

**Trinity
Lutheran
Church**

**June 2,
2024**

**Second
Sunday after
Pentecost**

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OBSERVE THE
Sabbath Day,
TO KEEP IT HOLY,
AS THE LORD YOUR GOD
COMMANDED YOU.
Deuteronomy 5:12

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST~ LECTION 9
HOLY COMMUNION ~ SETTING 8
9:00 a.m. JUNE 2, 2024



*Sundays after
Pentecost*

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

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: *Deuteronomy makes clear that sabbath-keeping is meant for the welfare of all. God delivered the Israelites out of slavery, so they should not ever work anyone else seven days a week. Even slaves should be able to rest; even resident aliens. Yet human beings can turn even the most liberating religious practice into a life-destroying rule. Jesus does not reject sabbath-keeping, but defends its original life-enhancing meaning. Our worship and our religious way of life are to lead to the hungry being fed and the sick being healed.*

PRELUDE/ BELL

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Moment of silence for reflection

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

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

OPENING SONG

Gather Us In

ELW #532



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream - ings
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,
 light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in, the
 Gath - er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty, gath - er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the
 Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath - er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
 bread that is you; nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
 make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
 fire . . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God from which nothing can separate us, and the life-giving Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

RESPONSIVE PSALM 81*Raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.*

Sing with joy to God our strength and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.

Raise a song and sound the timbrel, the merry harp, and the lyre.

Blow the ram's horn at the new moon, and at the full moon, the day of our feast;

for this is a statute for Israel, a law of the God of Jacob.

God laid it as a solemn charge upon Joseph, going out over the land of Egypt, where I heard a voice I did not know:

**“I eased your shoulder from the burden;
your hands were set free from the gravedigger's basket.**

You called on me in trouble, and I delivered you;

I answered you from the secret place of thunder and tested you at the waters of Meribah.

Hear, O my people, and I will admonish you: O Israel, if you would but listen to me!

There shall be no strange god among you; you shall not worship a foreign god.

I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt.

Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, throughout time you free the oppressed, heal the sick, and make whole all that you have made. Look with compassion on the world wounded by sin, and by your power restore us to wholeness of life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD**FIRST READING**

Deuteronomy 5:12-15

Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day.

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

SECOND READING


2 Corinthians 4:5-12

We do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies.

For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

Mark 2:23-3:6

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 2nd and 3rd chapters.
Glory to you, O Lord.”

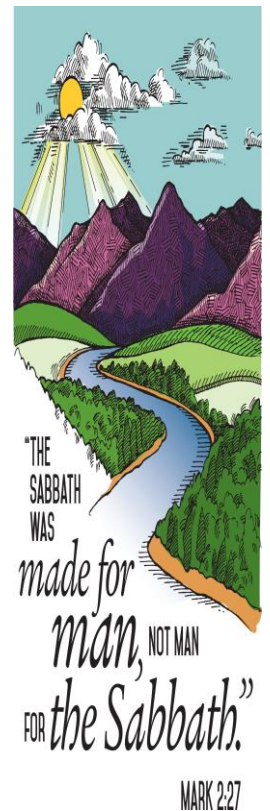
One sabbath [Jesus] was going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. The Pharisees said to him, “Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?” And he said to them, “Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions.” Then he said to them, “The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath.”

Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. And he said to the man who had the withered hand, “Come forward.” Then he said to them, “Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?” But they were silent. He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

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

SERMON

Pastor Grant Fischer





1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
 need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
 flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,
 change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
 here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
 Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants
 help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
 ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
 of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
 ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION God of grace, hear our prayer.

PEACE

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

OFFERING

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)

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.

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

SENDING OF COMMUNION

O God, whose grace and truth are revealed in the Word-made-flesh, bless those who go forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are homebound. Nourish and strengthen those who receive this Holy Communion, that through the body and blood of your Son all may rejoice at his birth and in his presence among us now and forever. **Amen.**



June 2, 2024

1. Call to Order / Prayer
2. Congregational Minutes from January 28th, 2024

Pastor Grant Fischer began the meeting in the beginning of the service with prayer. Board reports are written in the Annual Report, which is available to all members.

Pastor Grant reported that the Transition Team is going forward, slowly and with care. The church is experiencing new realities following the Pandemic. Our task is to make sense out of what is happening now and be patient during this time of transition. We need to do our work diligently and do it well for the betterment of our church.

Brian Polesky began the business meeting asking people to refer to the Annual Report. The nominating committee will soon be looking for new leadership to work on our boards.

Pat Stevermer reported on Trinity's financial concerns. Our endowment has \$90,279.00 according to the last report. In 2023 we finished the year with expenses of \$272,000.00 with \$308,000.00 being donated. She went over the details of the financial report listed in the Annual Report.

Pat asked that Thrivent members designate Trinity to receive benefits since it helps our church in so many ways. We have about 35-40 members who will need to sign up again this year in April. Members need to designate every year. In addition, our congregation has been utilizing Thrivent Team cards to help with expenses for various projects.

Noisy offerings are now collected when the Wednesday Church School children sing. The paraments are now complete.

The building fund needs funding for the street assessments, Library Windows and new projects. Pat thanked the congregation for their continued support. Dennis Schueler made the motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Rose Wall seconded. Approved.

Larry Baumgardt then spoke about Stewardship. In December \$100,000.00 was donated. We need about \$25,000.00 per month. We need a more steady income throughout the year. The Stewardship Board will be asking for pledges to help with this. We need a Youth/Education Director along with a full time Pastor soon.

Larry then thanked the congregation for their support. The proposed 2024 budget is \$298,000.00. Larry Baumgardt made the motion to accept this. Keith Lendt seconded. Approved.

Neil Neidt then gave the Property Board report. There has been a dramatic increase in the cost of insurance. It was recommended by our carrier that we update 6 Breaker panels. We are not insurable if we don't do this work. This will be covered under the \$200,000.00 fund approved in 2022. To date we have made upgrades of \$120,000.00. However we need more donations to cover this without bank loans.

Brian Polesky thanked Pastor Grant, the staff and the congregation.

Harold Pettis made the motion to adjourn. Sue Pedersen seconded. Approved.

3. Pastor's Report
4. Treasurer's Update

5. Election



**Roster of Nominated Officers and Boards of
Trinity Lutheran Church
2024-2026**

Officers

Executive Director: Eric Wahlborg 507 227-2338

Assistant Director: Brian Polesky 507 276-5347

Secretary: Darlene Brummund 507 276-8013

Treasurer: Brian Renberg 507-227-8823

Board of Christian Education

Danielle Havemeier
Jamie Heiderscheidt
Nicole Jensen
Alisa Mangen
Chelsey Schewe

Board of Evangelism

Cindy Steffl, Director

Mark Beito
Doug Domeier
Chris Mangen
Susie Pedersen
Graziela Correa-da-Costa

Board of Parish Fellowship

Ashley Fischer, Director

Darlene Brummund
Amanda Fuchs
Judy Johnson
Pat Lowther
Nicole Stevermer
Mardy Vosbeck

Board of Stewardship

Matt Miller, Director

Larry Baumgardt
Mark Miller
Mike Petersen
Pat Stevermer

WELCA

Darlene Brummund, Chair

Judy Johnson, Secretary
Pat Stevermer, Treasurer
Alda Rydin/Cindy Anderson: Mission Action
Diane Evers/Connie Johnson: Mission Community
Shirley Cannon/Joleen Dittbenner: Mission Growth
Judy Weedman: St. John's Home REP.

Nominating Committee

Sandy Beito Amanda Fuchs
Larry Baumgardt Alisa Mangen
Darlene Brummund Matt Miller
Pastor

Board of Church Properties

Toby Arneson
Larry Evers
Shane Heiderscheidt
Shawn Heiderscheidt
Dennis Mangen
Colton Schewe

Board of Lay Ministry

Lee Johnson, Director

Jon Hansen
Cheryl Neidt
Mary Mulry
Juliann Wahlborg
Rose Wall

Board of Social Ministries

Sandy Beito, Director

Sherry Baumgardt
Sarah Lendt
Michal Lowther
Kari Schmidt

Board of Young People's Work

Keith Lendt, Director

Jeremy Domeier
George Hirschbock
Isaac Johnson
Gerri Pool

Call Committee

Eric Wahlborg, Chair

Alisa Mangen
Ashley Fischer
Amanda Fuchs
Cindy Steffl
Larry Baumgardt
Lee Johnson
Sandy Beito
Keith Lendt

The following persons, having been called to serve on the Call Committee of Trinity Lutheran Church, are asked to come forward as their names are read: **Alisa Mangen, Cindy Steffl, Keith Lentdt, Ashley Fischer, Larry Baumgardt, Sandy Beito, Lee Johnson, Amanda Fuchs, Eric Wahlborg.**

In Holy Baptism, our Lord Jesus Christ liberated you from sin and death and made you members of the church. Through Word and Sacrament, you have been nurtured in faith. I ask you, together with all who are here gathered, to confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we are baptized. (The congregation stands.)

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**

(The congregation is seated.)

St. Paul writes: There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit gives them. There are different ways of serving, but the same Lord is served. There are different abilities to perform service, but the same God gives to everyone ability for particular service. The Spirit's presence is shown in some way in each person, for the good of all. (1 Cor. 12:4-7).

You have accepted a call to a position of trust in this congregation. It will be your duty, in consultation with the bishop's office, to seek out an appropriate candidate for the position of pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church. You must be faithful in your efforts...always respecting the concerns of the congregation while, at the same time, maintaining the integrity of the process. Above all else, you must be diligent in prayer so that God's will is done, and it is God who is glorified by your efforts.

On behalf of your sisters and brothers in Christ, I ask you: Are you ready to accept and faithfully carry out the duties of this call to service? **Yes, with the help of God.**

(The congregation stands)

People of God, I ask you: Will you support these members of the Call Committee? Will you remember them in your prayers and respect their responsibilities and honor their efforts?

Yes, with the help of God.

I now declare you installed as the Call Committee of Trinity Lutheran Church. God bless you with his Holy Spirit, that you may prove faithful servants of Christ. Amen. You may be seated.

Will the elected members of Trinity's boards and Committee please stand in the midst of the congregation. You have been elected to serve in positions of trust in this congregation. It will be your duty to serve in these positions of leadership of Trinity Lutheran Church. You are to be diligent and faithful in your efforts to respect the concerns and mission of the congregation while maintaining harmony among all to assure the integrity of our witness to the good news of

Jesus the Christ. Above all else, you must be diligent in prayer so that God's will is done, and it is God who is glorified by your efforts.

On behalf of your sisters and brothers in Christ, I ask you: Are you ready to accept and faithfully carry out the duties of this call to service? **Yes, with the help of God.**

People of God, I ask you: Will you support these members in their position of leadership and service? Will you remember them in your prayers and respect their responsibilities and honor their efforts?

Yes, with the help of God.

I now declare you installed to your positions of leadership and service of Trinity Lutheran Church. God bless you with his Holy Spirit, that you may prove faithful servants of Christ. Amen. You may be seated.

Adjourn & Closing Prayer

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

Lord Dismiss Us, With Thy Blessing

ELW #545

1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy - ful sound.
3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us from our strug - gling pil - grim way,

let us each, your love pos - sess - ing, tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace.
May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound.
let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum - mons to o - bey.

Oh, re - fresh us; oh, re - fresh us, trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.
Ev - er faith - ful, ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.
May we ev - er, may we ev - er reign with you in end - less day.

DISMISSAL

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 am Worship	
Accompanist	Mary Mulry
Acolyte	Natalie Fulmer
Reader	Susie Pedersen
Sound Techs	Russ Sorensen
Communion Assistant	Neil Neidt at the Rail
Greeters	Isaac Johnson
Ushers	Brian Polesky and Dave Vosbeck
Altar Guild	Terry Newgord and Judy Johnson

***WE EXPRESS OUR SYMPATHIES** to Diane & Kevin Hardin in the loss of Diane's mother and the family and friends of **Sandra Anderson**, who passed away on Thursday, May 23rd and was laid to rest Friday, May 31st with services here at Trinity. May God bless and keep them in His perfect peace.*

And...

*We give our sympathy to Joan Clow and family for their loss of Joan's husband **Larry Clow** on Sunday May 26 at the age of 85 years. Larry and Joan were long time Trinity church members and owners of the Clow Funeral home in Sleepy Eye and the Denver, Colorado area. Larry had Parkinsons and then suffered a stroke. He passed away with family by his side at their retirement home. Their address is 141 West Matthorn, St. Oro Valley, AZ. 85737.*



Summer Coffee Fellowship started today, the first Sunday in June. We thank Darlene Brummund for providing the treats! There is a signup sheet by the ramp door for your convenience. Coffee will always be available even if there is an open Sunday. Thank you for serving!

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!*



The 2024 St John's Lutheran Home Auxiliary membership drive is underway! A box with our envelopes is in the Narthex. Please consider a \$5 donation to the Auxiliary. Place envelope in the offering plate. We help with bingo, birthday parties and fund raisers which support the residents and staff. We are proud of the facility and Trinity is church member of St John's Home. Thank you for caring and for your support!

TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY,

You are invited to an open house at the Sleepy Eye Event Center honoring Jerry and Linda Schueler on their 60th Wedding Anniversary will be held on June 16th from 1-4:00 pm. No gifts please.



JUNE 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9 am-Holy Communion Congregational Election 10 am Fellowship Hour 10 am Parish Planning Council & Leadership Meeting 	3 9 am Quilting	4 3 pm Prokindship 6:30 pm AA	5 9 am-Women's Bible Study Noon- WELCA 	6 7 am-Men's Bible Study	7 Synod  "one body in Christ"	8 Assembly
9 9 am- Worship 10:00 am Fellowship Hour	10 9 am Quilting	11 6:30 pm AA	12 9 am-Women's Bible Study 1 pm Ross Park	13 7 am-Men's Bible Study	14  FLAG DAY	15
16 9 am Holy Communion 10 am Fellowship Hour 11 am Breaking Bread Together 1-4 pm Schueler 60 th Wedding Open House ~ Event Center  	17 9 am Quilting	18 3 pm Prokindship 5 pm Lay Ministry 5 pm Yard Work 6:30 pm AA 	19 9 am-Women's Bible Study	20 7 am-Men's Bible Study Tidings Articles Due	21 	22
23 9 am-Worship 10 am Fellowship Hour Green Lake Bible Camp Week 	24 9 am Quilting	25 6:30 pm AA	26 9 am-Women's Bible Study 1 pm Ross Park	27 7 am-Men's Bible Study	28	29
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JUNE 2, 2024

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 passage.

Sunday	Mark 3:20-35	Doing the work of God
Monday	Matthew 7:15-23	Bearing fruit for God
Tuesday	Mark 14:32-36	Jesus submits to his Father's will
Wednesday	Colossians 1:9-14	Gaining knowledge of God's will
Thursday	Romans 12:1-9	Testing and approving God's will
Friday	Ephesians 5:15-20	Understand what the Lord's will is
Saturday	Psalms 40:1-11	Desiring to do God's will
Sunday	Mark 4:26-34	Two parables of seeds



SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK:

Jesus said: "Whoever does God's will is my brother and sister and mother."

Mark 3:35

SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week:

We place our hope in you, O God, for we have known your unfailing love. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

God, thank you for all that you've done to make sure we are fed. May we give ear to all you've said, and in your ways be led. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God fill your life with faith and hope. May God renew you in spirit each day (2 Corinthians 4:16). Amen.

CARING CONVERSATION:

Discuss in your household or small group:

- Name some things you appreciate about your brother, sister or mother.
- Jesus said that everyone who does God's will is his "brother and sister and mother." What type of brother or sister are you to Jesus?
- Finish this sentence: Having Jesus as my brother means . . .

DEVOTIONS:

Jesus said, "If a family divides itself into groups who fight each other, that family will fall apart" (Mark 3:25; GNT). Discuss what draws you together and unites you as a family or household, and what pulls you apart and divides you. Pray for God's help to become a more united family. Pray that Jesus will be the "glue" that holds you together.

SERVICE:

As Christians doing God's will, we are Jesus' "brother and sister and mother." We can show our love for our brother, Jesus, by serving the brothers, sisters, and mothers in our lives. Invite each family member to carry out one act of service for his other brother, sister, or mother this week.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS:

Set aside some time this week to explore your family history. Make up a family tree showing your cousins, uncles, aunts, grandparents, great-grandparents and so on. View together any family history books you may have. Share what you know about the life stories of your relatives. Discuss ways in which your family history has shaped who you are today, individually and as a family.

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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@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
CHECK IT OUT!!**

"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. *Please pick up your statements and envelopes in your mailbox. Thank You!*

Last week at Trinity

Weekly Worship Attendance:	61
Bible Studies Attendance:	14+7 = 21
Weekly Giving:	\$3641.63
May Giving	\$17,374.17
Amount given this year	\$101,776.12
Amount needed to meet Budget	\$120,330.00
2024 Budget	\$298,000.00

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 **Cindy, Wade, Krista, Trisha, Jan, Sherry, Kali, Jane, Ramsey, Sarah, Lennon, Chris, Julie, Kathy, Emmett, Joan, Lois, Joyce, Emma, Milo, Ed, Carlo, Dorothy, Story, Tina, Ethan, Robyn, Carmen, Linette, Tammy, John, Tony, Ted, Connor, Kimora, and Mary Jo.**

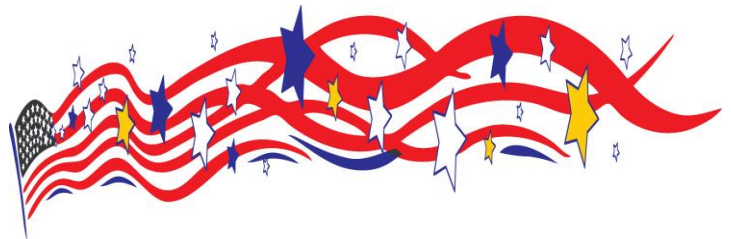
Pray for the beloved... who now rest from their labors in God's mercy and for all who mourn the personal loss of loved onesthat God would fill each one with the hope of our Lord's promise to bring us to a new heaven and earth where suffering, crying, pain and death will be no more....

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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"So

THE SON
OF MAN
IS LORD

even of the Sabbath."

Mark 2:28

