# Trinity Lutheran Church

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17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

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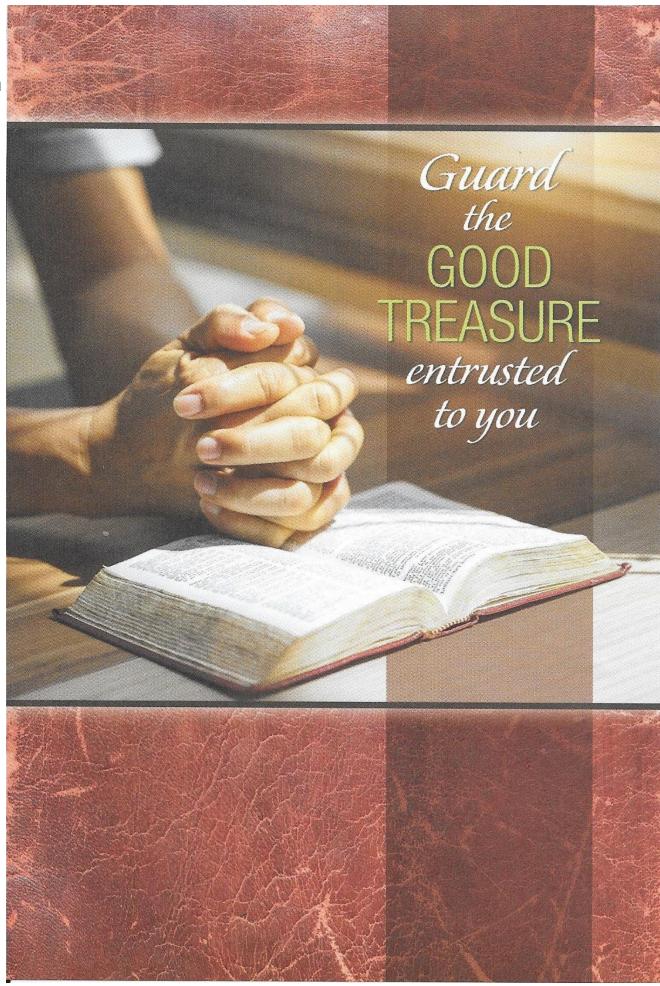
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# SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST ~ LECTION 27 HOLY COMMUNION ~ ELW 4

9:00 A.M. ~ Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022



THE LORD JESUS CHRIST WELCOMES ALL who enter this house of worship! We gather this Sunday to worship in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit reaching out with greetings of good cheer to all who are gathered.

If you are visiting, we hope you will join us again as your presence enhances our worship. Everyone is invited to join-in the fellowship and refreshments immediately following the Sunday morning service in the library.

#### WORSHIP AIDS

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS are available from an usher.

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

**PLEASE SIGN** the Friendship Pad as it is passed to you during the time of distribution.

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

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

### **GATHERING**

**WE PREPARE...** A little faith goes a long way is Jesus' point in the gospel. A mustard seed's-worth of faith has miraculous potential. The patience, tenacity, and endurance required for the life of faith are the blessings received in holy baptism, holy communion, and the word read and proclaimed in this assembly. Anticipate them. Receive them with thanksgiving.

PRELUDE / ANNOUNCEMENTS / BELL
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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS



Blessed be the Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit + one God, abounding in steadfast love toward us, healing the sick and raising the dead, showering us with every good gift.

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Eternal God our creator,

in you we live and move and have our being. Look upon us, your children, the work of your hands. Forgive us all our offenses, and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires. By your grace draw us near to you, our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us. In the mercy of almighty God, Christ died for us while we still were sinners; and for his sake, God + forgives you all your sins. **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

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** 

## **WORD**

### FIRST READING Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

The first reading is in Habakkuk chapter 1, verses 1 - 4 and chapter 2, verses 1 - 4.

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen?

Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save?

Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise.

So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous — therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart;

I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. Then the LORD answered me and said:

Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it.

For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie.

If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay.

Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

# SECOND READING 2 Timothy 1:1-14

The second reading is in 2 Timothy chapter 1, verses 1 - 14.

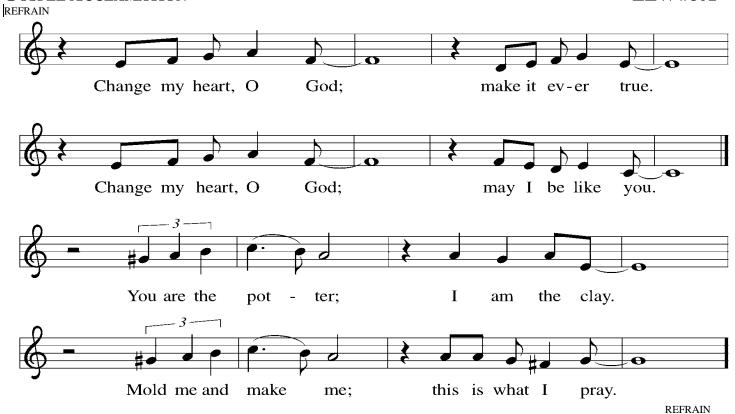
Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I am grateful to God — whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did — when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

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



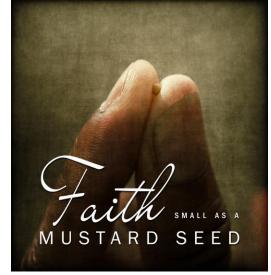
GOSPEL Luke 17:5-10

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 17th chapter. Glory to you, O Lord.

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

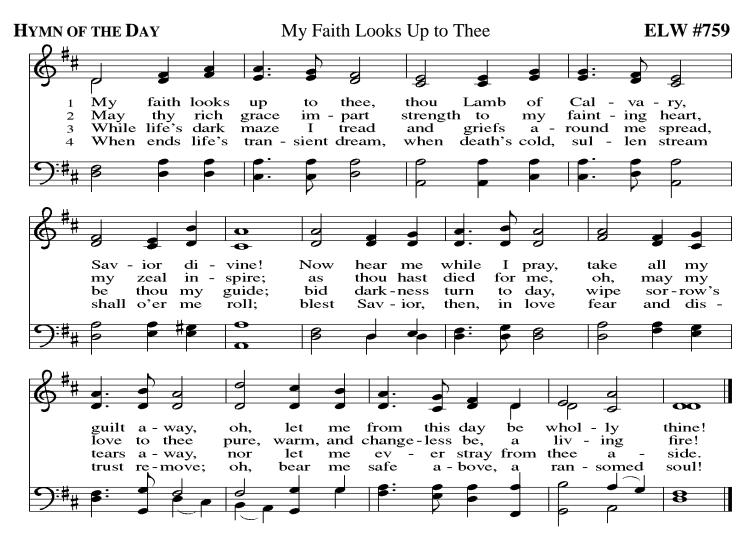
Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!"





MESSAGE Pastor Tim Mason





#### THE APOSTLE'S 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 Merciful God, receive our prayer.

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

# **MEAL**

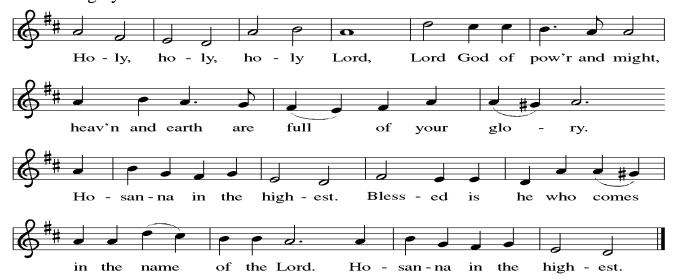
#### **THANKSGIVING**

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, who on overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### 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** Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, gives everyone a place at the welcome table.

Alleluia! Come to the feast.

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

Offering will be taken during Communion)

# COMMUNION BLESSING PRAYER

Let us pray. God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy. In your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.

**Amen.** (Ushers will bring the offering forward)

# **SENDING**

#### **BLESSING**

God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity, + one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love. **Amen.** 



#### **BELL AND DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. The Father, Son and Holy Spirit sends us forth to serve. Thanks be to God.

Our thanks to all who serve the Body of Christ

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SUNDAY	9:00 Worship		
Accompanist	Cindy Anderson		
Acolyte	Kaden Klein		
Reader	Diane Evers		
Holy Communion	Donna Augustin, Neil Neidt, Dave Vosbeck		
Sound Techs	Russ Sorensen		
Greeters	Larry & Diane Evers		
Ushers	Dale & Diane Eckstein		
Altar Guild	Terry Newgord, Mary Renberg		



Thank you so much to my Trinity family for all the love and support you have provided to me and my kids during the sudden loss of Dean. I have felt each of your prayers. There were so many acts of kindness—I just can't find the words to thank you. We will forever be grateful for your support.

Love, Sandy, Alex, Deonna, and Carter

Adult Forum returns! Join us this Sunday. Just grab your coffee and join us in the Friendship Room after worship.

We will be looking at "The Difficult Words of Jesus," a six-week study of some of the more perplexing teachings of Jesus gives us. Amy-Jill Levine will be joining us as our guide (via the magic of DVD.) Mark Beito will lead the discussion. No one will be called on. Join us!



The Trinity book club will be reading "Help, Thanks, Wow - The Three Essential Prayers" by Anne Lamott. Please talk to Michal Lowther if you are interested so that she can order books. Thanks!



Sleepy Eye Medical Center has the Fall influenza clinic dates available. SEMC is hosting public clinics at the Sleepy Eye Event Center. The schedule is available below.

SEMC also has the Bivalent COVID booster available. This vaccination will not be available at the Sleepy Eye Event Center. You have call SEMC at 794-3691 to schedule an appointment.

Forms for both vaccines are available at the church in the narthex or on the SEMC website.

# APPOINTMENTS REQUIRED. CALL SEMC, 507-794-3691, TO SCHEDULE. Community Flu Vaccine Clinics

DATE & TIME	LOCATION & DETAILS	
<b>Monday, Oct. 3</b> • 5-7 p.m.	Sleepy Eye Event Center Family Clinic (ages 6 mo. and up)	
<b>Tuesday, Oct. 4</b> • 7:30-10 a.m.	Sleepy Eye Event Center High dose, 65+ (*drive up option)	
<b>Tuesday, Oct. 11</b> • 9-11 a.m.	Sleepy Eye Event Center High dose, 65+ (*drive up option)	
Wednesday, Oct. 12 · 5-7 p.m.	Sleepy Eye Event Center Family Clinic (ages 6 mo, and up)	
Thursday, Oct. 13 · 1-5 p.m.	Morgan Clinic (96 3rd St. E., Morgan, MN) High dose (1-3 p.m.), Family (3-5 p.m.)	

- \*Drive-Up Option Instructions:
- Appointments required.
- Staff will bring paperwork &
- Wear short-sleeved shirt, mask.
  Follow drive-up signage.
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- Follow drive-up signage.
   Indoor option still available.
   Remain in vehicle, remove coat.

Please wear a mask



With the delicious meals available in the freezer located in room 109 just off the dining room we now need your help. The meals are to be given to people who are experiencing some sort of life changing event, be it a new baby, illness, a death in the family, or anyone you think would benefit from a tasty, readymade dinner. Remember, you are the hands of Jesus in our world.

Thank you for being the hands of Jesus!





# To the parents of our young children, may we suggest...

Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome!

Grab an activity bag at the back of the sanctuary which has some quiet toys and books in them.

Sit toward the front where it is easier for your little ones to see and hear what's going on. They tire of seeing the backs of others' heads.

Quietly explain the parts of the worship service and actions of the pastor and worship leaders, choir, ushers and readers.

Sing the hymns, pray and voice the responses. Children learn liturgical behavior by copying you.

If you have to leave the sanctuary with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back. There is a Friendship room across from the sanctuary doors with a few toys and a rocking chair to settle them. Worship is shown on a big screen TV for you to participate in worship while the children settle. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."

Remember that the way we welcome children in worship directly affects the way they respond to the Church and a life of faith, to God, and to one another. Let them know that they are at home in this house of worship.

## To the members of our congregation:

The presence of children is a gift to the Church and they are a reminder that the Church of Jesus Christ is a multi-generational body of Christ followers. Please welcome our children and give a smile of encouragement to their parents and caregivers.

#### **October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022**

# Faith gives us power to trust God.

#### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These readings are related to the Lectionary readings for this Sunday.

Sunday	Luke 17:5-10	Faith the size of a mustard seed
Monday	2 Timothy 1:1-14	Thanksgiving and encouragement
Tuesday	Matthew 8:5-13	A demonstration of faith
Wednesday	Mark 11:12-24	Faith that moves mountains
Thursday	James 1:2-11	Faith produces endurance
Friday	Psalm 37:1-9	Patience and trust
Saturday	Isaiah 26:1-9	Trust in the Lord forever
Sunday	Luke 17:11-19	One leper gives thanks to God



#### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

# God's Spirit doesn't make cowards out of us. The Spirit gives us power, love, and self-control. 2 Timothy 1:7

#### **PRAY AND BLESS:**

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, give us the faith that trusts you and grants us the power to love and serve with self-control. Amen.

Mealtime Praver

Thanks we give to God above, for strength and health and those we love. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ be kind and merciful to you and bless you with peace! Amen. (2 Timothy 1:2)

#### CARING CONVERSATION

Discuss in your home or small group:

What people have influenced your life of faith? How did these people influence your faith?

In 2 Timothy 1:5, St. Paul notes that the faith of Timothy came from his grand-mother and mother.

What does this say about how faith is formed?

Who nurtures your faith today? Who might be nurtured by your faith?

#### **DEVOTIONS**

Faith in God can be challenged when things are difficult, when those who act wrongly seem to succeed, and those who trust God experience difficulties. Psalm 37 affirms that the gains of the wicked will not last. Verse 4a states, "Trust in the Lord, and do good." 2 Timothy 1:7 says, "God's spirit doesn't make cowards out of us. The Spirit gives us power, love, and self-control." Make a list of the things in your life that make trust in Jesus difficult. Pray for strength and courage so that your life can be freed to serve others in faith and love.

#### **SERVICE**

There are many people around us who serve as mustard seeds—they do many "little things" that others may not notice, but add up to a big difference. Think of someone who fits this description. Find some way to thank them for their example of faith.

#### RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

In 2 Timothy 1:6, Paul mentions that he laid his hands on Timothy. This Christian ritual conveys the passing on of faith and the Spirit from person to person, just as Paul had received faith from "ancestors" (verse 3) and Timothy had received faith through his "family" (verse 5). Place your hands on another person's shoulders or head and use the words from "A Blessing to Give" as a way to support that person's faith with "power, love, and self-control."

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Please take your bulletin home for weekly family devotional time



# **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 <a href="https://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.

#### Last week at Trinity

Weekly Worship Attendance:	80
Weekly Giving: (5846.00 Needed)	\$4180.29
September Giving:(\$23,360.00 Needed)	\$25,435.67
Yearly Contributions to Date	\$179,115.91
Budget Contributions needed	\$227,981.85
2022 Approved Budget	\$308,000.00

# **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...

**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...

<u>Pray for all who are ill, afflicted, or recovering...</u>that the Holy Spirit would give comfort and daily strength to Dean, Jerry, Beth, Harold, Sue, Joan, Lois, Joyce, Cindy, Jerry, Emma, Ed, Carlos, Dorothy, Story, Tina, Tammy, Ethan, Robyn, Carmen, Julia Ann, Linette, Tammy, John, Tony, Ted, Connor, 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 joy and spiritual growth to all who are separated from one another and each would be blessed with their safe return to us...

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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