

**Trinity
Lutheran
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**May 25th,
2025**

**Sixth
Sunday
of Easter**

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*Do not let your hearts
be troubled ...*

JOHN 14:27

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SERVICE OF THE WORD

9:00 A.M. ~ Sunday, May 25th, 2025



Sixth Sunday of Easter

*Greetings and Welcome to All! The Lord Jesus Christ welcomes all!
Dear Lord, as we come into your presence, send your spirit to help us
proclaim and share our thanks and praises to you. Amen.
We are grateful to God for all who gather here today. The risen Christ
invites all to share in his presence through the gifts of Word and Sacrament.
May our gathering today send you blessed with renewed faith.
Fellowship & refreshments await everyone following our service.
Please sign the friendship pad during today's time of offering.*

WORSHIP AIDS

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS are available from an usher ask the usher.

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

GATHERING

WE PREPARE: *Visions abound in the readings for the sixth Sunday of Easter. Paul has a vision about what to do. John has a vision of what will be. Jesus provides visions of peace that surpasses human understanding and power beyond human imagination.*

PRELUDE / RINGING OF THE BELL / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

In the name of **✝** the One who was, who is, and who is to come. **Amen.**

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One, **make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making. Baptized into you, O Living One, **make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power. Baptized into you, O Living One, **make us one as you are one.** Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One. **Amen.**



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
 4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
 thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

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.**

PSALM 67

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy.

May God be merciful to us and bless us; may the light of God's face shine upon us.

Let your way be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

The earth has brought forth its increase; God, our own God, has blessed us.

May God give us blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING

Acts 16:9-15

The first reading is in Acts chapter 16, verses 9-15. A vision compels Paul to move his ministry into Greece. There he meets Lydia, an important person in the business community, whose heart has been opened by God to receive the gospel. Her conversion and baptism provide the impetus for the founding of the church at Philippi.

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

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

SECOND READING

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

The second reading is in Revelation chapter 21, verse 10 and verse 22 through chapter 22 verse 5. John's vision of a new Jerusalem coming out of heaven provides continuity with God's past actions. Yet in this new city, God's presence replaces the temple, and the glory of God and the Lamb supplant sun and moon.

And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

John 14:23-29

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 14th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON

Pastor Dave Nissen



My
Peace
I give to you.



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
 3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my
 4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
 sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
 help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

Refrain



It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

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: respond after Lord, God of grace,



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

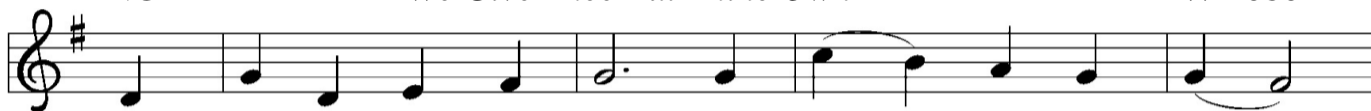
SHARING THE PEACE

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

OFFERING

We Give Thee But Thine Own

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1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,
3 The cap - tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,
4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be:



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.
to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ - like thing.
what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

(THE USHERS BRING UP THE OFFERING)

OFFERING PRAYER

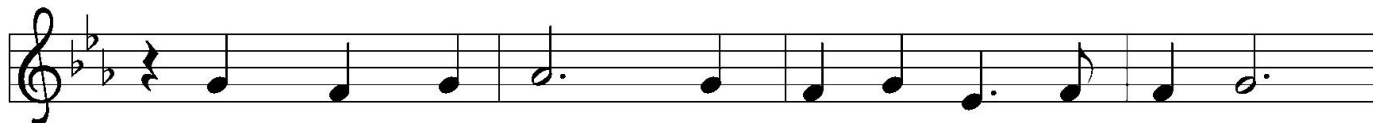
Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. **Amen.**

SENDING

DEPARTING BLESSING

The blessing of the living God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, surround and sustain you, keep you from harm, and fill you with courage. **Amen**





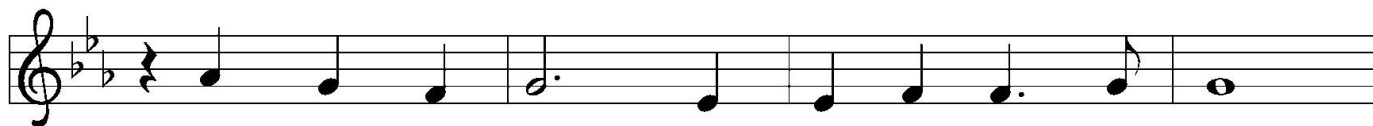
1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,
 2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,
 3 This is my prayer, O God of all earth's king - doms,



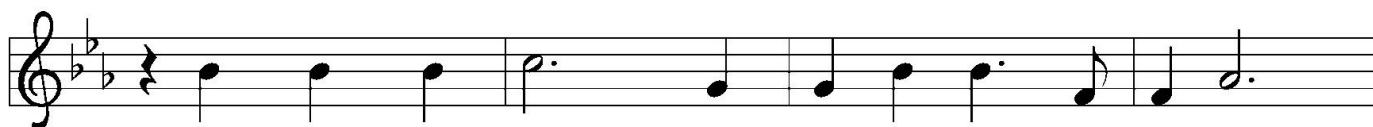
a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.
 and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.
 your king - dom come; on earth your will be done.



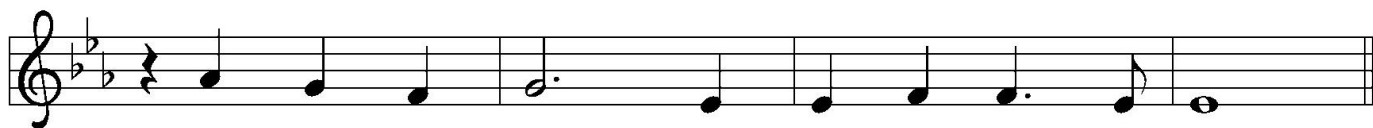
This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;
 But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,
 O God, be lift - ed up till all shall serve you,



here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;
 and skies are ev - 'ry - where as blue as mine.
 and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.



but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing
 So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,
 So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions;



with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
 a song of peace for their land and for mine.
 my - self I give you; let your will be done.

DISMISSAL You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace.
 Share the good news. Alleluia! **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Bell

Our thanks to all who serve the Body of Christ

SUNDAY		9:00 Worship
Accompanist	Cindy Anderson	
Acolyte	Levi Johnson	
Reader	Diane Evers	
Sound Techs	Russ Sorensen	
Greeters	Jeff & Lynette Carlson	
Ushers	Dennis Mangen, Mike Petersen	
Altar Guild	Mary Renberg, Nicole Jensen	

Summer Coffee Fellowship begins next week. 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!



No matter how far or how long our family spent away from Trinity Lutheran Church it was always home base for our family. It only made sense to celebrate a significant milestone like 50 years of marriage here. *We invite you to come celebrate Pastor Grant and Karen Fischer's 50th anniversary, Saturday, May 31st, 2025 at 1:00 pm until 4:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.* Stop in, say hello and have some cake and snacks! "

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

The 2025 St John's Lutheran Home Auxiliary membership drive is underway! A box with our envelopes is in the Narthex. Please consider a \$5 donation to the Auxiliary. Place envelope in the offering plate. We help with bingo, birthday parties and fund raisers which support the residents and staff. We are proud of the facility and Trinity is church member of St John's Home. Thank you for caring and for your support!



Please keep Mary Mulry in your prayers as she recovers from hip surgery in Wisconsin. If you would like to send a card, the address is:

**Mary Mulry
Wood Aven
Room 407
1821 N. Fourth Ave.
Wausau, WI 54401**



PULLED PORK DINNER FUNDRAISER at Faith Methodist Church of Sleepy Eye Wednesday, May 28th from 4-6:30 pm. Meals are to-go. \$12.00 per ticket. Proceeds will go to property improvements. Call 507 794-6565 with any questions. Thanks!

May 25, 2025

Don't worry. I bring you peace.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These readings are related to the Lectionary readings for this Sunday.

Sunday	John 14:23-29	The sending of the Counselor
Monday	John 3:1-8	Born of the Spirit
Tuesday	Ezekiel 36:21-31	The Spirit promised to Israel
Wednesday	Luke 12:8-12	Jesus speaks of the Spirit
Thursday	Acts 1:1-11	Jesus taken up into Heaven
Friday	John 13:36—14:7	In the Father's house
Saturday	Psalm 143	May your Spirit lead me
Sunday	John 17:20-26	Jesus prays for the disciples



Sixth Sunday of Easter

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

“I give you peace, the kind of peace that only I can give. It isn't like the peace that this world can give. So don't be worried or afraid.”

John 14:27

SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week: Holy Spirit, please be our teacher. Help us to follow Jesus this week. Amen. (John 14:26)

Mealttime Prayer: Come, Spirit of God, and on us rest, our table to grace, and our food to bless. Amen.

A Blessing to Give: May God show grace to you and bless you. May God smile on you with kindness. Amen. (Psalm 67:1)

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home or small group:

Tell about a time that you felt a sense of peace that felt filled with God's pres-ence.

How might the peace that Jesus gives be different than the peace that is usually understood in daily life (John 14:27)?

Jesus promises the coming of the Holy Spirit who is described as a companion who teaches us Jesus' message.

Tell about a time the Holy Spirit seemed to walk alongside and teach you.

DEVOTIONS

In Acts 16:13-15, Paul and his companions share their faith with a woman named Lyd-ia, and the Lord opened her heart to the message that Paul gave. She then opened her home to Paul and his friends. Her home became a place to encourage one another in the faith (see verse 40). How does the Lord open your heart to hear the message of Jesus with faith? How is your home a place to nurture the Christian faith?

SERVICE

When Lydia became a Christian, she invited the Apostle Paul and his companions into her home (Acts 16:15). Invite an individual or group into your home for Christian fel-lowship. Consider using portions of Taking Faith Home to encourage one another in the faith.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

This Thursday (May 5th) is Ascension Day. In many Christian churches this day goes by virtually unnoticed, but it is actually one of the five great festivals of the church and has been celebrated since the fourth century. It marks the last earthly appearance of the Lord Jesus after his resurrection (Mark 16:19; Luke 24:50-53, and Acts 1:1-12). Ascension Day falls on the 40th day of the Easter season.

The ascension clarifies the meaning of resurrection. Jesus is the enthroned Lord of heaven and earth forevermore. Put a white or gold piece of cloth over a cross to recall the triumph of God's love over sin and death.

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In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: www.milestonesministry.org

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
"Trinity Lutheran (ELCA) Sleepy Eye MN"

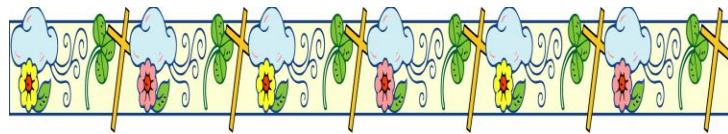
The Trinity Tidings newsletter is now also posted on www.sleepyeyeonline.com watch this site for community news and events.



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:	78
Website	53
Bible Studies Attendance:	6+7+6=19
Weekly Giving: (5730.00 Needed)	\$4209.28
May Giving: (\$23,640.00 .Needed)	\$9411.30
Yearly Contributions to Date	\$96,663.37



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 **Mary, Jane, Krista, Trisha, Mark, Sherry, Kali, Isak, Vivian, Kim, Pam, Pat, Trish, Beth, Harold, Rita, Nip, Sarah, Joe, Chris, Kathy, Emmett, Joan, Lois, Joyce, Emma, Darrell, Milo, Ed, Carlo, Dorothy, Tina, Ethan, Robyn, Carmen, Linette, Tammy, John, Tony, Ted, Connor, Kimora, and Mary Jo.**

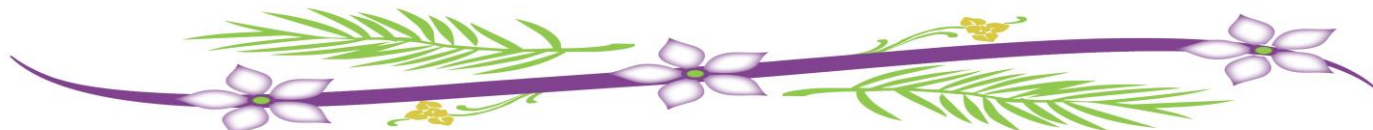
Pray for the beloved... who now rest from their labors in God's mercy and for all who mourn the personal loss of loved ones...Especially the families and friends of **Carol Carlson and Loretta Tostenrud**, who were laid to rest last week.... that God would fill each one with the hope of our Lord's promise to bring us to a new heaven and earth where suffering, crying, pain and death will be no more....

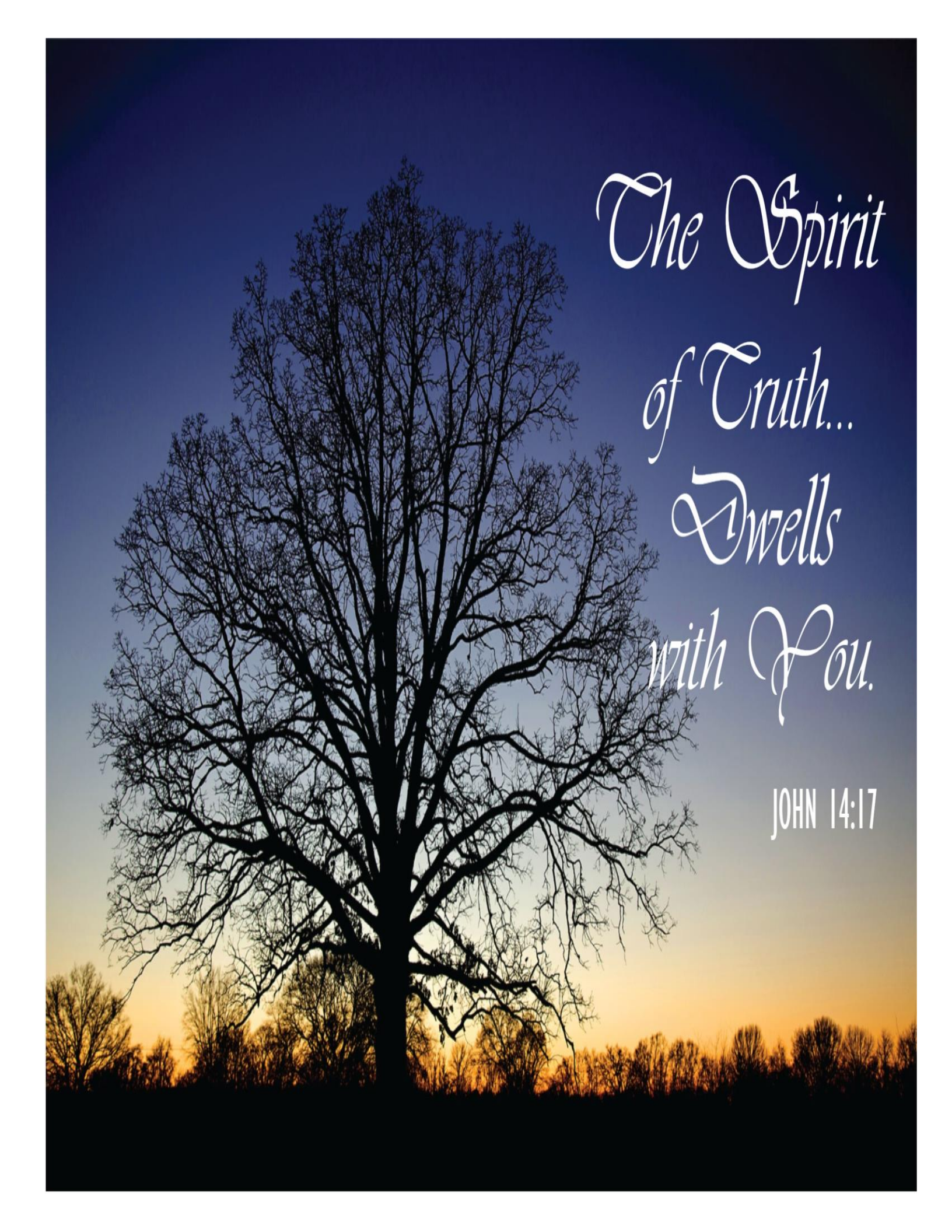
Pray for all families...that the Holy Spirit would bring compassion and mercy to all who are separated from one another and each would give way to mercy, love and reconciliation...

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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A large, leafless tree silhouette is the central focus, set against a sky transitioning from a deep blue at the top to a warm orange and yellow at the horizon. The tree's intricate branches are clearly visible against the lighter sky. In the background, a line of smaller, similar trees is visible along the horizon.

*The Spirit
of Truth...
Dwells
with You.*

JOHN 14:17