

Trinity Lutheran Church

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Twenty First
Sunday
after
Pentecost
Lection 29

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... BESIDES ME
THERE IS NO GOD.

ISAIAH 45 : 5

TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ~ LECTION 29

SERVICE OF THE WORD



*Sundays after
Pentecost*

9:00 AM OCTOBER 22ND, 2023

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... In today's first reading God uses the Gentile ruler Cyrus to accomplish divine purposes. When the Pharisees try to trap Jesus, he tells them to give the emperor what belongs to him and to God what belongs to God. To gather for worship reminds us that our ultimate allegiance is to God rather than to any earthly authority. Created in the image of God, we offer our entire selves in the service of God and for the sake of the world.

PRELUDE/ PARISH NOTICES

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be God, the one who forms us, ✚ Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete. **Amen.**

Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Steadfast and faithful God,

you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Beloved in Christ, God's justice stretches beyond all understanding. God's compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In ✚ Christ, you are already and always forgiven. **Amen.**





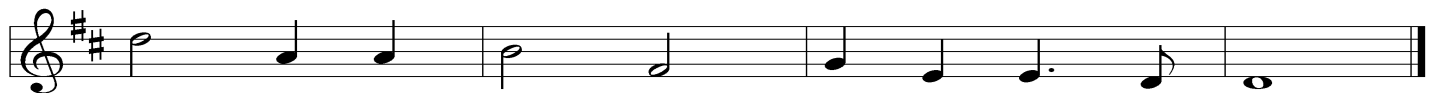
1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye made blind by sin thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

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

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 45:1-7

The first reading is in Isaiah chapter 45, verses 1-7.

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him — and the gates shall not be closed: I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me.

I am the LORD, and there is no other; besides me there is no god.

I arm you, though you do not know me, so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other.

I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the LORD do all these things.

The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

The second reading is in 1 Thessalonians chapter 1, verses 1-10.

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead — Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW# 512

Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,

warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 22nd chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord."**

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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

MESSAGE

Pastor Grant Fischer

SONG OF THE DAY

THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD

ELW#824

1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-t'ning ears all
 2 This is my Fa-ther's world; the birds their car-ols raise; the
 3 This is my Fa-ther's world; oh, let me not for-get that,

na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
 morn - ing light, the lil - y white, de - declare their mak - er's praise.
 though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.

This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of
 This is my Fa-ther's world; he shines in all that's fair. In the
 This is my Fa-ther's world; why should my heart be sad? The

rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won - ders wrought.
 rus - tling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev'-ry-where.
 Lord is king, let heav - en ring; God reigns, let earth be glad!

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 God of grace, hear our prayer.

PEACE

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

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

LORD, BE GLORIFIED

ELW#824

The musical score is written for four voices (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a steady rhythm. The lyrics are repeated four times for each voice part, corresponding to the four lines of the text. The piano accompaniment provides a harmonic foundation with chords and moving lines in both hands.

1 In my life, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;
2 In our song, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;
3 In your church, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;
4 In your world, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;

in my life, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.
in our song, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.
in your church, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.
in your world, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.

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

(The offering is brought forward by the ushers during the song)

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.**

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

Lift Every Voice and Sing

ELW#841

1 Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing till earth and heav - en ring,
2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - t'ning rod,
3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears,

ring with the har - mo - nies of un - lib - er - ty.
felt in the days when hope un - born had died;
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;

Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - t'ning skies,
yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry feet
thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the light,

let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?
keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;
Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;

sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought us;
we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh - tered,
lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get thee;

fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun,
out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at last
shad - owed be - neath thy hand, may we for - ev - er stand,

let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

DISMISSAL

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

Our thanks to all who serve the Body of Christ

SUNDAY		9:00 Worship
Accompanist	Mary Mulry	
Acolyte	Carson Uecker	
Reader	Sarah Lendt	
Sound Techs	Russ Sorensen	
Greeters	Chris Mangel	
Ushers	Dennis & Jan Schueler	
Altar Guild	Jolene Dittbenner	



It's already time to begin planning for the Women's Candlelight Advent Dinner to be held Sunday, December 3rd.

Hostesses are needed. Are you interested in decorating a table and inviting seven women to join you for an inspirational evening?

Sign up in the narthex by October 22nd. If you wish to attend or work, there is a sign up for you as well.

If you have any questions, please contact Joleen Dittbenner at 507 227-2401.

CHRISTMAS WREATHS AND GARLAND FOR SALE! The women of Trinity are raising funds to continue our work for Trinity and the many organizations and people we help over the year. We are selling wreaths and garland. Wreaths will be delivered the first week of December. You can stop by the church office or see us at the table in the narthex to order. As always, thank you all for your support!



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.



Please join us for Trinity's "Dining Out", following church services 10/15/2023. "Breaking Bread Together" is an opportunity to get to know each other better and share stories. Please sign up at Darlene's Office Window so we can make reservations. Location to be determined. Our goal will be to Dine Out" the 3rd Sunday of each month!



Trinity Wednesday Church School

We have begun Trinity Church School on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:30! Our students will be following the Sunday School Curriculum at the evening classes. This change has been made after asking our parents if this change would help with busy children's activities. Please join us! Confirmation classes are held on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm. Welcome back to all our students!

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!

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**



Faith Formation & Youth Ministry Coordinator

Trinity Lutheran Church

Sleepy Eye, MN

507 794-5051

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 22, 2023

God calls us to honor earthly rulers and authorities.

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 22:15-22	The question of paying taxes
Monday	Matthew 17:24-27	Jesus pays the temple tax
Tuesday	Jeremiah 29:1-7	Advice to the exiles in Babylon
Wednesday	Daniel 1:3-21	Daniel in the king's court
Thursday	Romans 13:1-7	Duties towards state authorities
Friday	Titus 3:1-8	Doing what is good
Saturday	Psalms 2	A warning for earthly rulers
Sunday	Matthew 22:34-46	Loving God and neighbor



SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

“Give the Emperor what belongs to him and give God what belongs to God.”

Matthew 22:21 (CEV)

SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:

Prayer for the Week:

We praise you Lord, for you are wise and compassionate. There is no other god. Amen. (Psalm 96:1-9; Isaiah 45:5-6)

Mealtime Prayer:

All thanks to God who gives us food and blesses all our days. To God who rules from heaven above, we offer heartfelt praise. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God fill your life with power through the Good News of Jesus. May he give you faith, hope and love and keep you strong in following him. Amen. (1 Thessalonians 1:3,5)

CARING CONVERSATION

Discuss in your household or small group:

- What symbols or images are on the coins you use? Which is your favorite?
- Jesus said, “Give the Emperor what belongs to him and give God what belongs to God” (Matthew 22:21).
What belongs to earthly rulers? What belongs to God?
- How does God use earthly rulers to take care of us? Why is it important to support them? How can we do that?

DEVOTIONS

Paul wrote that the Christians in Thessalonica had become “imitators” of Jesus (1 Thessalonians 2:7). Play a game of “Simon Says.” Then, have a discussion about ways in which we “copy” others in our lives—both in good and bad ways. Discuss what it means to imitate Jesus and to be an example of Christian faith, hope and love to others. Pray for one another, giving thanks for the good work God is doing in and through each person in your home.

SERVICE

Prepare an appreciation card to send to elected officials in your community, state or nation. Thank them for all they are doing to serve your community. Let them know that you are praying for them

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

An important faith practice or ritual is regular giving to the Lord through Sunday offerings. Discuss together what your household gives to the Lord. If you have not already done so, develop a regular pattern for setting aside each week what you will give in Sunday offerings. Include each household member in the practice of giving (even very young children can be involved).

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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: 101

Weekly Giving: (5730.00 Needed) \$3642.27

October Giving: (\$28,650.00 .Needed) \$12,352.37

Yearly Contributions to Date \$172,635.90

Amount needed to meet Budget \$240,650.00

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.

This Week's Prayer Concerns

Pray for Trinity...that the Holy Spirit would keep our Trinity family united as we continue 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 Mark, Diane, Cindy, Sherry, Audrey, Kali, Leon, JoAnne, 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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Shower,
O heavens,
from above,
and let the clouds
rain down
RIGHTEOUSNESS.

Isaiah 45:8