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**Seventeenth
Sunday
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Lection 25**

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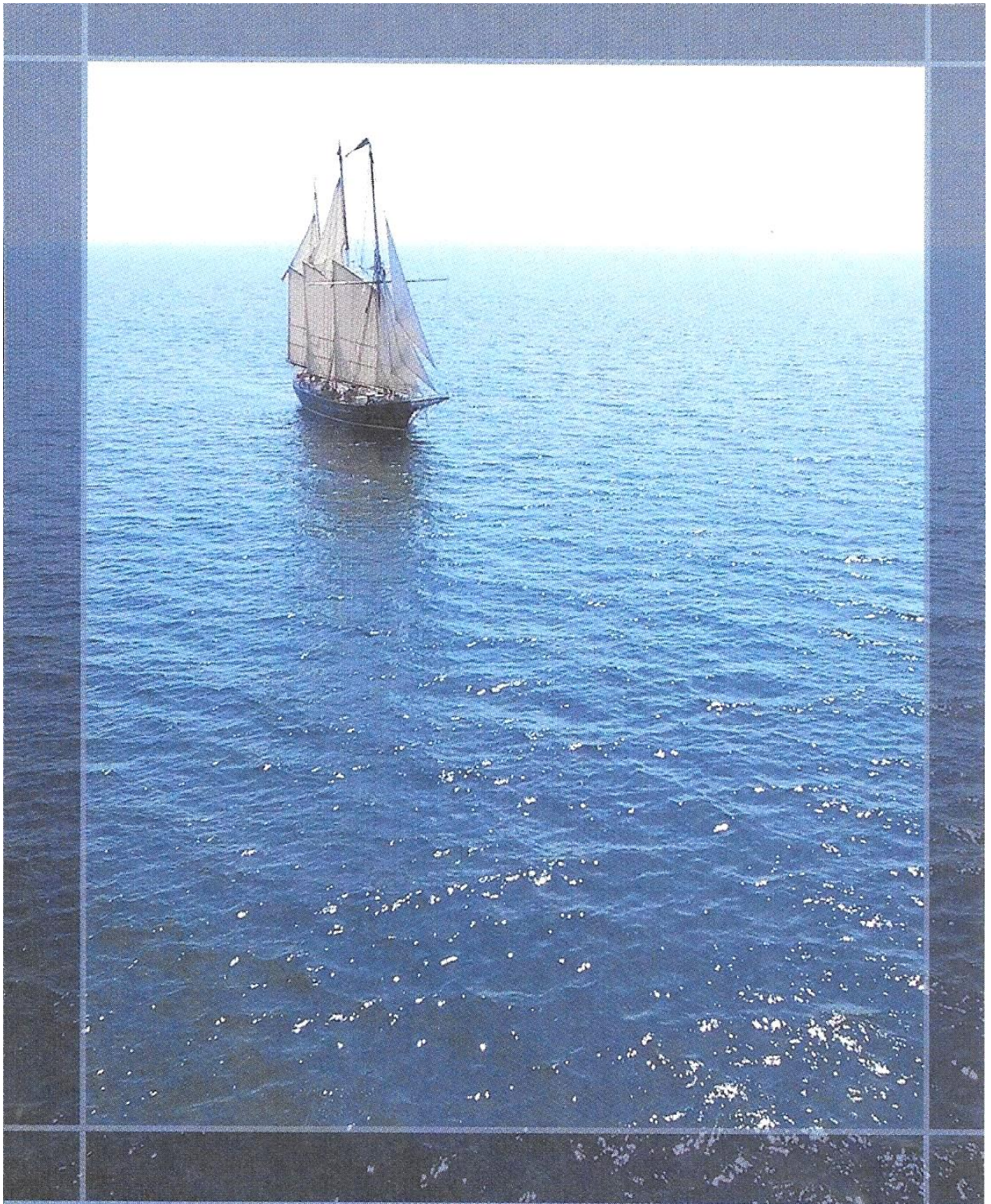
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*They are guided by
a very small rudder*

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST ~ LECTION 25

HOLY COMMUNION

9:00 AM SEPTEMBER 19TH, 2021



Sundays after
Pentecost

THE LORD JESUS CHRIST WELCOMES ALL!

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, especially our children.

GATHERING

WE PREPARE... *Today we hear James warn against selfish ambition, while the disciples quarrel over which one of them is the greatest. Jesus tells them the way to be great is to serve. Then, to make it concrete, he puts in front of them a flesh-and-blood child. We are called to welcome the children God puts in front of us, to make room for them in daily interaction, and to give them a place of honor in the assembly.*

PRELUDE / BELL/ PARISH NOTICES

(Please stand if able)

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

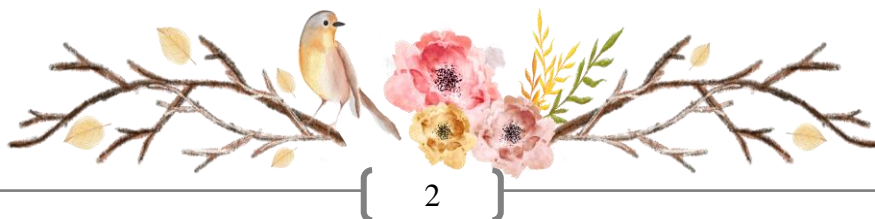
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**



GATHERING SONG

God's Work Our Hands



1 God's work, our hands: work - ing to - geth - er, build - ing a fu - ture, re - pair - ing the world,
 2 God's work, our feet: trav - 'ling to - geth - er, fol - low - ing Je - sus to plac - es un - known,
 3 God's work, our voice: sing - ing to - geth - er, prais - ing, pro - claim - ing to all who will hear,
 4 God is at work in and a - round us: seed - lings are sprout - ing and bread's on the rise!

rais - ing up homes, plant - ing new gar - dens, feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt - 'ring the cold.
 walk - ing as friends, march - ing for free - dom, run - ning the race with God's fu - ture the goal.
 pray - ing for peace, shout - ing for jus - tice, claim - ing God's love for the lost and the least.
 Washed and set free, hum - bled and hon - ored, gift - ed by grace, we re - spond in God's love.

Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,
 Bless, God, our feet as we fol - low your way, shar - ing the good news of your Gos - pel.
 Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,
 Bless, God, our lives as we an - swer your call,

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, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** (You may be seated)



WORD

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 11:18-20

The first reading is in Jeremiah chapter 11, verses 18 – 20.

*It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their evil deeds.
But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter.*

*And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying,
"Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living,
so that his name will no longer be remembered!"*

*But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and the mind,
let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause*

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

SECOND READING

James 3:4-4:3, 7-8a

The second reading is in James chapter 3, verse 13 through chapter 4 verse 3 & verses 7-8a.

*Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done
with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts,
do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is
earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be
disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable,
gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy.
And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.*

*Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your
cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit
murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts.
You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly,
in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the
devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.*

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

HYMN OF PRAISE (Please stand if able)

YOU ARE HOLY

The hymn is written on four staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a common time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes. The second staff continues the melody and lyrics. The third staff continues the melody and lyrics. The fourth staff concludes the hymn with the lyrics 'to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.'

You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.
Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

2

You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,
 you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!
 Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!
 Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

GOSPEL

Mark 9: 30 -37

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 9th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.

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

SERMON (You may be seated)

Pastor Tim Mason

SONG OF THE DAY

CHILDREN OF THE HEAVENLY FATHER

1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;
 2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour-ish.
 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;
 4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;
 nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ret - uge e'er was giv - en.
 From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.
 un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.
 his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

CREED (Please stand if able)

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 God in your mercy....**Hear our prayer.**

PEACE The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.** (You may be seated)

MEAL

OFFERING

Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken

3 Loaves are broken, words are spoken, as in
4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us

faith we gather here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the
in your name to share bread for which the mil - lions

a hun - ges: "I am with you; do not fear!"
hun - ger, words that tell your love and care.

Refrain

By your bod - y bro - ken for us, by your
Cm Ab Eb Bb Eb

wine of life out - poured, Je - sus, feed a - gain your
Ab Eb Bb G7 Cm Bb

peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.
Fm Ab Eb Fm7 Bb7 Eb

THE WORDS OF JESUS' PROMISE

LORD'S PRAYER (Please stand if able)

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

Go Tell the World

1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.
 2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - 'ry place.
 3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;
 4 "Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,

Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,
 Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.
 the nights of tears with you till the joy - ous day.
 for I am with you age shall end,

bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.
 Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.
 As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.
 when all the hosts of glo - ry cry, A - men!"

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

DISMISSAL

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

Please wait for the Usher to release you. Thank You.

Our Thanks To All Who Serve The Body Of Christ

SUNDAY 9:00 am Worship	
Accompanist	Mary Mulry
Reader	Cheryl Neidt
Sound Tech	Russ Sorensen
Greeters	Sue Pedersen & Pat Stevermer
Ushers	Isaac & Lee Johnson
Altar Guild	Joleen Dittbenner

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.



Finally, 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!

Thrivent members are invited to direct their Choice Dollars each year any time after April 1st of the year.

Please consider naming Trinity for your Choice Funds. Call 800-847-4836 and have your ID Number available



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.

Thanks to my Trinity family for their prayers while I was recovering from back surgery. It was much appreciated.

Bonnie Pettis





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God's work. Our hands.

Trinity will be participating in "God's work. Our hands" this September with over 9,000 other ELCA congregations Today!

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

Help from you and your family up for one (of 8) different projects to do after Worship today.
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 Eye
- Pack School Kits
- Tie Blankets
- Pack food for Weekend Food Bags at Mark Thomas

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 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 Giving: \$6019.00

September Giving: \$9455.16

Yearly Contributions to Date \$171,336.37

We are \$48,529.00 below budget.

Your help is needed.

This Week's Prayer Concerns

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 **Beth, Joan, Greg, Lois, 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.**

Pray for the beloved... who now rest from their labors in God's mercy and for all who mourn the personal loss of loved ones.... that God would fill each one with the hope of our Lord's promise to bring us to a new heaven and earth where suffering, crying, pain and death will be no more....

Pray for all families...that the Holy Spirit would bring compassion and mercy to all who are separated from one another and each would give way to mercy, love and reconciliation...

Pray for those preparing for marriage and those newly married...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 ...

Pray for the men and women serving in the Armed Forces and those far from home...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...

Pray for the missionaries of our church (ELCA)...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 Gillette

September 19th, 2021

Take up your cross and follow.

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 8:27-38	Taking up the cross
Monday	Romans 1:16-17	Paul not ashamed of the gospel
Tuesday	Philippians 3:7-16	Running towards the goal
Wednesday	Hebrews 12:1-13	The example of Jesus
Thursday	1 Peter 3:13-17	Suffering for doing right
Friday	1 Peter 5:6-11	God will restore those suffering
Saturday	Psalms 54	Thanksgiving for deliverance
Sunday	Mark 9:30-37	The servant of all is greatest



SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Jesus then told the crowd and the disciples to come closer, and he said, "If any of you want to be my followers, you must forget about yourself. You must take up your cross and follow me." Mark 8:34

SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord Jesus Christ, give us strength today to take up our crosses and follow you. Amen. (Mark 8:29, 34)

Mealtime Prayer:

Lord Jesus, as we chew and as we swallow, make us strong to love and follow. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God's goodness give you peace in your heart and your mind. May the Lord protect you with kindness. Amen. (Ps. 116:5-7)

CARING CONVERSATION

Discuss in your household or small group:

- Share about a time when you carried something heavy. How hard was it to do?
- Jesus says that if we want to come after him, we must pick up our crosses and follow him. What do you think he means?
- Do you think it is hard or easy to follow Jesus? Why?

DEVOTIONS

When you gather as a household this week at mealtimes or for your home devotions, begin by making the sign of the cross. This is an ancient Christian tradition that reminds us that we are people saved through the cross of Christ. To make the sign of the cross, bring together your thumb and index and middle fingers. Place them on your forehead, then move down to the sternum, then from the left shoulder across to your right shoulder.

SERVICE

We serve others not only through what we do, but also through what we say. James 3:1-9 encourages us to use our tongues to bless others, not hurt them. Aim to be God's "sacred agents" with your words this week in your home, workplace, school, church and community groups. Set out each day to give at least one compliment or affirmation to someone else. Report back to each other daily about your experiences.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Visual symbols are a powerful means for communicating our faith and reminding us of Christ's place in our lives. What crosses do you have on display in your home? Aim to have a cross of some type in every room. Spend time together designing crosses (from paper, wood or other materials) to place on your walls or furniture.

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