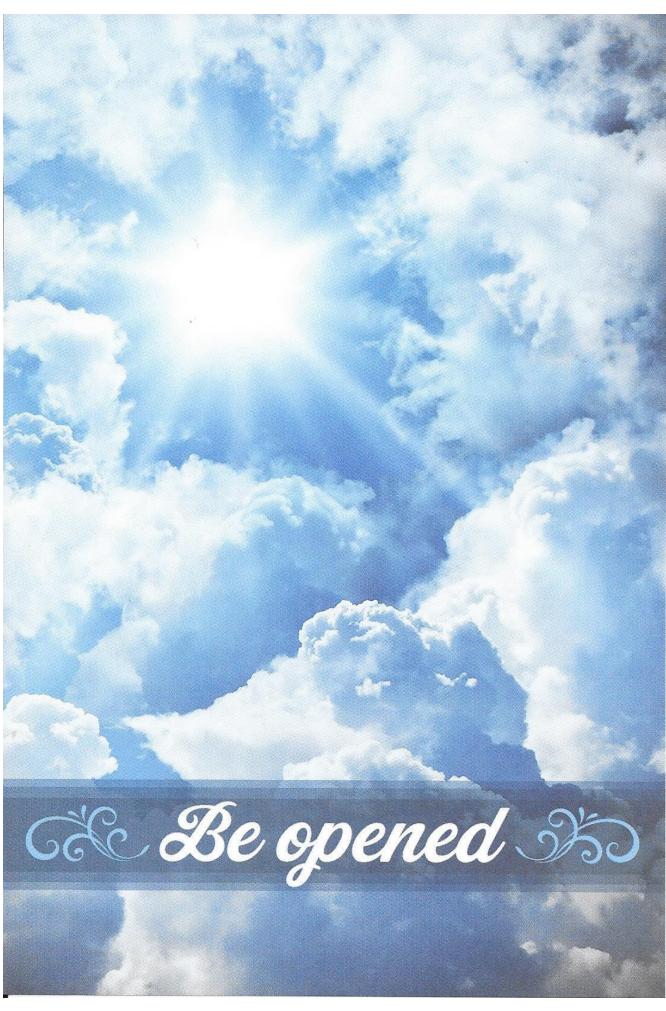
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#### SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST ~ LECTION 24 SERVICE OF THE WORD



#### 9:00 AM SEPTEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2021

# TRINITY WELCOMES PASTOR TIM MASON! THE LORD JESUS CHRIST WELCOMES ALL AS WE RALLY TODAY!

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.

**WE PREPARE...** Three weeks ago we heard Peter's confession of faith as told in John's gospel. This week we hear Mark's version, when Peter says, "You are the Messiah." In John, the stumbling block is Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh, given for the life of the world. In Mark too the scandal has to do with Jesus' words about his own coming death, and here Peter himself stumbles over Jesus' words. But Jesus is anointed (the meaning of messiah) in Mark only on the way to the cross (14:3); so we are anointed in baptism with the sign of the cross.

CALL TO WORSHIP Messiah

#### **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.

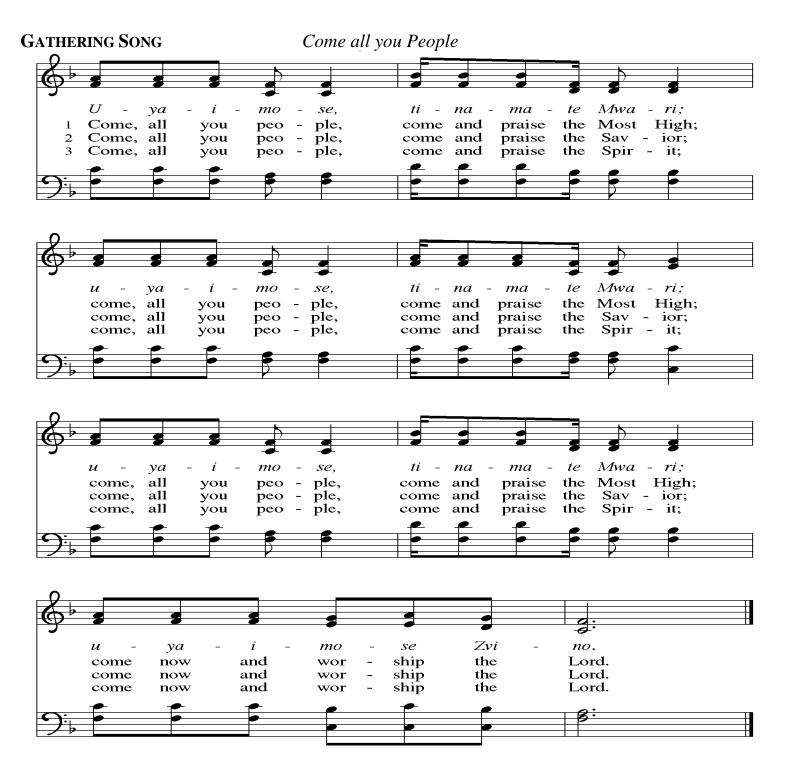
Silence is kept for reflection.

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.** 





#### **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, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** 

#### WORD

FIRST READING Isaiah 50:4-9a

The first reading is in Isaiah chapter 50, verses 4 - 9a.

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher,

that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens — wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.

The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward.

I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;

I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced;

therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame;

he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.

It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

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

#### SECOND READING James 3:1-12

The second reading is in James chapter 3, verses 1 - 12

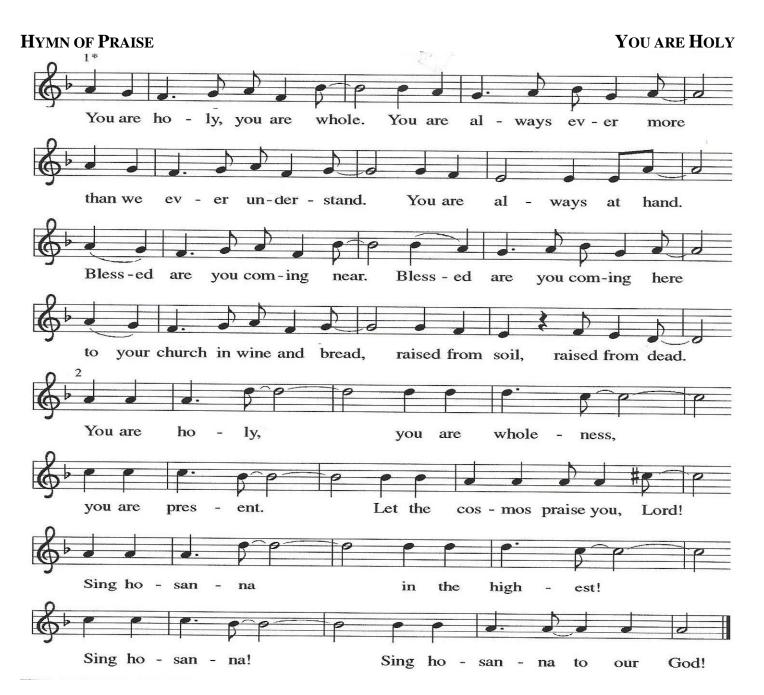
Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a

small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

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GOSPEL Mark 8:27-38

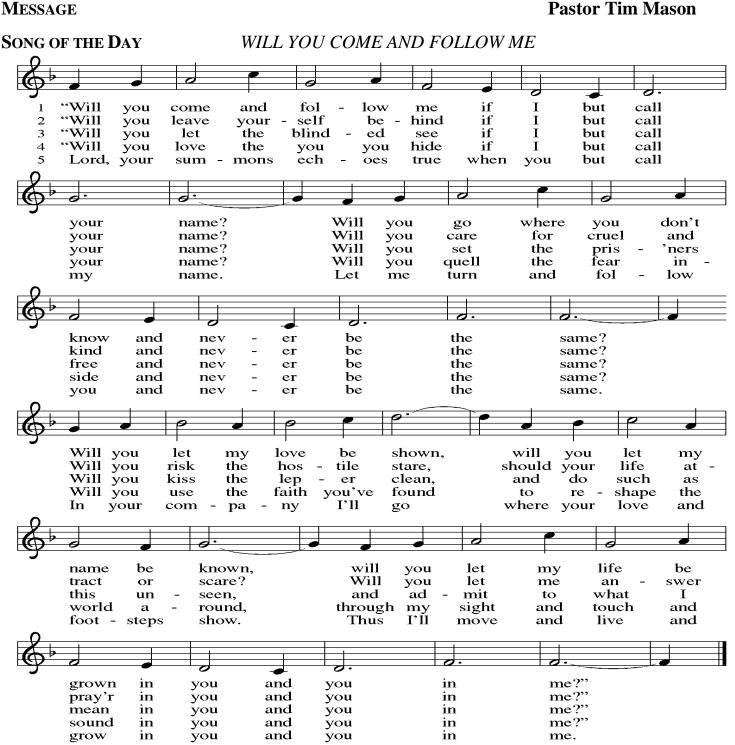
The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 8th chapter. Glory to you, O Lord."

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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



#### **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** 

A New Hallelujah

#### 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.





#### **DISMISSAL**

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

#### Our Thanks To All Who Serve The Body Of Christ

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



**WE EXPRESS OUR SYMPATHIES** to the Sandy Zarn family and friends of **Dianne Grundmeyer Engel**, Sandy's sister, who passed away Wednesday, August 11th and was laid to rest August 15<sup>th</sup> in Utah.

May God bless and keep them in His perfect peace.

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.



It's Rally Day! Join us at the triple garage for fellowship and fun! Meet Pastor Tim and enjoy a refreshment following Worship today!



## Sign up Today outside by the refreshments!

Trinity will be participating in "God's work. Our hands." with over 9,000 other ELCA congregations on SUNDAY, SEPT. 19th .

#### This is what we need from ALL of our Trinity family:

1. Sign you and your family up for one (of 8) different projects to do after Worship that day. They are:

Care Center Visits
Bake fall cookies for Divine, Care Center, Hospital, PD
Pack a Blizzard Box

Make Freezer meals for "Meals that Matter"

Service Landscaping Project for Chief Sleepy Fy

Service Landscaping Project for Chief Sleepy Eye

Pack School Kits

Tie Blankets

Pack food for Weekend Food Bags at Mark Thomas

#### Sign up sheets are in the church narthex

- 2. Attend coffee hour at 8:30 am and worship at 9am on September 19th, followed by project time
- 3. Pray for a successful event where we make a positive change in our community, build and depend relationships, and share God's love!







# 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 <u>secretary@trinitysleepyeye.org</u> or call the office at 507 794-5051. Leave a message.

TRINITY'S WEBPAGE Send an email to the church office at <u>secretary@trinitysleepyeye.org</u> 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 <a href="www.sleepyeyeonline.com">www.sleepyeyeonline.com</a> 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: \$3436.16 August Giving: \$3436.16 Yearly Contributions to Date \$165,317.37 We are \$48,605.34 below budget.



#### This Week's Prayer Concerns

<u>Pray for the Church</u>...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...

<u>Pray for our World...</u>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...

<u>Pray for all who are ill, afflicted, or recovering...</u>that the Holy Spirit would give comfort and daily strength to 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.

<u>Pray for the beloved...</u> 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....

<u>Pray for all families...</u>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...

<u>Pray for those preparing for marriage and those newly</u> <u>married</u>...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 ...

<u>Pray for the men and women serving in the Armed Forces and those far from home</u>...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...

<u>Pray for the missionaries of our church (ELCA)...</u>that they proclaim their witness of the Gospel throughout the world.

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I am giving permission for free use of any of my hymns to churches during the pandemic, knowing that many churches are struggling right now with their budgets. Carolyn Winfrey Gillett