

Trinity Lutheran Church

June 25, 2023

**Fourth Sunday
after
PENTECOST
Lectionary 12**

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"Don't be afraid;
**YOU ARE WORTH
MORE THAN MANY
SPARROWS."**
MATTHEW 10:31

FOURTH WEEK AFTER PENTECOST ELW SERVICE OF THE WORD

9:00 A.M. ~ Sunday, June 25th, 2023

Welcome to



ALL ARE WELCOME! *Jesus invites everyone, guests and visitors to join in receiving God's Word. To all the people gathered here, your presence and participation is a blessing to our worship experience together... Great thanks to Rev. Naomi Mahler for leading us in worship today. Remind us again, O Lord, of your promise to be present wherever and whenever people are gathered in your name. Amen!*

GATHERING

WE PREPARE: *God does not promise that the path of the disciple will be easy. Jeremiah feels the pain of rejection from those who do not want to hear what he has to say. Jesus declares that his words may bring stark division. Even so, we need not be afraid for God accounts for each hair on our heads. Though we may experience rejection, frustration, division, and death, God's grace and love make us a new creation each day. Marked with the cross and filled with holy food, we are sent from worship to witness to Christ in the world.*

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL / ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG

Will You Come and Follow Me

ELW #798



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
your name? Will you care for cruel and
your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
your name? Will you quell the fear in -
my name. Let me turn and fol - low



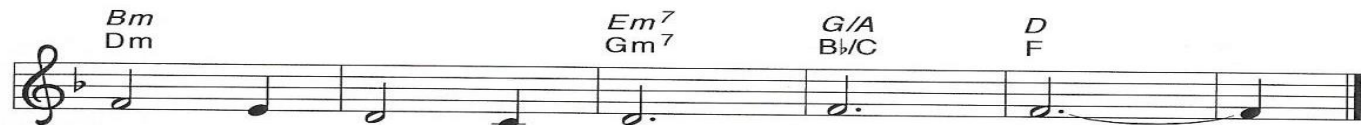
know and nev - er be the same?
kind and nev - er be the same?
free and nev - er be the same?
side and nev - er be the same?
you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as -
Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
this un - seen, and you ad - mit what I
world a - round, through my sight and touch I
foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
pray'r in you and you in me?"
mean in you and you in me?"
sound in you and you in me?"
grow in you and you in me.

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

Let us pray.

O God, you are the source of life and the ground of our being. By the power of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world, and raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 20:7-13

The first reading is in Jeremiah chapter 20, verses 7 - 13.

O LORD, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed.

I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me.

For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, "Violence and destruction!"

For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long.

If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name,"

then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones;

I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot.

For I hear many whispering: "Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"

All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. "Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him."

But the LORD is with me like a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail.

They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed.

Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten.

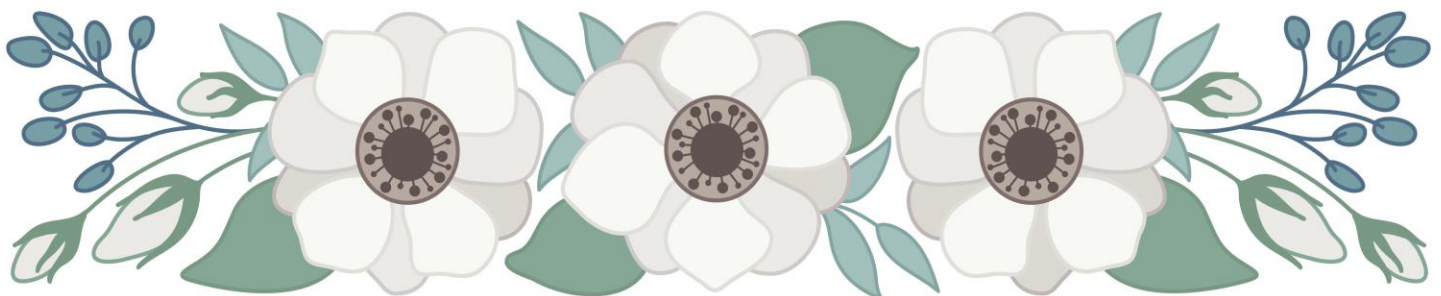
O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind;

let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD!

For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

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



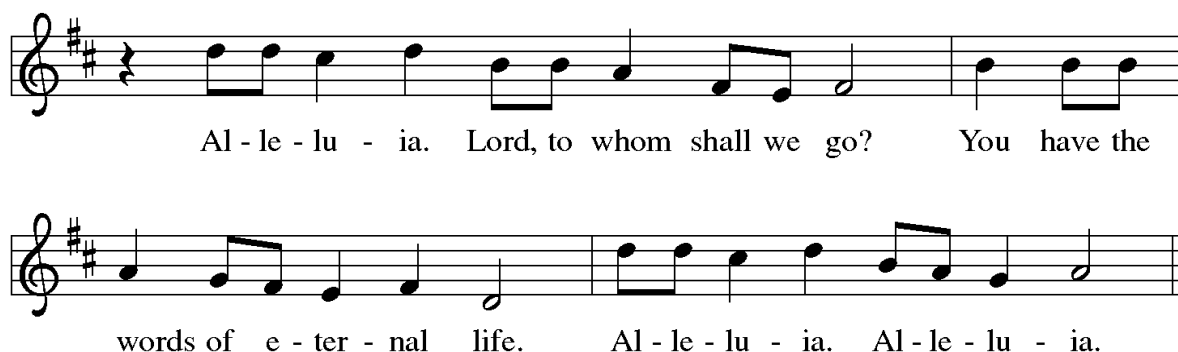
The second reading is in Romans chapter 6, verses 12-23.

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

Matthew 10:24-39

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 10th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.



Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

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

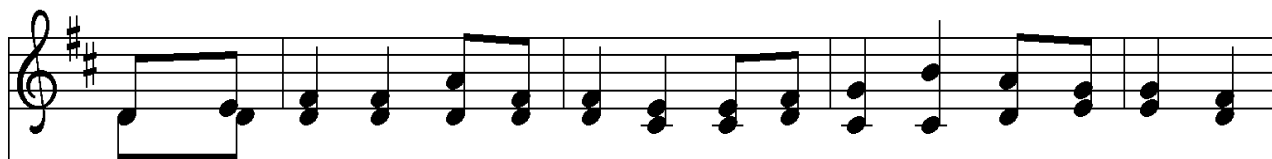
SERMON

Pastor Naomi Mahler

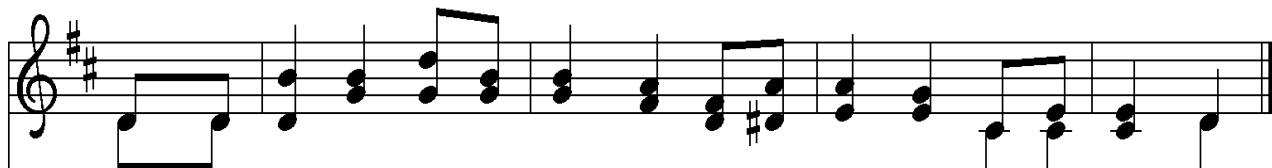
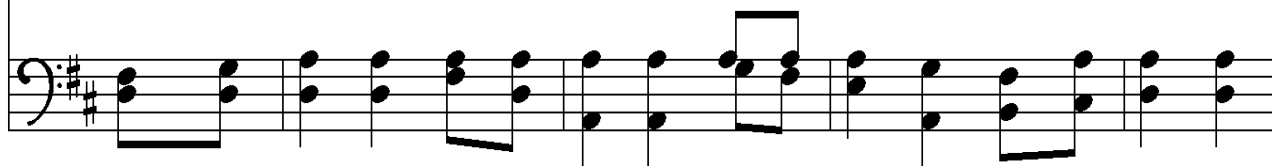
SONG OF THE DAY

Children of the Heavenly Father

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Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,
1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;
2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour-ish.
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;
4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil-dren ne'er for - sak - eth;



stjär - nan ej på him - la - fäs - tet, få - geln ej i kän - da näs - tet.
nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.
un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.
his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.



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 INTERCESSION GOD IN YOUR MERCY...HEAR OUR PRAYER

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

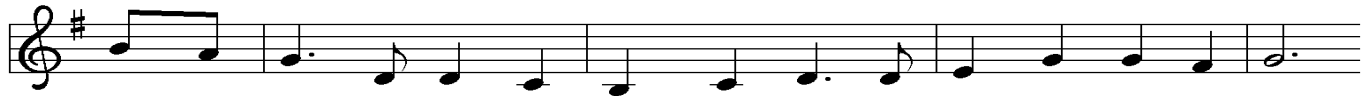
The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.**



*You're a
Blessing!*



- 1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
 2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
 3 "In the mid-dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold.
 you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.
 I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I've be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
 If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
 When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell."
 I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."
 I'll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."



- 4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to see your life un - fold."

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		
Accompanist	Mary Mulry	
Acolyte	Megan Sellner	
Reader	Rose Wall	
Sound Techs	Russ Sorensen	
Greeter	Connie Johnson	
Ushers	Eric & Juli Wahlborg	
Altar Guild	Judy Johnson, Terry Newgord	



We thank Pastor Naomi Mahler for leading worship this morning.



We extend our Deepest Sympathies to Anita Kopitzke and her family in the loss of her husband Gary, who passed away Monday, June 19th, and was laid to rest yesterday with services in the Twin Cities. May God bless the memory of Gary Kopitzke.

SUMMER COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HAS BEGUN. 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.



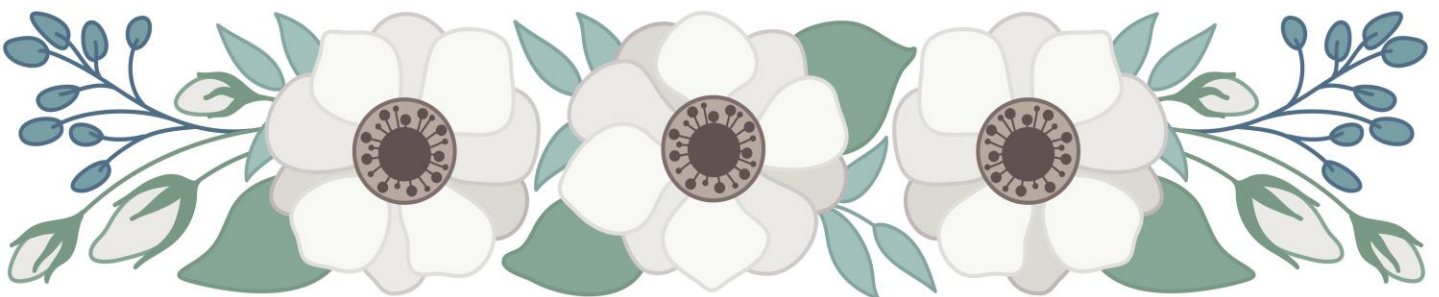
With the delicious meals available in the freezer located in room 109 just off the dining room we now need your help. The meals are to be given to people who are experiencing some sort of life changing event, be it a new baby, illness, a death in the family, or anyone you think would benefit from a tasty,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

Thank you for being the hands of Jesus!



This summer the Board of Social Ministry would like to challenge our congregation to support Ivy House in New Ulm through donations both monetary and actual. Ivy House (formerly known as the Southern Minnesota Crisis Nursery) is a 24/7 crisis nursery which provides direct care to children aged 0-12 whose families are in crisis or a stressful situation. In addition to providing up to 72 hours of direct care they also connect families with community resources. You can learn more about Ivy House from their website: ivyhousemn.org. Items needed by Ivy House include: Children's Activities: Play-Doh; Kinetic sand; Finger paints; Fidget toys. Personal Care: Pull-ups: Girls and boys (5T); Girls underwear sizes 10-12 or 14/16. House needs: Unscented laundry detergent; Clorox wipes, Dishwasher soap; Hand soap; Dish soap; Kleenex; Garbage bags. Office supplies: Postage stamps; Business size envelopes; Printer paper; HP 952XL toner - black and color. Other: Five point harness NEW car seats; New computer monitors. We will be collecting both monetary donations for Ivy House or individual items from this list. A basket will be placed in the narthex for your donations. We will be collecting donations through the end of August. Thank you in advance for your support.

*Remember...Our Food Shelf Box is in the back of the Sanctuary.
The Good Work of this Church continues!*



LUTHERAN MEN^{IN} MISSION



29th Annual GOLF TOURNAMENT

- › Registration: 2:30 pm
- › Shotgun Start: 3:00 pm
- › Price: \$75.00 per golfer

Includes GOLF CART,
green fees, meal, prizes
and a donation to LMM

Friday, July 21st, 2023

Redwood Falls Golf Club,
Redwood Falls, MN

Registration Deadline: Monday, July 17th

Best Ball Tournament



Help Grow Leaders in Rural Ministry

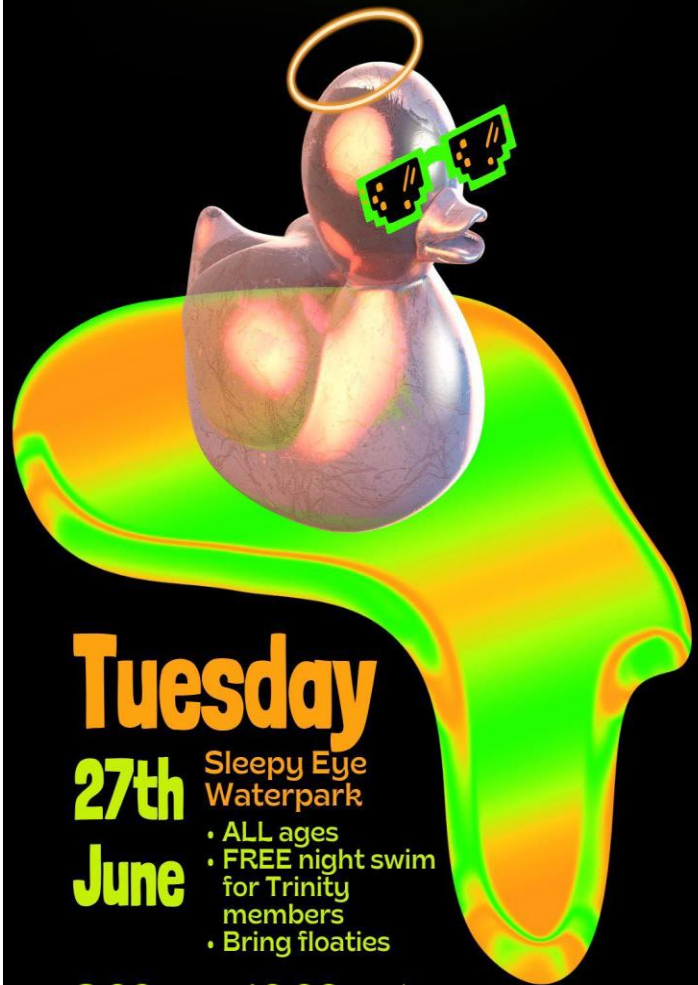
Fund for Leaders Endowment

The SW MN Synod Lutheran Men in Mission (LMM) provides seminary tuition scholarships. Recipients will have an openness and commitment to future service in rural settings.

The profit from the LMM golf tournament goes into the LMM's Fund for Leaders Endowment to help grow leaders.

Donations to the LMM Scholarship Endowment Fund are appreciated even if you are not able to participate in the Golf Tournament.

POOL *Party*



Tuesday
27th
June

Sleepy Eye
Waterpark

- ALL ages
- FREE night swim
for Trinity
members
- Bring floaties

8:00pm – 10:00pm*

**must arrive by 8pm to get in free*

Registration Forms are available in the office. Let's field a Trinity Team!

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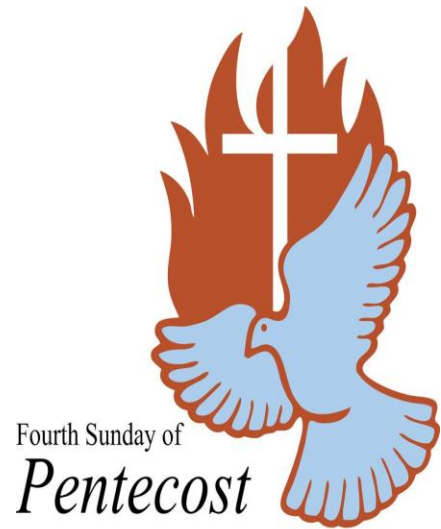
Jesus invites us to bring our burdens to him.

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	Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30	Rest for the weary
Monday	Isaiah 40:28-31	God gives strength
Tuesday	Jeremiah 31:1-6	God comes to give rest
Wednesday	Jeremiah 31:23-26	God will refresh the weary
Thursday	Matthew 6:25-34	Do not worry
Friday	Luke 12:22-31	God knows your needs
Saturday	Psalms 62:1-8	Find rest in God alone
Sunday	Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23	Parable of the sower and seed



SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." *Matthew 11:28 (NLT)*

SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord Jesus, we bring our burdens to you. Please give us rest and teach us your ways. Amen. (Matthew 11:28-30)

Mealtime Prayer:

God so kind, you give us food for our bodies. Please give us peace in our hearts and rest for our souls. Praise be to you! Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God take your burdens from you and give you rest. May God lift you up and show you great love. Amen. (Matthew 11:28;

Psalms 145:13-14)

CARING CONVERSATION

Discuss in your household or small group:

- Have you ever felt worn out? Share your experiences.
- Jesus invites those who are weary and carrying heavy burdens to come to him, and promises to give them rest. How does Jesus help us when we are weary?
- A yoke was something that joined two animals together when working in the fields. In what ways are Christians "yoked" to Jesus?

DEVOTIONS

In Romans 7:15-25, we hear of the Apostle Paul's struggles against sin. He wrote: "I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do, I do not do, but what I hate I do." In your home devotional times this week, join Paul in confessing your struggles against sin.

God of grace, we bring to you our sins.

For the times we have been impatient: Please forgive us.

For our failures to listen to each other: Please forgive us.

For the ways we have been unkind to others: Please forgive us.

For our selfish and uncaring attitudes: Please forgive us.

For our lack of honesty: Please forgive us.

Lord, what we want to do, we do not do, but instead we do what we know to be wrong. Please forgive us. (*Time of silence*)

Jesus takes our burdens from us and gives us rest. Through him we have God's forgiveness.

Thanks be to God, through Jesus Christ our Lord! Amen.

SERVICE

Do you know someone who is heavily burdened with sickness, grief, depression or other troubles? Send them an encouraging card or note featuring Jesus' words from Matthew 11:28.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Place a bowl of water on a table or bench in your home, and next to it a bowl of marbles or river stones. Invite members of your household to symbolically deposit their worries into the bowl each day this week by dropping in a stone or stones. After they do, they can make the sign of the cross on their foreheads with a wet finger, remembering Jesus' love for them pledged in baptism.

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Please take your bulletin home for weekly devotions



Trinity's Mission Statement

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

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

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

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

"Trinity Lutheran (ELCA) Sleepy Eye MN"

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



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

Talk to Pat or Darlene if you are interested. Thank You. *Please pick up your statements and envelopes in your mailbox. Thank You!*

Last week at Trinity

Weekly Worship Attendance:	80
Weekly Giving: (5730.00 Needed)	\$3747.30
June Giving: (\$22,920.00 .Needed)	\$11,946.26
Yearly Contributions to Date	\$106,022.08
Amount needed to meet Budget	\$137,520.00



Thrivent members are reminded to direct their Choice Dollars each year any time after April 1st of the year.

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 **Cindy, Sherry, Audrey, Kali, Jerry, Beth, Harold, Rodney P., 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.**

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.... Especially Anita Kopitzke and her family in the loss of her husband **Gary**...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 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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