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Third Sunday In Lent

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*Custodian* Patrick Lowther Sir, give me this WATER so that I wont get THIRSTY ~ AND ~ have to keep coming here TO DRAW WATER.

JOHN 4:15

#### FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT SERVICE OF THE WORD



# 9:00 AM MARCH 12<sup>TH</sup>, 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. Today we welcome David Milbrath as he shares a message from the Gideons. 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:** In today's gospel the Samaritan woman asks Jesus for water, an image of our thirst for God. Jesus offers living water, a sign of God's grace flowing from the waters of baptism. The early church used this gospel and those of the next two Sundays to deepen baptismal reflection during the final days of preparation before baptism at Easter. As we journey to the resurrection feast, Christ comes among us in word, bath, and meal—offering us the life-giving water of God's mercy and forgiveness.

#### **RINGING OF THE BELL / PARISH NOTICE SPECIAL MUSIC**



**BELL CHOIR** 

**DAVID MILBRATH** 

#### SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE GIDEONS

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who journeys with us these forty days, and sustains us with the gift of grace. **Amen.** 

Let us acknowledge before God and one another our need for repentance and God's mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,

we confess to you our faults and failings. Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word; we take for ourselves instead of giving to others; we spoil rather than steward your creation; we cause hurt though you call us to heal; we choose fear over compassion. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, as we seek to follow in your way of life. Amen.

Hear the good news: God so loved the world that God gave the only Son, so that all may receive life. This promise is for you! God embraces you with divine mercy, + forgives you in Christ's name, and revives you in the Spirit's power. **Amen.** 



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.

#### PSALM 95

Come, let us sing to the LORD; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.

For you, LORD, are a great God, and a great ruler above all gods.

In your hand are the caverns of the earth; the heights of the hills are also yours. The sea is yours, for you made it, and your hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD our maker.

For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand. Oh, that today you would hear God's voice!

"Harden not your hearts, as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert.

There, your ancestors tested me, they put me to the test, though they had seen my works.

Forty years I loathed that generation, saying,

'The heart of this people goes astray; they do not know my ways.'

Indeed I swore in my anger, 'They shall never come to my rest.'"

#### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** 



WORD

#### FIRST READING

Genesis 17:1-7

The First Reading is from Genesis chapter 17, verses 1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God

#### **SECOND READING**

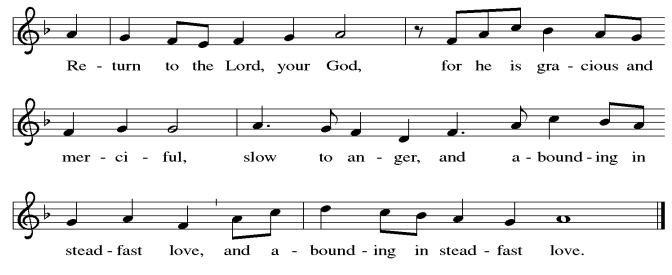
*The Second Reading is from Romans chapter 5, verses 1-11.* 

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person — though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God.

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



#### **GOSPEL READING**

John 4:5-42 The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter. Glory to you, O Lord.

So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living

water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks, drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life."

The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to vou."



Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he? They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

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

#### SERMON

**Pastor Tim Mason** 



#### 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

#### **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)

## THANKSGIVING

#### OFFERING

#### (THE USHERS BRING UP THE OFFERING)

God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life. **Amen.** 

#### LORD'S PRAYER

Together, let us pray with confidence the words our Savior gave us: 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.

# SENDING

#### BLESSING

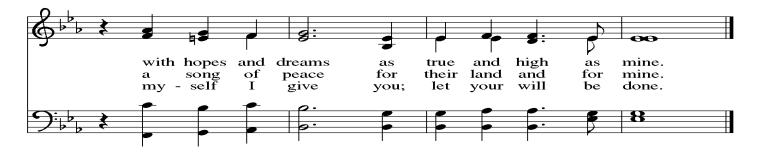
God, the giver of love, + Christ, the resurrection and the life, and the Holy Spirit of rebirth bless you in this Lenten journey. **Amen.** 











#### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve in love. Thanks be to God.

#### POSTLUDE



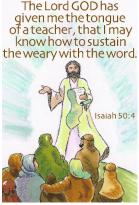
## Our Thanks to All Who Serve the Body of Christ

SUNDAY	9:00 am Worship	7:00 pm Wednesday	
Accompanist	Mary Mulry	Mary Mulry	
Acolyte	Brayden Heiderscheidt	Kenley Jensen	
Readers	Rose Wall	Samantha Price	
Sound Techs	Russ Sorensen	Russ Sorensen	
Greeters	Rose Wall	Jon Hansen, Hunter Mertz, Gavin Fischer	
Ushers	Mark Miller, Mike Petersen	Jon Hansen, Hunter Mertz, Gavin Fischer	
Altar Guild	Joleen Dittbenner		

**WE EXPRESS OUR SYMPATHIES** to Greg & Sheila Nessett and daughter Jaclyn and all of the family and friends of James Anderson, Greg's father, who passed away on March 2nd and was laid to rest Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> with services at First United Methodist of New Ulm. May God bless and keep them in His perfect peace.



Great Thanks to David Milbrath for sharing our Worship today! Please place donations for the Gideons in the basket in the back of the Sanctuary.



Today is Gideon Sunday and we thank David Milbrath for sharing information about the work of the Gideon Ministry. Gideon's goal is very simple, "Winning Men and Women and Boys and Girls to the Lord Jesus Christ". You will have that opportunity today to give a gift of money to buy Bibles and place in their hand. The two counties of emphasis are Ukraine and Poland during these two months of the state convention to raise \$155,000 through Gideons and Auxiliary donations and Church presentations like yours. According to Joshua's project, in Poland, three out of 1000 people are Evangelical Christians and in Ukraine 36 out of 1000 are Evangelical Christians. We can make difference with a gift by placing God's word in their hands.

In His Service, Gideon Russell Sorensen, Trinity Church

**SOUP SUPPERS ARE BACK FOR LENT!** Four choices of Soup along with bread will be served beginning at 5:30 starting on Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. 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.





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.



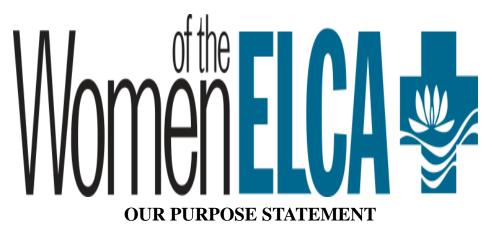


March is Trinity's month to deliver Meals on Wheels. Lee Johnson is our driver and needs help!

If you are available around 11:00 am and are interested, please call Lee at 507 276-3515. Thanks!



Sign up for Easter Flowers in the office!



"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.

# **Varch**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
OUR CHU	RCH WH	ELCOMES	1 9 am-Women's Bible Study Noon Worship 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	11 10:30 am Listening sessions with Kay Kinkel
12 8:15 am Trinity Choir 9 am- Worship ~Gideon Sunday 10 am Education Hour First Communion Class 11:30 am Worship at Sundown	13 9 am Quilting 1 pm Staff Meeting	14 7am-Men's Bible Study 3:pm Ross Park 3 pm Prokinship for Kids 5:30 pm Parish Planning Council 6:30 pm-AA	<ul> <li>15</li> <li>9 am-Women's Bible Study</li> <li>Noon Worship</li> <li>5:30 pm Lenten Supper~ Youth &amp; Evangelism</li> <li>5:45 pm Bells</li> <li>6:15 pm Worship</li> <li>6:45 pm Confirmation</li> </ul>	16 Watonwan Pastor's meeting at Trinity 3 pm Maples Bible Study	17	<b>18</b> National Quilting Day
19 3:15 am Trinity Choir fouth 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 Noon Worship 1 pm Visitation 2 pm Funeral 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 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023 8:30 am to 12:30 pm Snow date: March 26th

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

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

- ~ 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
- $\sim$  Take-outs available

Tickets available at the Elementary Public School 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



Feb 27 – April 9, 2023 Sleepy Eye Area Food Shelf <u>Non-Perishable Food Drop Off Boxes:</u> Schutz Family Foods, St. Mary's Church, Trinity Lutheran Church, and at Food Shelf-Only on Mondays 4-6 pm <u>Cash Donations - Send check to:</u> Sleepy Eye Food Shelf PO Box 492 Sleepy Eye, MN 56085 Questions: Call Ann McCabe 507-794-4478 or Josie Rose 507-794-7130



# Jesus gives "living water" to satisfy the thirsts of our lives.

#### 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 4:5-42 Jesus and the woman at the well Monday Genesis 24:1-4, 10-27 Rebekah at the well Tuesday Genesis 29:1-14 Rachel at the well Wednesday John 7:37-44 Streams of living water Thursday Revelation 21:5-7 The spring of the water of life Friday Revelation 1-5 River of life Saturday Psalm 104:10-18 God waters the earth Sunday John 9:1-41 The man born blind

#### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK



#### "No one who drinks the water I give will ever be thirsty again. The water I give is like a flowing fountain that gives eternal life." John 4:14 (CEV)

#### SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week:

Pour your love into our hearts, God, and let it overflow to others. Amen. (Romans 5:5)

Mealtime Prayer:

God, our bodies and souls depend on you. Thank you for feeding our bodies. Please feed our souls also for eternal life with you. Amen. (John 4:13-14)

A Blessing to Give:

May Jesus pour his love into your heart. May you be filled to the brim with his living water, a spring gushing up to eternal life. Amen. (John 4:13-14)

## **CARING CONVERSATION**

Discuss in your household or small group:

- What is your favorite drink? Why?
- Jesus says that those who drink the water he gives to them will never be thirsty again (John 4:13-14). What do you think he means?
- The woman Jesus met at the well asked him some questions. What is a question you would like to ask Jesus?

#### DEVOTIONS

Jesus told the woman at the well that God wants people to worship him "in spirit and in truth" (John 4:23). As part of your home devotional time this week, talk about your household's experiences of Sunday worship. Why do you worship? What helps you to worship? How does participating in Sunday worship address your spiritual thirsts? Discuss ways in which you could better support the worship life of your congregation. Say a prayer of thanks for your congregation and those who plan and lead worship.

# SERVICE

Resolve to drink only water in your home this week. Write up or type Jesus' words, "Come to me and drink" (John 7:37). Attach this verse to your water jugs or water bottles. Donate any money you have saved by not using purchased beverages (soft drinks, juices etc.) to a

charity of your choice.

#### **RITUALS AND TRADITIONS**

Speaking to the woman at the well, Jesus offered her "living water" to satisfy her life thirsts. As this week's symbol, place a small bottle or vial of water in your family's prayer space. Say this prayer together:

Lord Jesus, thank you for coming into our world to bring us your "living water." Help us to look to you to satisfy our thirsts of body and soul. Amen.

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



<u>Trinity's Mission Statement</u> 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 <u>secretary@trinitysleepyeye.org</u> or call the office at 507 794-5051. Leave a message. TRINITY'S WEBPAGE Send an email to the church office at <u>secretary@trinitysleepyeye.org</u> 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 <u>www.sleepyeyeonline.com</u> 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:	91
Weekly Giving: (5730.00 Needed)	\$9513.87
March Giving:	\$9513.87
Yearly Contributions to Date	\$42,198.40
Needed to meet budget to Date	\$57,300.00

#### This Week's Prayer Concerns

<u>Pray for the Church</u>...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...

<u>**Pray for our World...**</u> 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, Chris, Kathy, 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.

<u>Pray for the beloved</u>... 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....

<u>**Pray for all families...**</u> 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...

<u>Pray for the missionaries of our church (ELCA)</u>...that they proclaim their witness of the Gospel throughout the world.

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