

Trinity Lutheran Church

February 12,
2023

**Sixth Sunday
of Epiphany**

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**CHOOSE
LIFE** *so that*

*you and
your descendants*

MAY LIVE

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

SERVICE OF THE WORD

9:00 AM FEBRUARY 12, 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. May the gospel of the Lord inspire and fill you with the Spirit! Fellowship & refreshments are available in the Library immediately following our Worship Service.*

GATHERING

WE PREPARE: *In today's reading from Deuteronomy we are called to choose life by loving and obeying God. Much of today's gospel reading echoes portions of the Ten Commandments. Jesus' instructions to the crowd reveal a pattern of behavior that honors both God and the neighbor, resulting in life and health for the whole community. We too are invited to embrace these commandments, not out of fear of retribution, but because God has promised that to do so means life for us.*

RINGING OF THE BELL/ ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, ✠ one God, who stretches out the heavens, who sends light to the nations, who gives breath to us all. **Amen.**

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

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Loving God,

we confess that we have turned from your way to follow our own ways. Forgive us for the times we have spoken or acted too quickly; we have not spoken or acted at all; we have hurt those closest to us; we have hurt those we have yet to know; we have thought more about ourselves than others; we have thought less of ourselves than we ought. Turn us around, and give us a fresh start, so that we can live again as your children. Amen.

Even when we have done wrong, God makes us right. Even when we have messed up, God puts us together. God's love never runs out. God never tires of calling us beloved children. Hear God say to you now: Your sins are forgiven, for the sake of ✠ Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**





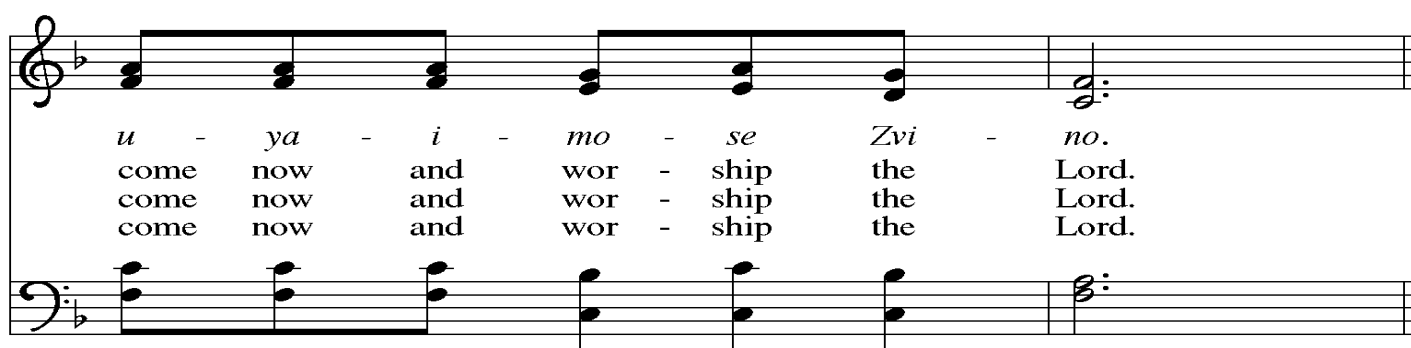
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GREETING

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

O God, the strength of all who hope in you, because we are weak mortals we accomplish nothing good without you. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**



WORD

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

The first reading is in Deuteronomy chapter 30, verses 15-20.

See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

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

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

The second reading is in 1 Corinthians chapter 3, verses 1-9.

And so, brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human?

What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

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



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

THY WORD

♩=70

CHORUS



Thy Word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path.



Thy Word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path.

VERSE



1. When I feel a-fraid, and I think I've lost my way, still You're there right be-
2. I will not for-get Your love for me, and yet my heart for-ev-er is



-side me. Noth-ing will I fear as long as You are near.
wan-der-ing. Je-sus, be my guide and hold me to Your side;



Please be near me to the end.
I will love You to the end.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5:21-37

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 5th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**"

You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.' But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be 'Yes, Yes' or 'No, No'; anything more than this comes from the evil one.

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

SERMON

Pastor Tim Mason

SONG OF THE DAY

Healer of Our Every Ill

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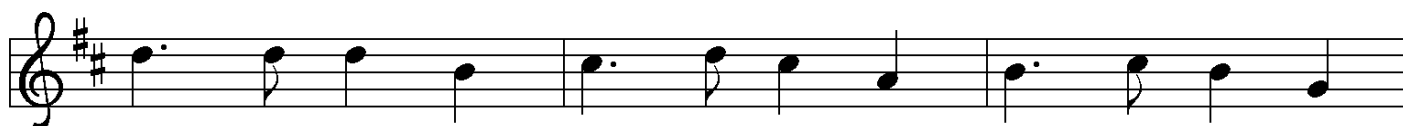
Refrain



Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,



give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your
2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is
3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,
4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your

Refrain



peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.
still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.
ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.
way of heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

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

... Lord, send forth your light, And let your mercy shine upon us.

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)

MARY'S CHOICE

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.**

God is
love.

1 John 4:8



1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,

the peo - ple of our God from this dwell - ing take leave.
the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—

The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed
our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,

the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.

The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls
With your feast you feed us, with your light now

reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.

Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us
Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing

to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.
give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

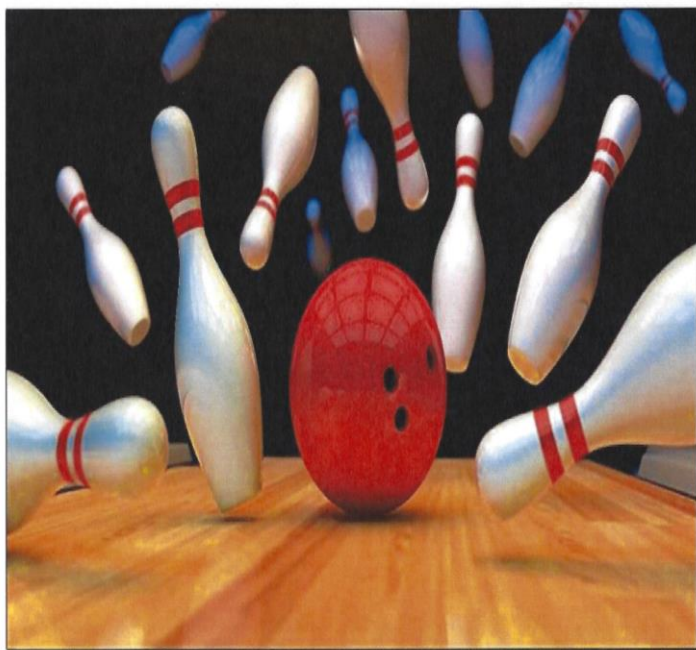
DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

OUR THANKS TO ALL WHO SERVE THE BODY OF CHRIST

SUNDAY 9:00am Worship		
Accompanist	Mary Mulry	
Acolyte	Kaden Braun	
Readers	Sue Pedersen	
Sound Techs	Russ Sorensen	
Greeters	Eric & Juliann Wahlborg	
Ushers	Dennis Mangen, Sue Pedersen	
Altar Guild	Nicole Stevermer, Nikki Nachreiner	



Bowling Party At Sleepy Eye Lanes

February 18th
1-3 p.m.

Free for Preschool-9th Grade

Snacks and Water will be provided
You can buy pop and candy there

If you have any questions you can contact Brittany at (507)227-2627 or
education@trinitysleepyeye.org

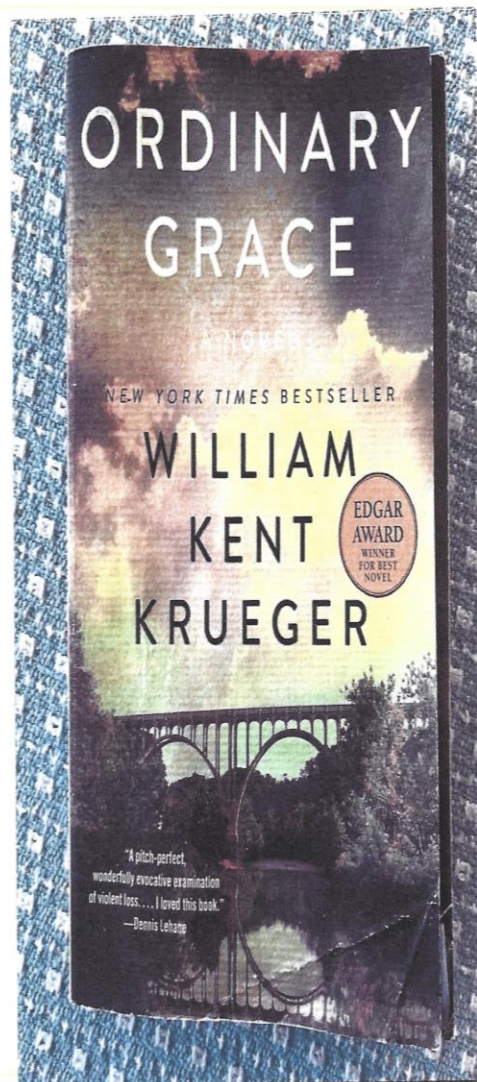


TRINITY BOOK CLUB

— YOU ARE INVITED!!

IF INTERESTED CONTACT MICHAL ANDERSON-LOWTHER

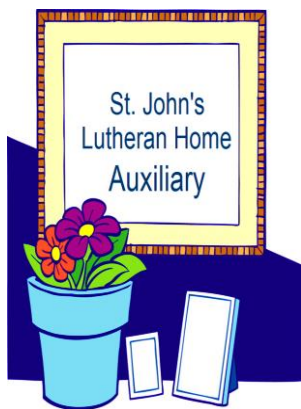
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WE WILL BE READING

"ORDINARY GRACE"

AUTHOR - WILLIAM KENT KRUEGER



It's another exciting year for St. John Home Auxiliary. We look forward to purchasing items that are needed for the residents. We also enjoy providing an occasional treat for the valued staff. This is made possible by membership donations and fundraisers. Please read a detailed report in our church Annual Report.

Membership envelopes are in the Narthex. Five dollars is suggested. Place the envelope with your name on it in the offering plate or leave it in the office. Every donation is thoughtfully used. Thank you!

Judy Weedman, Trinity Representative

The poster for "gathergrowgo" Summer 2023 is for Green Lake Lutheran Ministries. It features a green background with a white tree logo on the left. The text "gathergrowgo" is in a stylized font, with "SUMMER 2023" above it. Below the logo, it says "JOIN US THIS SUMMER!" in large yellow letters. A quote from Colossians 2:7 is included: "Plant your roots in Christ and let God be the foundation for your life. Be strong in your faith, just as you were taught. And be grateful." -Colossians 2:7. On the right side, there are three photos: a group of people standing outdoors, two people in a boat, and a group of people around a campfire. At the bottom, there are three dark blue rounded rectangles with the text "SUMMER CAMP", "RETREATS", and "FAMILY CAMP". Below these, a list of activities is provided: Rock Wall, Outdoor Games, Crafts, Swimming & Water Olympics, and Trails & More. The Green Lake Lutheran Ministries logo is on the right. At the bottom, a dark blue rounded rectangle contains the text "For more information and to register, visit GLLM.org or call 320-796-2181." and a QR code.

Registrations are Due!

FEBRUARY 12, 2023

God's way is the best way to live.

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 5:21-37	Teachings of Jesus
Monday	James 4:7-12	Do not slander one another
Tuesday	Matthew 18:15-20	Responding when sinned against
Wednesday	1 Corinthians 6:1-8	Lawsuits among believers
Thursday	Matthew 19:1-9	Jesus teaches about divorce
Friday	James 5:7-12	Do not swear
Saturday	Psalms 37:10-17	The wicked and the righteous
Sunday	Matthew 5:38-48	Jesus teaches about love



SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

"Choose life! Be completely faithful to the Lord your God, love God, and do whatever the Lord tells you." Deuteronomy 30:19-20 (CEV)

SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week: Lord, help us to grow in our faith, so that our beliefs are matched by our actions. Amen. (1 Corinthians 3:1-3)

Mealtime Prayer: Lord, we thank you for this day of life, for food to eat and gifts to use. May your commands we treasure and your ways we choose. Amen.

A Blessing to Give: May God be the center of your life. May you be filled with love and listen to God's voice. Amen

CARING CONVERSATION

Discuss in your household or small group:

- Is it good or bad to have rules and laws? Explain your answer.
- Why does God give us laws to follow?
- How do we benefit when we follow God's commands or laws?

DEVOTIONS

Jesus says that if we know that someone is upset or angry with us, we should deal with it as soon as we can by going and sorting things out with them. Often this may involve listening, confessing, apologizing and forgiving. In your home devotional times this week, talk about how your household deals with conflict. Set some ground rules for peaceful conversation, and invite household members to share with one another any hurts or grievances they have. Pray for God's help to deal with your conflicts in healthier ways.

SERVICE

Without law and order in society, our lives would be absolute chaos. Law and order are good gifts from God to us. Plan an "appreciation visit" to your local police station. Prepare cookies or other treats to give to police officers as a thank you for their services to your household and community. Pray for God's ongoing protection and blessings for them.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

In 1 Corinthians 3:1-7, Paul talks to the Christians in Corinth about their spiritual growth. It was God's plan for them to grow in understanding and practice of the Christian faith—and God has the same hope and desire for us. Plan a household retreat time to talk about your spiritual growth. Discuss the things that have helped you grow spiritually in the past, where you feel you are now in your spiritual lives, and actions you can take to help you grow spiritually in the coming year. Pray for God's help and guidance. Keep a record of your conversation, and place a list of any resolutions you have made in a prominent place in your home. Make this exercise an annual event for your household.

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Please take your bulletin home for weekly devotions



Trinity's Mission Statement

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

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

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

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

"Trinity Lutheran (ELCA) Sleepy Eye MN"

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



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

Talk to Pat or Darlene if you are interested. Thank You.

Last week at Trinity

Weekly Worship Attendance:	74
Weekly Giving: (5730.00 Needed)	\$4689.57
February Giving:	\$4689.57
Yearly Contributions to Date	\$25,006.80

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 Sherry, Audrey, Kali, Linda, Micah, Jerry, Beth, Harold, Joan, Kathy, Lois, Ross, 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 ... 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 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...

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

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