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**Second Sunday
In Lent**

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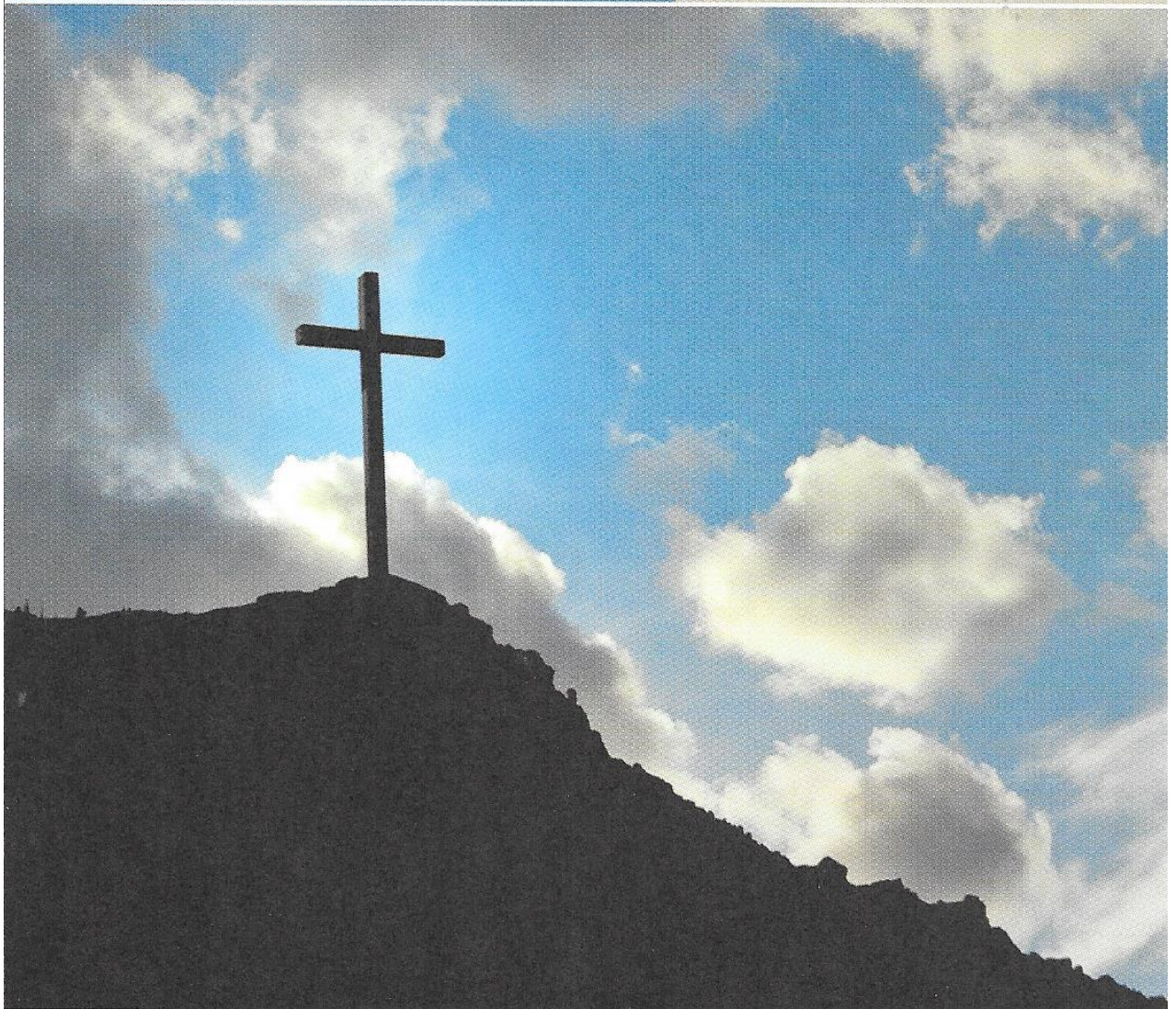
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For God so
loved the world



SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

HOLY COMMUNION



9:00 AM MARCH 5, 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: *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.*

PRELUDE/ PARISH NOTICES/ RINGING OF THE BELL

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who gathers us in the wilderness to redeem us, anoint us, and make us new. **Amen.**

In these forty days, let us be honest, confess our sin, and receive God's promise of mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned away from you, knowingly and unknowingly. We have wandered from your resurrection life. We have strayed from your love for all people. Turn us back to you, O God. Give us new hearts and right spirits, that we may find what is pleasing to you and dwell in your house forever. Amen.

Receive good news:

God turns to you in love. "I will put my spirit in you, and you shall live," says our God.

All your sin is forgiven in the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, who is the free and abounding gift of God's grace for you. **Amen.**





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!

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, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Children's
Message



WORD

FIRST READING

Genesis 12:1-4a

The first reading is in Genesis chapter 12, verses 1-4a.

Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

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

SECOND READING

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

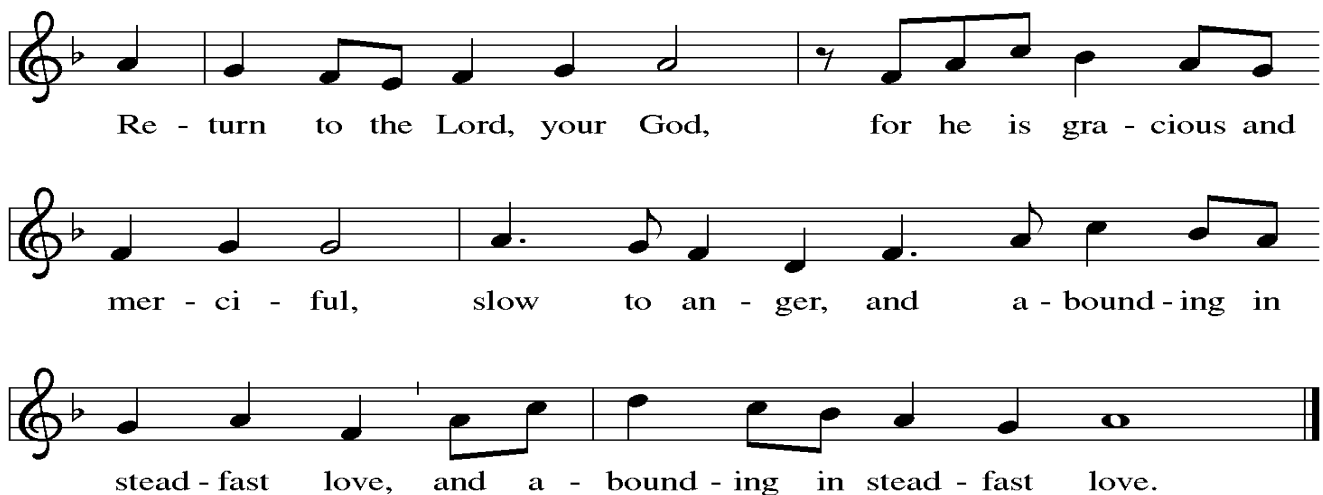
The second reading is in Romans chapter 4, verses 1-5 and 13-17.

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") — in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 3rd 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.**

SERMON

Pastor Tim Mason




John 3:3





1 A - maz - ing grace! — how sweet the sound — that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

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

... Merciful God, receive our prayer.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you. (Due to illness, vocal only)

MEAL

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 call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. As so with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and all the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

We who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.
Come and be filled with light and life.

COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

(THE USHERS BRING UP THE OFFERING)



OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray... Loving God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior, **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

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

ELW# 543



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



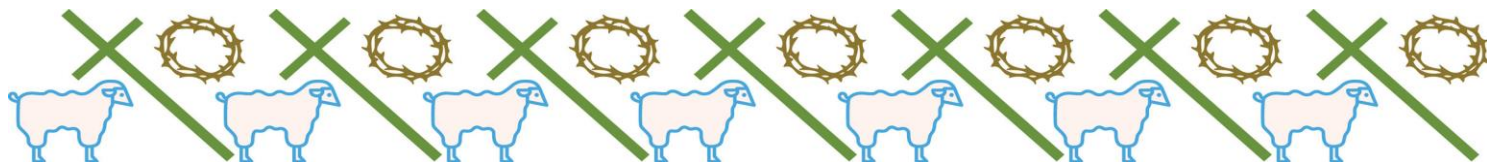
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Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

DISMISSAL

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

OUR THANKS TO ALL WHO SERVE THE BODY OF CHRIST

SUNDAY	9:00 am Sunday Worship	6:15 pm Lenten Worship
Accompanist	Cindy Anderson	Mary Mulry
Acolytes	Jacob Fulmer	Karter Haala
Reader	Eric Wahlborg	Megan Sellner
Sound Techs	Russ Sorensen	Russ Sorensen
Greeters	Rose Wall	Jacob Fulmer & Shea Evers
Ushers	Mark Miller & Mike Petersen	Jon Hansen, Jacob Fulmer & Shea Evers
Altar Guild	Joleen Dittbenner	



SOUP SUPPERS ARE BACK FOR LENT! Four choices of Soup along with bread will be served beginning at 5:30. Lenten Worship will begin at 6:15 pm with Confirmation classes at 6:45. Noon services are also being offered. Our Trinity boards will be serving the soup suppers. March 8th will be served by the Lay Ministry and Fellowship Boards.



Many thanks to those supplying the soup!



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!*

Lent has traditionally been a time of special offerings and it will happen again. The quarter folders have been designated for Camp Scholarships for Trinity Youth. This will also include the Ash Wednesday offering. Thank you for your generosity.



Thank You



It's another exciting year for St. John Home Auxiliary. We look forward to purchasing items that are needed for the residents. We also enjoy providing an occasional treat for the valued staff. This is made possible by membership donations and fundraisers. Please read a detailed report in our church Annual Report.

Membership envelopes are in the Narthex. Five dollars is suggested. Place the envelope with your name on it in the offering plate or leave it in the office. Every donation is thoughtfully used. Thank you! Judy Weedman, Trinity Representative.

There will be a listening session on March 11th at 10:30 for those who would like to talk about their feelings regarding Nate Luong and his time at Trinity. The session will be conducted by Dr. Kay Kinkel in the Friendship Room. Kay provides therapy and mental health support to youth and adults in the following areas:

- Healing from trauma
- Mood disorders, anxiety, depression
- Crisis stabilization
- Grief and loss
- Relationship challenges
- Spirituality and faith issues



"I approach therapy as the practice of identifying and clarifying a person's strengths. Then we use those strengths to address their current life situation as they move toward wholeness and health."

Dr. Kay has 9 years of clinical practice in outpatient therapy, crisis stabilization and mental health support in assisted living settings with people of all ages and backgrounds. She also brings more than 25 years of experience in parish and synodical ministry to her practice which include youth and education ministries, leadership development, conflict mediation, and preventing and responding to clergy misconduct. It is our hope this will be a time of healing.



OUR PURPOSE STATEMENT

“As a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world.”

Your Help is Needed!

The WELCA women of Trinity have chosen to collect items needed for Personal Care Kits as a Lenten project. These kits will be sent to Lutheran World Relief to be used by people in need throughout the world. Kits are sent to Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East. Our organization has recently sent quilts, personal care & baby care kits to Turkey to help the victims of the recent earthquake.

You can contribute by helping provide any of the items needed to make personal care kits or by making a monetary donation to our WELCA group to be used to purchase the items needed.

There will be a display in the Narthex of items used to make the kits and a basket to place your donated items. Monetary gifts should be placed in a marked envelope and left in the church office.

These kits are a simple way to offer comfort to those suffering and express love to our neighbors in need. Thank You.

Items needed:

Light-weight bath-size towel. Dark colors are recommended

4 oz bath-size bars of soap, any brand, in the original wrapping

Adult-size toothbrush in the original packaging

Sturdy combs

Metal nail clippers








Some important guidelines are: New items only please. Lightweight towels are easier to hand wash and air dry along with being less expensive to ship and store. Please do not donate items with any religious symbols, messages, U.S. flags, patriotic or military symbols, including camouflage. These items are shipped around the world and we do not want to create problems for the people using them. Thank you for your understanding.



March

2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <h2>OUR CHURCH WELCOMES</h2>			1 9 am-Women's Bible Study 5:30 pm Lenten Supper~ Social Ministries & Stewardship 5:45 pm Bells 6:15 pm Worship 6:45 pm Confirmation	2 3 pm Maples Bible Study	3 World Day Of Prayer 	4
5 9 am- Holy Communion Sunday School Sings Blood Pressure Checks 10 am Education Hour First Communion Class 	6 9 am Quilting Noon WELCA 1 pm Staff Meeting	7 7am-Men's Bible Study 6:30 pm-AA	8 9 am-Women's Bible Study 5:30 pm Lenten Supper~ Lay Ministry & Fellowship 5:45 pm Bells 6:15 pm Worship 6:45 pm Confirmation	9 10 am Bible Study at Countryside	10	11 10:30 am Listening session with Kay Kinkel
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19 8:15 am Trinity Choir 9 am- Holy Communion 10 am Education Hour  Lions Club Waffle Feed 8:30-12:30 Sleepy Eye Public School Cafeteria 	20 9 am Quilting 1 pm Staff Meeting TIDINGS ARTICLES DUE	21 7 am-Men's Bible Study 5:00 pm Lay Ministry 6:30 pm-AA	22 9 am-Women's Bible Study 5:30 pm Lenten Supper~ Property & Education 5:45 pm Bells 6:15 pm Worship 6:45 pm Confirmation	23 10 am Bible Study at Countryside	24	25
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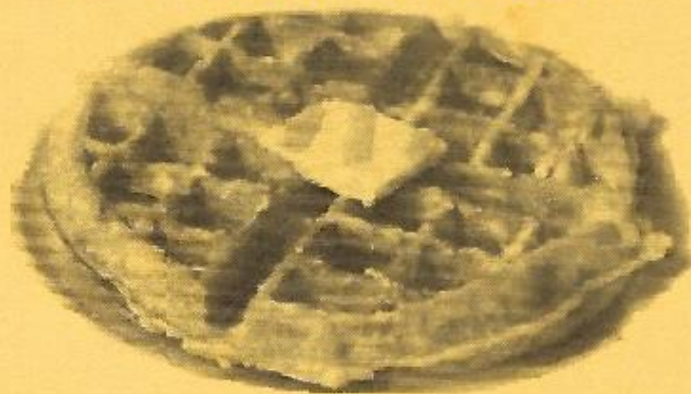
Sleepy Eye Lions Club

Dad's Belgian Waffle Brunch

Sunday, March 19th, 2023

8:30 am to 12:30 pm

Snow date: March 26th



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SUGAR-FREE SYRUP AVAILABLE AND
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- ~ Adults (at the door) \$10.00
(In Advance) \$9.00
- ~ Children 6-11 (at the door) \$6.00
(In Advance) \$5.00
- ~ Under 6 FREE
- ~ Take-outs available

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Sleepy Eye Public School Cafeteria
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March 5, 2023

**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 Psalm 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 and 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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Please take your bulletin home for weekly devotions



Trinity's Mission Statement

We are a community where Jesus is Lord: our mission is to invite, welcome, nurture, and equip all people to be disciples in His name.

TRINITY'S PRAYER CHAIN Send an email to secretary@trinitysleepyeye.org or call the office at 507 794-5051. Leave a message.

TRINITY'S WEBPAGE Send an email to the church office at secretary@trinitysleepyeye.org and let Darlene know you want your newsletter via email!

**TRINITY IS NOW ON FACEBOOK
CHECK IT OUT!!**

"Trinity Lutheran (ELCA) Sleepy Eye MN"

The Trinity Tidings newsletter is now also posted on www.sleepyeyeonline.com watch this site for community news and events.



If you haven't already, please consider *Simply Giving*, an automated giving program for your offering. You determine the frequency of your offering which is deposited into Trinity's account the same day it is withdrawn from your account. It's a "hassle-free" way to give. Talk to Pat or Darlene if you are interested. Thank You.

Last week at Trinity

Weekly Worship Attendance:	71
Weekly Giving: (5730.00 Needed)	\$2763.61
February Giving:	\$15,788.73
Yearly Contributions to Date	\$32,684.53

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 **Sherry, Audrey, Kali, Jerry, Beth, Harold, OraDell, Emmett, Joan, Lois, Joyce, 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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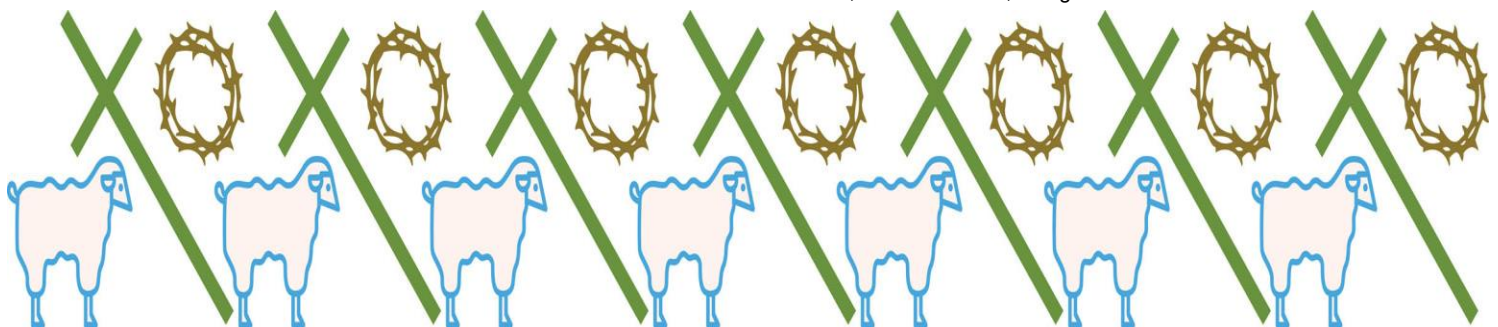
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A crown of thorns, made of dry, brown, thorny branches, is positioned around the text. The background is a light purple or lavender color with a subtle, mottled texture.

For God so loved the world,
that he gave his only

BEGOTTEN SON

that whosoever
believeth in him
should not perish, but
have everlasting life.

JOHN 3:16, KJV