

Trinity Lutheran Church

October 1,
2023

**Eighteenth
Sunday
after
PENTECOST
Lection 26**

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“Go and work in the vineyard today.”

MATTHEW 21:28



EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HOLY COMMUNION ~ ELW SETTING 4 ~ LECTION 26

9:00 am Sunday October 1, 2023



EVERYONE SING TO THE LORD A NEW SONG! HALLELUJAH!

All are welcome in this house of worship as we gather to give thanks and share God's gifts of Word & Sacrament. Through faith our Lord promises to be present in and through the bread & cup to all who believe as we gather in Jesus' name receiving God's gifts of forgiveness, salvation and eternal life. We Welcome Pastor Grant Fischer as he leads our worship today. You are invited to fellowship and refreshments following our Sunday worship.

WORSHIP AIDS

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS are available from an usher ask the usher.

ACTIVITY BAGS for children are on a stand at the back of church; please return after services. Thank you.

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

GLUTEN FREE wafers are available. Simply tell the server you wish to receive *gluten free*.

GATHERING

WE PREPARE... *Jesus' parable about two sons who don't do what they say reveals surprises in the reign of God. In the reading from Ezekiel the people claim the ways of the Lord are unfair, while God offers repentance and new life. Paul urges us to look to Christ as a model of humility, putting the interests of others above our own. Nourished by the broken bread and shared cup, we offer our lives for the sake of our needy world.*

PRELUDE / PARISH NOTICES / BELL

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through 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.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**



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

God of hosts most gracious, God the Son who saves us, and God the Spirit placed upon us, be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

PRESENTATION OF PLAQUES TO THE PRE-SCHOOL

L: Jesus says “*Let the little children come to me.*” About three or four years ago you were brought here to be baptized and the pastor slashed some water on your head. Some of you may have even cried! For sure, Jesus loves you and he made you one of his children, too. Your parents promised to teach you and bring you here to church, where you can learn more about Jesus and sing songs in his name.

Two weeks ago we started Church School. Do you remember placing your hand in something blue and making a hand print on a piece of paper? You may have noticed your hand prints all look different. None are the same. We all are different, and yet God loves each of us just as we are. And we can be happy about that, because on your plaque it says, ***Jesus loves you*** and the day you were baptized. I hope you will let your hand plaque remind you how special you are to Jesus. And now, Pastor is going to share a Bible story with you.

L: One-day mothers were bringing their little children to Jesus so he could put his hands on their heads and bless them, but some of the people with Jesus thought he was too busy to take time to hold the children. Jesus scolded them for thinking he had no time for children. Then he sat down and took the children up in his arms and put his hands upon them and blessed them— just like I do when you come to Holy Communion with your parents. I place my hand on your head to bless you.

Now, while I pray I want you to kneel on the cushion and as you do that, your parents will place their hands on your head just like Jesus did. It’s a way of saying that Jesus loves you. Let us pray:

Dear Jesus, these children have been brought to you to have you lay your hands on them. We thank you that they belong to you and that you always have time for them. We pray they will always have time to learn about you in the Bible. As they grow-up help them to know that you died on the cross and rose again to give all of us the gifts of forgiveness, salvation and everlasting life. All this, we pray in your precious Name. **Amen.**



WORD

FIRST READING:

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

The word of the LORD came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

Yet you say, "The way of the LORD is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the LORD is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

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

SECOND READING

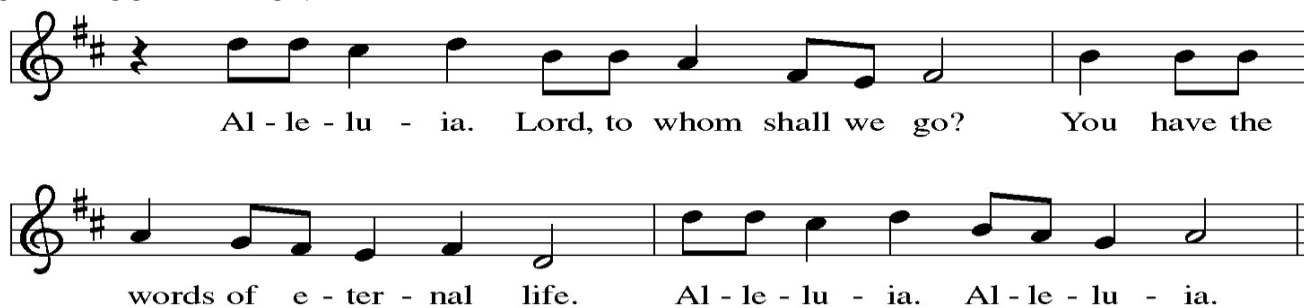
Philippians 2:1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death — even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL READING:

Matthew 21:23-32

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 21st chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

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

SERMON

Pastor Grant Fischer

SONG OF THE DAY

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

ELW #712



1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser-vice bore the weight of hu-man need,
2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry cry for bread;
3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, till your love's re-veal-ing light
4 Called by wor-ship to your ser-vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up-on the cross, for-sak-en, worked your mer-cy's per-fect deed:
still the cap-tives long for free-dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up-on our quick-ened sight,
to the child, the youth, the a-ged, love in liv-ing deeds to show;



we, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a-lone, but heart;
As you, Lord, in deep com-pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,
hope and health, good-will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give,



con-se-crating to your pur-pose ev-'ry gift which you im-part.
by your Spir-it send your pow-er to our world to make it whole.
stir-ring us to ar-dent ser-vice, your a-bun-dant life to share.
that your ser-vants, Lord, in free-dom may your mer-cy know and live.

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 THE CHURCH/DEDICATION OF QUILTS

- L: Almighty and gracious God,
C: **you have so richly blessed us, but we pray for more, much more.**
- L: We pray for grateful hearts, for a humble awareness of our abundance amid all the world's poverty and pain.
C: **Lord, we pray for more.**
- L: We pray for the courage to give generously of our resources—our imaginations, our time and abilities, our material wealth.
C: **We pray yet for more, Lord.**
- L: We pray for strength to reject rationalizations which lead to indifference and silence in this climate of entitlement and insatiable desire.
C: **Lord, for much more we pray.**
- L: We pray for confident hope, in the presence of such overwhelming needs, to know that each offering of money, quilts, and material resources makes a welcomed difference for others, and to you.
C: **For still more, Lord, we pray.**
- L: We pray for lifestyles of justice and mercy, living more simply, being advocates for those more needful than we, supporting fair trade, being compassionate in our role as citizens.
C: **Lord, yet again we pray for more.**
- L: We pray for your promised forgiveness for the fears, the selfishness, the thoughtlessness, the suspicions, and the self-righteousness which hinder loving our neighbor. We pray for grateful and greater obedience to mark our thanksgiving today.
C: **Yes, for one more thing we pray.**
- L: We pray you would bless those who labor on our behalf through all the work of Lutheran World Relief and its partners; help us to uphold them with our prayers, our encouragement, our gifts, and our willingness to learn from others.
C: **In the name of our Lord who encouraged us to ask boldly, we pray. Amen.**



THE PEACE

MEAL

THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

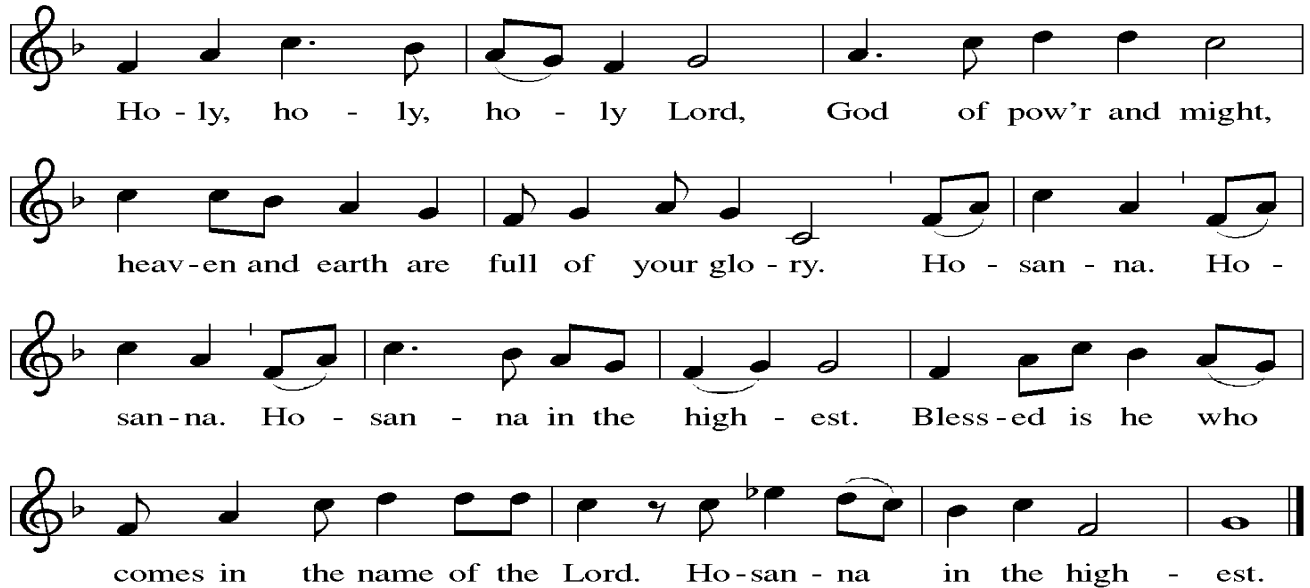
Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

And also with you.

We lift them to the Lord.

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, the true Paschal Lamb who gave Himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with the earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



WORDS OF JESUS

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

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



PRAYER

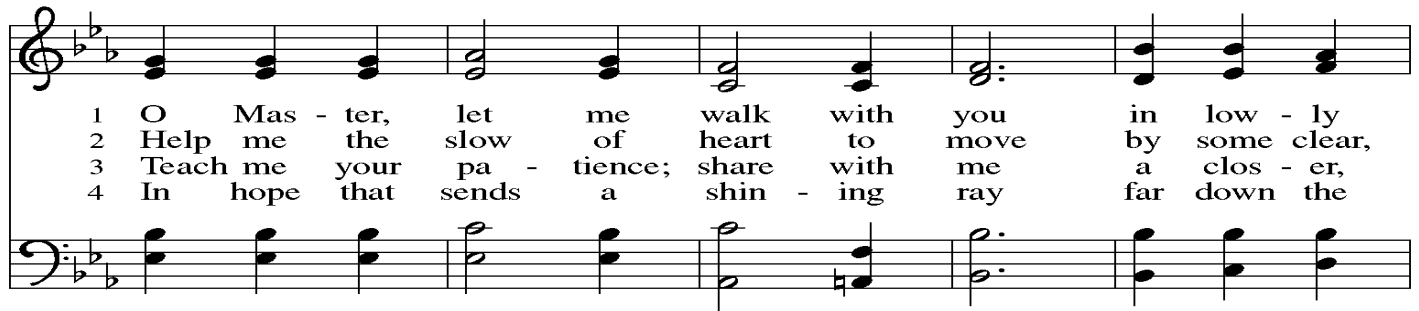
Let us pray. Living God, you have greeted us in our brokenness and nourished us with the body of Christ, broken for us. Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Risen to new life with you, send us now to bear your healing love into the wounded world, in the name of our risen Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

(The offering is brought forward by the ushers.)

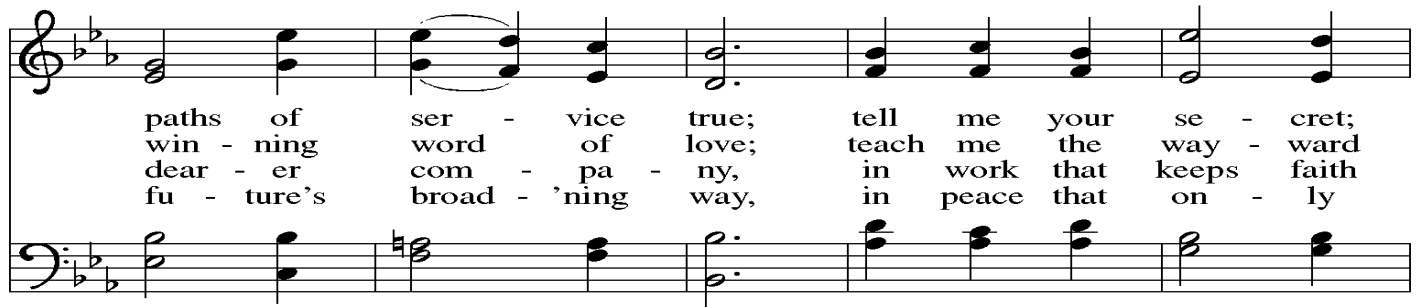
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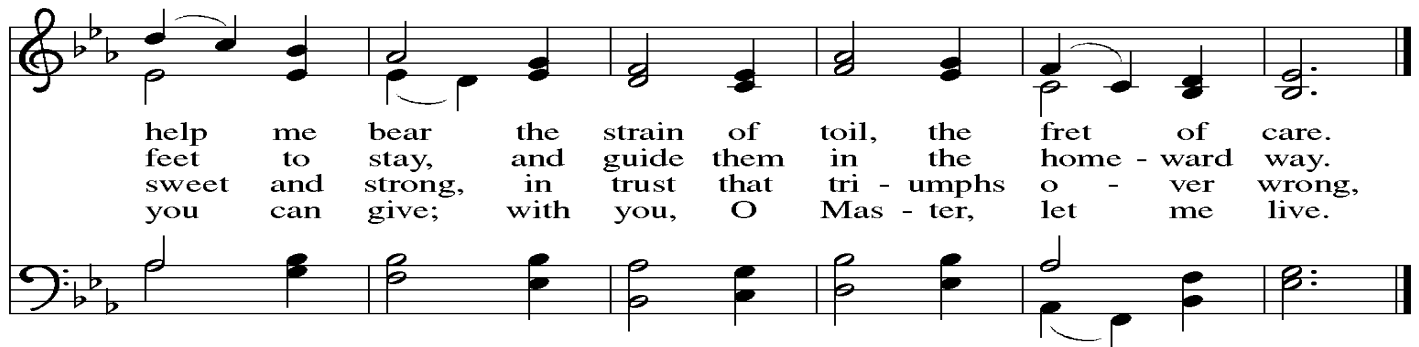
The God of glory, ✚ Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**



1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with you in low - ly
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,
 3 Teach me your pa - tience; share with me a clos - er,
 4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the



paths of ser - vice true; tell me your se - cret;
 win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward
 dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith
 fu - ture's broad - 'ning way, in peace that on - ly



help me to bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
 feet sweet and strong, and in guide them that in the home - ward way.
 you can give; with you, O tri - umphs o - ver wrong,
 let me live.

BELL / DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



OUR THANKS TO ALL WHO SERVE GOD'S WORK...OUR HANDS!

SUNDAY 9:00 am Worship	
Accompanist	Mary Mulry
Acolyte	Jacob Fulmer
Reader	Cindy Steffl
Communion Assistant	Lee Johnson
Sound Techs	Russ Sorensen
Usher/Greeters	Dave & Mardy Vosbeck, Chris Mangen
Altar Guild	Joleen Dittbenner

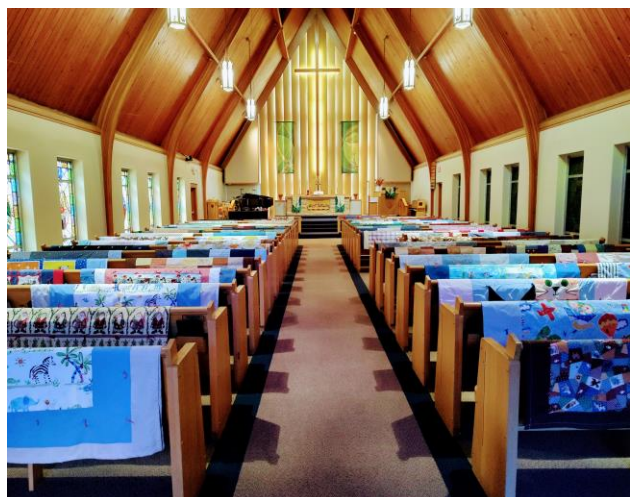


We Thank Pastor Grant Fischer for leading our Worship today! He will be with us October 15th and 22nd as well. Welcome Back! Pastor Dennis Frank will be leading Worship October 8th & 29th. We are blessed to welcome them both.

I'm pleased to announce Pastor Grant Fischer will serve as our part time interim Pastor starting this Sunday. He will be with us on Wednesdays and Thursdays in addition to Sundays. I want to thank the Lay Ministry and Stewardship boards for their efforts in this process. Let us all welcome Pastor Grant.

Executive Director Brian Polesky

Pastor Tim Mason has reached his California destination safely. If you wish to contribute to his Congregational parting gifts, there is a basket in the back of the Sanctuary along with the Noisy Offering Can. The Noisy Offering this month will go to World Hunger. Our World certainly needs help in this regard. Thank you for your contributions.



The 120 mission quilts displayed in church today will be sent to Lutheran World Relief. We have already sent 50 quilts earlier this year. We are blessed to have 3 ladies from our community [Karen Okerman, Kitty Schultz and Kamakshi Murthy] who join our group of 6 Trinity ladies and share their talents to help carry out this mission of quilt making. We also want to thank Mark Miller, who this year donated quilt tops his mother had made and "yards and yards" of new material that we can use to continue making mission quilts and the grad quilts that Pat Stevermer makes.

The WELCA ladies also want to thank everyone who contributed in some way to help us make, fill, pack and send 359 school bags this month. We had sent 31 bags earlier this year for a grand total of 390 school bags to Lutheran World Relief.

Thanks also to Neil Neidt and Darlene Brummund for hanging the new quilts in the library. They are lit beautifully by our new windows. No more leaks!



Thank you all! Your WELCA women.



Great Thanks to all who helped with the projects of Trinity's "God's Work Our Hands." Together we make a difference in our Church, Community, and the World!

SEMC has the New Flu and the Bivalent COVID booster available. You have call SEMC at 794-3691 to schedule an appointment. Forms for the vaccine are available at the church in the narthex or on the SEMC website.

Boosters are also available at Randy's Drug. Please call ahead. Flu shots are available anytime.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Pastor Grant Fischer 9 am-Holy Communion~ Pre-school Plaques 10:00 am Fellowship Hour	2 9 am Quilting & Bandage Making 3:30 pm WELCA	3 7 am-Men's Bible Study 6:30 pm AA	4 9 am-Women's Bible Study 5 pm Trinity Choir 6 pm Bell Choir 6:30 pm Church School 7 pm Confirmation Class	5	6	7
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29 Reformation Sunday Pastor Dennis Frank 9 am- Worship 10:00 am Fellowship Hour	30 9 am Quilting & Bandage Making	31 7 am-Men's Bible Study 6:30 pm AA 				Don't forget your change for Noisy Offering this Month!

SLEEPY EYE HIGH SCHOOL

presents:



Disney
THE LION KING
EXPERIENCE

Music and Lyrics by

**Elton John
& Tim Rice**

Additional Music and Lyrics by

**Lebo M, Mark Mancina,
Jay Rifkin, and Hans Zimmer**

Book by

**Roger Allers
& Irene Mecchi**

Based on the Broadway production directed by

Julie Taymor

Music Adapted & Arranged and Additional Music & Lyrics and "Luau Hawaiian Treat" written by **Will Van Dyke**

OCTOBER 12, 14, & 15

Sleepy Eye High School Auditorium

Thursday, October 12 - 7pm | Saturday, October 14 - 2pm

Saturday, October 14 - 7pm | Sunday, October 15 - 2pm

Pre-sale reserved seating and general admission tickets may be
purchased October 2nd-6th and October 9th-11th
from 3:30-5:30pm at the SEHS concession stand

Tickets are also available at the door, 1 hour prior to performances

Adults: \$10.00 ~ Students (7th-12th Grade): \$8.00

Children (6th Grade & Under): \$6.00

The Lion King Experience is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).
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New Orleans July 15-20



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
is going to the
2024 ELCA YOUTH GATHERING!

**TEXT KATE NELSON IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN
MORE INFORMATION @320-223-3231**

TRINITY YOUTH CAMPFIRE

Join us on Sunday, October 22nd at 5:30

Sportsmans Park



We will help with some park clean up, roast some hot dogs and marshmallows, and enjoy each other's company!



Faith Formation & Youth Ministry Coordinator

**Trinity Lutheran Church
Sleepy Eye, MN
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Job Description

Trinity Lutheran Church is a welcoming church focused on evangelism and mission in the community of Sleepy Eye and beyond. As a welcoming and nurturing church, we are shaped by prayer, worship, scripture and the Holy Spirit, where everyone's gifts are valued, where people's spiritual needs are met, and God's love with the world is shared.

Position: Faith Formation Youth Ministry Coordinator (Part-time)

Summary of Position: Faith Formation Youth Ministry Coordinator oversees and directs Christian Education for the youth and children's ministries, and manages the development and growth of the Christian Education and Youth programs while building relationships with families and their children.

Supervision: Christian Education Board and Board of Young People's Work

Supported by: Senior Pastor(s), Personnel Committee other church staff and members of Trinity Lutheran Church

15 hours per week which are flexible to meet the needs of the church based on planned activities and evenings and weekends required as needed.

Compensation: \$16/hr

Further information and Application on our website www.trinitysleepyeye.org under About Us/Employment or in the Church office.

October 1, 2023

Jesus is a “stone” upon which we can build our lives.

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	Matthew 21:33-46	Parable of the vineyard tenants
Monday	Ezekiel 19:1,10-14	A lament for Israel the vine
Tuesday	Amos 9:11-15	God will restore Israel
Wednesday	Luke 13:6-9	Parable of the fig tree
Thursday	John 7:40-52	Acceptance and rejection of Jesus
Friday	Acts 14:1-7	Acceptance and rejection of the Gospel
Saturday	Psalms 128	Blessed are all who fear the Lord
Sunday	Matthew 22:1-14	Parable of the wedding feast



SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

“The stone the builders didn’t accept has become the most important stone of all. The Lord has done it. It is wonderful in our eyes.” Matthew 21:42

SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord Jesus, help us to make you the center of our lives today. What you do for us is wonderful! Amen. (Matthew 21:42)

Mealtime Prayer:

Lord Jesus, thank you for the food before us, the friends around us, the love between us, and your presence with us. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord watch over you and smile on you this day. Amen. (Psalm 80:7-14)

CARING CONVERSATION

Discuss in your household or small group:

- Of all of your possessions, what would you miss most if it wasn't there?
- A capstone is the center stone found at the top of the arch. It supports the surrounding bricks or stones and helps distribute the weight of the remainder of the arch. Without it, the arch would collapse. In the Bible, Jesus is referred to as the “capstone” (see Matthew 21:42). How is he like a capstone?
- How important is Jesus in your life? Is he the “capstone” that holds your life together?

DEVOTIONS

Gather some river stones. As a home devotional activity, take turns attempting to build a stone “tower” by placing the stones one on top of another. See who can build the tallest tower. Talk together about the different things that people try to build their lives upon, and discuss Christ’s place as the “most important stone of all.” Pray together for faith and strength to build your lives upon him.

SERVICE

The prophet Isaiah compared God’s Old Testament people to a vineyard that God planted and cared for (Isaiah 5:1-7). Volunteer this week to help a sick or elderly person clean up their garden, or to help maintain your church grounds or a community area.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

In Philippians 3:12-14, the apostle Paul talks about eternal life as a “prize” that he is pursuing. This week, enjoy an evening of games as a household. Award prizes to all who participate. To finish, read Paul’s words and say a prayer of thanks for the ultimate prize that God gives to us through Jesus Christ.

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Please take your bulletin home for weekly devotions



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
"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.

Last week at Trinity

Weekly Worship Attendance:	90
Weekly Giving: (5730.00 Needed)	\$3596.36
September Giving: (\$22,920.00 .Needed)	\$15,222.77
Yearly Contributions to Date	\$160,283.53
Amount needed to meet Budget	\$223,460.00

We need everyone's help to meet our Budget!



*Thrivent members are reminded 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*

This Week's Prayer Concerns

Pray for Pastor Tim and Trinity...that the Holy Spirit would keep Pastor Tim safe as he has arrived at his next church and 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 **Diane, Cindy, Sherry, Audrey, Kali, Jerry, Beth, Harold, Sarah, Chris, Kathy, Emmett, Joan, 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... 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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