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**19 Sunday of  
PENTECOST  
Lection 26**

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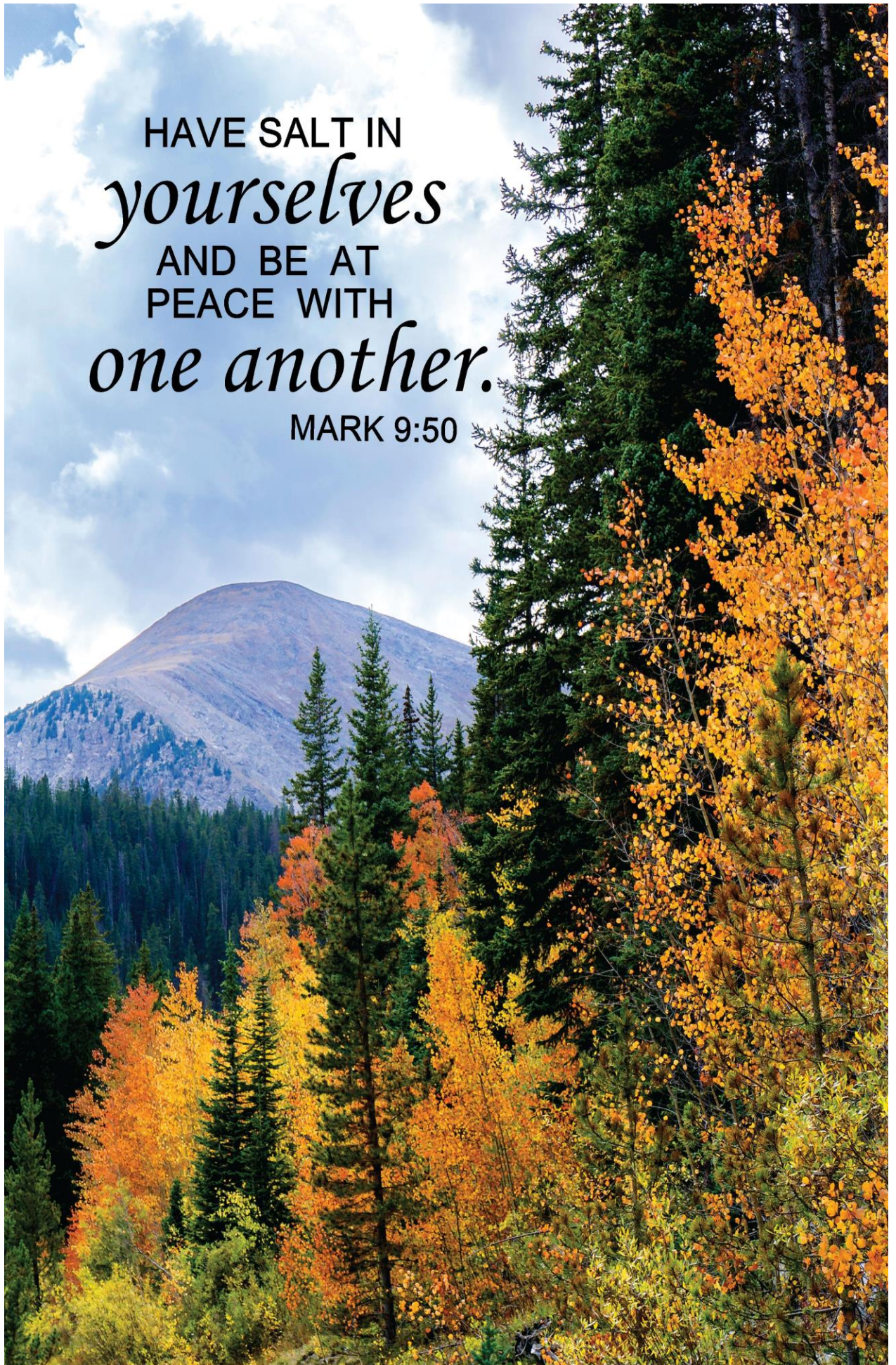
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HAVE SALT IN  
*yourselfes*  
AND BE AT  
PEACE WITH  
*one another.*

MARK 9:50



# 19TH WEEK AFTER PENTECOST~ LECTURE 26

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### God's Radical Love, Lived Our Every Day

9:00 A.M. September 29<sup>th</sup>, 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:** *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

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

*Love Divine, All Love Excelling*

ELW #631

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to  
 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry  
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy  
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less

earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy  
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us  
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -  
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,  
 find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;  
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,  
 ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as  
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
 till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.  
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

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.**

<sup>7</sup>The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul;  
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

**The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart;  
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever;  
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

**More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,  
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.

**Who can detect one's own offenses? Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me;  
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your  
sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of 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.*

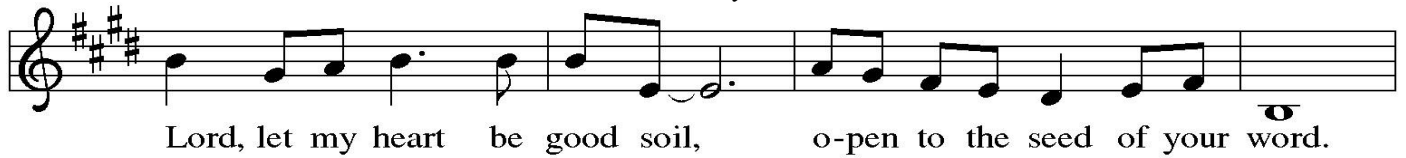
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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

## Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

ELW #512



## GOSPEL

Mark 9:38-50

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 9<sup>th</sup> 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.**

MESSAGE

Pastor Grant Fischer

*Refrain*

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;

there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.

1 Some - times I feel dis - cour - aged and think my work's in vain,  
 2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can - not pray like Paul,  
 3 Don't ev - er be dis - cour - aged, for Je - sus is your friend;

*Refrain*

but then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.  
 you can tell the love of Je - sus and say, "He died for all."  
 and if you lack for knowl - edge, he'll ne'er re - fuse to lend.

## 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.**

<sup>B</sup>  
**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.**

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**SENDING**

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**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**

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

**ELW #807**

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.

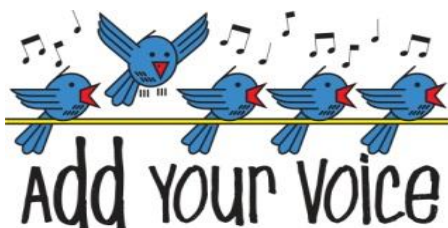
## DISMISSAL

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



**Our thanks to all who serve the Body of Christ**

<b>SUNDAY</b>		<b>9:00 Worship</b>
<b>Accompanist</b>	Mary Mulry	
<b>Acolyte</b>	Levi Johnson	
<b>Reader</b>	Pat Stevermer	
<b>Sound Techs</b>	Russ Sorensen	
<b>Greeters</b>	Jeff & Lynette Carlson	
<b>Ushers</b>	Eric & Juliann Wahlborg	
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Sara Sellner & Nicole Jensen	



**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 on Wednesdays at 6:30 P.M.**

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

**Call Rose at 507 276-0013 with any questions**

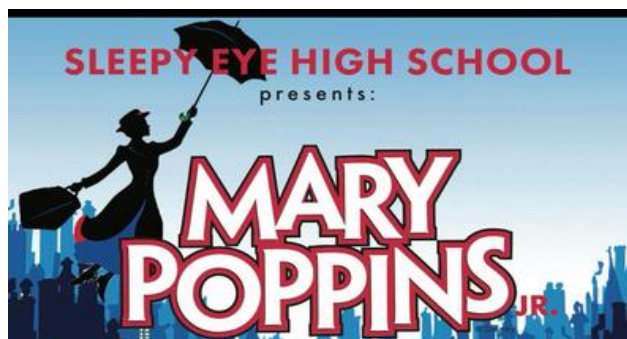


## Adult Forum

Adult Forum has begun! 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. 507-227-7746 if you have more questions.

Mark Beito



**OCTOBER 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, & 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Sleepy Eye High School Auditorium**

**Thursday, October 3- 7pm    Saturday, October 5- 2pm & 7pm**

**Sunday, October 6 - 2pm**

September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024

## 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.

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@trinitysleepveve.org](mailto:secretary@trinitysleepveve.org) or call the office at 507 794-5051. Leave a message.

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**TRINITY IS NOW ON FACEBOOK CHECK IT OUT!!**

*"Trinity Lutheran (ELCA) Sleepy Eye MN"*

The Trinity Tidings newsletter is now also posted on [www.sleepveveonline.com](http://www.sleepveveonline.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:	104
Church School & Confirmation	65
Website	34
Bible Studies Attendance:	8+4+6=18
Weekly Giving:	\$4312.63
September Giving	\$19,262.60
Amount given this year	\$175,636.25
Amount needed to meet Budget	\$212,010.00
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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