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First Sunday
In Lent

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Worship
the Lord
your God
and serve
him only.

Luke 4:8

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

SERVICE OF THE WORD



9:00 AM MARCH 9TH, 2025

THE LORD JESUS CHRIST WELCOMES ALL! *We are gathered in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ who beckons us to come to Him in faith and repentance. May the gospel of the Lord inspire and fill you with the Spirit! Fellowship & refreshments are available in the Library immediately following our Sunday worship.*

GATHERING

WE PREPARE: *These forty days called Lent are like no other. It is our opportune time to return to the God who rescues; to receive the gifts of God's grace; to believe with the heart and confess with the mouth the wonder of God's love in Jesus; and to resist temptation at every turn. This is no small pilgrimage on which we have just embarked. It is a struggle Jesus knew. It is a struggle Jesus shares. The nearness of the Lord, in bread and wine, water and word, will uphold and sustain us.*

RINGING OF THE BELL / PARISH NOTICE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the † holy Trinity, the one who fashions us, the one who heals us, the one who reforms us again and again. **Amen.**

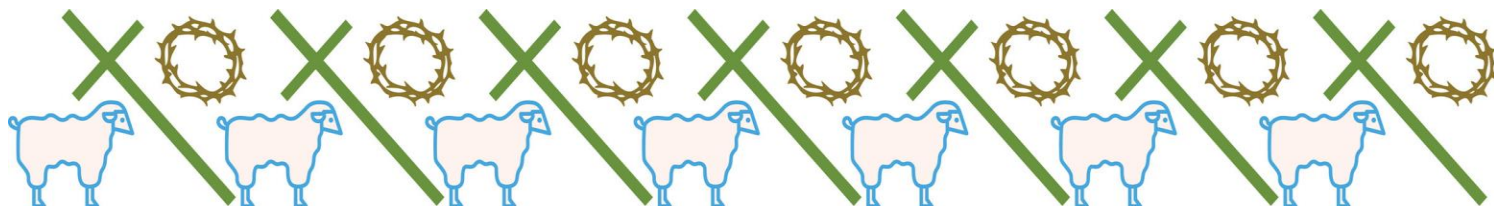
Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Source of all life,

we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.

God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven, † God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

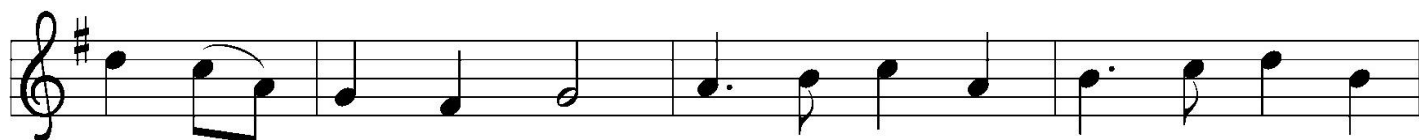




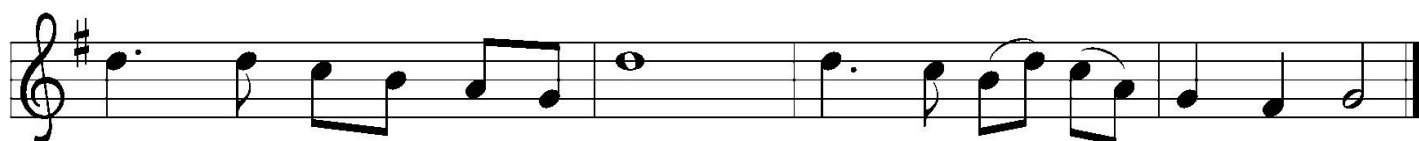
1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me
 wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
 fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me



with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es



feed me now and ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
 shield me with your might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm.
 I will raise for - ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

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

O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

The first reading is in Deuteronomy chapter 26, verses 1-11. The annual harvest festival, called the feast of Weeks, provides the setting for this reading. This festival celebrates the first fruits of the produce of the land offered back to God in thanks. In this text, worshipers announce God's gracious acts on behalf of Israel.

When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

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

SECOND READING

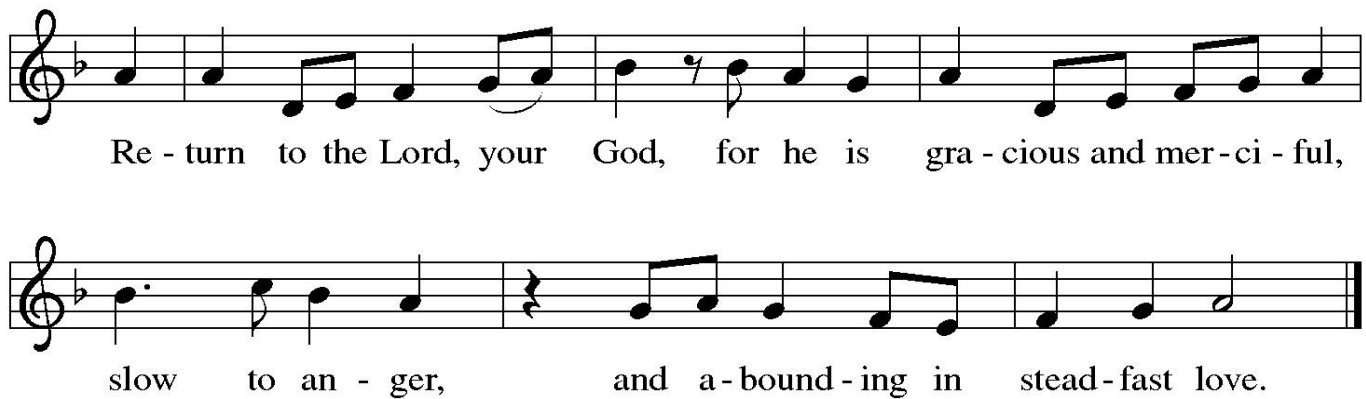
Romans 10:8b-13

The second reading is in Romans chapter 10, verses 8b-13. Paul reminds the Christians at Rome of the foundation of their creed, the confession of faith in the risen Christ as Lord.

"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,
slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

GOSPEL

Luke 4:1-13

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 4th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

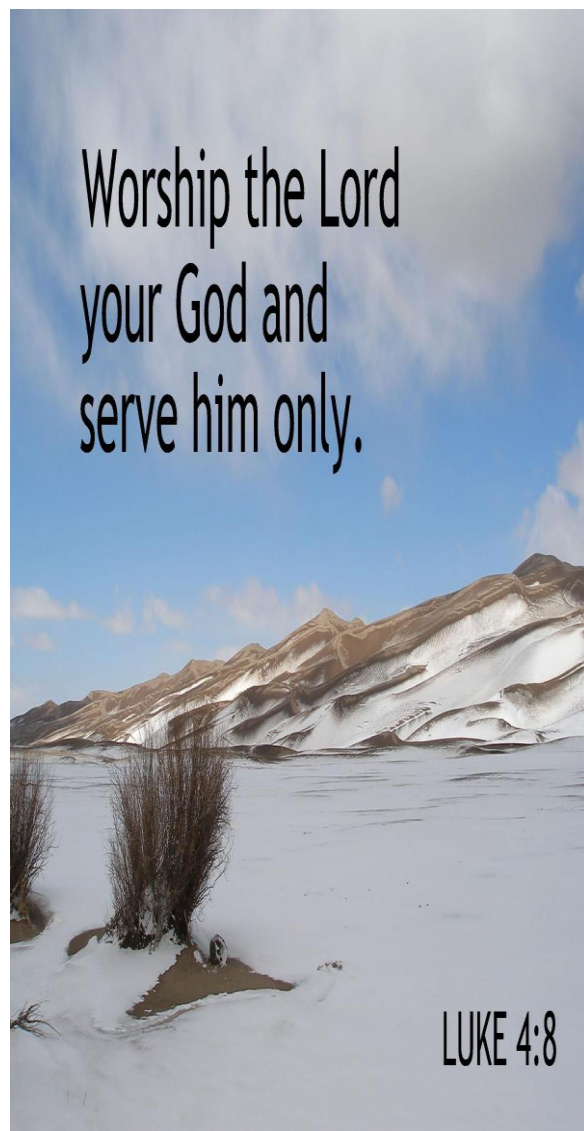
Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

Pastor Dave Nissen



1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by
 2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
 3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing
 4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
 5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -

change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its
 of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for
 church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's
 fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to
 be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -

her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
 bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.
 sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
 share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
 out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.

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**

THANKSGIVING

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: respond after Lord, God of grace,



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.

SHARING THE PEACE

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

OFFERTORY

Christ Be Our Light

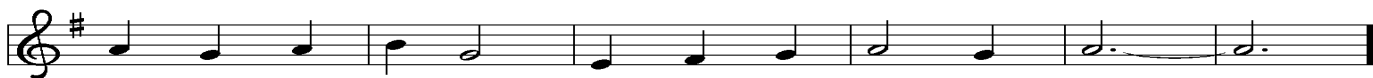
ELW 715



5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

OFFERING PRAYER

God of grace, your love reaches to the heaven, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. **Amen.**

IMPOSITION OF ASHES: Those who desire to receive ashes, on your forehead or the back of your hand are encouraged to come forward at this time. Please wait for the ushers to direct you forward.



Accomplish in us, O God, the works of your salvation,
that we may show forth your glory in the world.

By the cross and Passion of your Son, our Lord,
bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.

Almighty God, have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Together, let us pray with confidence the words our Savior gave us:

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

Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land

ELW #333

Refrain - All

Je - sus is a rock in a wea - ry land, a wea - ry land, a
wea - ry land; my Je - sus is a rock in a
wea - ry land, a shel - ter in the time of storm.

Leader or All

1	No	one	can	do	like	Je - sus,	not	a
2	When	Je - sus	was	on	earth,	the . .		
3	Yon - der	comes	my	Sav - ior,	him . .			

mum - bling word he said; he went walk - ing down to Laz -
flesh was ver - y weak; . . he took a towel and gird -
whom I love so well; . . he has the palm of vic -

Refrain

- a - rus' grave, and he raised him from the dead.
- ed him - self and he washed his dis - ci - ples' feet.
- to - ry and the keys of death and hell.

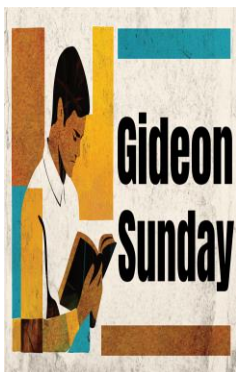
DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Our Thanks to All Who Serve the Body of Christ

SUNDAY	9:00 am Worship	7:00 pm Wednesday
Accompanist	Cindy Anderson	Pastor Dave
Acolyte	Riley Voigt	Braylon Nelson
Readers	Cheryl Neidt	Callie Evers
Sound Techs	Russ Sorensen	Russ Sorensen
Greeters	Rose Wall, Connie Johnson	
Ushers	Doug Domeier, Mark Miller	Jon Hansen, Kenley Jensen
Altar Guild	Mary Hillmer and Beth Klein	



Today is Gideons Sunday, with a Gideon speaker **David Milbrath** here to talk about the work of the Gideon Ministry. Gideon’s goal is very simple, “Winning Men and Women and Boys and Girls to the Lord Jesus Christ”. You will have that opportunity on Sunday to give a gift of money to buy Bibles and place in their hand. The 115th State Gideon Convention is for “ALL TO THE GLORY OF GOD” 1 Corinthians 10; 31, donations from Gideons and Auxiliary and Church presentations like yours. We can make difference with a gift by placing God’s word in their hand.

In His Service, Gideon Russell Sorensen, Trinity Church

The Board of Lay Ministry is putting together a new pictorial directory. We are doing the pictures ourselves. The pictures will be taken on Sundays February 16, 23, March 2, 9 and 15 and Wednesdays March 5 and 12. If you have a family photo you would like to use that is fine also. The deadline is March 15. You may submit photos to wahlborg@sleepyeyetel.net



The lakeside service is being planned for July 27. Camping at the lake is available, but sites fill up fast. If you are interested, you can make your reservations now for that weekend with the City of Sleepy Eye.

The Living Lutheran Magazine is again being published quarterly. Please sign up in the office if you would like your family to receive a quarterly copy. It will be sent free of charge to members who wish to subscribe through the Church. Thank you.



*Join us March 15th from 9-11:30 AM in the church basement as we use God’s Work Our Hands to tie quilts or fleece blankets to help others in need around our nation and the world! There will fellowship, coffee, and treats for all. We can make a difference when we work together!
All ages and people are Welcome!*



The Boards of Trinity cordially invite you to join us for supper each week before the evening service at 7:00 and Church School at 6:00.

We are raising funds to support Summer Church Camp with the help of Thrivent Action Teams

**Meals are served from 5:30 pm – 6:15 pm each Wednesday
Cost for the meal is a Free Will Offering**

**March 12th: Choice of Four Soups, Bread, Beverage and Dessert
Youth**

**March 19th: Choice of Four Soups, Bread, Beverage and Dessert
Social Ministries**

**March 26th: Choice of Four Soups, Bread, Beverage and Dessert
Property**

**April 2nd: Choice of Four Soups, Bread, Beverage and Dessert
Evangelism and Stewardship**

**April 9th: Choice of Four Soups, Bread, Beverage and Dessert
Lay Ministry & Fellowship**

Sleepy Eye Lions Club

Dad's Belgian Waffle Brunch

Sunday, March 16th, 2025

8:30 am to 12:30 pm

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT

**WAFFLES, SAUSAGES, FLAVORED SYRUPS,
SUGAR-FREE SYRUP AVAILABLE AND
WHIPPED TOPPINGS, COFFEE, MILK & WATER**

- ~ Adults (at the door) \$11.00
(In Advance) \$10.00
- ~ Children 6-11 (at the door) \$6.00
(In Advance) \$5.00
- ~ Under 6 FREE
- ~ Take-outs available (inside/outside)

Tickets available at the
Elementary Public School Office,
First Security Agency
or from any Lions member.

Sleepy Eye Public School Cafeteria
Use Elementary Wing Doors

Worship the Lord.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Luke 4:1-13	The temptation of Jesus
Monday	Romans 10:8-13	Salvation is for all
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 10:1-13	Be careful that you don't fall
Wednesday	Luke 22:39-46	Jesus on the Mount of Olives
Thursday	James 1:2-18	Trials and temptations
Friday	Genesis 39	Joseph resists temptation
Saturday	Psalms 119:1-16	The word of God
Sunday	Luke 13:31-35	Jesus' sorrow over Jerusalem



SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Jesus answered, "The Scriptures say: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve only him!'"

Luke 4:8

SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week:

O God, Make me strong when I am tempted to do wrong. Help me to do what is right and good. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

You give us bread for living, O God. Save us from living for bread. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God bless you with love. May God rescue and protect you, and give you long life. Amen. (Psalm 91:14-16)

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home or small group:

Share about a time when you felt tempted. What happened?

How did the devil test Jesus? How did Jesus respond?

What can we learn from the way Jesus responded?

DEVOTIONS

Lent is a season of the church year when we focus on prayer. As a family or household, make the decision to pray for specific things each day of the week throughout Lent. Here are some ideas:

Sunday: For pastors and other church workers, and for the ministry of your congregation

Monday: For missions and missionaries

Tuesday: For friends and neighbors, and for those who don't know Christ

Wednesday: For political leaders and world peace

Thursday: For colleagues at work or school

Friday: For your relatives

Saturday: For personal needs or concerns

You may want to print or write up your chosen schedule and post it where all can see.

SERVICE

Think of a food item that is especially tempting for your household, but with which you could do without. Decide to forgo it for this week or longer, and set aside the money saved to donate to charity.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Set up a "crown of thorns" wreath as a home devotional focus. Make or purchase a grapevine wreath to use as the base. Insert six purple candles, one for each week of Lent, and a white candle to represent Christ. Light one candle for this week, two for the week after, and so on. Begin Holy Week (on Palm Sunday) with all of the candles lit, then extinguish one candle each night thereafter. Light the Christ candle as you celebrate Jesus' resurrection on Easter Sunday, and decorate the wreath with flowers.

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In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: www.milestonesministry.org

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 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:	127
Website	56
Bible Studies Attendance:	7
Weekly Giving: (5730.00 Needed)	\$6328.63
March Giving: (\$28,650.00 .Needed)	\$6328.63
Yearly Contributions to Date	\$41,674.94



Thrivent members are reminded to direct their Choice Dollars each year any time after April 1st of the year!

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 **Jane, Nicole, Krista, Trisha, Mark, Darlene, Sherry, Kali, Isak, Pam, Pat, Trish, Beth, Harold, Sarah, Chris, Kathy, Emmett, Joan, Lois, Joyce, Emma, Darell, Milo, Ed, Carlo, Dorothy, 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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