

# Trinity Lutheran Church

**May 21,  
2023**

**Seventh  
Sunday  
of Easter**

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*"Everything  
you have given me  
comes from you."*

JOHN 17:7

**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**HOLY COMMUNION**  
**9:00 A.M. ~ SUNDAY, MAY 21ST, 2023**



***THE LORD JESUS CHRIST WELCOMES ALL***

*We are grateful to God for all who gather here today. If you are a first-time visitor, please receive a 'Trinity Mug' to take with you today as an expression of our hospitality. During the time of offering please sign the Friendship Pad as it is passed to you. Fellowship and refreshments follow our morning worship in the Library. Please come!*

**WORSHIP AIDS**

**Large Print Bulletins** are available from the ushers.

**Children's Activity Bags** are available at the rear of the church—please return them after the service. Thank you.

**GATHERING**

**WE PREPARE:** *Jesus does not abandon his followers. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Lord's table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world.*

**PARISH NOTICES / BELL**

**CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Creator, the Christ, ✠ and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

We are here as the celebrating church, unashamed in our joy and again willing to be touched by the Gift of Life from God. **Into our nostrils God blew the breath of life.**

And we became living beings. **Amen.**

We have been given great gifts by our Creator—gifts for teaching, healing, and singing. **But we have not used the gifts as we ought. Instead, we choose to love the trinkets of this world, even though they rust in our hands.**

We have been given talents and abilities for the betterment of the Kingdom in this world. **But we have chosen to build our own private kingdoms hidden in walls of fear and greed. Lord, forgive our neglected vows, our broken promises and the sin that separates us from you.**

Today is an amazing day! This is the day which the Lord has made and we, as the children of God, are here to give our thanks and praise to God. For God has forgiven our sin. God has healed our broken promises and neglected vows through our Lord's death on the cross and the gift of his resurrection to eternal life. You are free because of his great love of us. You are made free to discover God's gifts and use them in service to others. You are free to live life at its fullest. You are free to love one another with the love of Jesus Christ our Lord! To him be glory and dominion forever and ever! **Amen.**





1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New hymns through-out the world shall  
 2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band up - on the Mount of Ol - ives  
 3 To whom the shin - ing an - gels cry, "Why stand and gaze up - on the  
 4 "You see him now, as-cend-ing high up to the por-tals of the  
 5 O ris - en Christ, as-cend-ed Lord, all praise to you let earth ac -



ring: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Christ, by a road be - fore un -  
 stand, Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! and with his faith-ful fol-l'wers  
 sky?" Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! "This is the Sav - ior!" thus they  
 sky." Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! "Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall  
 cord: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! You are, while end-less ag - es



trod, as - cends un - to the throne of God.  
 see their Lord as-cend in maj - es - ty.  
 say, "this is his glo-rious tri-umph day!" Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le -  
 see re - turn-ing in great maj - es - ty."  
 run, with Fa - ther and with Spir - it one.



lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia!

### 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.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Children's  
Message





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## WORD

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### FIRST READING

**Acts 1:6-14**

The first reading is in Acts chapter 1, verses 6-14.

*So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."*

*Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.*

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

### SECOND READING

**1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11**

The second reading is in 1 Peter chapter 4, verses 12-14 and chapter 5 verses 6-11.

#### **Chapter 4**

*Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.*

#### **Chapter 5**

*Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.*

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## GOSPEL

**John 17:1-11**

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

*After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.*

*I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.*



The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## MESSAGE

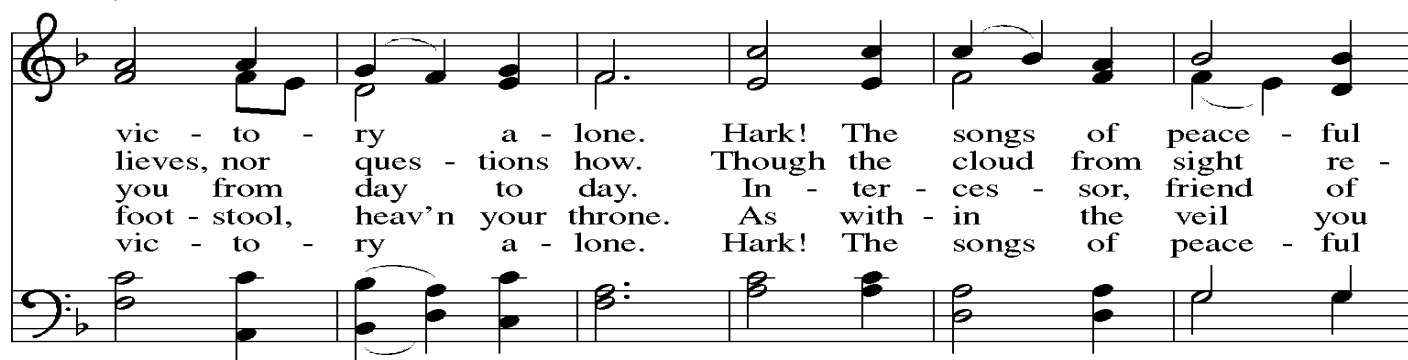
PASTOR TIM MASON



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,  
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in  
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, here on earth our  
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o -  
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,



his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the  
 sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be -  
 food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to  
 tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your  
 his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the



vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful  
 lieves, nor ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re -  
 you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of  
 foot - stool, heav'n your throne. As with - in the veil you  
 vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful



Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus  
 ceived him when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our  
 sin - ners, earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the  
 en - tered, robed in flesh, our great high priest, here on  
 Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus



out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."  
 hearts for - get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more?"  
 songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.  
 earth both priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.  
 out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."

## 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**    God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

## PEACE

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

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## MEAL

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## 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, 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. 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 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.)*



## COMMUNION BLESSING

### PRAYER

Let us pray. Living God, you have greeted us in our brokenness and nourished us with the body of Christ, broken for us. Risen to new life with you, send us now to bear your healing love into the wounded world, in the name of our risen Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*(The offering is brought forward by the ushers to the acolyte)*

### OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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## SENDING

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### 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

#### *I Love to Tell the Story*

**ELW #661**







I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;  
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard  
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.  
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.  
I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

*Refrain*



I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry



to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

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

**Our Thanks To All Who Serve The Body Of Christ**

<b>SUNDAY 9:00 am Worship</b>	
<b>Accompanist</b>	Mary Mulry
<b>Acolyte</b>	Shea Evers
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Lee & Isaac Johnson, Larry Baumgardt
<b>Reader</b>	Harold Pettis
<b>Sound Tech</b>	Russ Sorensen
<b>Greeters</b>	Larry & Diane Evers
<b>Ushers</b>	Brian Polesky, Dave Vosbeck
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Nicole Stevermer & Mary Renberg



The Christian Education is seeking people willing to organize and help during this summer's Vacation Bible School on June 7th. Please email [education@trinitysleepyeye.com](mailto:education@trinitysleepyeye.com) or swing by the office and let Brittney or Darlene know you are willing. We need help to make this a successful VBS.

## 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!*



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

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

**St. Johns Circle of Care Foundation is hosting our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Trigger Tournament at the Springfield Sportsmans Club Sunday May 21<sup>st</sup>, TODAY, from 8am to 4pm. Join us for a great Pulled Pork lunch, raffle and a fun day at the Sportsmans Club. Lunch is \$10 per person and will be served from 10:30am to 3:00pm. Raffle tickets are still available and can be purchased at St. Johns, F&M Bank, Southpoint Financial or at the Sportsman's Club.**



### **Blood Drive Sleepy Eye Community Event Center**

110 12th Ave NE  
Sleepy Eye, MN

**Tuesday, May 23, 2023  
12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: Sleepy Eye to schedule an appointment.



Get summer ready. Come give 5/20 through 5/31 for an exclusive Red Cross beach towel, while they last!



May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023

Give your worries and cares to God.

### **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 17:1-11	Jesus prays for his disciples
Monday	John 3:31-36	The Son and the Father
Tuesday	John 8:21-30	Jesus speaks of going to the Father
Wednesday	Ephesians 4:1-6	Keep the unity of the Spirit
Thursday	1 Peter 3:8-12	Live in harmony
Friday	Ephesians 3:14-21	Paul prays for the Ephesians
Saturday	Psalms 17:1-9	O God, hear my prayer
Sunday	Acts 2:1-21	The Holy Spirit comes



### **SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK**

**“Give all your worries and cares to God, for God cares about you. “**

**1 Peter 5:7 (NLT)**

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

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord God, we give all our worries to you. Help us rest easy in your care. Amen. (1 Peter 5:7)

Mealtime Prayer:

Lord God, thank you for loving us, feeding us, and caring for us. Your praises we shout and your name we bless. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God always keep you safe. May God keep your faith in Jesus strong, and give you eternal life. Amen. (John 17:1-3)

### **CARING CONVERSATION**

Discuss in your household or small group:

- What makes you anxious or worried? What calms you down?
- The apostle Peter encourages us not to be too proud to give our worries to God, because God cares for us (1 Peter 5:7). Think of a time when you gave your worries to God.
- What worries or concerns can you give over to God now?

### **DEVOTIONS**

Before Jesus was arrested, he prayed especially for his disciples, his closest friends during his time on earth (John 17:6-11). He prayed that his God would protect them, and that they would be united. In your home devotional times this week, give special focus to praying for your Christian friends. Contact them by phone or email to inquire about their prayer needs, and include these in your household prayer times.

### **SERVICE**

Do you know someone who is going through a difficult period? Make up a card to send to them, including the words of 1 Peter 5:7 (“Give all your worries and cares to God, for God cares about you”). Sign the card as a household.

### **RITUALS AND TRADITIONS**

Gather a set of index cards and punch holes into the top two corners. Using the holes, attach thread or string to the cards. During this week, invite household members to write their worries onto the cards and symbolically give them over to God by hanging them onto a wall hook in your home. Write or print out the words of 1 Peter 5:7 and post the words next to the hook.



## 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  
CHECK IT OUT!!**

*"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. *Please pick up your statements and envelopes in your mailbox. Thank You!*

### Last week at Trinity

Weekly Worship Attendance:	100
Weekly Giving: (5730.00 Needed)	\$3898.92
May Giving: (\$22,920.00 .Needed)	\$7829.49
Yearly Contributions to Date	\$86,404.34
Amount needed to meet Budget	\$108,870.00

## 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, Jerry, Beth, Harold, Rodney P., Dave M., OraDell, Chris, Kathy, Emmett, Joan, Lois, Joyce, Emma, Milo, Ed, Carlos, Dorothy, Story, Tina, Ethan, Robyn, Carmen, Julia Ann, Linette, Tammy, John, Tony, Ted, Connor, Kimora, and Mary Jo.

**Pray for the beloved**... who now rest from their labors in God's mercy and for all who mourn the personal loss of loved ones.... 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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