

# Trinity Lutheran Church

March 1st  
2026

Second  
Sunday  
In Lent

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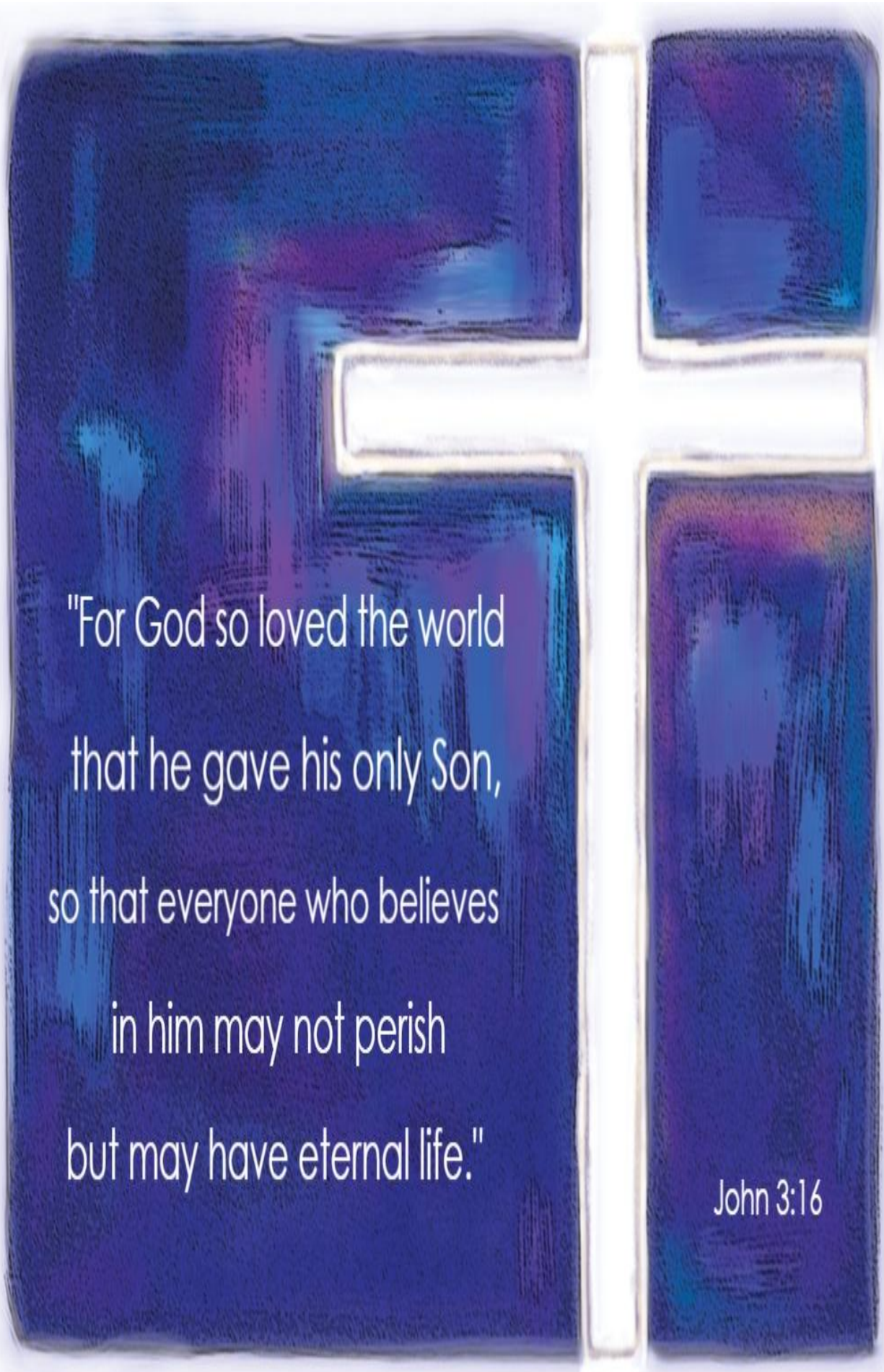
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"For God so loved the world  
that he gave his only Son,  
so that everyone who believes  
in him may not perish  
but may have eternal life."

John 3:16

# SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT SETTING FOUR

9:00 A.M. ~ Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026



*THE LORD JESUS CHRIST WELCOMES ALL* who enter this house of worship! Today, we all gather 'round the risen Christ to receive his promises of forgiveness & life given in through the bread and cup. Children, not yet communing, are always invited to come and receive a personal blessing. During the time of offering, please sign the Friendship Pad as it is passed to you. If you are visiting today, we pray our service of worship together will be a special blessing to you as you are to us.

## WORSHIP AIDS

**LARGE PRINT BULLETINS** are available from the ushers.

**ACTIVITY BAGS** for young children are on a stand at the rear of church; please return it after services—thank you.

**IF YOUR OFFERING** is given by bank-pay, please use the cards in the pews as a sign of your offering in the plate.

**PREFERENCE** to receiving grape juice and/or gluten free bread is indicated by raising your index finger to the server.

## GATHERING

**WE PREPARE...***During Lent we journey with all those around the world who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. In today's gospel Jesus tells Nicodemus that he must be born of water and Spirit. At the font we are given a new birth as children of God. As God made a covenant with Abraham, in baptism God promises to raise us up with Christ to new life. From worship we are sent forth to proclaim God's love for all the world.*

**RINGING OF THE BELL / PARISH NOTICES**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**TREK**

**NOISY OFFERING**

## 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.**

*Refrain*

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till

all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,  
 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied  
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

*Refrain*

our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
 bear on their brows the seal of him who died.  
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.  
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

## 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.**



The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?*

*Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.*

*For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.*

*Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.*

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

**MESSAGE**

Pastor Dave Nissen

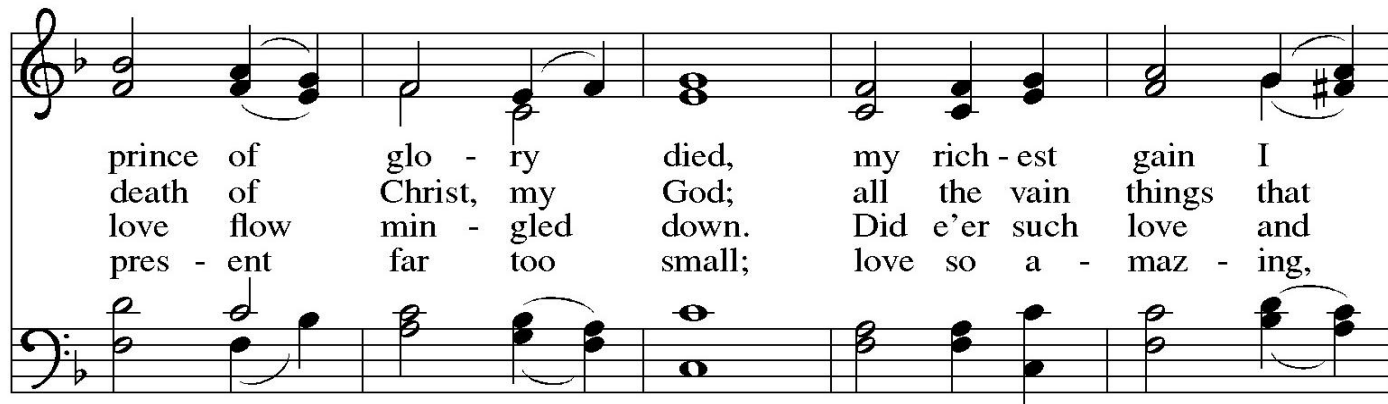


John 3:3





1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the  
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the  
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and  
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a



prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I  
death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that  
love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and  
pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.  
sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

## 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.**

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# THANKSGIVING

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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.

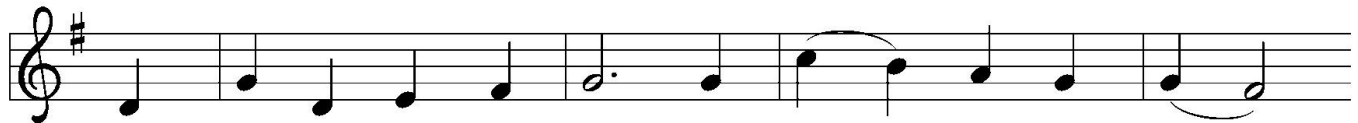
## SHARING THE PEACE

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

## OFFERTORY

*We Give Thee but Thine Own*

**ELW 686**



- 1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
- 2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,
- 3 The cap - tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,
- 4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be:



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.  
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.  
to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ-like thing.  
what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

(The Ushers bring up the offering)

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## MEAL

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## 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, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, 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.)*



1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;  
 2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with  
 3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me; I want Je - sus to walk with me;  
 when I'm in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with  
 when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me; all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,  
 when my heart is al - most break - ing,  
 when my head is bowed in sor - row,

Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.  
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me. walk with me.  
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

## 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.**

## PRAYER OF THANKS

Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, as you were made known to the disciples.  
 Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world.  
 Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world;  
 through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

# SENDING

SENDING SONG

*My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

ELW 759

1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,  
 2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,  
 3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,  
 4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream

Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my  
 my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my  
 be thou my guide; bid dark - ness turn to day, wipe sor - row's  
 shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love fear and dis -

guilt a - way, oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine!  
 love to thee pure, warm, and change - less be, a liv - ing fire!  
 tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.  
 trust re - move; oh, bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God.**



**Our Thanks To All Who Serve The Body Of Christ**

SUNDAY	9:00 am Worship	Wednesday 7:00 pm Worship
Accompanist	Mary Mulry	Pastor Dave
Acolyte	Kaylie Fulmer	Hudson Braulick
Readers	Mark Miller	***
Communion Assistants	Lee Johnson at the rail	***
Sound Techs	Russ Sorensen	***
Greeters	Ross Wall	
Ushers	Doug Domeier, Larry Baumgardt	Doug Domeier, Larry Baumgardt
Altar Guild	Judy Johnson, Beth Klein	



**EASTER PLANTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR ORDER:** If you would like a plant in memory or in honor of a loved one(s) you may now place your order by signing-up in the church office. There is a nice variety of plants to choose from to brighten our sanctuary on Easter morning, which you are welcomed to take home with you after the 9:00 am Easter service. The deadline for your order is *March 22<sup>nd</sup>*

**We would like to stock a nursery again here at Trinity. If you have Baby equipment you no longer need, please consider donating it here. Please talk to Pastor Dave or Darlene. Thank you.**



# BEER & HYMNS!

Join in singing some hymns as we  
enjoy drinks at Sleepy Eye  
Brewing Company!

21 years old and up.

Thursday, March 5th  
7-8PM





**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 4<sup>th</sup>: Choice of Four Soups, Bread, Beverage and Dessert  
Social Ministries**

**March 11<sup>th</sup>: Choice of Four Soups, Bread, Beverage and Dessert  
Property**

**March 18<sup>th</sup>: Choice of Four Soups, Bread, Beverage and Dessert  
Evangelism and Stewardship**

**March 25<sup>th</sup>: Choice of Four Soups, Bread, Beverage and Dessert  
Lay Ministry & Fellowship**



**Sleepy Eye Lions Club**

# **Dad's Belgian Waffle Brunch**

**Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**8:30 am to 12:30 pm**

**Snow date: March 22nd**



## **ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT**

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

- ~ Adults (at the door) \$12.00  
(In Advance) \$11.00
- ~ Children 6-11 (at the door) \$6.00  
(In Advance) \$5.00
- ~ Under 6 FREE
- ~ Take-outs available (inside/outside)

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

Sleepy Eye Public School Cafeteria  
Use Elementary Wing Doors



**Sponsored by Sleepy Eye Lions Club**  
Proceeds go to Lions Community Projects

March 1, 2026

**God has shown his love for the whole world  
by giving us Jesus as our Savior.**

### **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	John 3:1-17	For God so loved the world
Monday	Numbers 21:4-9	The bronze snake
Tuesday	John 7:53-8:11	Jesus does not condemn
Wednesday	Romans 8:1-10	There is now no condemnation
Thursday	1 John 4:7-21	God is love
Friday	1 John 5:1-12	Faith in the Son of God
Saturday	Psalms 128	God promises life
Sunday	John 4:5-42	Jesus and the woman at the well



### **SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK**

**“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”**

John 3:16

#### **SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:**

A Prayer for the Week:

God, thank you for showing us your great love through Jesus. Make our lives signs of your love to those around us. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Lord God, thank you for these gifts before us, signs of your great love. As we are filled with food, fill us also with love for others. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord watch over your life and keep you from all harm. May he keep you safe in your coming and your going, now and always.

### **CARING CONVERSATION**

Discuss in your household or small group:

- What makes you feel loved?
- What has God done to show his love for us? What does it mean to you that God loves you?
- How is God’s love like human love? How is it different?

### **DEVOTIONS**

God loves the world, the whole world! Find a world map or a globe. In your home devotional times this week, share what you know about different parts of the world. Each day, pray for the people in a different part of the world, that they would know God’s love, and come to know and follow Jesus as their Savior.

### **SERVICE**

The Old Testament Lectionary Reading for Sunday, March 16th tells of how God called Abram to leave his home country and his relatives to live in a new land (Genesis 12:1). In our world today, there are many people who are forced out of their home countries by war or other hardships. Visit the websites [www.refugeesinternational.org](http://www.refugeesinternational.org) and [www.unhcr.org](http://www.unhcr.org) to find out more about displaced people. Talk about the challenges and difficulties facing refugees. Plan to make a donation to an organization, like the Red Cross, that works to assist refugees.

### **RITUALS AND TRADITIONS**

When speaking to Nicodemus, Jesus said that he would be “lifted up” just as “Moses lifted up the snake in the desert” (John 3:14; see also Numbers 21:4-9). For this week’s symbol, wrap a pipe cleaner, representing the bronze snake, around a wooden stick, representing the cross of Christ. Say this prayer together:

*Heavenly Father, your Son Jesus was lifted up on a cross to save us from the sickness of sin. Thank you for your great love for the whole world! Amen.*

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## 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.sleepyeyonline.com](http://www.sleepyeyonline.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:	86
Website	52
Bible Studies Attendance:	7+7=14
TREK	42
Weekly Giving: (5730.00 Needed)	\$6590.13
Yearly Giving	\$35,708.25



*Thrivent members are reminded to direct their Choice Dollars each year any time after April 1<sup>st</sup> 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 **Nicole, Dave, Susie, Gary, Mark, Sherry, Kali, Isak, Vivian, Kim, Pam, Pat, Beth, Harold, Rita, Paul, Ray, Lorinda, Chris, Kathy, Emmett, Joan, Lois, Joyce, Emma, Duane, 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...especially the family and friends of **Jane Hurley**, who passed away February 25<sup>th</sup>, ... 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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