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Sixth Sunday
Of Epiphany

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Your
reward
is great
in heaven

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

SERVICE OF THE WORD

9:00 AM FEBRUARY 16TH, 2025



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! Today, we welcome Pastor Bill Nelson as he leads our Worship! Fellowship & refreshments are available immediately following our Sunday worship.*

GATHERING

WE PREPARE: *Blessings and curses abound on the sixth Sunday after Epiphany. We would do well to listen closely to whom the “blessed are” and the “woe tos” are directed and to find our place in the crowd among those who desire to touch Jesus. The risen Christ stands among us in the mystery of the holy supper with an invitation to live in him, and offers power to heal us all.*

PRELUDE/ PARISH NOTICES/ RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the † holy Trinity, the one who fashions us, the one who heals us, the one who reforms us again and again. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Source of all life,

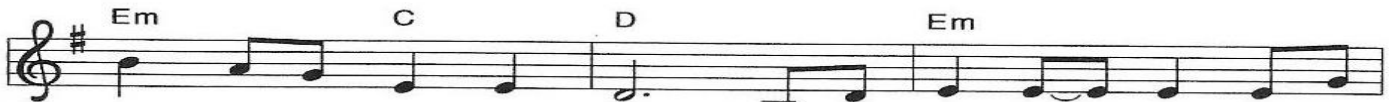
we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.

God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven, † God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**





1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
 2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . .
 3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a'
 4 Though the na - tions rage from . . age to age, we re -



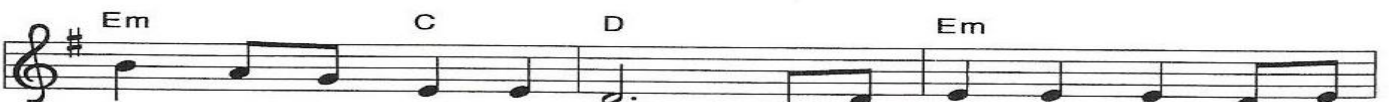
God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
 work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait. You
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be. Your
 jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . from his throne. The
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp. This



fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
 ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
 hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the
 sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn? My
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

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 1

They are like trees planted by streams of water.

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

Their delight is in the law of the LORD, and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 17: 5-10

The first reading is in Jeremiah chapter 17, verses 5-10. These verses compose a poem that is part of a larger collection of wisdom sayings that contrast two ways of life. Life with God brings blessing; the power and vitality of God is active in our life. Life without God brings a curse, the power of death.

Thus says the LORD:

*Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength,
whose hearts turn away from the LORD.*

They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.

Blessed are those who trust in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD.

They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green;

in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.

The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse—who can understand it?

I the LORD test the mind and search the heart,

to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

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

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

The second reading is in 1 Corinthians, chapter 15, verses 12-20. For Paul, the resurrection of Christ is the basis for Christian hope. Because Christ has been raised, those who are in Christ know that they too will be raised to a new life beyond death.

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**GOSPEL READING**

Luke 6:17-26

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 6th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus came down with the twelve and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

“Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

“But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

“Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.

*“Woe to you when all speak well of you,
for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.”*

The
Beatitudes

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

Leader or All
Gsus G D/F#

1 Blest are they, the poor in spir - it;
2 Blest are they, the low - ly ones; . . .
3 Blest are they who show mer - cy;
4 Blest are they who seek peace; . . .
5 Blest are you who suf - fer hate, . . .

C Dsus Gsus G

theirs is the king - dom of God.
they shall in - her - it the earth.
mer - cy shall . . . be theirs.
they are the chil - dren of God.
all . . . be - cause . . . of me. Re -

Gsus G D/F#

Blest are they, full of sor - row;
Blest are they, who hun - ger and thirst;
Blest are they, the pure, . . . of heart;
Blest are they, who suf - fer in faith; the
joyce, be glad, yours is the king - dom; . .

C Dsus D C/G G

they shall be con - soled.
they shall have their fill.
they shall see God.
glo - ry of God is theirs.
shine for all to see.

Refrain
All C D7 G D/F# Em G/D C

Re - joyce and be glad! Bless - ed are

G/B Am A7 D C D7 Em

you, ho - ly are you! Re - joyce and be glad!

C Dsus D C/G G Gsus G

Yours is the king - dom of God!

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

THANKSGIVING

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: respond after Lord, God of grace,



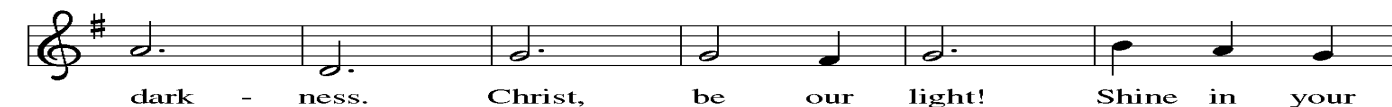
SHARING THE PEACE

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

OFFERTORY

Christ Be Our Light

ELW 715



(The Ushers bring up the offering)

MEAL

COMMUNION WELCOME

All are welcome to the Lord's Table at Trinity. You are well prepared and worthy if by faith you believe these words, "given for you" and "shed for you...for the forgiveness of sin". Welcome to the Lord's Table. Come taste and see that the Lord is good.

THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

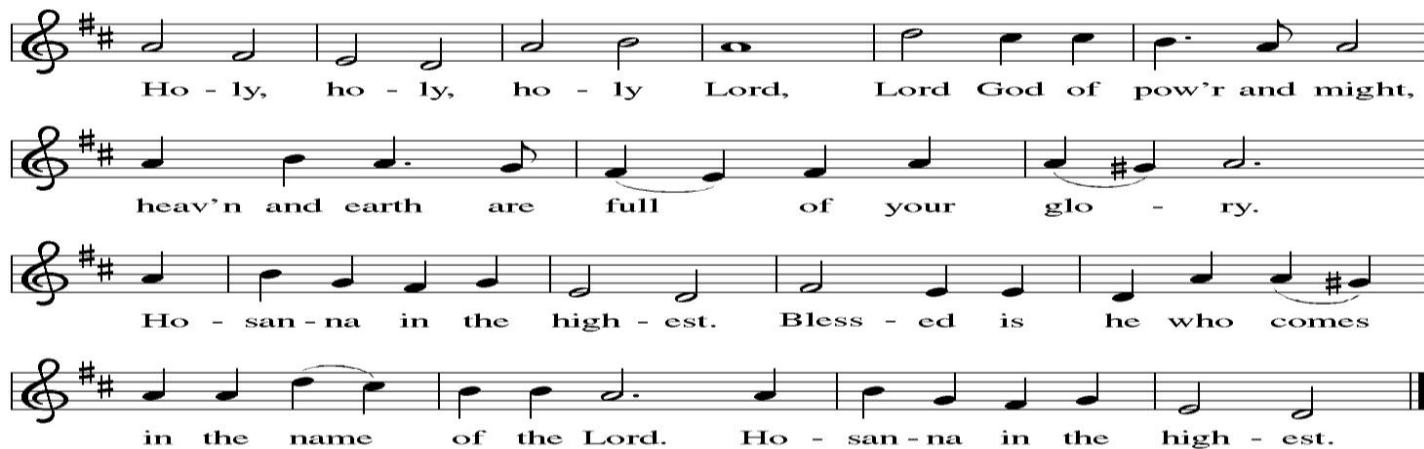
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF JESUS

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

(Please sign the Welcome Pads and pass to your neighbor.)



PRAYER

Let us pray. Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THANKS

Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, as you were made known to the disciples. Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

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.**

SENDING SONG

Lift Every Voice and Sing

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1 Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing till earth and heav - en ring,
2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - t'ning rod,
3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears,

ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty.
felt in the days when hope un - born had died;
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;

Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - t'ning skies,
yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry feet
thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the light,

let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?
keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;
Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;

sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought us;
we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh - tered,
lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get thee;

fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun,
out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at - last
shad - owed be - neath thy hand, may we for - ev - er stand,

let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

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	Hayden Domeier
Communion Assistants	Brian Polesky & Larry Baumgardt
Reader	Larry Baumgardt
Sound Techs	Russ Sorensen
Greeters	Brian & Carol Polesky
Ushers	Dale & Diane Eckstein
Altar Guild	Judy Johnson & Sara Sellner

thank you
PASTOR

We Thank Reverend Bill Nelson for leading Worship today!

The Board of Lay Ministry is putting together a new pictorial directory. We are doing the pictures ourselves. The pictures will be taken on Sundays February 16, 23, March 2, 9 and 15 and Wednesdays March 5 and 12. If you have a family photo you would like to use that is fine also. The deadline is March 15. You may submit photos to wahlborg@sleepyeyetel.net



CAN YOU HELP? We are asking for drivers to deliver Meals on Wheels. 1-2 people are needed per week from March 3 through March 31. This is a half of an hour to 1 hour daily commitment to help feed people in our community. Contact Lee Johnson to sign up or if you have any questions. Call 507-276-3515. Thanks!

Trinity has committed to aiding our community with this program for many years. **Let's not stop now!**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Altar Guild is seeking additional members. Duties include light cleaning, setting up & cleaning up following communion services, handling floral arrangements, refilling candles, changing colors and other similar weekly tasks. For more information, please contact Joleen Dittbenner or leave your name and number in church office. Thank you.



The lakeside service is being planned for July 27. Camping at the lake is available, but sites fill up fast. If you are interested, you can make your reservations now for that weekend with the City of Sleepy Eye.

The Living Lutheran Magazine is again being published quarterly. Please sign up in the office if you would like your family to receive a quarterly copy. It will be sent free of charge to members who wish to subscribe through the Church. Thank you.

SOUP SUPPERS ARE BACK FOR LENT! Soup will be served beginning at 5:30 starting on Ash Wednesday, March 5th. The WELCA Board will be serving one of three kinds of soups, and a dessert. Each week different boards will be serving during Lent. Please join us for the food and fellowship in the Library before our 7:00 PM Worship Service.



The Boards of Trinity cordially invite you to join us for supper each week before the evening service and Church School at 6:30.

We are raising funds to support Summer Church Camp with the help of Thrivent Action Teams

**Meals are served from 5:30 pm – 6:15 pm each Wednesday
Cost for the meal is a Free Will Offering**

March 5th: Choice of Four Soups, Bread, Beverage and Dessert
Welca

March 12th: Choice of Four Soups, Bread, Beverage and Dessert
Youth

March 19th: Choice of Four Soups, Bread, Beverage and Dessert
Social Ministries

March 26th: Choice of Four Soups, Bread, Beverage and Dessert
Property

April 2nd: Choice of Four Soups, Bread, Beverage and Dessert
Evangelism and Stewardship

April 9th: Choice of Four Soups, Bread, Beverage and Dessert
Lay Ministry & Fellowship



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LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE LOS ANGELES WILDFIRES

JANUARY 2025

ELCA.org/wildfires

In early January, multiple wildfires broke out across Los Angeles County in California, with over 100,000 people under evacuation orders. Sparked by dry conditions, strong winds and a limited water supply, these fires have destroyed homes and businesses and have led to injuries and loss of life.

This disaster is just one of many — including hurricanes, war and famine — to which Lutheran Disaster Response is still responding. Your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response equip us to respond quickly and generously, whenever and wherever disaster may strike.

Though we don't yet know the full impact of the fires, Lutheran Disaster

Response is here to support the families and communities that will be rebuilding their lives. Lutheran Disaster Response is coordinating with the Southwest California Synod and Pacifica Synod to assess the needs of people impacted by the wildfires. We will work with them to provide for immediate needs amid the destruction as well as to assist with recovery efforts for months and years to come.

Gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response equip us to respond to those affected by wildfires and other disasters. By giving to Lutheran Disaster Response, you give the gift of relief today and resilience tomorrow.

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YES, I WANT TO HELP!

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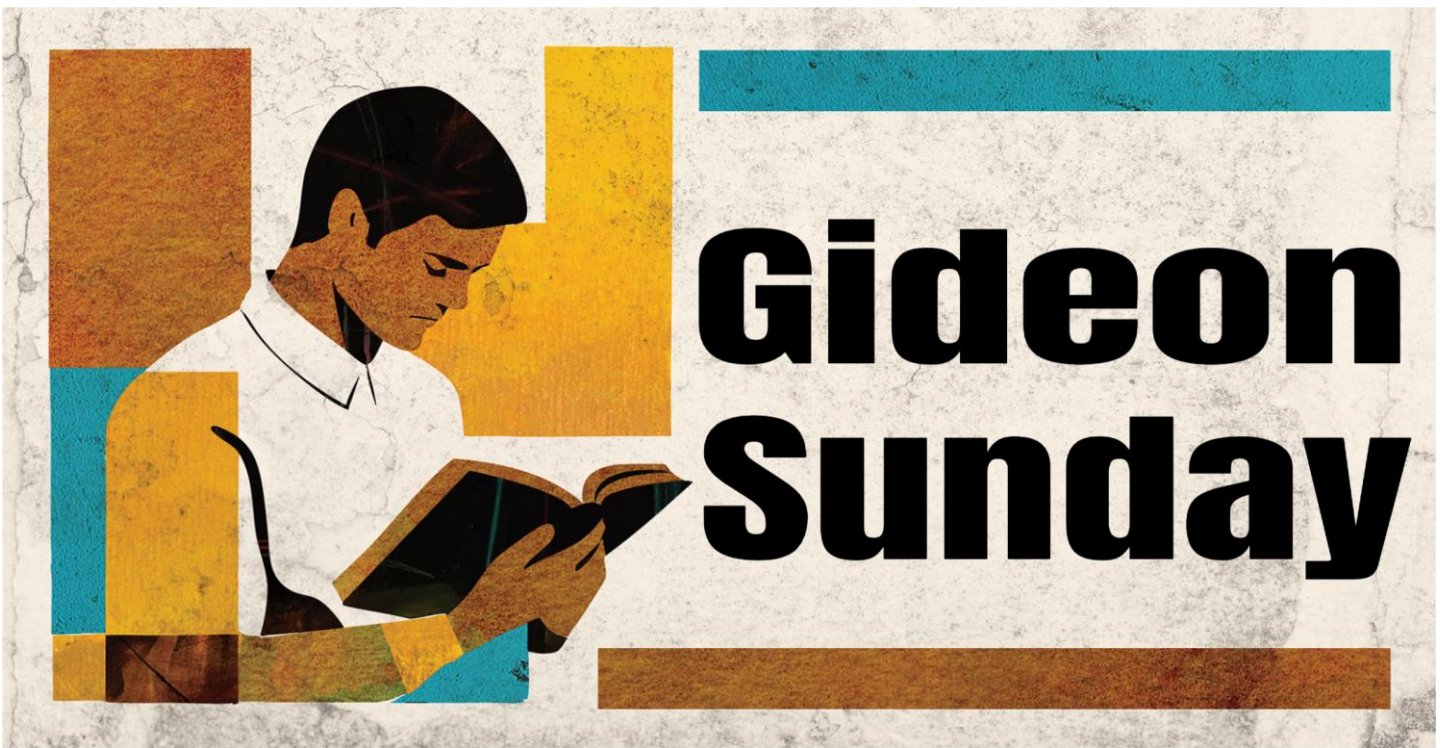
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Give through your congregation or make out your check to Lutheran Disaster Response and send it to:
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and write "Lutheran Disaster Response" or "U.S. Wildfires" on your check's memo line.



Trinity will have a Gideons Sunday on March 9th, with a Gideon speaker to share 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 on Sunday to give a gift of money to buy Bibles and place in their hand. The 115th State Gideon Convention is for "ALL TO THE GLORY OF GOD" 1 Corinthians 10; 31, donations from Gideons and Auxiliary and Church presentations like yours. We can make difference with a gift by placing God's word in their hand.

In His Service,

Gideon, Russell Sorensen Trinity Church



FEBRUARY 16, 2025

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 passage.

Sunday	Luke 6:17-26	Blest Are They
Monday	1 Corinthians 15:20-34	Christ has been raised
Tuesday	2 Corinthians 1:12-19	Postponement of Paul's Visit
Wednesday	Luke 11:37-52	Jesus Denounces Pharisees
Thursday	Romans 8:1-11	Life in the Spirit
Friday	1 John 2:12-17	Those that do the will of God
Saturday	Luke 12:57-59	Settling with Your Opponent
Sunday	Luke 6:27-38	Forgive our sins as we forgive



SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK:

“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.”

Luke 6:20

SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord Jesus, we want to be healed. Please show us your kindness. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Our hands we fold, our heads we bow. For food and drink, we thank God now. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God show you kindness, bring you healing, and crown you with love. Amen.

CARING CONVERSATION:

Discuss in your household or small group:

- How does it feel to be left out? Share about a time when you felt that way.
- People with leprosy were not allowed to mix with others in Jesus' time.
When Jesus healed the man with leprosy, how do you think the man's life might have changed? (Mark 1:40-45.)
- How has Jesus changed your life? How does he want us to treat others who feel left out?

DEVOTIONS:

This week, make a point of praying for people who are sick. Prepare a list of people and mention them by name each day in your household prayers. You might want to ask your pastor for the names of people in your church who need prayers of healing. Prepare “get well” cards to send to them.

SERVICE:

In Jesus' time, lepers suffered not only because of their sickness, but also because they were social outcasts. When Jesus healed the leper he gave him a whole new beginning in life. Talk about people you know who may feel left out at school, church, or in the community. Plan to invite such a person for a meal or to be part of a household activity. Pray for them as a household.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS:

Post a “Question of the Week” on a piece of paper or a whiteboard in a common area of your home, together with a pen or marker. Questions might include, “*What are your favorite foods?*”; “*What is a birthday gift you'd like to receive?*”; “*What is your favorite Bible story?*”; “*What annoys you?*” Invite household members to post their answers during the week. Use the answers as the basis for sharing and conversation. Change the question each week. Ask household members for their question suggestions.

It is good to create rituals of family strengthening in our daily lives. It is not uncommon for one child or person to feel “left out” as compared to a sibling whom they view as “better” or more favored by their parents. In responding to the behaviors and achievements of their children, parents can unconsciously send the message that one child is preferred over and against another. It is important for us to be intentional in showing love to all of our children in ways that are not behavior-dependent. When a child misbehaves, take time to explain, “I don't like what you did, but I still like you.” Compliment them for their own unique and special qualities. Give unconditional affection.

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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.

Last week at Trinity

Weekly Worship Attendance:	94
Website	64
Bible Studies Attendance:	5+6=11
Weekly Giving: (5730.00 Needed)	\$6,154,28
January Giving: (\$28,650.00 .Needed)	\$9,767.91
Yearly Contributions to Date	\$31,846.53



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 Trinity...that the Holy Spirit would keep our Trinity family united as we continue in worship and in helping others as we are able ...

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 **Jane, Nicole, Krista, Trisha, Mark, Diane, Sherry, Kali, Isak, Pam, Pat, Trish, Beth, Harold, Isaac, Sarah, Chris, Kathy, Emmett, Joan, Lois, Joyce, Emma, Darell, Milo, Ed, Carlo, Dorothy, Tina, Ethan, Robyn, Carmen, 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 the families of **Carol Carlson and Larry Krenz**... 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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“Blessed
are the

pure

in heart,
for they
will see God.”

MATTHEW 5:8