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SERVICE OF THE WORD 9:00 A.M. ~ SUNDAY, APRIL 23RD, 2023



THE LORD IS RISEN! ALLELUIA! The Risen Christ receives all who enter this house of worship to celebrate God's gifts of Word and Sacrament! Your presence is a blessing to this worship we share as we raise our hearts and alleluias to God. Everyone who has faith in Jesus' presence and his promise of forgiveness is welcome at this Table of the Lord. Fellowship and refreshments are available in the Library following worship.

WORSHIP AIDS

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS are available from an usher.

ACTIVITY BAGS for young children are on a stand at the rear of church; please return after services. Thanks.

PLEASE SIGN the Friendship Pad.

GATHERING

WE PREPARE: Today's gospel begins with two disciples walking to Emmaus, overcome with sadness, loss, and disappointment. They had hoped Jesus, who was crucified, would be the one to redeem Israel! Yet the risen Christ walks with them and then opens their eyes in the breaking of the bread. Each Sunday our hearts burn within us as the scriptures are proclaimed and Christ appears to us as bread is broken and wine is poured. The story of Emmaus becomes the pattern of our worship each Lord's day.

PRELUDE/BELL

PARISH NOTICES

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring. In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you. Empower our witness to your resurrection. Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.

Satisfy the world's need through your living water. Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment. Where despair prevails, grant hope. Where chaos reigns, bring peace. We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns forever. **Amen.**



GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Noisy Offering



WORD

FIRST READING

Acts 2:14a & 36-43

The first reading is in Acts chapter 2, verses14a & 36 - 41.

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

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

SECOND READING

1 Peter 1:9-17

The second reading is in 1 Peter chapter 1, verses 17-23.

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

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

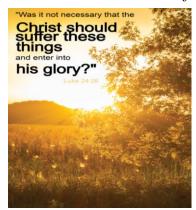
In my life Lord, be glorified, be glorified. In my life Lord, be glorified today. In my Song...
In my Church...
In my Prayers...

GOSPEL Luke 24:13-35

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 24th chapter. Glory to you, O Lord.

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of

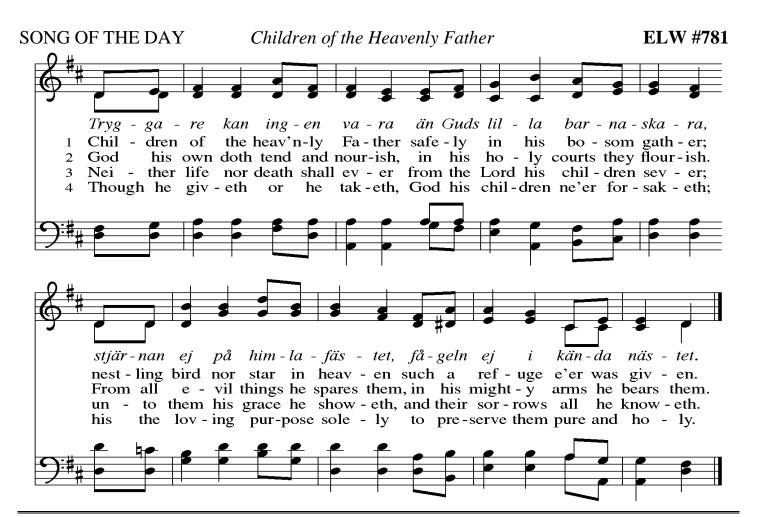
our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.



As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

SERMON Pastor Tim Mason



HOLY BAPTISM

In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

I present Noah Craig Neidecker for baptism.

As you bring Noah to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with them among God's faithful people, bring him to the word of God and the holy supper, teach Noah the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer, so that Noah may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help Noah grow in the Christian faith and life? I do.

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Noah in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church? **I do.**

People of God, do you promise to support Noah and pray for him in his new life in Christ? **We do.**

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God? **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God? I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God? I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Noah Craig Neidecker, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Noah with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

Noah Craig Neidecker, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.**

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PEACE

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

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING (PLEASE SIGN THE ATTENDANCE RECORD DURING THE OFFERING) *MARY'S CHOICE*

(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

The blessing of the Lord God Almighty, the blessing of + Christ, the Lamb who was slain, and the blessing of the Holy Spirit of truth be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**





DISMISSAL Alleluia. Go in peace. Share the good news. Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

Our Thanks To All Who Serve The Body Of Christ

SUNDAY		9:00 am Worship
Accompanist	Pastor Tim Mason	
Acolyte	Samantha Price	
Readers	Cheryl Neidt	
Sound Techs	Russ Sorensen	
Greeters	Jeff & Lynette Carlson	
Ushers	Dale & Diane Eckstein	
Altar Guild	Joleen Dittbenner	



WE WELCOME into the Trinity family Noah Craig Neidecker, child of Travis Neidecker and Danielle Schugel. He is sponsored by Amanda & Tony Fuchs and Stacey & Chao Liu. May God give them the servant faith to fulfill the promises made before God and this congregation today, bringing Noah to share eternally in the Kingdom of God.

God bless Noah in his life of faith!

The Christian Education is seeking people willing to organize and help during this summer's Vacation Bible School. Please email education@trinitysleepyeye.com or swing by the office and let Brittney or Darlene know you are willing by April 30th. We need help to make this a successful VBS.





Baskets Needed

Hello everyone, this year the Sunday School kids will be putting May baskets together! We are in need of baskets and are wondering If you have any baskets laying around that you would like to donate we would need them by April 23rd. You can drop them off in the office or you can get them to me. Thank you.

Brittany Scharpe

MEALS THAT MATTER

With the delicious meals available in the freezer located in room 109 just off the dining room we now need your help. The meals are to be given to people who are experiencing some sort of life changing event, be it a new baby, illness, a death in the family, or anyone you think would benefit from a tasty, ready made dinner. Remember, you are the hands of Jesus in our world.



Thank you for being the hands of Jesus!



2023 Senior profiles are needed!

Please email me at secretary@trinitysleepyeye.org by Monday, April 24th to have your senior appear in the May Tidings. Thank you for your help.

May 7th will be our last day of Sunday School this spring. Our children will be singing as well. Please have your child at church at 8:40 to practice. A fun morning is planned!



Adult Forum continues on Sunday with "How Lutherans Interpret the Adult Bible," a refreshing look at some of the unique ways Lutherans read God's holy word. Join us in the Friendship Room after worship.



Please talk to Darlene or Pat if you are interested in attending the Convention. Everyone can help fund our WELCA women by buying your flowers through us! This will help fund all the projects our quilters accomplish during the year. Thank you for your support!

Darlene Brummund, WELCA President

2023 SW MN SWO Convention



Friday, May 5, 2023



Shetek Lutheran Ministries

14 Keeley Island Drive, Slayton, MN 56172

Theme Verse: Zephaniah 3:17b

Theme Hymn: "Change My Heart,
O God"

Opening Worship with Holy Communion Rev. Heather Culuris officiating

Guest Speaker: Katie Chapman, Director Shetek Environmental Learning Center

Registration Fee: \$35.00

Note: There will <u>not</u> be a truck for In-Kind Offerings this year.

Convention Offerings: 50% to Churchwide Women, 25% to Shetek Lutheran Ministries,

25% to Shetek Environmental Learning Center

Katie's Cans available - Bring your loose change for Katie's Fund.

Convention Schedule

9:00 a.m. Registration/Coffee/Displays 10:00 Opening/Voting Member Orientation 10:15 Worship with Holy Communion 3:30 Convention Closes





Hanging Baskets ~ 10 inch

Colorful Containers	
12 inch Mixed Basket of Annuals	\$35.00
Mixed Basket of Annuals	\$30.00
Zonal Geranium Basket	\$30.00
Ivy Geranium Basket	\$30.00
Impatiens Basket	\$30.00
Trailing Wave Petunia	\$30.00
Mixed Petunia Basket	\$30.00

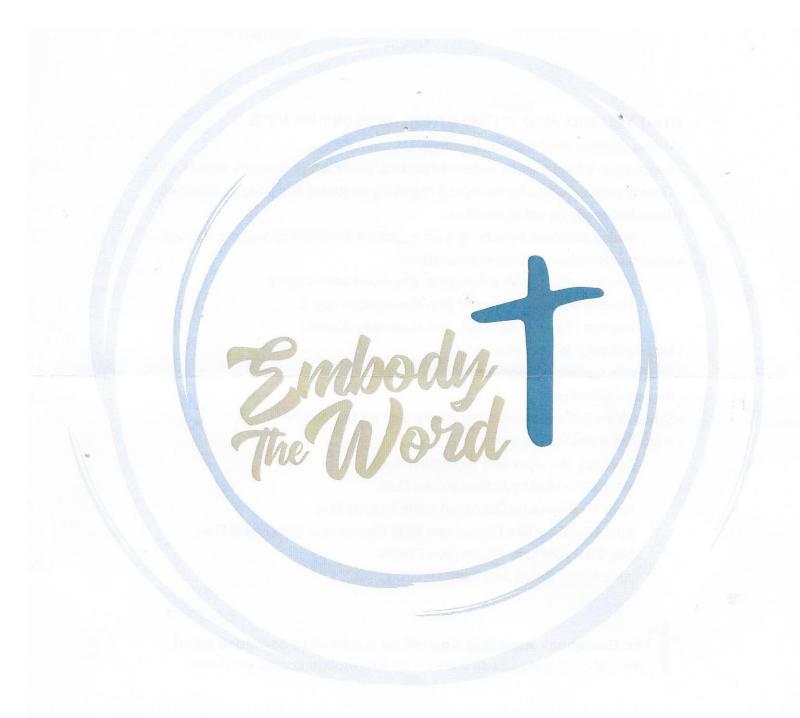
Colorful Containers		
Combo Patio Planter 10"	\$30.00	
Combo Patio Planter 12"	\$35.00	
Oval Planter 16"	\$35.00	
Geranium Tub 12"	\$35.00	
Sun coleus Planter 12"	\$35.00	
Succulent Planter 12"	\$35.00	
Color Bowl of Mixed Annuals 12"	\$35.00	
Color Bowl of Mixed Annuals 14"	\$40.00	



Join us for a fun day of learning, planting and fellowhip during our annual Gardening Event with Master Gardener Lynn Hacker on May 20^{th} at 10 AM. Enjoy a lesson in gardening and plant your own container. We will then have lunch and just enjoy the day.

In addition, you may pickup your planters and hanging baskets ordered through Welca that day. Thank you for supporting the projects of the Women of Trinity!







2023 SYNOD ASSEMBLY

Building on the theme, "Embody the Word," from the 2022 ELCA Churchwide Assembly, the synod will gather at Gustavus Adolphus College in Saint Peter, MN.

The Assembly will convene on Friday, June 9th and recess on Saturday, June 10th.

Registration information can be found after February 15th on the Southwestern Minnesota Synod's website:

WWW.SWMNELCA.ORG.

 ${\it Email\ tammy.schacher@swmnelca.org\ or\ kristin.bakeberg@swmnelca.org\ if\ you\ have\ questions.}$

The risen Lord Jesus comes alongside us in our journeys of faith.

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 Luke 24:13-35 On the road to Emmaus

Monday Genesis 18:1-14 Abraham and Sarah eat with God

Tuesday Exodus 24:1-11 Moses eats with God Wednesday John 21:1-14 Jesus eats with his disciples Thursday 1 Corinthians 11:23-29 Recognizing the Lord's body Friday John 5:24-26, 37-40 The Scriptures testify to Christ Saturday Psalm 36:5-10 Feasting on God's riches Sunday John 10:1-10 Christ the shepherd



SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

"Because of what Christ has done, you believe in God. It was God who raised him from the dead. And it was God who gave him glory. So your faith and hope are in God." 1 Peter 1:21 (NIRV)

SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord Jesus, please walk with us each day this week. Give us the faith to see you beside us. Amen. (Luke 24:15, 30-31) Mealtime Prayer:

Come and stay with us, Lord Jesus. Be with us in our eating, our sharing and our serving. Thank you for all you give to us. Amen. A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord walk with you this day and always. May God stay with you every night and every day. Amen. (Luke 24:13-35)

CARING CONVERSATION

Discuss in your household or small group:

- · What gets you down? What cheers you up?
- The two men walking to Emmaus were feeling sad. What turned their sadness into joy?
- Have you experienced Jesus alongside you when times have been difficult? How has he supported you?

DEVOTIONS

The two men on the road to Emmaus said that when Jesus was explaining the Scriptures to them, their hearts were "burning" within them. In your home devotion times this week, share your favorite Bible verses with one another. Then, write or print them onto large pieces of paper and decorate them with pictures or drawings of flames. Hang them around your home.

SERVICE

Jesus came alongside two of his followers in their sorrow and brought them joy. Plan a visit to an elderly person in your congregation or community who would appreciate some company. Prepare a plate of treats to take with you.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Go for a walk together as a household. As you walk, invite each person to share how and where they "see" Jesus in their lives.

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Please take your bulletin home for weekly family devotional time



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

Last week at Trinity

Weekly Worship Attendance: Not Available

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...

<u>Pray for the men and women serving in the Armed Forces</u> <u>and those far from home</u>...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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