

# Trinity Lutheran Church

November 13<sup>th</sup>,  
2022

**23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday  
After  
Pentecost  
Lection 33**

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## An opportunity to testify



# TWENTYTHIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ~ LECTIO 33

## SERVICE OF THE WORD



Sundays after  
Pentecost

**9:00 AM NOVEMBER 13TH, 2022**

**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.*

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### GATHERING

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**WE PREPARE...***The end is near. There is no doubt about it. The warnings are dire. The tone of today's texts is ominous. But the baptized know how to live in the meantime. The baptized are strengthened for the living of these days in word and sacrament. The baptized rally around the invitation of the apostle: "Do not be weary in doing what is right."*

#### PRELUDE/ PARISH NOTICES/ RINGING OF THE BELL



#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who redeems us in Christ Jesus, whose steadfast love endures forever.

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbors. We have ignored voices that call for your justice. We have neglected actions that witness to your righteousness. We have spoken and acted in ways that disrupt your beloved community. We truly repent of things we have done and left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Restore our troubled spirits, so that we may live in newness, follow the way of the Spirit, and build up the body of Christ.**

Rejoice and be glad! God hears the prayers of all who cry out, and restores us to life through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Therefore, I declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**





1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,  
 2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,  
 3 "When through fi - 'ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,  
 4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove

is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!  
 for I am your God and will still give you aid;  
 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.  
 my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;

What more can he say than to you he has said  
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
 The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign  
 and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,

who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?  
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."  
 your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."  
 like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

## 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 God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**



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# WORD

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## FIRST READING

Malachi 4:1-2a

The first reading is in Malachi chapter 4, verses 1-2a.

*See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.*

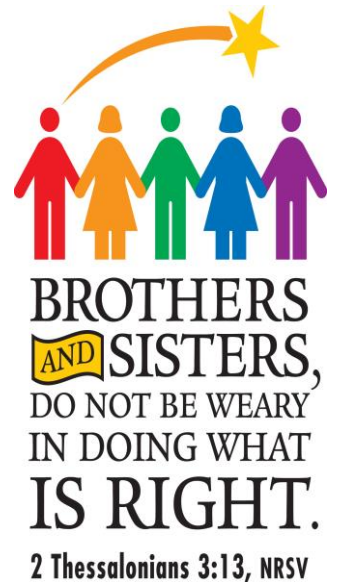
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING

2 THESSALONIANS 3:6-13

### SECOND READING

*Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.*



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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

### CHANGE MY HEART O GOD

ELW#801

Change my heart, O God; make it ev-er true.

Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

You are the pot - ter; I am the clay.

Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

## GOSPEL

Luke 21:5-19

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 21<sup>st</sup> chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.*

*They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.*

*When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately. Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.*

*But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.*

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

## MESSAGE

Pastor Tim Mason



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when  
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let  
 3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my  
 4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the

sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast  
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my  
 sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I  
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the

taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.  
 help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.  
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
 Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

*Refrain*

It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.  
 It is well with my soul,

## 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.

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## THANKSGIVING

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### OFFERING



### TRINITY CHOIR

*(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.**

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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.**





1 Soon and ver - y soon  
 2 No more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,  
 3 No more dy - in' there,  
 4 Soon and ver - y soon



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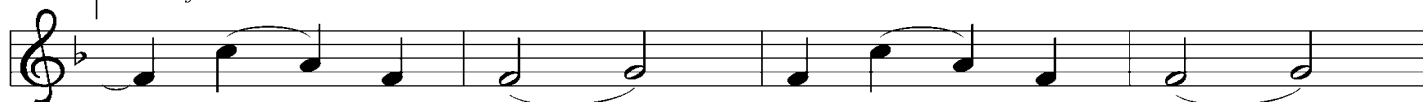


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 soon and ver - y soon



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!

*Coda after stanza 4*



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu -



jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

## DISMISSAL

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

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

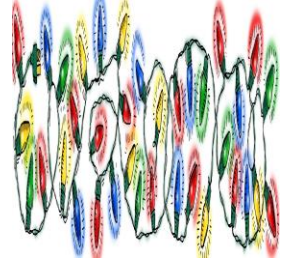
SUNDAY 9:00 Worship	
Accompanist	Mary Mulry
Acolyte	Shea Evers
Reader	Dave Vosbeck
Sound Techs	Russ Sorensen
Greeters	Connie Johnson
Ushers	Dennis Mangan, Mark Miller
Altar Guild	Joleen Dittbenner



**SPECIAL OFFERINGS** –During the month of November, we think of our abundance and willingness to share with others less fortunate. For this reason, the Board of Stewardship designates the Thanksgiving Eve offering to ELCA World Hunger. Gifts are accepted for this initiative to the end of the year.

The second special offering that is usually emphasized in November is the Women of the ELCA Thankoffering. These funds are all sent into the churchwide office to support the ministries of the Women of the ELCA. You may also use your regular offering envelopes by designating “*Thankoffering*” on the special giving line... Thank you for any and all gifts!

Holiday Lights in Motion is looking for volunteers to help set up the park for the upcoming season. We need volunteers Saturdays and Sundays 10am-4pm, starting October 15th through November 20<sup>th</sup>. We are also looking for volunteers to provide rolls or a lunch meal for our set up crews. Please visit [signupgenius.com](http://signupgenius.com) / Sleepy Eye Holiday Lights in Motion to sign up. Service hours are available for students and times are flexible!



**Board Directors are reminded to submit their proposed budget by November 15<sup>th</sup>!**

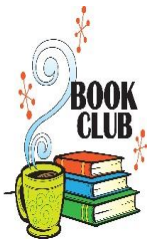
**Thanksgiving Eve**

**7:00 p.m.**  
**Service**



**OUR PIE FELLOWSHIP WILL FOLLOW  
THE THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE.  
PLEASE CONSIDER BRINGING A PIE  
TO SHARE. THANK YOU!**



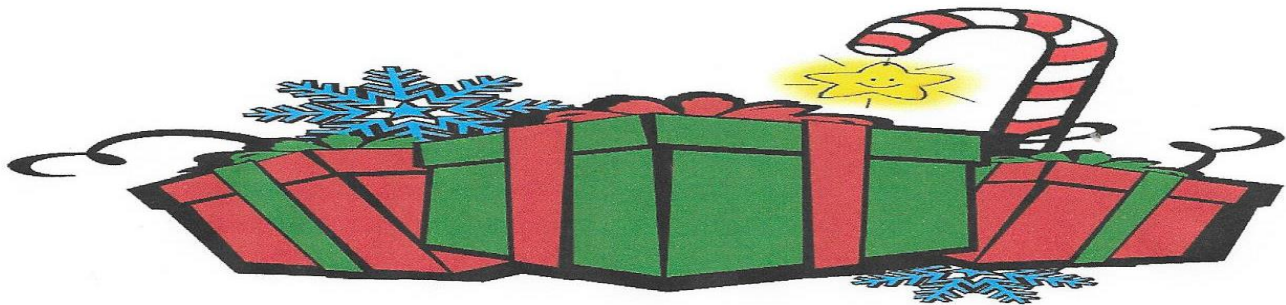


The Trinity book club will be reading “Help, Thanks, Wow - The Three Essential Prayers” by Anne Lamott. The book offers three simple prayers to get you through tough times, everyday struggles and the hard work of everyday life. Our book discussion will be November 20<sup>th</sup>. Please talk to Michal Lowther if you have any questions. She can be reached at [lowthome@mchsi.com](mailto:lowthome@mchsi.com) or 507 276-6832. Thanks.



The Annual Meeting of St. John Lutheran Home Auxiliary will be held on Monday, November 14, at 4:00 in the Chapel. Please come for a brief business meeting and fellowship!

**MEALS THAT MATTER** Remember! Prepared frozen meals are in the freezer for you to deliver to a friend or neighbor who have had a life changing event- illness, birth of a baby, death in the family, etc... *Be the hands of Jesus!*



## It's Time for Christmas Food Boxes & Morning Snack Boxes starting Nov. 20!

### Christmas Food Boxes

It is time to start thinking about filling a Christmas Food Box for the families of our weekend food kids as there continues to be those in our community who are struggling to provide basic needs for their families. We are going to ask you to once again shop for a family and put items on the list in a box provided for you and return it to Trinity. You can join with another family or group to fill one or more boxes. The risk for hunger insecurity has not gone away and we at Trinity are currently feeding 31 children on weekends from 23 families. We are asking you to fill a box to be used by our weekend food families during the Christmas break when they do not have meals provided by the school.

### Morning Snack Boxes

Trinity has another opportunity to help our school children this year. There is a need for snacks during morning break so if you would like to fill a box full of snacks, grab a snack box and fill that to help our students.

Here's what to do:

1. Sign out a Christmas food box or a morning snack box in the narthex beginning Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. Put your name and phone number next to the number matching the number on your box.
2. Fill the box with the items from the food list.
3. Return your box to the table in the narthex by Sunday, December 11.
4. Have fun filling the box. Thank you for being the hands of Jesus!

Social Ministries Board —Michal Lowther, Shari Baumgardt,  
Sandy Beito and Jim Johnson

November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022

***Jesus never promised it would be easy to follow him.***

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

Sunday	Luke 21:5-19	Suffering for Jesus' sake
Monday	Luke 21:25-38	The coming of the Son of Man
Tuesday	Exodus 14:10-31	Stand firm
Wednesday	2 Chronicles 20:1-17	Do not be afraid
Thursday	1 John 4:1-6	Do not believe every spirit
Friday	Jude 1:17-25	A call to persevere
Saturday	Psalm 98	Praise the Lord
Sunday	Luke 23:33-43	Christ the crucified king



**SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK**

**But don't worry! You will be saved by being faithful to me.** Luke 21:18-19

**SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:**

**A Prayer for the Week:**

O God, help us not to become tired of doing good. Lead us to make the most of each day to serve you and others. Amen. (2 Thessalonians 3:13)

**Mealtime Prayer:**

Thank you God for the food you send. Keep us in faith until the end. Amen.

**A Blessing to Give:**

May God make you strong in your faith and give you wise words to speak. Amen. (Luke 21:15, 19)

**CARING CONVERSATIONS**

Discuss in your home or small group:

Talk about a difficult time you have experienced.

The prophets of the Old Testament as well as Jesus knew that our faith would be tested through difficult times.

Talk about how God has been with you during tough times.

In Luke 21:5-19, Jesus says that his followers will experience trials and persecution.

How has enduring a difficult time been a witness to your faith?

**DEVOTIONS**

Luke 21:13 states that life's difficulties will give Jesus' followers an opportunity to talk about their faith. Tell family and friends a faith story from your life that involved enduring a difficult time. Offer a prayer of thanksgiving for the work of the Holy Spirit that sustained you during that experience.

**SERVICE**

In Luke 21, Jesus warns that some Christians will face persecution because they follow him. This is still the case today in various parts of the world. Pray this week for all Christians that are persecuted for their faith. Here are some current examples:

**Christians in North Korea:** In this country, following Jesus is considered an act of treason, and Christians face the real threat of imprisonment and even execution.

**Christians in Sudan, Egypt, Nigeria, Iraq, India, Pakistan, and various parts of Indonesia:** Many Christians in these areas live in fear of being physically attacked by followers of other religions.

**Christians in China:** House churches in China face the constant threat of raids from government authorities who have imprisoned many church leaders.

**RITUALS AND TRADITIONS**

Recite Psalm 98. After each verse say: **"Sing a new song to the Lord! He has worked miracles."**

Verses 7-9 call on all of creation to "sing before the Lord." Go on a walk or a drive and make a list of the sounds you hear in nature. Then, write your own version of verses 7-9 using the sounds you heard.

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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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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:	103
Weekly Giving: (5840.00 Needed)	\$6776.92
November Giving: (\$23,360.60 Needed)	\$6776.92
Yearly Contributions to Date	\$213,838.95
Budget Contributions needed	\$257,182.60
2022 Approved Budget	\$308,000.00



*Thrivent members are reminded to direct their Choice Dollars each year any time after April 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Millie, 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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