

Trinity Lutheran Church

**September
26th, 2021**

**Eighteenth
Sunday after
PENTECOST
Lectionary 26**

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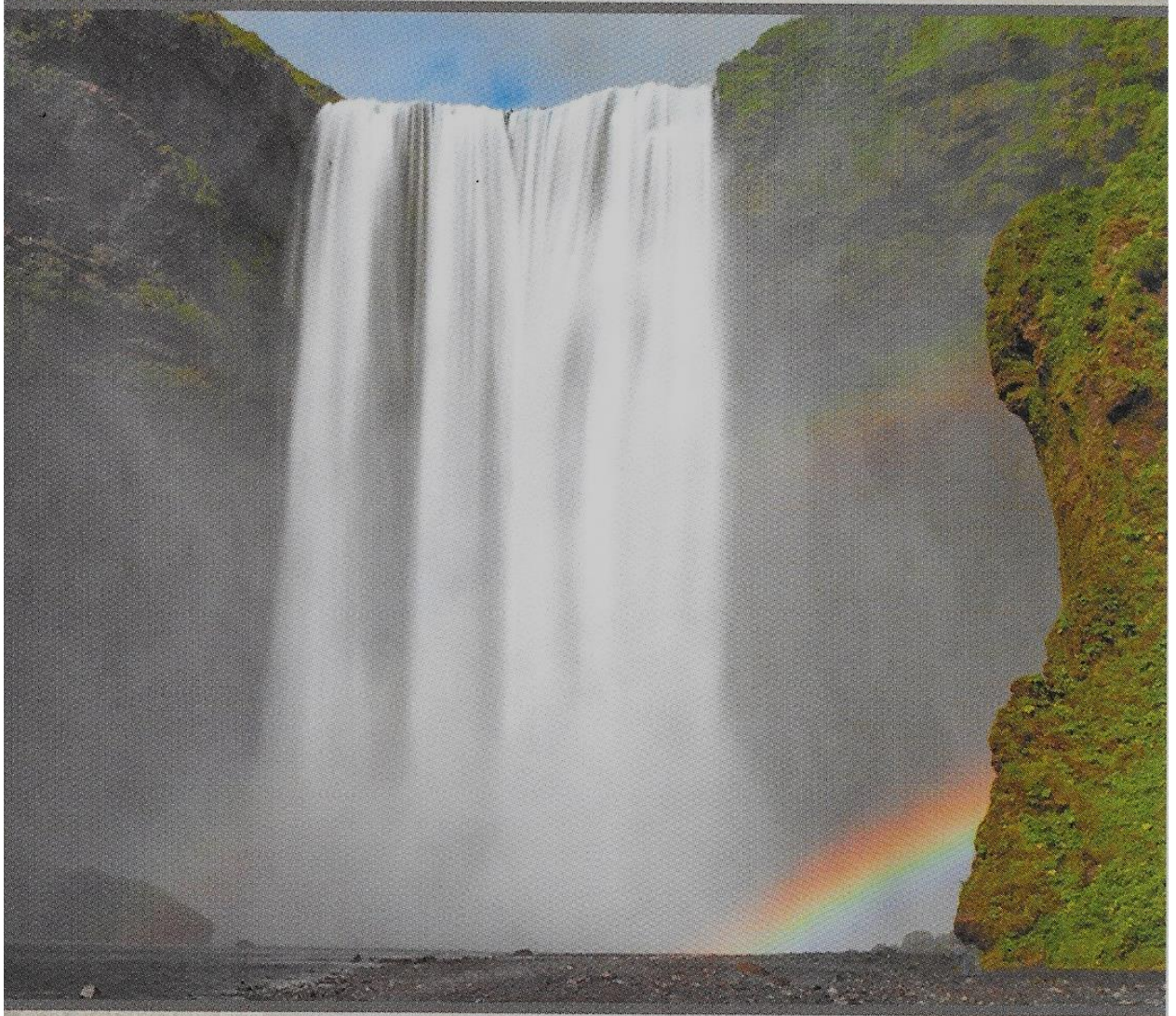
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The **wisdom**
from above is
first pure,



*then peaceable,
gentle*

EIGHTEENTH WEEK AFTER PENTECOST

LECTION 26 ~ SETTING 4

9:00 A.M. ~ Sunday, September 26th, 2021

Welcome to



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.

We welcome Pastor Stephen Cook to Trinity as he installs Pastor Tim Mason so that we may begin our work together... Remind us again, O Lord, of your promise to be present wherever and whenever people are gathered in your name. Amen!

GATHERING

WE PREPARE: *Someone who isn't part of Jesus' own circle is casting out demons in Jesus' name, and the disciples want him stopped. They appeal to Jesus, as Joshua did to Moses about the elders who prophesied without official authorization. Like Moses, Jesus refuses to see this as a threat. Jesus welcomes good being done in his name, even when it is not under his control. The circle we form around Jesus' word must be able to value good being done in ways we wouldn't do it, by people we can't keep tabs on.*

PRELUDE/RINGING OF THE BELL

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing



1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.

While the hope of end - less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God;
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.

teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good - ness prove.
 he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

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

Let us pray.

Almighty God, through your Son Jesus Christ you gave the holy apostles many gifts and commanded them to feed your flock. Inspire all pastors to proclaim your word diligently and your people to receive it willingly, that finally we may receive the crown of eternal glory; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

The first reading is in Numbers chapter 11, verses 4–6, 10–16, 24–29. What constitutes legitimate need and legitimate leadership is the focus of this reading. God provides manna in the wilderness, yet the people crave meat. What is truly needful? God bestows the spirit on seventy elders, yet two men not designated as leaders prophesy in the power of God's spirit. What constitutes real leadership?

The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, "If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at."

Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the LORD became very angry, and Moses was displeased. So Moses said to the LORD, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child,' to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, 'Give us meat to eat!' I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once — if I have found favor in your sight — and do not let me see my misery."

So the LORD said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you. So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again."

Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!"

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

SECOND READING

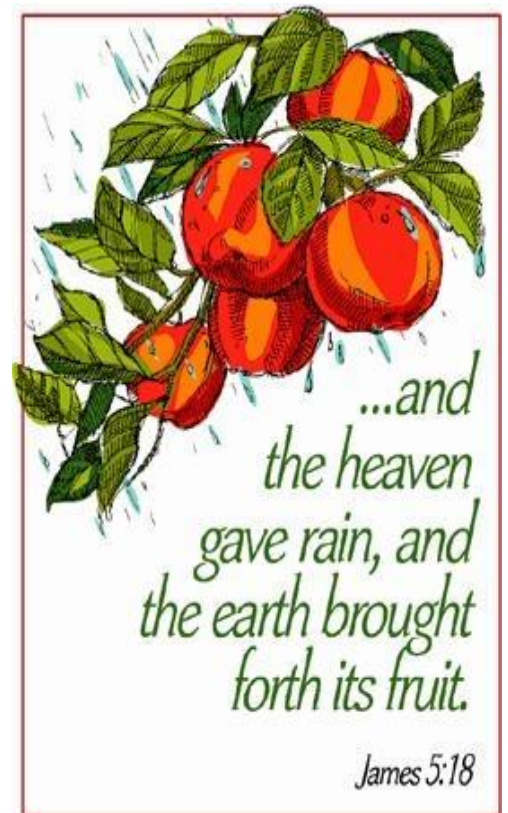
James 5:13-20

The second reading is in James chapter 5, verses 13–20. Marks of the Christian community include praying for those who are sick and in need, celebrating with those in good health, restoring those who have strayed, confessing sins to one another, and offering forgiveness to each other.

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

LORD LET MY HEART BE GOOD SOIL



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 gospel is found in Mark chapter 9, verses 38–50. On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus teaches his disciples about ministry that involves service and sacrifice. His disciples are slow to realize that these words apply to them as well as to others.

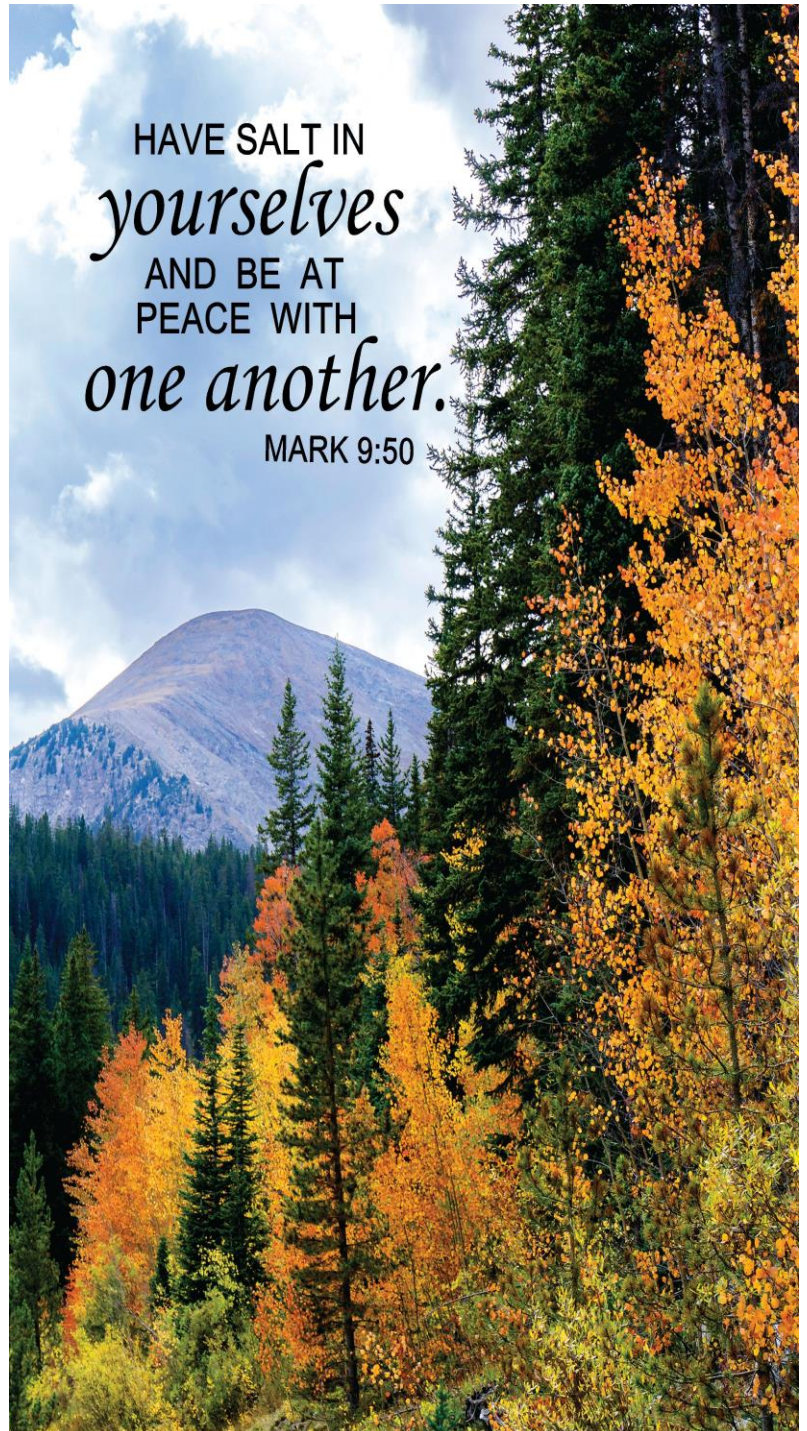
The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 9th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

John said to him, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

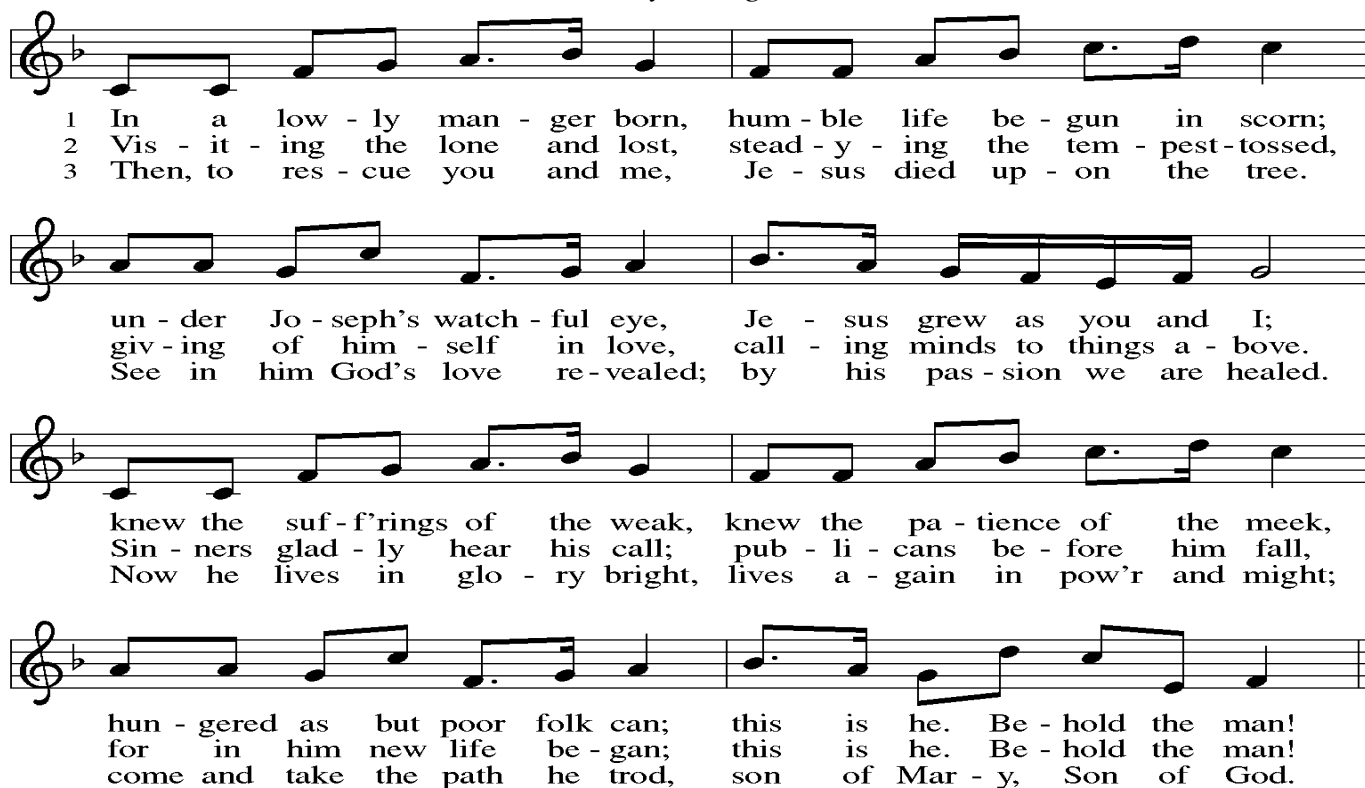
If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

For everyone will be salted with fire.

Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."



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



1 In a low - ly man - ger born, hum - ble life be - gun in scorn;
 2 Vis - it - ing the lone and lost, stead - y - ing the tem - pest - tossed,
 3 Then, to res - cue you and me, Je - sus died up - on the tree.

un - der Jo - seph's watch - ful eye, Je - sus grew as you and I;
 giv - ing of him - self in love, call - ing minds to things a - bove.
 See in him God's love re - vealed; by his pas - sion we are healed.

knew the suf - f'rings of the weak, knew the pa - tience of the meek,
 Sin - ners glad - ly hear his call; pub - li - cans be - fore him fall,
 Now he lives in glo - ry bright, lives a - gain in pow'r and might;

hun - gered as but poor folk can; this is he. Be - hold the man!
 for in him new life be - gan; this is he. Be - hold the man!
 come and take the path he trod, son of Mar - y, Son of God.

INSTALLATION OF PASTOR TIMOTHY MASON

Please Stand

P: Having been authorized by the Church to install Timothy Mason, our co-worker in the Gospel, as Pastor, I now ask for certification of this call.

L: We, of Trinity Lutheran Church, after prayerful deliberation, have elected Tim Mason to be our Pastor. I present him for installation. [This letter certifies the call.]

Sit

P: *Our Lord Jesus Christ says:* "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you. Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." (John 20:21-23)

And again: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age." (Matthew 28:18-20)

Hear the words addressed to Timothy: Set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Till I come, attend to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophetic utterance when the council of elders laid their hands upon you. Practice these duties, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress. Take heed to yourself and to your teaching; hold to that, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers. (1 Timothy 4:12-16)

P: Pastor Tim Mason, in the presence of this congregation will you commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility, and promise to discharge your duties in harmony with the constitutions of the church?

R: I will, and I ask God to help me.

P: Will you preach and teach in accordance with the Holy Scriptures and the Confessions of the Lutheran Church?

R: I will, and I ask God to help me.

P: Will you love, serve, and pray for God's people? Will you nourish them with the Word and Holy Sacraments, leading them by your own example in the use of the means of grace, in faithful service and holy living?

R: I will, and I ask God to help me.

P: Will you give faithful witness in the world, that God's love may be known in all that you do?

R: I will, and I ask God to help me.

P: Almighty God, who has given you the will to do these things, graciously give you the strength and compassion to perform them.

C: Amen.

Stand

P: And you, people of God, will you receive this messenger of Jesus Christ, sent by God to serve God's people with the Gospel of hope and salvation? Will you regard him as a servant of Christ and a steward of the mysteries of God?

C: We will, and we ask God to help us. P: Will you pray for him, help and honor him for his work's sake, and in all things strive to live together in the peace and unity of Christ?

C: We will, and we ask God to help us.

P: The office of Pastor is now committed to you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The newly installed pastor kneels

P: The God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in you that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory forever and ever.

C: Amen.

The pastor stands ~ Congregation sits

The presiding minister escorts the pastor to the font, where a representative of the congregation says:

L: You have been called to be among us to baptize, to teach, and to forgive sins.

They proceed to the pulpit, where a representative of the congregation says:

L: You have been called to be among us to proclaim the good news.

They proceed to the altar, where a representative of the congregation says:

You have been called to be among us to lead worship and preside at the Holy Communion.

(Welcome of Pastor Mason with applause!)



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

MEAL

OFFERING

Change My Heart O God

ELW #801

Refrain



Change my heart, O God; make it ev - er true.

End



Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.



You are the pot - ter; I am the clay.

Refrain



Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

(THE USHERS BRING UP THE OFFERING)

OFFERING PRAYER

Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, as you were made known to the disciples. Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world.

Amen.

THE 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. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

Come, eat, drink, and live the life God has for you.



COMMUNION BLESSING

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKS

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **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, Make Disciples

ELW #540

The musical notation is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, using quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the notes.

“Go, make dis - ci - ples, bap - tiz - ing them, teach - ing them.

Go, make dis - ci - ples, for I am with you till the end of time.

Go, be the salt of the earth. Go, be the light for the world.

Go, be a cit - y on a hill, so all can see that you're

serv - ing me. Go, make dis - ci - ples.”

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Our Thanks To All Who Serve The Body Of Christ

| SUNDAY | | 9:00 am Worship |
|-------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| Accompanist | Mary Mulry | |
| Reader | Dave Vosbeck | |
| Sound Tech | Russ Sorensen | |
| Greeters | Sue Pedersen & Darlene Brummund | |
| Ushers | Eric, Juliann, Lee Wahlborg | |
| 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.



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God's work.
Our hands.

Great Thanks to all who participated in God's Work Our Hands this year. Together we make a difference in our Church, our Community, and our World.

Thanks for working together as people of God.

VALLEYS CARE

It's a SCARY good time!

Saturday, October 23; 5pm-1:30am

\$25 includes admission & transportation

SIGN UP WITH MAREN BY 10/17



LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE

AFGHAN HUMANITARIAN CRISIS

SEPTEMBER 2021 ELCA.org/disaster

The United States has withdrawn from the war in Afghanistan. The United States has been evacuating thousands of Afghans who served alongside Americans. The withdrawal deadline of Aug. 31 has caused pressure on resettlement agencies to accompany Afghan families, thousands of whom have arrived in the final months. In Afghanistan, many Afghans are seeking safety in Kabul, but this influx of internally displaced people (IDPs) is burdening a weakened infrastructure.

Lutheran Disaster Response is reaching out to synods and affiliates that are taking a role in welcoming Afghan families. Lutheran Disaster Response is also in partnership with Lutheran

Immigration and Refugee Service (IIRS) and Church World Service (CWS). To respond to the humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan, Community World Service Asia (CWSA) is assisting Afghan families in Kabul through food security and cash assistance. Lutheran Disaster Response contributed to ACT Alliance's Rapid Response Fund, which is funding CWSA's work.

Lutheran Disaster Response's engagement is to respond to the immediate humanitarian crisis, supplementing the work of IIRS and CWS. Your gifts designated to "Afghan Humanitarian Crisis" will be used in full (100%) to support those affected by the situation in Afghanistan. Give today to support this response and others like it.

Yes, I want to help!

☐ Lutheran Disaster Response: Afghan Humanitarian Crisis \$ DDG0093
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LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE

HURRICANE IDA

AUGUST 2021 ELCA.org/disaster

Hurricane Ida made landfall near New Orleans on Aug. 29 – exactly 16 years after Hurricane Katrina. As a strong Category 4 storm, Hurricane Ida's 150 mph winds, torrential rain and strong storm surge caused widespread flooding and wind damage in southeastern Louisiana and coastal Mississippi.

Strong winds knocked out power lines and electrical substations, leaving more than 1 million people without power, including the entirety of New Orleans. The impact of Ida is yet to be fully assessed, but with a hurricane of this scale, rebuilding will be costly and take years. Immediate needs will include basic necessities and temporary housing.

Long after the headlines change, Lutheran Disaster Response will continue to accompany communities on the journey of rebuilding their homes and lives. 100% of your gift will support those affected by Hurricane Ida. Together, we can help provide immediate and long-lasting support. Give today to support this response and others like it.

YES, I WANT TO HELP!

☐ Lutheran Disaster Response: U.S. Hurricanes \$ DDG0073
☐ Lutheran Disaster Response: Where needed most \$ DDG0010

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LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE

HAITI CRISIS

AUGUST 2021 ELCA.org/disaster

In August 2021, a devastating 7.2 magnitude earthquake struck southwest Haiti. Over 1,400 people were killed, and thousands more were injured. Blocked roads are delaying the delivery of vital supplies to hospitals. At least 26,000 homes were damaged or destroyed.

For over two decades, the ELCA has maintained a presence in southern Haiti through support for agricultural and sustainable development work. To continue our engagement with those communities, Lutheran Disaster Response is collaborating with partner organizations in the

Yes, I want to help!

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Living as “salty” people for Jesus.

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.

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|-----------|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Sunday | Mark 9:38-50 | Avoiding sin |
| Monday | Matthew 5:13-20 | You are the salt of the earth |
| Tuesday | Luke 14:25-35 | Keep your saltiness |
| Wednesday | Colossians 4:2-6 | Salty conversation |
| Thursday | Romans 6:1-14 | Do not let sin rule you |
| Friday | 1 Corinthians 10:23-33 | Do not cause others to stumble |
| Saturday | Psalms 101:1-3 | Pursuing a blameless life |
| Sunday | Mark 10:2-16 | Jesus blesses the children |



SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

“Salt is good for seasoning. But if it loses its flavor, how do you make it salty again? You must have the qualities of salt among yourselves and live in peace with each other.” Mark 9:50

SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord God, make us salty people who flavor the world with goodness, love and peace. Amen. (Mark 9:38-50)

Mealtime Prayer:

Lord, thanks we say for night and day, food and shelter, rest and play. Be our guest and with us stay. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God's teachings guide you in all that you do and give you peace. Amen.

CARING CONVERSATION

Discuss in your household or small group:

- In what different ways is salt used? How do you use salt?
- Jesus says his followers must have the qualities of salt (Mark 9:50). What do you think he means?
- In what ways do our lives flavor the lives of others? How are you God's salt in your relationships with others?

DEVOTIONS

Place a bowl of salty water in the center of your meal table. In your household devotional times this week, use a spoon to give each other water to drink. As each person swallows the salty water, say these words, “Be salt for Jesus, through what you do and say.”

SERVICE

Jesus urges us to care for our fellow Christians – he says that those who give even a cup of water to a fellow believer in Christ's name will be rewarded by God (Mark 9:41). Are there opportunities in your church to serve others with food and/or drinks? Volunteer your time as a household to do so.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Enjoy salty foods in your home this week. Make up placemats featuring Jesus' words from Mark 9:50 – “*Have the qualities of salt among yourselves and live in peace with each other*” – and use these throughout the week at your meal table.

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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!

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"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

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| Weekly Giving: | \$4414.25 |
| September Giving: | \$13,869.41 |
| Yearly Contributions to Date | \$175,750.62 |
| We are \$50,057.00 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, Jerry, Linda, 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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WH^{}EVER

“ *is not against us* ”

IS FOR US.

Mark 9:40