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Third Sunday  
In Lent

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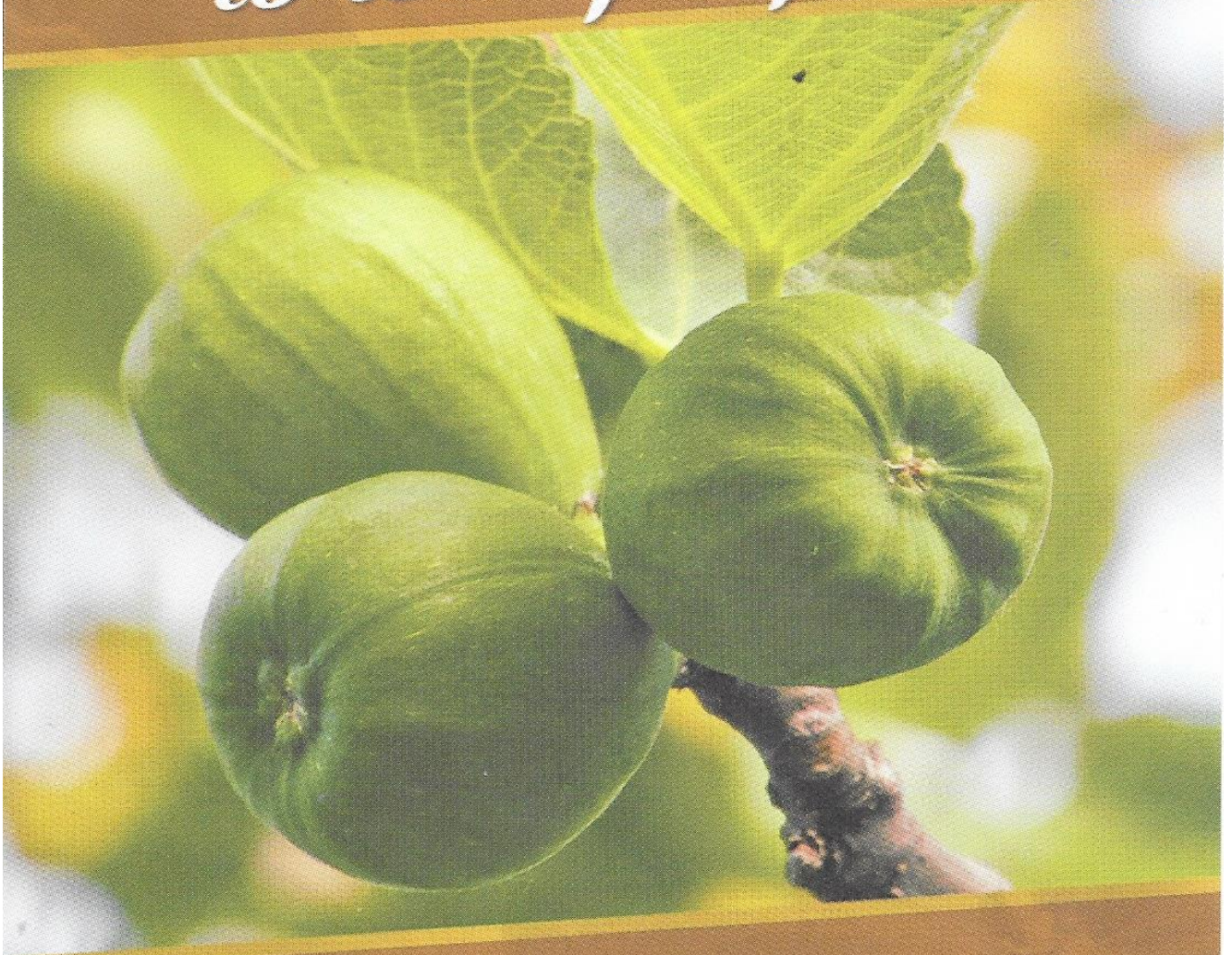
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*I have been coming  
to look for fruit*



*on this fig tree*



## THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT HOLY COMMUNION



**9:00 AM MARCH 20, 2022**

**THE LORD JESUS CHRIST WELCOMES ALL!** *We are gathered in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ who beckons us to come to Him in faith and repentance. May the gospel of the Lord inspire and fill you with the Spirit! Fellowship & refreshments are available in the Library immediately following our Sunday worship.*

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### GATHERING

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**WE PREPARE:** *The warnings are plentiful and blunt on the third Sunday in Lent. Lent is a season of repentance. Cut it out or get cut down! The warnings are accompanied by God's invitation to attentiveness: "Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live." The landowner's ultimatum is forestalled by the gardener's readiness to till the ground one more year. That is good news for all of us. Thanks be to God!*

#### 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.*

God at the margins,

**We have wandered far from your home; again and again, we lose our way.**

**We turn inward, afraid of the world around us. We forget that you have saved your people before and promise to do so again. Do not remember the deeds of our past, but turn our faces toward the future, where your forgiveness is sure, your welcome is clear, and your love overflows. Amen.**

Like a hen who gathers her chicks, God embraces you in tender care. Like manna in the desert, God feeds you with surprising mercy. Like a loving parent, God runs to meet you again this day, forgiving your sins for the sake of ☩ Christ, leading you from death into life. **Amen.**





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

## 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

Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



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## WORD

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### FIRST READING

**Isaiah 55:1-9**

The first reading is in Isaiah chapter 55, verses 1 - 9.

*Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.*

*Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.*

*Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.*

*For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.*

*For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.*

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

### SECOND READING

**1 Corinthians 10:1-13**

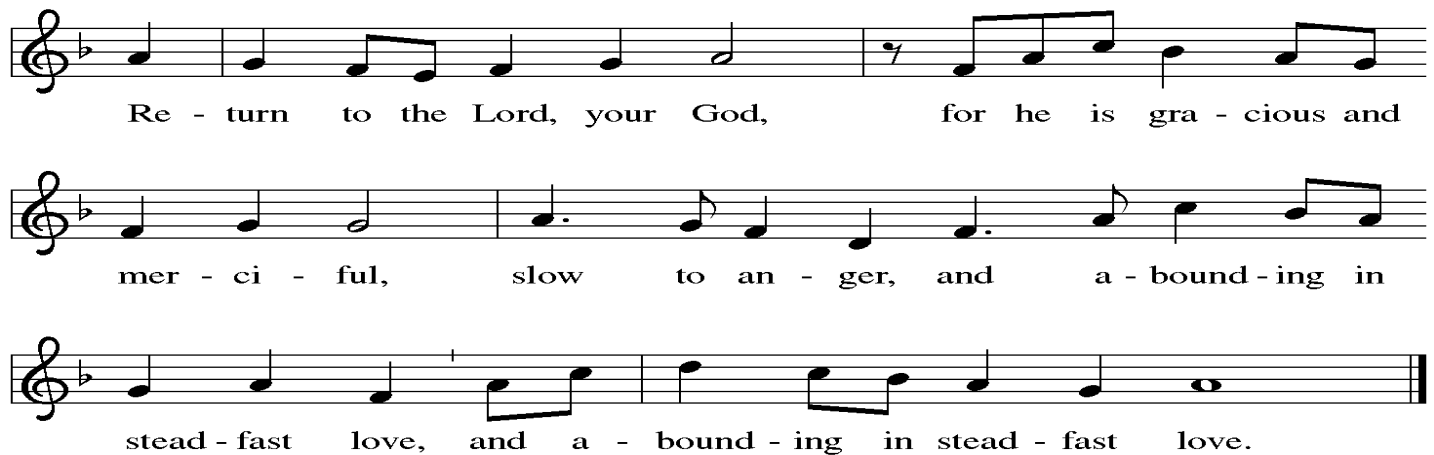
The second reading is in 1 Corinthians chapter 10, verses 1 - 13.

*I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.*

*Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.*

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

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



### **GOSPEL**

**Luke 13:1-9**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them — do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."*

*Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"*

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



### **SERMON**

**Pastor Tim Mason**

# SONG OF THE DAY

# AS THE DEER

## VERSE

D A/C# A Bm D/A G A<sup>7sus</sup> A<sup>7</sup>



1. As the deer pant - eth for the wa - ter, so my soul long - eth af - ter
2. You're my friend and You are my broth - er e - ven though You \_ are a
3. I want You more than gold or sil - ver, on - ly You can \_ sat - is -

4 D<sup>2sus</sup> D A/C# A Bm D/A G A G/A



Thee. You a - lone are my heart's de - si - re, and I long to wor - ship  
King. I love You more than an - y oth - er, so much more than an - y -  
-fy. You a - lone are the real joy - giv - er and the ap - ple of my

## CHORUS

8 D D/C# Bm Bm/A G A/G D/F# G Bm/F#



Thee. You a - lone are my strength, my shield; To You a - lone may my  
-thing. eye.

12 Em Em<sup>7</sup> F#<sup>sus</sup> F# F#/E D A/C# A



spir - it yield. You a - lone are my

15 Bm D/A G A G/A D



heart's de - si - re, and I long to wor - ship Thee.

## 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

### PEACE

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

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## MEAL

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### THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### 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. Amen.**

#### DISTRIBUTION

Come, eat, drink, and live the life God has for you.



**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)

#### 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.**

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## SENDING

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#### BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.      **Amen.**

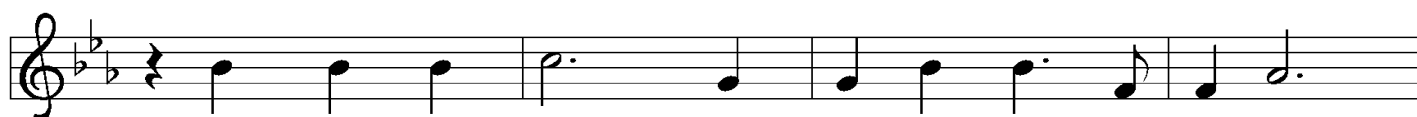




1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,  
 2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,  
 3 This is my prayer, O God of all earth's king - doms,



a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.  
 and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.  
 your king - dom come; on earth your will be done.



This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;  
 But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,  
 O God, be lift - ed up till all shall serve you,



here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;  
 and skies are ev - 'ry - where as blue as mine.  
 and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.



but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing  
 So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,  
 So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions;



with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.  
 a song of peace for their land and for mine.  
 my - self I give you; let your will be done.

**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 Worship	Wednesday 7:00 pm Worship
Accompanist	Mary Mulry	Mary Mulry
Acolyte	Kali Nachreiner	Kayden Klein
Readers	Rose Wall	***
Sound Techs	Russ Sorensen	Russ Sorensen
Greeters	Rose Wall & Connie Johnson	***
Ushers	Mike Peterson & Mark Miller	Jon Hansen
Altar Guild	Sara Sellner and Beth Klein	

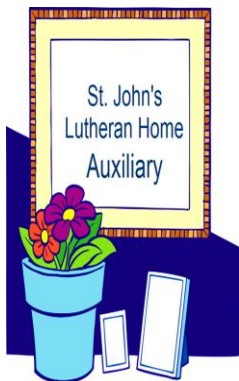
**Lenten Devotionals are available on the tables for all.  
Please use them this Holy Season.**



**SOUP SUPPERS ARE BACK FOR LENT!** Four choices of Soup along with bread will be served from 5:30-6:30. Lenten Worship will begin at 7:00pm. The Boards will serve the meal. Please join us for fellowship and Worship!

*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!*



**OUR 2022 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE IS UNDERWAY.** Membership is \$5 and greatly appreciated. Envelopes are available in the narthex. Please put your name on an envelope with donation inside, and place the envelope in the offering plate or leave it in the office.

This year Trinity is hosting Bingo on the fifth Friday of the months of April, July, September and December. The Home asks for two volunteers to assist. We will also be hosting the May 12th Birthday Party. We are asked to provide entertainment, two volunteers, and \$25 for cake and ice cream.

Thank you from St John's Home!

**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 *April 1st.*



**Quarter Folders are designated for camp scholarships to help 15 young people attend Green Lake Bible Camp this summer. Please help our children experience this wonderful opportunity of faith.**



Jaclyn Nessett's new position replaces the former positions of Director of Christian Education, formerly held by Julia Coulson, and Youth Director, formerly held by Maren Sellner. We thank both Julia and Maren for their dedication and years of service in those positions. Please direct questions regarding Christian education and youth events to Jaclyn: [youth@trinitysleepyeye.org](mailto:youth@trinitysleepyeye.org) or 507 217-1197.

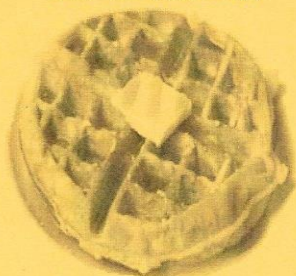
### Sleepy Eye Lions Club

## Dad's Belgian Waffle Brunch

Sunday, March 20, 2022

8:30 am to 12:30 pm

Snow date: March 27th



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(In Advance) \$5.00
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## LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE EASTERN EUROPE CRISIS RESPONSE

MARCH 2022

[ELCA.org/disaster](http://ELCA.org/disaster)

On Feb. 24, Russian forces invaded Ukraine, launching land, sea and air attacks. Airports are now shut, and few railway lines are operational. Civilians fleeing the violence are heading toward Ukraine's western districts and such neighboring countries as Poland, Moldova, Slovakia, Romania and Hungary. Hundreds of thousands of people are seeking refuge in neighboring countries. There are major humanitarian concerns for both internally displaced people and refugees. Many of these Ukrainians fleeing their homes need shelter, basic necessities and pastoral care.

Lutheran Disaster Response is accompanying our companions in Ukraine, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia, as well as such ecumenical partners as Lutheran World Federation and Church World Service, in their humanitarian responses to the crisis. These partners provide refugees with immediate support and supplies such as food, blankets, water and hygiene kits.

**Your gifts designated for "Eastern Europe Crisis Response" will be used entirely (100%) to provide support for people impacted by conflict in the region.**

Yes, I want to help!

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March 20, 2022

# Return to the Lord.

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These readings are related to the Lectionary readings for this Sunday.

Sunday	Luke 13:1-9	Parable of the fig tree
Monday	Psalms 63:1-8	Delight in God's presence
Tuesday	Isaiah 55:1-9	Seek the Lord
Wednesday	Ezekiel 18:25b-32	Repent and live
Thursday	Hosea 14:1-7	Return to the Lord
Friday	Luke 3:1-9	The fruit of repentance
Saturday	Psalms 34:11-22	Turn from evil and do good
Sunday	Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32	Parable of the forgiving father

## SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

**Turn to the Lord! He can still be found. Call out to God! He is near. Give up your crooked ways and your evil thoughts. Return to the Lord our God. He will be merciful and forgive your sins.** Isaiah 55:6-7

## SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:

### A Prayer for the Week:

O God, show us your mercy and love as we turn to you each day. Amen.

### Mealtime Prayer:

Mealtime is here, O what a spread! Thanks be to God, who gives us bread. Amen.

### A Blessing to Give:

May God satisfy your deepest needs. May God show you kindness and be your helper. Amen. (Psalm 63:3-7)

## CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home or small group:

Are you a patient or an impatient person? When is it hard to be patient?

Read Jesus' parable about the fig tree (Luke 13:6-8). Where do you see patience shown in this story? How is God patient with us?

Being forgiven is the heart of the grace and mercy of God. Talk about a time you have been forgiven.

## DEVOTIONS

The theme of repentance runs through the Bible readings for this Sunday. God gives us the Ten Commandments to help us examine our thoughts, words, and actions. In your family devotion times this week, listen together to the Ten Commandments and talk about what they mean.

You shall have no other gods.

You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not kill.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

You shall not covet your neighbor's spouse, or their manservant, or their maidservant, or their cattle, or anything that is your neighbor's.

## SERVICE

"Come all you who are thirsty, come to the waters" (Isaiah 55:1-2). With this passage in mind, commit to drinking only water at home this week. Estimate what you will save and donate it to a worthy cause. Use this opportunity to reflect on God's gift of water and our new birth through the waters of baptism.

## RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Repentance is above all else gaining a new mind, a new way of seeing things. Use Psalm 51:10 as a Lenten greeting with family and friends: One person says, "Create in me a clean heart, O God." The other responds, "and put a new and right spirit within me." This can be done with a spirit of joy by doing a "high-five" as the words are exchanged.

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





## Trinity's Mission Statement

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

**TRINITY'S PRAYER CHAIN** Send an email to [secretary@trinitysleepyeye.org](mailto:secretary@trinitysleepyeye.org) or call the office at 507 794-5051. Leave a message.

**TRINITY'S WEBPAGE** Send an email to the church office at [secretary@trinitysleepyeye.org](mailto:secretary@trinitysleepyeye.org) and let Darlene know you want your newsletter via email!

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

*"Trinity Lutheran (ELCA) Sleepy Eye MN"*

The Trinity Tidings newsletter is now also posted on [www.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. *Please pick up your statements and envelopes in your mailbox. Thank You!*

## 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 **Judy, Beth, Harold, Sue, Joan, Lois, Joyce, Dylan, Emma, Ed, Story, Tina, Tammy, Ethan, Robyn, David, Carmen, Julia Ann, Linette, Tammy, John, Tony, Ted, Connor, Sue, Ed, 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 those preparing for marriage and those newly married**...that God would be glorified in their union, filling every couple with the light and truth of God's grace and power throughout their lives ...

**Pray for the men and women serving in the Armed Forces and those far from home**...for **Brady Augustin** and his wife (Donna Augustin's son stationed in Italy)...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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