

**Trinity
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**October 16,
2022**

**19th Sunday
after
Pentecost**

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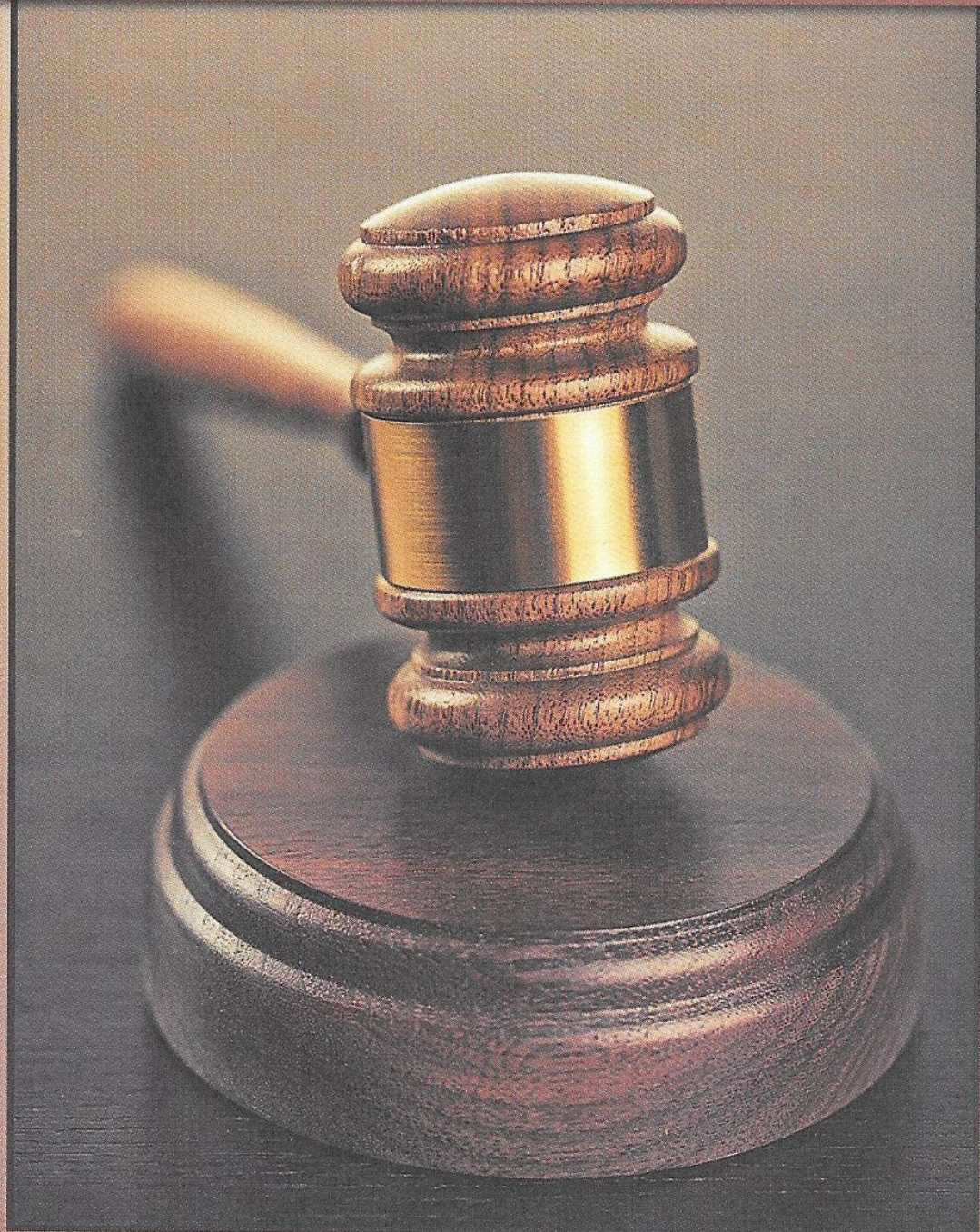
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**GOD GRANT
JUSTICE**
to his chosen ones



NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST ~ LECTURE 29

HOLY COMMUNION ~ ELW 4

9:00 A.M. ~ Sunday, October 16th, 2022



Sundays after
Pentecost

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

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

WORSHIP AIDS

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS are available from an usher.

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

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

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

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

GATHERING

WE PREPARE... Pray always. Do not lose heart. This is Christ's encouragement in the gospel today. Wrestle with the word. Remember your baptism again and again. Come regularly to Christ's table. Persistence in our every encounter with the divine will be blessed.

PRELUDE / ANNOUNCEMENTS / BELL

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Eternal God our creator,

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

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us.

In the mercy of almighty God, Christ died for us while we still were sinners; and for his sake,

God ☩ forgives you all your sins. **Amen.**



GATHERING HYMN

Day by Day

ELW #790

Capo 1: D
E \flat

Em/G
Fm/A \flat

A
B \flat

1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing com - fort
2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to serve and
3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur - dens

D
E \flat

Em/G
Fm/A \flat

to my anx - ious soul. Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you send me
wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me
grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will hear me

A
B \flat

D
E \flat

draw me near - er to my heav'n - ly goal. Love di - vine, be - yond all
o'er the paths I strug - gle day by day. I will fear no e - vil
when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no mat - ter

G
A \flat

A 7
B \flat 7

D
E \flat

mor - tal mea - sure, brings to naught the bur - dens of my quest; Sav - ior,
of the mor - row, I will trust in your en - dur - ing grace. Sav - ior,
what be - tide me, you will hold me ev - er in your hand. Sav - ior,

Em/G
Fm/A \flat

A
B \flat

D
E \flat

lead me to the home I trea - sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.
help me bear life's pain and sor - row till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.
with your pres - ence here to guide me, I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**



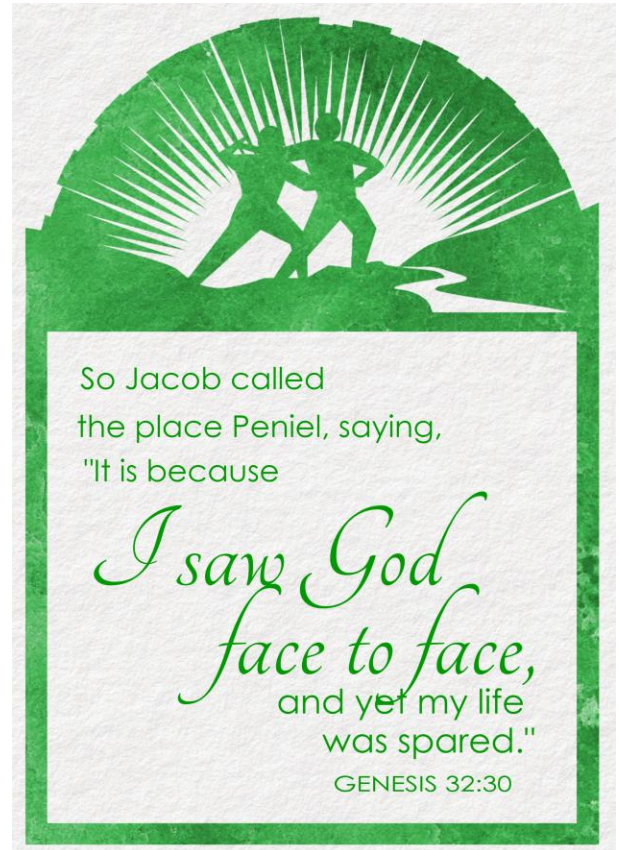
WORD

FIRST READING

Genesis 32:22-31

The first reading is in Genesis chapter 32, verses 22 – 31.

The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.



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

SECOND READING

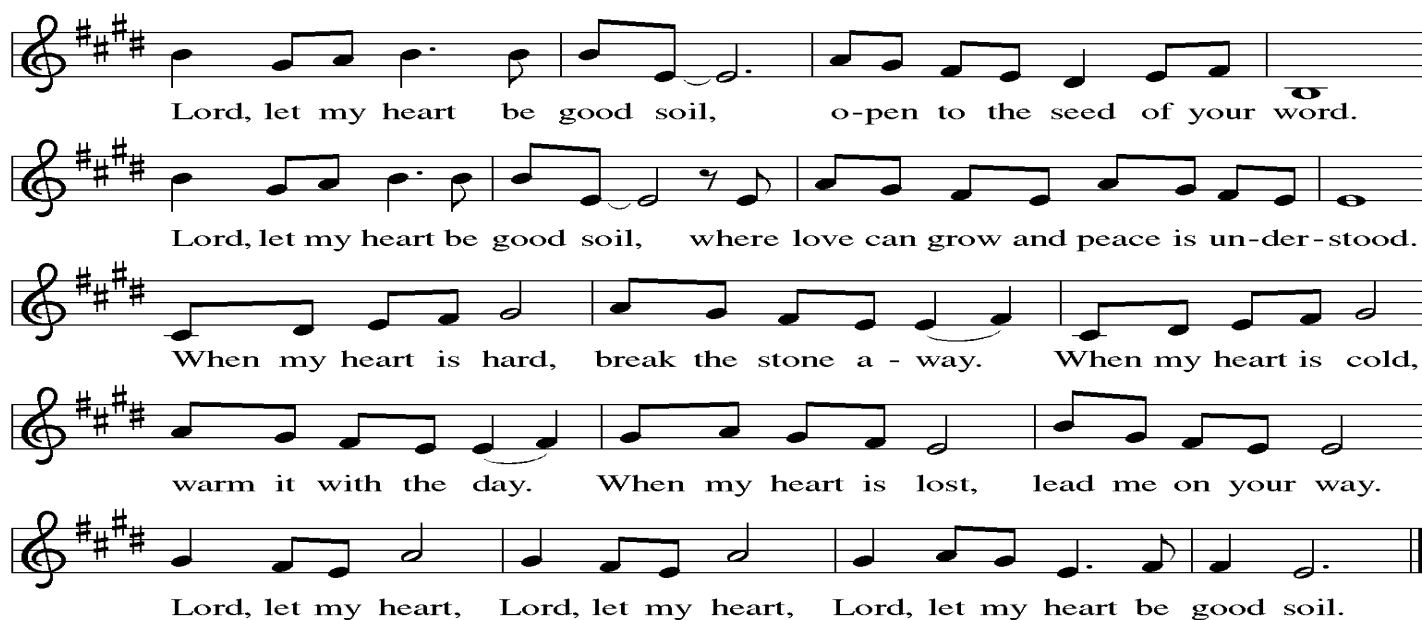
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

The second reading is in 2 Timothy chapter 3, verse 14 thru chapter 4, verse 5.

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

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



GOSPEL

Luke 18:1-8

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 18th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Parable of the Persistent Widow




MESSAGE

Pastor Tim Mason





1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
 3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged— take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need - less pain we bear—
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?
 Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
 Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— take it to the Lord in prayer.
 In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION Merciful God, receive our prayer.

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

MEAL

THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

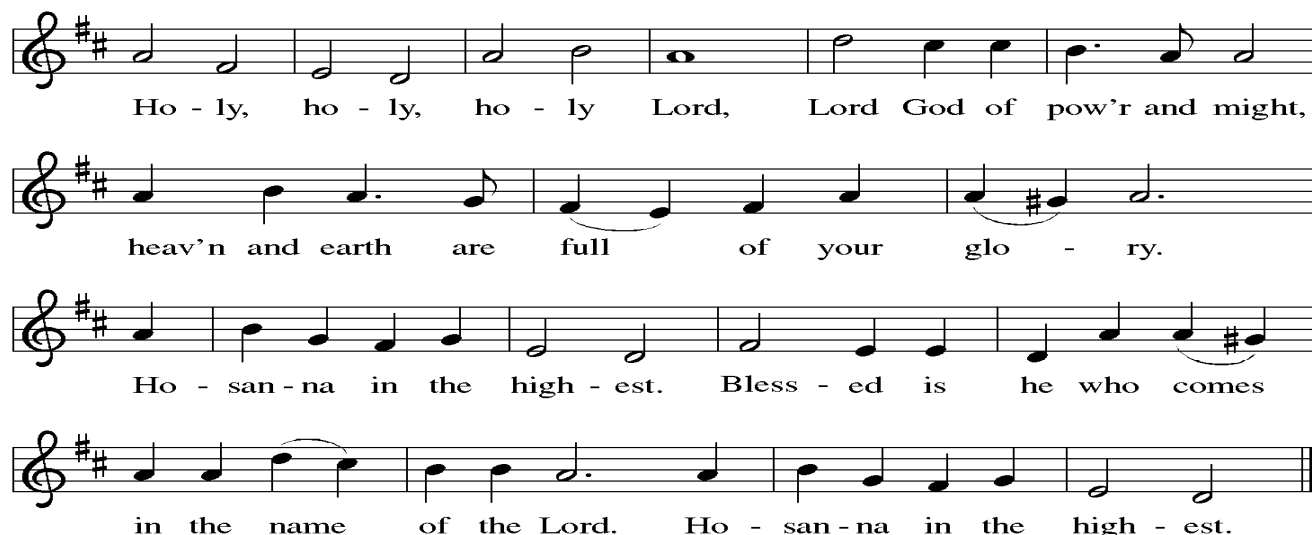
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

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

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened for us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, gives everyone a place at the welcome table.
Alleluia! Come to the feast.

*(Please sign the Welcome Pads and pass to your neighbor.
Offering will be taken during Communion)*



PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING *(Ushers will bring the offering forward)*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

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

Amen.

SENDING SONG

Blessed Assurance

ELW#638

1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,

Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

Refrain
This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:

this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

BELL AND DISMISSAL

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

Our thanks to all who serve the Body of Christ

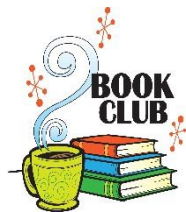
SUNDAY		9:00 Worship
Accompanist	Mary Mulry	
Acolyte	Blaine Arneson	
Reader	Terry Newgord	
Holy Communion	Harold & Bonnie Pettis, Bev Petersen	
Sound Techs	Russ Sorensen	
Greeters	Larry & Diane Evers	
Ushers	Dale & Diane Eckstein	
Altar Guild	Terry Newgord, Mary Renberg	



This position typically averages 6-8 hours per week but more with Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter. Stop at the Church Office for a copy of Work Procedures.

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

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



The Trinity book club will be reading "Help, Thanks, Wow - The Three Essential Prayers" by Anne Lamott. The book offers three simple prayers to get you through tough times, everyday struggles and the hard work of everyday life. Please talk to Michal Lowther if you are interested so that she can order books. She can be reached at lowthome@mchsi.com or 507 276-6832. Thanks!

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

Forms for the vaccine is available at the church in the narthex or on the SEMC website.



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

Thank you for being the hands of Jesus!

Remember...Our Food Shelf Box is in the back of the Sanctuary.



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

To the members of our congregation:

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

October 16, 2022

Pray always and never give up.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Luke 18:1-8	Parable of the persistent widow
Monday	Psalm 121	Confidence in God's protection
Tuesday	Luke 22:39-46	Jesus prays on the Mount of Olives
Wednesday	Matthew 15:21-28	The faith of a Canaanite woman
Thursday	James 5:13-18	The prayer of faith
Friday	Genesis 18:16-33	Abraham pleads for Sodom
Saturday	Mark 10:46-52	An example of persistence
Sunday	Luke 18:9-14	A Pharisee and tax collector pray



SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Jesus told his disciples a story about how they should keep on praying and never give up. Luke 18:1

SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, help us not to lose heart but to be persistent in faith and hope and in the works of justice and peace. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Lord, in your name we drink and sup; teach us to pray and not give up. Help us to look to you this day, and show our thanks in all we say. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord keep you from all harm and watch over your life. May God watch over you as you come and go, now and forever. Amen.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home or small group:

Who do you turn to when you're in trouble? Why?

Talk about a time when you asked God for help?

In the parable of the unjust judge (Luke 18:1-8), Jesus begins by encouraging persistent prayer.

His story ends by linking prayer to faith. How is faith necessary for us to be persistent in prayer?

DEVOTIONS

The people cry out to God day and night (Luke 18:7). This week use morning and evening prayers from your faith community's worship book or use Martin Luther's *Morning and Evening Prayers* each day.

Morning: I thank you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, that you have protected me through the night from all harm and danger. I ask you to keep me this day, too, from all sin and evil, so that in all my thoughts, words, and deeds I may please you. In your hands I place my body and soul and all that is mine. Let your holy angel be with me, so that the evil one may have no power over me. Amen.

Evening: I thank you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, that you have graciously protected me today. I ask you to forgive all my sins and the wrong which I have done. And graciously keep me this night. In your hands I place my body and soul and all that is mine. Let your holy angel be with me so that the evil one may have no power over me. Amen.

SERVICE

In the parable of the unjust judge, the role of the widow represented a person in ancient society who was vulnerable and unprotected. Look to the needs of those who are vulnerable and unprotected in your community or larger world. Find a way to advocate for their needs by contacting elected local or national officials using a letter or phone call.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Jesus encouraged his followers to persist in prayer and to "not give up" (Luke 18:1). It is easy to lose track of some of the things we want to pray for, whether they be pray-ers of thanksgiving or praying for the needs of family, friends, and the larger world. Find a way to keep track of what you want to pray for. Here are some examples: Keep a prayer journal. Have a basket with individual slips of paper. Keep a list on the refrigerator that you can add to.

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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.

Last week at Trinity

Weekly Worship Attendance:	90
Weekly Giving: (5846.00 Needed)	\$6789.08
October Giving: (\$23,360.00 Needed)	\$10,364.29
Yearly Contributions to Date	\$189,480.20
Budget Contributions needed	\$239,662.15
2022 Approved Budget	\$308,000.00



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 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 Alice Mae, Linda, Loretta, Micah, Jerry, Beth, Harold, Joan, Lois, Joyce, Cindy, Emma, Milo, Ed, Carlos, Dorothy, Story, Tina, Ethan, Robyn, Carmen, Julia Ann, 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 joy and spiritual growth to all who are separated from one another and each would be blessed with their safe return to us...

Pray for the men and women serving in the Armed Forces and those far from home...for Brady Augustin and his wife ...and for all of our military Veterans that the Holy Spirit would guard them in safety and keep their hearts stayed in Christ...

Pray for the missionaries of our church (ELCA)...that they proclaim their witness of the Gospel throughout the world.

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