

**Trinity
Lutheran
Church**

November 17th,
2024

Twenty-sixth
Sunday after
Pentecost

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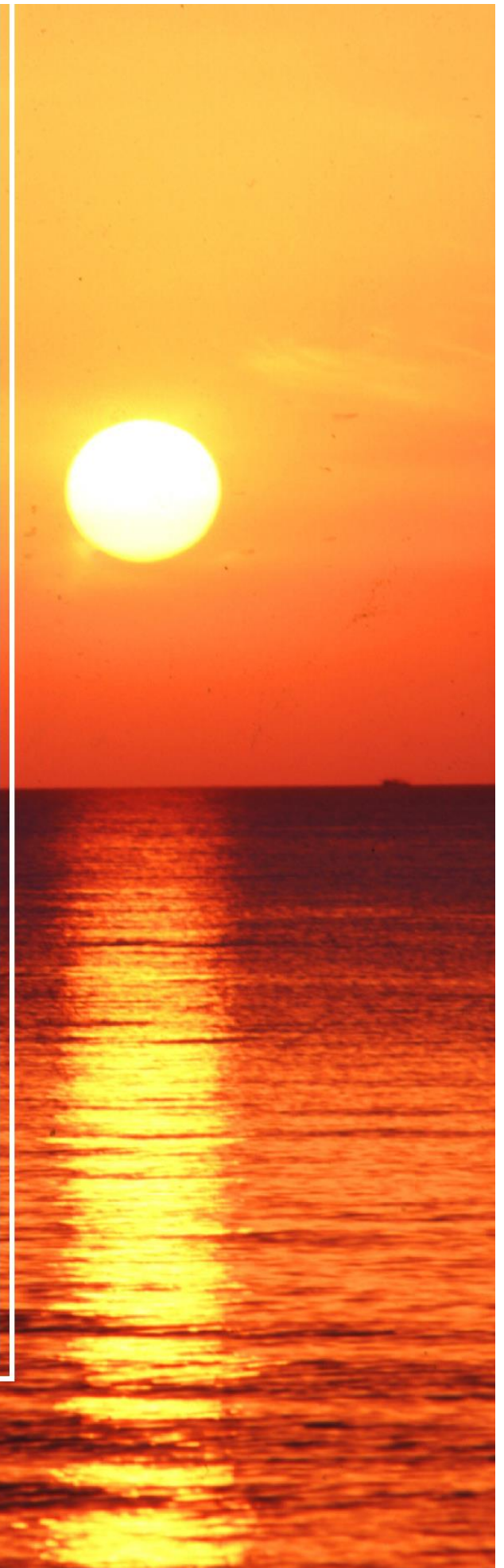
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Let us draw
near ... with
a sincere
heart in full
assurance of
faith ... Let
us hold
unswervingly
to the hope
we profess.

Hebrews 10:22-23



**TWENTYSIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST~LECTION 33
HOLY COMMUNION 9:00 a.m. NOVEMBER 17TH, 2024**

“GOD’S RADICAL LOVE, LIVED OUT EVERY DAY”



*Sundays after
Pentecost*

All are welcome and called to share and give thanks for Christ’s gifts of Promise and Presence! Through faith and trust in Christ’s words we receive his promise of being present in and through the bread and cup as we come to receive his gifts of forgiveness, salvation and eternal life.

We thank God for guests who are here today & pray you will be blessed as you are a blessing to our gathering.

WORSHIP AIDS

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS are available from an usher ask the usher.

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

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

GLUTEN FREE wafers are available. Simply tell the server you wish to receive *gluten free*.

GATHERING

WE PREPARE: *November begins with All Saints Day and ends in or near Advent, when we anticipate Christ’s coming again. It is fitting, then, that the readings today tell of the final resurrection and the end time. In the turmoil of hope, fear, and disbelief that these predictions provoke in us, Hebrews sounds a note of confident trust. Christ makes a way for us where there is no way, and we walk it confidently, our hearts and bodies washed in baptismal water, trusting the one who has promised forgiveness. The more we see the last day approaching, the more important it is to meet together to provoke one another to love.*

PRELUDE/ BELL

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Moment of silence for reflection

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.

Amen.

1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
 2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,

our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
 suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

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.**

Refrain
 Assisting minister

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.

All

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us

free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and

strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the

hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and

might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain

has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING

Daniel 12:1-3

The first reading is in Daniel chapter 12, verses 1-3. The book of Daniel is an example of apocalyptic literature, which is full of strange visions and symbolism. Arising during times of great persecution, apocalyptic literature is concerned with God's revelation about the end time and the coming kingdom of God, when God will vindicate the righteous who have been persecuted.

At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

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

The second reading is in Hebrews chapter 10, verses 11-25. Images of worship and sacrifice are used throughout Hebrews to highlight what Christ has uniquely accomplished through his death. Because we have received forgiveness through Christ's death, we live with sincere hearts by trusting in God's promises and encouraging love and good works from each other.

And every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, "he sat down at the right hand of God," and since then has been waiting "until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet." For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying, "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord:

I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds,"

he also adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more."

Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

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



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

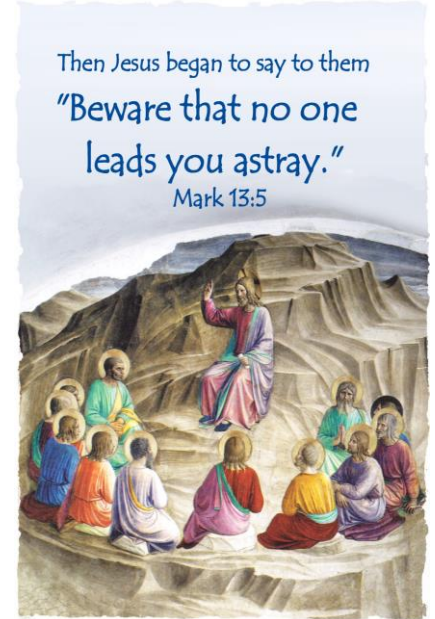
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The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 13th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished? Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.



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

SERMON

Pastor Grant Fischer

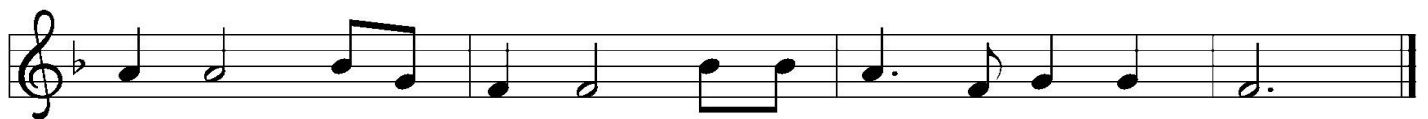
HYMN OF THE DAY

MY LORD, WHAT A MORNING

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Refrain

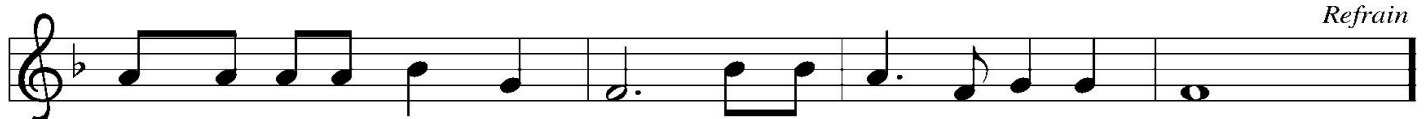
My Lord, what a morn-ing; my Lord, what a morn - ing; oh,



my Lord, what a morn-ing, when the stars be - gin to fall.



- 1 You will hear the trum - pet sound,
- 2 You will hear the sin - ner cry, to wake the na-tions un-der - ground,
- 3 You will hear the Chris-tian shout,



look-ing to my God's right hand, when the stars be - gin to fall.

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 Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

SHARING THE PEACE

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

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)

MEAL

COMMUNION WELCOME

All are welcome to the Lord's Table at Trinity. You are well prepared and worthy if by faith you believe these words, "given for you" and "shed for you...for the forgiveness of sin". Welcome to the Lord's Table. Come taste and see that the Lord is good.

THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

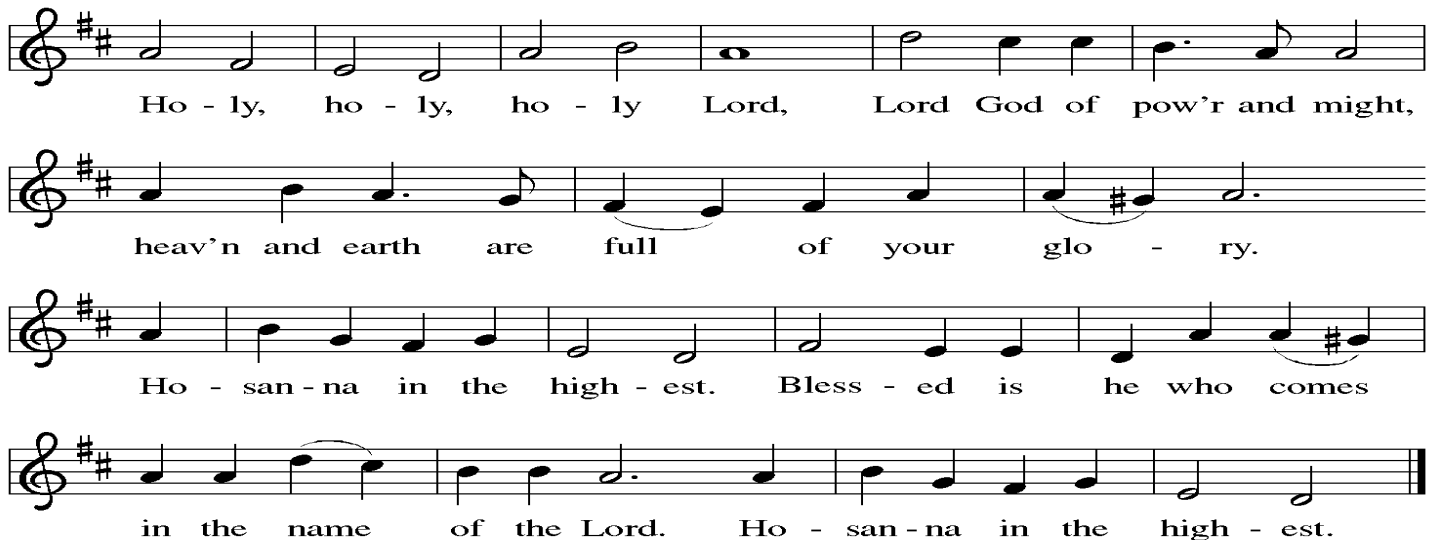
And also with you.

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, the true Paschal Lamb who gave Himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with the earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF JESUS

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

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



PRAYER

Let us pray. Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life. **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy. Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

Soon and Very Soon

ELW #439



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



soon and ver - y soon
no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
no more dy - in' there,
soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon
no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King.
no more dy - in' there,
soon and ver - y soon



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



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



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

Go in peace. The 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	Caleb Oscarson	
Reader	Sarah Lendt	
Communion Assistants	Neil Neidt, Isaac Johnson	
Sound Techs	Russ Sorensen	
Greeters	Darlene Brummund	
Ushers	Keith Lendt, Dennis Mangan	
Altar Guild	Nicole Stevermer, Nicole Jensen	



Thankoffering

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. Blue envelopes will be placed in narthex mailboxes—however, you may also use your regular offering envelopes by designating “*Thankoffering*” on the special giving line... Thank you for any and all gifts!



Board Directors are reminded to submit their proposed budget by November 15th!

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!*





thank you

PASTOR GRANT

for your

**FAITH &
DEDICATION**

*Please Join Us
Next Sunday as
We say Goodbye
And Thank
Pastor Grant for
Serving as Our
Interim Pastor*

We Welcome Pastor Dave Nissen and his family to Trinity! His first service will be Thanksgiving Eve.

Hello Trinity Lutheran Church,

I am Pastor Dave Nissen. I love fishing, reading, music (playing/singing and listening to), spending time with family and friends, and doing the work of the church. I grew up in an ELCA congregation in Hutchinson, Minnesota where I learned, grew, and eventually started to lead. I loved teaching Sunday School and Confirmation, helping to lead the Youth Group, and going on mission trips. This congregation, Christ the King, is where I preached my first sermon and truly felt at home in the pulpit.



While I was a student at Gustavus Adolphus College, I was presented with Dietrich Bonhoeffer's book "Letters and Papers from Prison." In this book I found my call to ordained ministry in service of God and the Gospel. I changed my focus from medicine to ministry. This had been a longtime coming, but my professor and mentor, Paul Lutter, helped me to see this calling. Since then my sense of call has grown because of my exposure to ministry.

During my Clinical Pastor Education (CPE) at St. Francis Regional Medical Center in Shakopee, Minnesota, I found my love for pastoral care. This helped to show me how much I loved ministry. Also, during my internship, I found how much I loved being in a parish. I enjoyed supply preaching before, but on internship I saw how dedicated relationships improve and change ministries.

That being said, I also loved my time in school. I spent a lot of my undergrad learning Ancient Greek and Latin. I have always loved languages and to read the Bible in Greek or the Early Church Fathers in Latin still excites me. I enjoy bringing the classical languages to a place where they can be relevant to our daily lives.

For my personal spiritual care nothing is better than fly fishing, playing guitar or ukulele and wood working. Fly fishing slows me down and lets me dwell in God's wondrous creation. Playing guitar lets me be creative and soothes my stress. I always love learning new things and picking up other instruments gives me a creative outlet to challenge my brain. My goal in life is to be mediocre on at least 10 instruments. I have loved the focus required for woodworking and the accomplished feeling of completing a project that turns into something useful and beautiful.

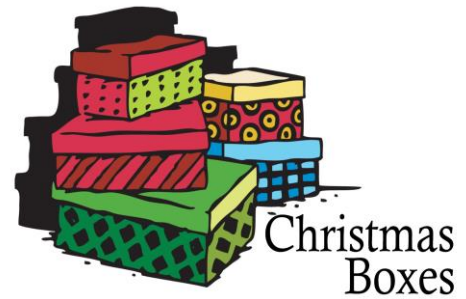
I believe one of the most important things to know about me is that I am a husband and a father. I have been married to my wife, Alyssa, for over 10 years and she has always been a source of hope and light for me. She has pushed me to grow as a person and to work on improving myself, all while loving me as I love her. I have 2 children, Theo (5 years old) and Eloise (2 years old). They have helped me to understand what the love of God our Father means. They are constant points of inspiration for me and I love them with all my heart!

*Blessings and peace,
Pr. Dave Nissen*



It's Time for Christmas Food Boxes

It is time to start thinking about filling a Christmas Food Box for the families of our weekend food kids. There are those in our community who are struggling to provide basic needs for their families. We are asking you to 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 56 children on weekends from 40 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. Our FFA students will provide a fleece blanket for each family as well as personal care products for each family.



Here's what to do:

1. Sign out a Christmas food box in the narthex beginning Sunday, November 17th. 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 8th.
4. Have fun filling the box. Thank you for being the hands of Jesus!

Social Ministries Board —Michal Lowther, Shari Baumgardt, Sandy Beito, Kari Schmidt and Sarah Lendt



Thanksgiving Eve
WORSHIP SERVICE 7:00 PM



PASTOR DAVID NISSEN WILL LEAD US IN WORSHIP
OUR PIE FELLOWSHIP WILL FOLLOW
THE THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE.

PLEASE CONSIDER BRINGING A PIE
TO SHARE. THANKS



November 17th, 2024

Hold tight to your faith.

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 13:1-8	Signs of the end of the age
Monday	Matthew 24:23-31	The coming of the Son of Man
Tuesday	1 John 2:7-14	Old and new commandments
Wednesday	1 John 4:1-6	The true Spirit and false spirits
Thursday	2 John 1:7-11	Watch out
Friday	Jude 17-25	Final warnings and instructions
Saturday	Psalms 31:19-24	The Lord preserves the faithful
Sunday	John 18:33-37	Jesus, the King of truth



SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Let us hold firmly to the hope that we have confessed, because we can trust God to do what is promised. Hebrews 10:23

SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord, you have been faithful to us. Help us to remain faithful in worshipping you. Amen. (Hebrews 10:23, 25)

Mealtime Prayer:

Lord, you fill us with joy when we are with you; and your blessings to us never end. Thank you, God! Amen. (Psalm 16:11)

A Blessing to Give:

May God protect you in body, soul and mind. May God keep you strong in your discipleship. Amen.

CARING CONVERSATION

Discuss in your household or small group:

- Have you ever been tricked or fooled by someone? Share your story.
- Jesus said to his disciples, "Watch out and don't let anyone fool you!" (Mark 13:5) What things draw people away from trusting and following Jesus? What things help them to stay strong and grow in their faith?
- What is something that has encouraged you in your faith in the past week?

DEVOTIONS

Hebrews 10:24 tells us to keep meeting together regularly as Christians to encourage and motivate one another in following Jesus and serving others. In your home devotional times this week, name ways in which God has used members of your household to bring glory to him and good to others. Support each person with this cheer: "*Praise God for (Name)!*"

SERVICE

Plan a special gift that you can donate to help the needy in your community this Christmas. For example, begin purchasing non-perishable food items to make up a Christmas hamper or gift basket. Contact a local community organization or charity that distributes aid to needy homes for advice on how to best donate your gift.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Psalm 16:7 says, "*I will praise the Lord. He gives me good advice. Even at night my heart teaches me.*" When we read or listen to God's Word at the end of the day, our hearts and minds are filled with good things that carry us through the night. Even as we sleep God's Spirit is at work, ministering to us and leading us. As a household, challenge each member to spend a few moments reading or listening to God's Word before you go to sleep this week. Parents, use the Bible or Bible storybooks for bedtime stories with your children. Memorize Psalm 4:8 to say with them, "*I can lie down and sleep soundly because you, Lord, will keep me safe.*"

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@trinitysleepyeve.org or call the office at 507 794-5051. Leave a message.

TRINITY'S WEBPAGE Send an email to the church office at secretary@trinitysleepyeve.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.sleepyeveonline.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:	100
Church School & Confirmation	67
Website	33
Bible Studies Attendance:	9+6+6 =21
Weekly Giving: (5730.00 Needed)	\$4270.28
November Giving: (\$28,650.00 .Needed)	\$11,341.22
Yearly Contributions to Date	\$213,534.11
Amount needed to meet Budget	\$252,120.00

We need everyone's help to meet our Budget!

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 **Kelsey, Greg, Sheila, Linda, Jerry, Grazie, Sandy, Larry, Krista, Sherry, Kali, Jane, Ramsey, Sarah, Molly, Patricia, Nancy, Lennon, Chris, Julie, Kathy, Emmett, Joan, John, Lois, Emma, Milo, Ed, Carlo, Dorothy, Tina, Ethan, Robyn, Carmen, 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....

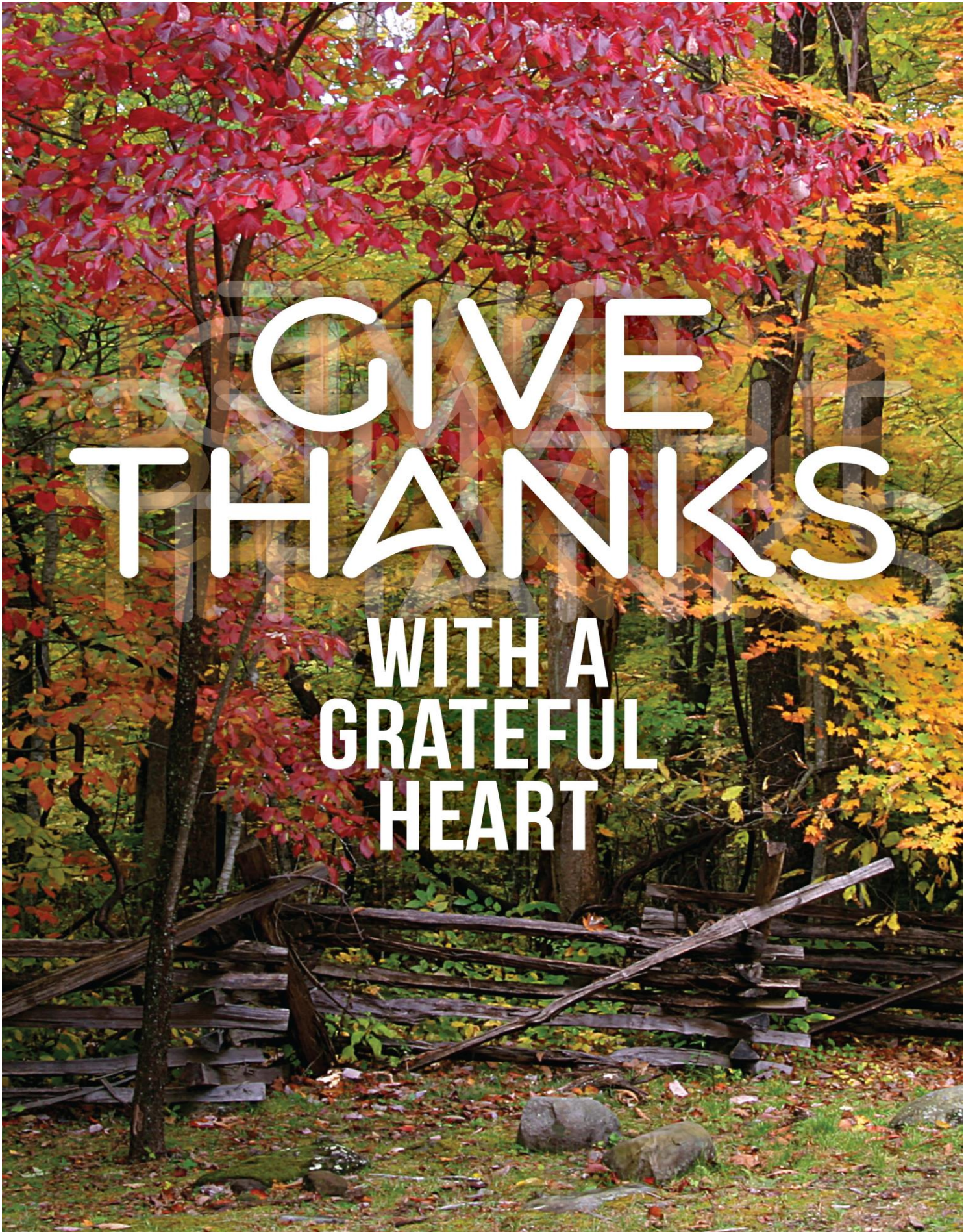
Pray for all families...that the Holy Spirit would bring compassion and mercy to all who are separated from one another and each would give way to mercy, love and reconciliation...

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



**GIVE
THANKS
WITH A
GRATEFUL
HEART**