

Trinity Lutheran Church

September 8th,
2024

16 Sunday of
PENTECOST
Lection 23

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If you really fulfill the royal law
according to the Scripture,
"You shall love your neighbor as yourself,"
you are doing well.

~ JAMES 2:8 ~

16TH WEEK AFTER PENTECOST~ LECTION 23

RALLY SUNDAY

SERVICE OF THE WORD

God's Radical Love, Lived Our Every Day

9:00 A.M. September 8th, 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: *James tells us to stop showing favoritism in the assembly, treating the rich visitor with more honor than the poor one. Jesus himself seems to show partiality in his first response to the Syrophoenician woman in today's gospel. Was he testing her faith in saying Gentiles don't deserve the goods meant for God's children? Or was he speaking out of his human worldview, but transcended those limits when she took him by surprise with her reply? Either way, the story tells us that God shows no partiality. Everyone who brings a need to Jesus is received with equal honor as a child and heir..*

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.**

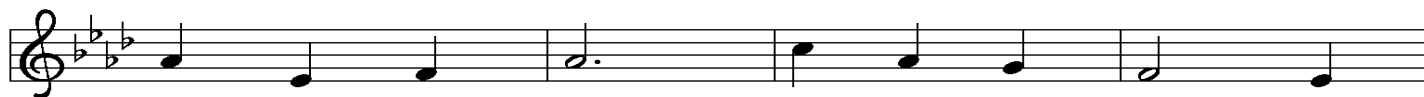
Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

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.

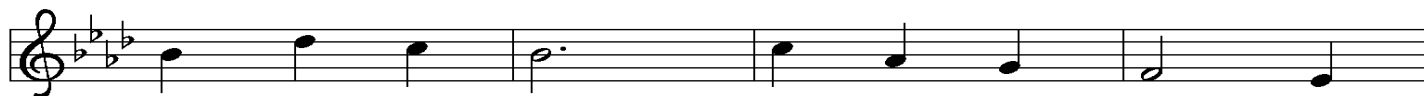
Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, ✚ the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.**



1 Earth and all stars! Loud rush - ing plan - ets!
 2 Trum - pet and pipes! Loud clash - ing cym - bals!
 3 En - gines and steel! Loud pound - ing ham - mers!
 4 Class-rooms and labs! Loud boil - ing test tubes!
 5 Knowl-edge and truth! Loud sound - ing wis - dom!



Sing to the Lord a new song!
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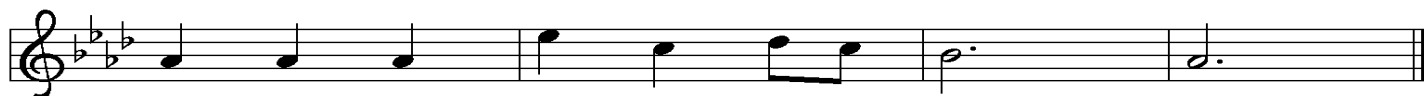
Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blow - ing snow - storm!
 Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud hum - ming cel - los!
 Lime - stone and beams! Loud build - ing work - ers!
 Ath - lete and band! Loud cheer - ing peo - ple!
 Daugh - ter and son! Loud pray - ing mem - bers!



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Refrain
 God has done mar - vel - ous things.



I too sing prais - es with a new song!

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 146

Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Put not your trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there is no help.

When they breathe their last, they return to earth,

and in that day their thoughts perish.

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,
whose hope is in the LORD their God;
who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;
who keeps promises forever;
who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.
The LORD sets the captive free.

The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
the LORD loves the righteous.

The LORD cares for the stranger; the LORD sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.

The LORD shall reign forever, your God, O Zion,
throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 35: 4-7a

The first reading is in Isaiah chapter 35, verses 4 – 7a. These verses are a word of hope to the exiles in Babylon. Chapter 34 portrays God's vengeance on Edom, Israel's age-old enemy, which makes the path from Babylon to Zion safe for the exiles' return. The desert itself will flow with water to give drink to the returning exiles.

Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

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

SECOND READING

James 2: 1-17

The second reading is in James chapter 2, verses 1 - 17. Faithful Christians do not show partiality to the rich and powerful of the world, especially at the expense of the poor and weak. Likewise, faith does not pay mere lip-service to God's will. Instead, a living Christian faith expresses itself in acts of compassion and mercy for those in need.

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say,

"Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

ELW #512



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.

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

From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre.

He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go — the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

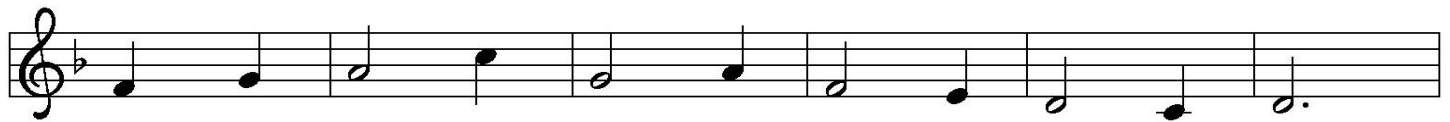
They were astounded beyond measure, saying,



**"He has done EVERYTHING well;
he even makes the deaf to HEAR
and the mute to SPEAK."**

Mark 7:37

Pastor Grant Fischer



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



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



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



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



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



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

ENROLLMENT AND BLESSING OF CONFIRMATION STUDENTS AND PARENTS

Parent(s) of each student presents their child(ren) before the railing with the minister addressing them:

P: Students, you have been received by our Lord Jesus Christ in Holy Baptism and are reborn children of God and inheritors of eternal life. By water and the Holy Spirit you were made members of the Church, the body of Christ. Living in Christ, you are now at the age this year to study the Holy Scriptures and the teachings of the Lutheran Church, and learn what it means to participate in the communion of saints. Today, we ask you for your commitment and re-commitment to devote yourself to this special commitment of time and effort.

P: Parents, I ask you, will you support your daughters and sons in your prayers and by your example of living out your faith in Christ? Will you make fellowship & service events, and attendance to worship a priority?

We do and we ask God to help and guide us.

Students, will you attend fellowship & service events, worship, and complete assignments given to you as you are able?

Students kneel at the railing with parent's laying on their hands:

I will, and I ask God to help and guide me.

P: Let us pray...Most gracious God, we thank you for these young people who have received your love in the water and Word of holy baptism, and who, on their journey of faith have received promise in forgiveness in Word and Sacrament. And now, as they join and resume their participation in the church's ministry of Confirmation and make preparations to publicly affirm the faith of their baptism in Christ, we ask for your blessing to be upon each one. Guide and lead them with your Spirit. Place a hunger in their hearts for you. May the hands of these parents extended in blessing, give support, protection, and love to their children, so that they may eagerly learn, serve, and live life in your name—the Name that is above every name who calls us his own, Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

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 Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

SHARING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

For the Fruit of All Creation

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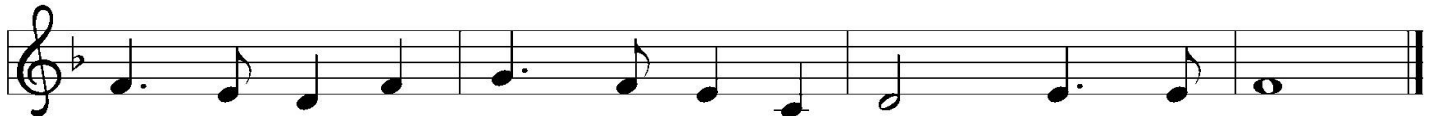
1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

(THE USHERS BRING UP THE OFFERING)

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

ELW ##656



1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris-tian love;
2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;
3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,
4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;



the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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	Audee Darnell	
Reader	Harold Pettis	
Sound Techs	Russ Sorensen	
Greeters	Jeff & Lynette Carlson	
Ushers	Eric & Juliann Wahlborg	
Altar Guild	Sara Sellner & Nicole Jensen	

WE EXPRESS OUR SYMPATHIES to Grazie Correa da Costa and her family and friends in the loss of her mother, **Renira** who passed away on Monday, September 3rd and will be laid to rest with services in Brazil. 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 18th 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
Peanut Butter and Crackers for Kids

"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

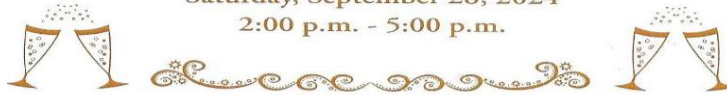
Wedding Anniversary!








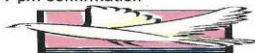




Please join us to help celebrate
our 50th Wedding Anniversary

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
1 9 am- Holy Communion 10 am Fellowship Hour	2 	3 7am-Men's Bible Study 5:30 pm WELCA 6:30 pm AA	4 9 am-Women's Bible Study 7 pm Confirmation Parent/Student Meeting 	5 7am-Men's Bible Study	6	7
8 9 am-Worship 10 am Rally Sunday/ God's Work Our Hands Service Projects 	9 9 am Quilting & Bandage Making	10 6:30 pm AA	11 9 am-Women's Bible Study 1 pm Ross Park 7 pm Confirmation 8 pm Stewardship 	12 7am-Men's Bible Study	13	14
15 8 am Trinity Choir <i>Add your voice</i> 9 am- Holy Communion Installation of Sunday School Teachers 10:15 am Lay Ministry 11 am Breaking Bread Together 	16 9 am Quilting & Bandage Making	17 6:30 pm AA	18 9 am-Women's Bible Study 5 pm Property Bd. 6 pm Church School 6:30 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Confirmation 	19 7am-Men's Bible Study	20 Tidings Articles Due	21 Johnson Bridal Shower 
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29 9 am- Worship Pre-school Plaques 10 am Fellowship Hour	30 9 am Quilting & Bandage Making					

September 8th, 2024

God cares for the needy.

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	Mark 7:24-37	Christ heals the Gentiles
Monday	Isaiah 29:17-21	The deaf will hear
Tuesday	Mark 9:14-27	Jesus gives a boy speech
Wednesday	Matthew 5:13-16	Let your light shine before others
Thursday	Matthew 25:31-40	The works of the righteous
Friday	Luke 10:25-37	Go and do likewise
Saturday	Isaiah 38:16-20	Thanksgiving for healing
Sunday	Mark 8:27-38	Taking up the cross



SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

The Lord stands up for those who are beaten down. God gives food to hungry people. The Lord sets prisoners free. Psalm 146:7

SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord, please help us to show our faith by helping those who are in need today. Amen. (James 2:14-17)

Mealtime Prayer:

Lord, as we thank you for much, bless those who have little. Give us hearts that care and hands that share. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May you have a faith that rests in God and is busy in serving others. Amen.

CARING CONVERSATION

Discuss in your household or small group:

- Describe a time when you were in need. Who helped you?
- The apostle James reminds us that having faith means that we are concerned with the needs of others (James 2:14-17).
Name needs that you see in people with whom you come into contact.
- How do you provide for the needs of others?

DEVOTIONS

Gather stories from the newspaper, magazines or the Internet that describe people in need. Place these on a poster or corkboard. In your household devotion times this week, pray for these people and their situations.

SERVICE

Psalm 146:7 says that God gives food to hungry people. Make an extra meal this week to give to a friend or neighbor in need of support, such as an elderly person who lives alone, a family under stress, or a person who is ill.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Create a permanent category on your shopping list called "Items for the Needy." Whenever you shop for groceries, purchase a non-perishable food or toiletries item to contribute to your church donation chest or a local charity. Involve different household members in choosing items to purchase. Set up a special collection box in your home to store the items and pray together for God to bless those who will receive your donations.

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Please take your bulletin home for weekly devotion



Trinity's Mission Statement

We are a community where Jesus is Lord: our mission is to invite, welcome, nurture, and equip all people to be disciples in His name.

TRINITY'S PRAYER CHAIN Send an email to secretary@trinitysleepyeye.org 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:	68
Website	53
Bible Studies Attendance:	9+7 =15
Weekly Giving:	\$5107.63
August Giving	\$5107.63
Amount given this year	\$161,481.28
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, 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, especially Lewis Larson and the family and friends of his wife **Janis**...and Grazie Correa da Costa and her family and friends in the loss of her mother, **Renira**...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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*Woman,
great is your faith!
Let it be done
for you
as you wish.*”

Matthew 15:28, NRSV