

**Trinity
Lutheran
Church**

**September
22nd, 2024**

**18 Sunday of
PENTECOST
Lection 25**

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"Anyone who wants to be

**FIRST
LAST,**
*must be the very
and the servant of all."*

MARK 9:35



18TH WEEK AFTER PENTECOST~ LECTION 25

SERVICE OF THE WORD

God's Radical Love, Lived Our Every Day

9:00 A.M. September 22nd, 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: *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/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.**

GATHERING SONG

God Is Here

ELW #526

1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of

praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
 need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
 flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,
 change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;

what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
 here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
 Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants
 help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's

world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
 ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
 of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
 ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;

wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

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.**

Save me, O God, by your name; in your might, defend my cause.

Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.

For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have sought my life,
those who have no regard for God.

Behold, God is my helper; it is the Lord who sustains my life.

Render evil to those who spy on me; in your faithfulness, destroy them.

I will offer you a freewill sacrifice and praise your name, O LORD, for it is good.

For you have rescued me from every trouble, and my eye looks down on my enemies.

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.**

WORD

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 11:18-20

The first reading is in Jeremiah chapter 11, verses 18 – 20. Today's reading tells of the suffering of the prophet Jeremiah, who announced God's word to Judah but was met with intense opposition and persecution. Jeremiah continues to trust in God in the midst of his suffering.

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: 13-4:3, 7-8a

The second reading is in James chapter 3, verse 13 through chapter 4 verse 3 and verses 7-8a. The wisdom God gives unites our hearts and minds. Instead of living to satisfy our own wants and desires, we manifest this wisdom in peace, gentleness, mercy, and impartiality toward others.

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.

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.**

MESSAGE

Pastor Grant Fischer

SONG OF THE DAY

Jesus Loves Me

ELW

#595

1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;
 2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;
 3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;

lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.
 he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.
 when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

Refrain

Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,

yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

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



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

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

ELW #679



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

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.

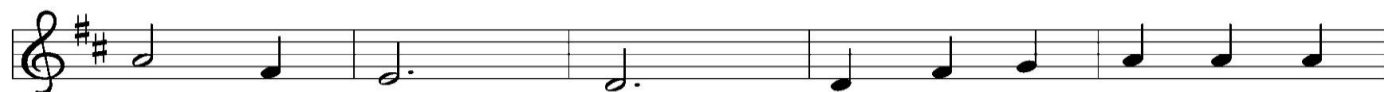
SENDING SONG

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

ELW #815



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to
3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,
be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with

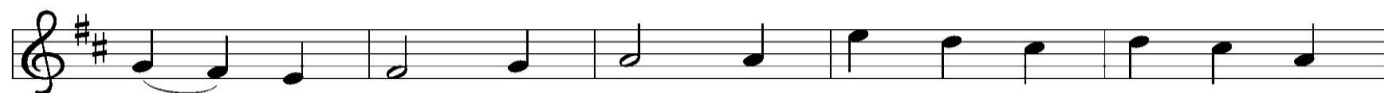


light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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	Natalie Fulmer	
Reader	Karen Voge	
Sound Techs	Russ Sorensen	
Greeters	Jeff & Lynette Carlson	
Ushers	Eric & Juliann Wahlborg	
Altar Guild	Sara Sellner & Nicole Jensen	

*WE EXPRESS OUR SYMPATHIES to Jody and Greg Anderson and her family and friends in the loss of her father, **James Wendinger** who passed away on Wednesday, September 4th and was laid to rest with services at St. Mary's Catholic Church. May God bless and keep them in His perfect peace.*



The Flowers on the altar are in honor of the Golden Anniversaries of Rod & Darlene Brummund, September 14th, 1974, and Dale & Diane Eckstein, September 28th, 1974. May God continue to bless them in their lives together.

*Rod & Darlene Brummund
50th Wedding Anniversary!*

*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.





Trinity Choir welcomes new members Sunday at 8 A.M.

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,
All are welcome
to ring in the music to come!

Call Rose at 507 276-0013 with any questions



Adult Forum will start for the fall after worship this Sunday, September 15. Bring your coffee to the Friendship Room. We will start about 15 minutes after worship ends—around 10:10. I'll ring a bell before we start. We will be done by 11:00. No cost, no homework, no obligation.

This Sunday we will begin with a look at some of Jesus's teachings in the Gospel of John. Amy-Jill Levine will be our (video) guide. If you have never attended Adult Forum before, you are very welcome to join. No cost, just a chance to look at our shared faith from some new angles. If you are thinking about attending, could you replay to me through this email? I'd appreciate it. 507-227-7746 if you have more questions.

Mark Beito



OCTOBER 3, 5, & 6

Sleepy Eye High School Auditorium

Thursday, October 3 - 7pm Saturday, October 5 - 2pm & 7pm
Sunday, October 6 - 2pm

Pre-sale reserved seating and general admission tickets may be purchased
September 22-27 and September 30-October 2
from 3:00-4:00pm at the SENE concession stand
Tickets are also available at the show, 1 hour prior to performance

Adults: \$10.00 — Students (16-18th Grade): \$8.00
Children (5th Grade & Under): \$6.00

MARY POPPINS JR. is presented through special arrangement with Mink Theatre International INC.
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September 22nd, 2024

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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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:	119
Church School & Confirmation	61
Website	34
Bible Studies Attendance:	9+7 =15
Weekly Giving:	\$3779.00
September Giving	\$14,949.97
Amount given this year	\$171,323.62
Amount needed to meet Budget	\$206,280.00
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, Larry, 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**...and Jody & Greg Anderson in the loss of her father, **James Wendinger**...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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