

**Trinity  
Lutheran  
Church**

**June 1<sup>st</sup>  
2025**

**Seventh  
Sunday  
of Easter  
9:00 AM**

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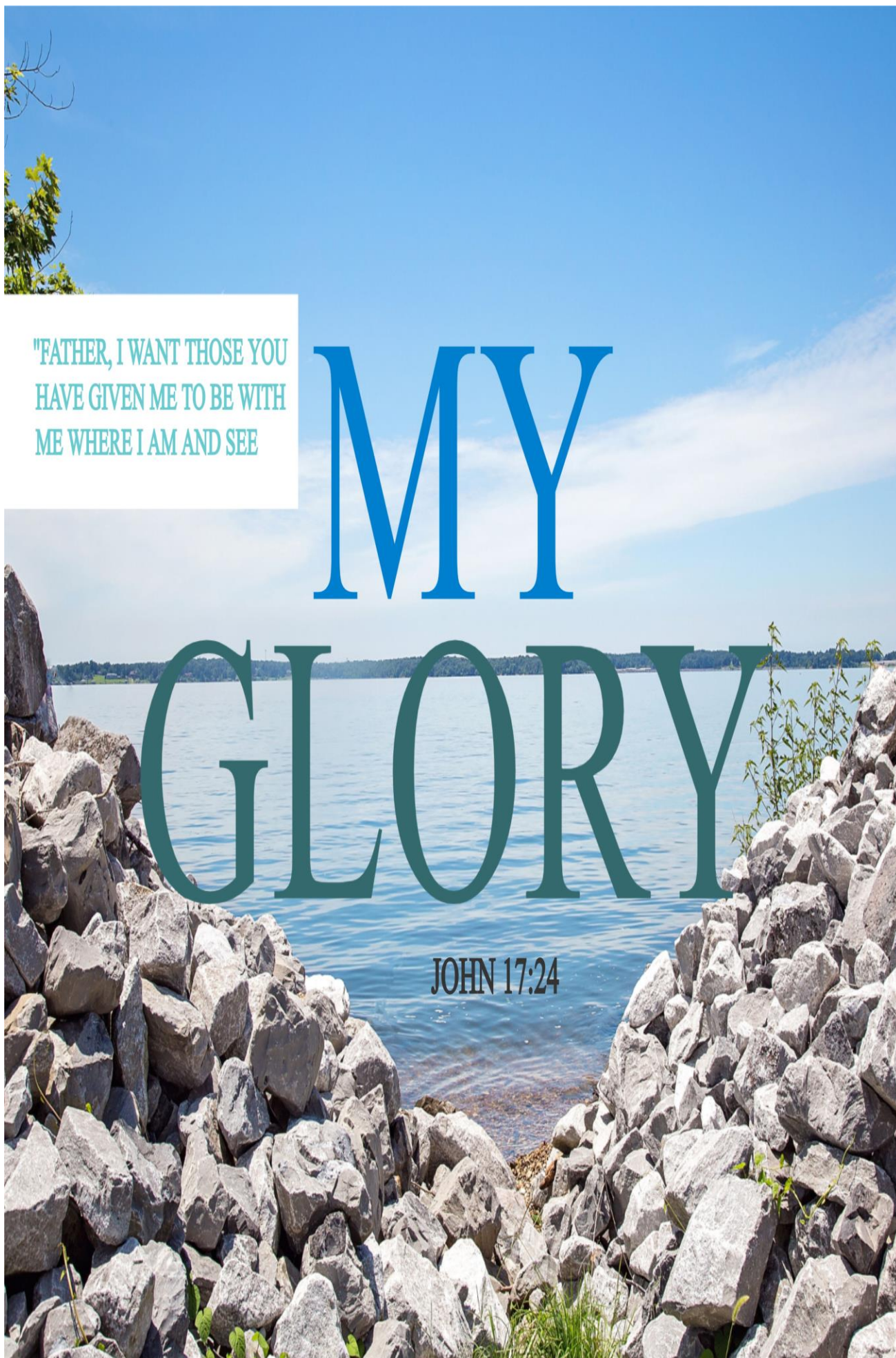
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"FATHER, I WANT THOSE YOU  
HAVE GIVEN ME TO BE WITH  
ME WHERE I AM AND SEE

MY

GLORY

JOHN 17:24

# SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## HOLY COMMUNION – ELW SETTING 8

9:00 A.M. ~ Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup>



*Fifth Sunday  
of Easter*

**WELCOME ALL!** *On this is Sunday after Easter, the joy remains and the celebration continues. Alleluia! The Lord is risen! HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA! All guests and visitors are warmly welcomed to join in this celebration of God's gifts of Word and Sacraments. Your presence is a blessing to this worship experience. May God's rich blessing be upon us all! Remind us again, O Lord, of your promise to be present wherever and whenever people are gathered in your name.*

**WE ALSO PROCLAIM** *"a person who has faith in these words, 'given for you' and 'shed for you for the forgiveness of sin,' is really worthy and well prepared" to receive the Sacrament of the Table. Children not instructed in Holy Communion are invited to come forward and receive a blessing.*

### WORSHIP AIDS

**PREFERENCE** to receiving grape juice instead of wine is indicated by raising your index finger to the server.

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

**LARGE PRINT BULLETIN AVAILABLE.** Please ask the usher for a copy.

## GATHERING

**WE PREPARE...** *It is possible to hear in Jesus' high priestly prayer, a prayer he offered shortly before his death, the petitions of the ascended Christ for his own throughout history—to our day—and beyond. Jesus prays for us. In holy baptism we become believers in God, have our robes washed in the flood of Christ's forgiveness, and receive the gift of life forever with all the saints.*

### Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

**Amen.** Look, here is water! **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.

The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water! **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Look, here is water! **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**



1 Lord of all na - tions, grant me grace to love all  
 2 Break down the wall that would di - vide thy chil - dren,  
 3 For - give me, Lord, where I have erred by love - less  
 4 Give me thy cour - age, Lord, to speak when - ev - er  
 5 With thine own love may I be filled and by thy



peo - ple, ev - 'ry race; and in each per - son may I  
 Lord, on ev - 'ry side. My neigh - bor's good let me pur -  
 act and thought - less word. Make me to see the wrong I  
 strong op - press the weak. Should I my - self the vic - tim  
 Ho - ly Spir - it willed, that all I touch, wher - e'er I



see my kin - dred, loved, re - deemed by thee.  
 sue; let Chris - tian love bind warm and true.  
 do will cru - ci - fy my Lord a - new.  
 be, help me for - give, re - mem - b'ring thee.  
 be, may be di - vine - ly touched by thee.

## 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 97

*Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous.*

The LORD reigns; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of the isles be glad.

**Clouds and darkness surround the LORD,  
 righteousness and justice are the foundations of God's throne.**

Fire goes before the LORD, burning up enemies on every side.

**Lightning lights up the world; the earth sees and trembles.**

The mountains melt like wax before the Lord of all the earth.

**The heavens declare your righteousness, O LORD,  
 and all the peoples see your glory.**

Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods!

Bow down before the LORD, all you gods.

**Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice,  
 because of your judgments, O LORD.**

For you are the LORD, most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.

**You who love the LORD, hate evil!**

**God guards the lives of the saints and rescues them from the hand of the wicked.**

Light dawns for the righteous, and joy for the honest of heart.

**Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous, and give thanks to God's holy name.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray ... O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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## WORD

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### FIRST READING

Acts 16:16-34

The first reading is in Acts chapter 16, verses 16–34. The owners of a slave-girl who used her powers to tell fortunes threw Paul and Silas into jail for "healing" her and, consequently, ruining their business. In prison, Paul and Silas bring the good news of the gospel to the jailer and his family.

*One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.*

*But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.*

*About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.*

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

SECOND READING

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

The second reading is in Revelation chapter 22, verses 12-14, 16-17 and 20-21. The ascended Christ, hidden from our sight, promises to come again. We eagerly pray, "Come, Lord Jesus," with all who respond to this invitation.

*See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."*

*Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."*

*The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let everyone who hears say, "Come."*

*And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift."*

*The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.*

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

GOSPEL VERSE

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 17:20-26

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter.     **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.*

*Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."*

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**



1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser-vice bore the weight of hu-man need,  
 2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry cry for bread;  
 3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, till your love's re-veal-ing light  
 4 Called by wor-ship to your ser-vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up-on the cross, for-sak-en, worked your mer-cy's per-fect deed:  
 still the cap-tives long for free-dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.  
 in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up-on our quick-ened sight,  
 to the child, the youth, the a-ged, love in liv-ing deeds to show;



we, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a-lone, but heart;  
 As you, Lord, in deep com-pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul,  
 mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,  
 hope and health, good-will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give,



con-se-crat-ing to your pur-pose ev-'ry gift which you im-part.  
 by your Spir-it send your pow-er to our world to make it whole.  
 stir-ring us to ar-dent ser-vice, your a-bun-dant life to share.  
 that your ser-vants, Lord, in free-dom may your mer-cy know and live.

## 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**

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## THANKSGIVING

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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*

ELW# 686



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.**

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## MEAL

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### 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.

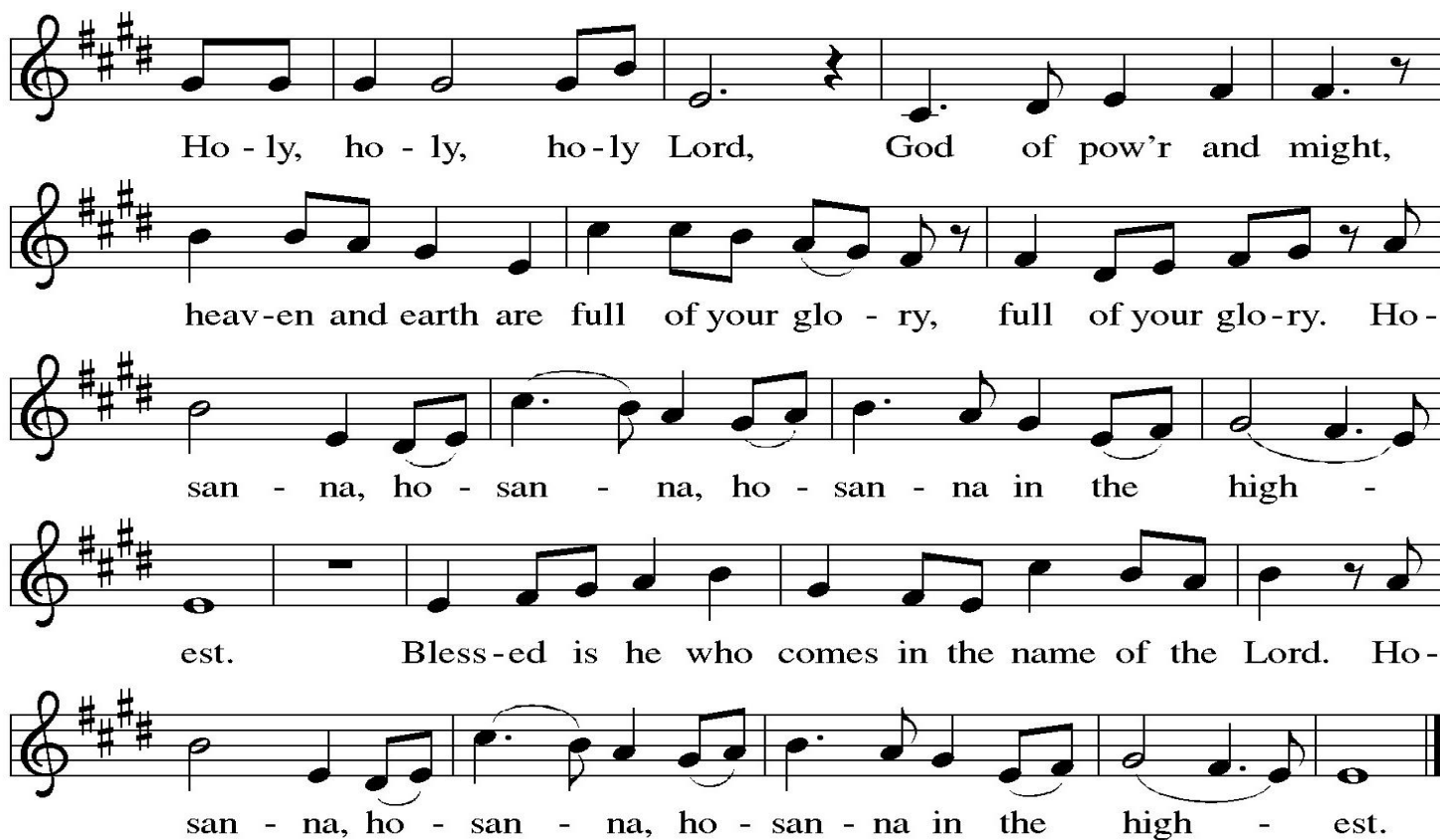
Lift up your hearts.

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

**And also with you.**

**We lift them to the Lord.**

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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave Himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with the earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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

Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world. **Amen.**

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# SENDING

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## BLESSING

The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, ✠ Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always. **Amen.**

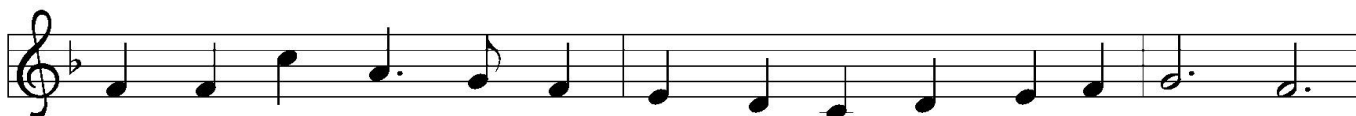
## SENDING SONG

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

**ELW #258**



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!  
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won-drous-ly reign - ing  
3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend you;  
4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!  
and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.  
sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.  
All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!



Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,  
Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been  
Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do  
Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.



join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?  
if with his love he be - friend you.  
Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

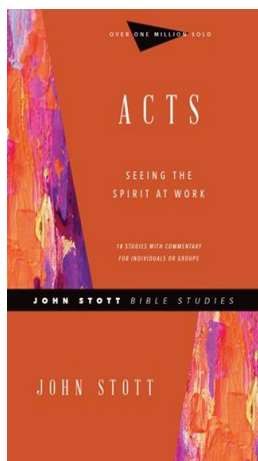
## DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. Christ is always with you. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

### Our thanks to all who serve the Body of Christ

SUNDAY		9:00 Worship
Accompanist	Cindy Anderson	
Acolyte	Ryder Braun	
Readers	Sarah Lendt	
Communion Assistant	Larry Baumgardt at the Rail	
Sound Tech	Russ Sorensen	
Greeter	Rose Wall	
Ushers	Brian Polesky, Dave Vosbeck	
Altar Guild	Mary Renberg, Nicole Jensen	

**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!**



Join women from our congregation and our community for a new study of the book of Acts. Together, we will dig into the story of how the Christian church began and continued to carry out the ministry of Christ. Topics covered include learning about the Holy Spirit, the persecution of early Christians, how Satan attacks, getting to know individuals such as Stephen, Philip, Saul, and Cornelius, resolving conflict within the church, understanding politics and religion, spreading the “good news,” and following God. There will always be coffee and prayer, sometimes a treat, good discussion with something to meditate about for a few days, and best of all, fulfilling connections in a faith-centered community. Join us when you can! All ages are welcome. We meet (almost) every Wednesday from 9:00-10:00 a.m. Bring a friend.

## MEALS THAT MATTER

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

*Thank you for being the hands of Jesus!*



***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



# Join us to Celebrate Pat Stevermer



After 55 wonderful years at Sleepy Eye Public School, Pat is saying goodbye to a beloved career and hello to retirement!

*Please join us*

**Sunday, June 29th**

2 to 4 PM at the Sleepy Eye Golf Course.



# BURGERS and BASKETS

Hosted by Jacque and Nate Darnell

**Saturday June 14<sup>th</sup> 11:00am-3:00pm**

**26700 185<sup>th</sup> St Sleepy Eye MN 56085**

***Our son Keenan Darnell was born with down syndrome and was the 1000<sup>th</sup> baby celebrated by Jack's Basket which makes this mission close to our family.***

***Jack's Basket is an organization that is changing how medical providers discuss the diagnosis in an unbiased way in hopes that having a baby with Down syndrome is celebrated like any other. We provide a basket of gifts to each new family who receives the diagnosis- so they too can hear Congratulations!***

***To give back to this amazing organization we are hosting our 6th Annual Burgers and Baskets fundraiser.***

**Free will donation lunch provided**

**\*\*Bring your family, a lawn chair and enjoy the day\*\***

***Event will be held rain or shine***

- Yard Games
- Water Slide for the little ones
  - Bounce House
  - Hayrides
- Carriage Rides
- Silent Auction
- Helicopter Rides

**All proceeds from the day will go directly to Jack's Basket to help fill baskets and celebrate new**

SLEEPY EYE COMMUNITY THEATER PRESENTS



**JUNE 26-29** ST. MARY'S AUDITORIUM  
7PM THURSDAY, FRIDAY, & SATURDAY, 2PM SUNDAY

**RESERVED TICKETS:**  
SCAN THE CODE OR  
PURCHASE AT FLO DANCE CO.  
JUNE 16-19 FROM 3-5PM



**GENERAL TICKETS:**  
AVAILABLE AT DOOR 1 HOUR  
PRIOR TO PERFORMANCES  
ADULTS: \$12  
SENIORS/STUDENTS: \$8

MUSIC BY **JULE STYNE** LYRICS BY **BOB MERRILL**  
BOOK BY **ISOBEL LENNART** FROM AN ORIGINAL STORY BY **MISS LENNART**  
PRODUCED FOR THE BROADWAY STAGE BY **RAY STARK**  
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ORIGINAL PRODUCTION DIRECTED BY **GARSON KANIN**

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# JUNE

## 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 9 am- Holy Communion 10:15 am Coffee Hour	<b>2</b> 9 am Quilting	<b>3</b> 6:30 pm-AA 3:30 pm Prokindship for Kids	<b>4</b> 9 am Women's Bible Study 1 pm Ross Park 7 pm Parish Planning Council 	<b>5</b> 8 am Men's Bible Study	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>  <i>Wedding</i> IN THE CHURCH FAMILY
<b>8</b> 9 am- Worship 10:15 am Coffee Hour  <i>Pentecost</i>	<b>9</b> 9 am Quilting	<b>10</b> 6:30 pm-AA	<b>11</b> 9 am Women's Bible Study 	<b>12</b> 8 am Men's Bible Study	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>  <i>Flag Day</i>
<b>15</b> 9 am- Holy Communion 10:15 am Coffee Hour 11 am Breaking Bread Together  <i>Happy Father's Day</i>  <i>Trinity Sunday</i>	<b>16</b> 9 am Quilting	<b>17</b> 6:30 pm-AA 2 pm Lay Ministry Board 3:30 pm Prokindship for Kids	<b>18</b> 9 am Women's Bible Study 1 pm Ross Park	<b>19</b> 8 am Men's Bible Study 9 am Pastor's Meeting	<b>20</b> Tidings Articles Due	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 9 am- Worship 10:15 am Coffee Hour	<b>23</b> 9 am Quilting	<b>24</b> 6:30 pm-AA	<b>25</b> 9 am Women's Bible Study	<b>26</b> 8 am Men's Bible Study	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>  <i>Wedding</i> IN THE CHURCH FAMILY
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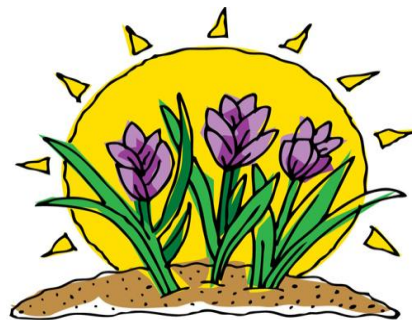
June 1, 2025

God is always with us.

## 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	John 17:20-26	Jesus prays for the disciples
Monday	Romans 15:1-5	A spirit of unity
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 1:10-18	An appeal for unity
Wednesday	Philippians 2:1-4	One in spirit and purpose
Thursday	Ephesians 2:13-22	Christ himself is our peace
Friday	1 Peter 3:8-12	Live in harmony
Saturday	Psalms 133	How pleasant is unity
Sunday	Acts 2:1-21	Filled with the Holy Spirit



## Seventh Sunday of Easter

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

**“I want them to be brought together perfectly as one. This will let the world know that you sent me.”**

John 17:23 (NIRV)

### **SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:**

**A Prayer for the Week:** O God, bring salvation to our household, and fill our home with your joy. Amen. (Acts 16:31,34)

**Mealtime Prayer:** God, your love for us has filled our table. May our love for each other bring praise to you. Amen.

**A Blessing to Give:** May God protect you and rescue you. May God show you the way and fill you with happiness. Amen. (Psalm 97:10-11)

### CARING CONVERSATION

Discuss in your household or small group:

- What things cause people to fight? At home? In the church?
- Jesus prayed to God in Heaven that his followers would have “perfect unity.” (John 17:23).  
What do you think he meant?
- How can you be more “at one” with other Christians you know?

### DEVOTIONS

Jesus prayed that his disciples would be “brought together perfectly as one.” Make Christian unity a focus in your household devotion times this week. Here are some prayer suggestions:

*Sunday* – Pray for peace and unity in your congregation.

*Monday* – Pray for peace and unity in your church denomination.

*Tuesday* – Pray for peace and unity in the homes of your congregation.

*Wednesday* – Pray for peace and unity between churches of different types.

*Thursday* – Pray for peace and unity between marriage partners.

*Friday* – Pray for peace and unity between parents and children.

*Saturday* – Pray for peace and unity in your own home.

Conclude your prayer with a candle ritual. Light one central candle and give each family member an unlit candle. At the same, light your individual candles from the central candle. Pray this prayer together: Jesus, Light of the world: Draw us to your light, so that we grow together as a household, united in your love. Keep us at peace with each other. Amen.

### SERVICE

May 12 is Mother’s Day. Show appreciation to mothers this week. If a mother lives in your home, plan ways to serve her. If your mother is absent, take time to pray for her or say a prayer of thanks for her role in your life. If possible, phone, email or write to her.

### RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Next Sunday is Pentecost, often referred to as the birthday of the church. In preparation, make a special Church birthday cake to enjoy together at home. Whether homemade or store bought, make sure it has white frosting. In the center of the cake, place a large white candle to represent Christ our Light, who promised to send the Holy Spirit. Around it place twelve white birthday candles, representing the apostles receiving the Holy Spirit as tongues of fire. Add seven red-wrapped chocolate hearts and seven red ribbons to represent the gifts of the Holy Spirit (Isaiah 11:2-3). Finally, add nine strawberries to represent the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23). Involve the whole family in decorating the cake. Review together the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit. Before the cake is cut on Pentecost Sunday, have household members blow out the candles “with a mighty rushing wind!”



## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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:	70
Website	51
Bible Studies Attendance:	10
Weekly Giving: (5730.00 Needed)	\$4536.60
May Giving: (\$23,640.00 .Needed)	\$18,201.03
Yearly Contributions to Date	\$105,453.10



## 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, 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.**

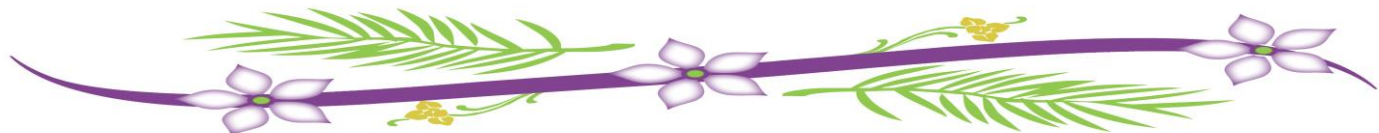
**Pray for the beloved**... who now rest from their labors in God's mercy and for all who mourn the personal loss of loved ones...Especially the families and friends of **Carol Carlson and Loretta Tostenrud**, who were laid to rest last week.... And the Heiderscheidt family and the friends of **Larry Heiderscheidt**, who passed away May 20<sup>th</sup>... 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....

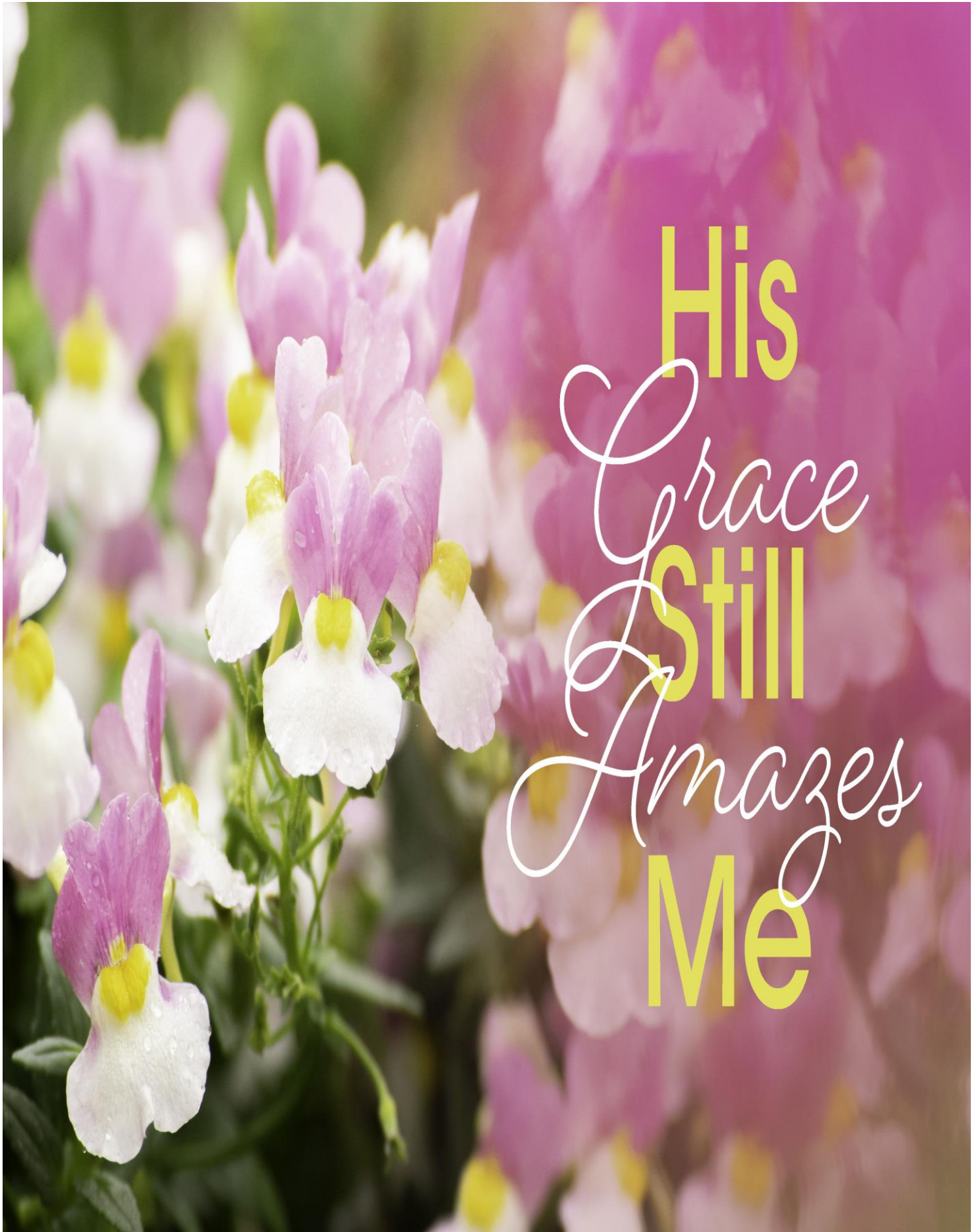
**Pray for all families**...that the Holy Spirit would bring compassion and mercy to all who are separated from one another and each would give way to mercy, love and reconciliation...

**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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