

**Trinity  
Lutheran  
Church**

**May 12<sup>th</sup>,  
2024**

**Seventh  
Sunday  
of Easter**

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*MAY* GOD  
BE GRACIOUS TO US  
AND BLESS US  
AND MAKE HIS FACE  
SHINE ON US.

PSALM 67:1



# SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## BACCALAUREATE

9:00 A.M. ~ Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024



*Greetings and Welcome to All! Today we honor our graduating High School Seniors. We pray and ask for God's blessing and guidance upon each graduate as they anticipate the next step in their lives. Following our service everyone is invited to partake in the fellowship and a reception to honor the 2024 graduating Seniors in the Library, where you can share your personal blessing.*

### 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.

**PREFERENCE** to receive grape juice is indicated by raising your index finger to the server.

**GLUTEN FREE** wafers are available. Simply tell the server you wish to receive *gluten free*.

## GATHERING

**WE PREPARE:** *The gospel for Easter's seventh Sunday is always taken from the long prayer Jesus prays for his followers in John's gospel on the night before his death, and always includes Jesus' desire that his followers will be one as he and the Father are one. This oneness is not mere doctrinal agreement or institutional unity, but mutual abiding, interpenetrating life, mutual love, and joy. This oneness is the work of the Spirit whom we have received but also await. Come, Holy Spirit!*

PRELUDE / RINGING OF THE BELL / ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**TRINITY CHOIR**

### 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.

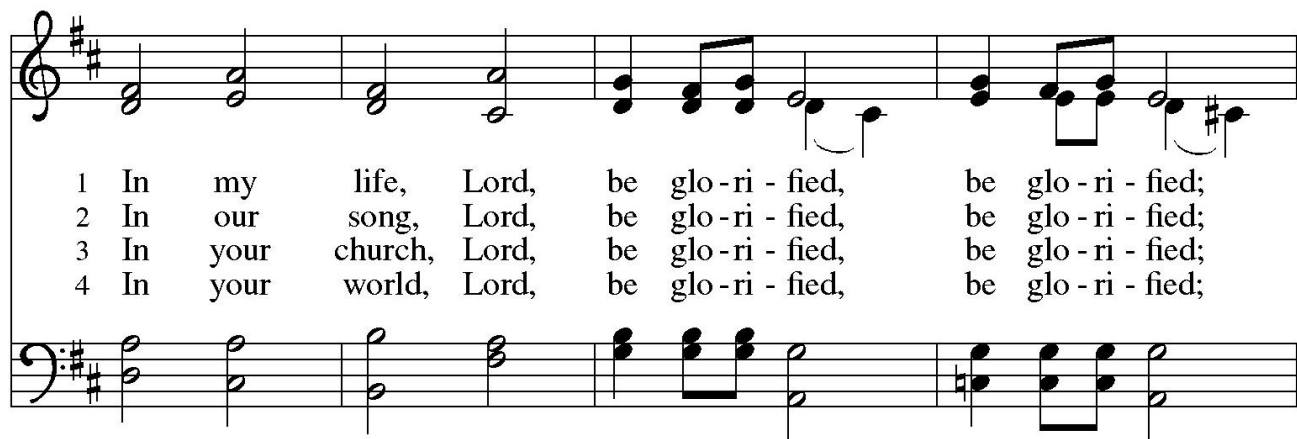
The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

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

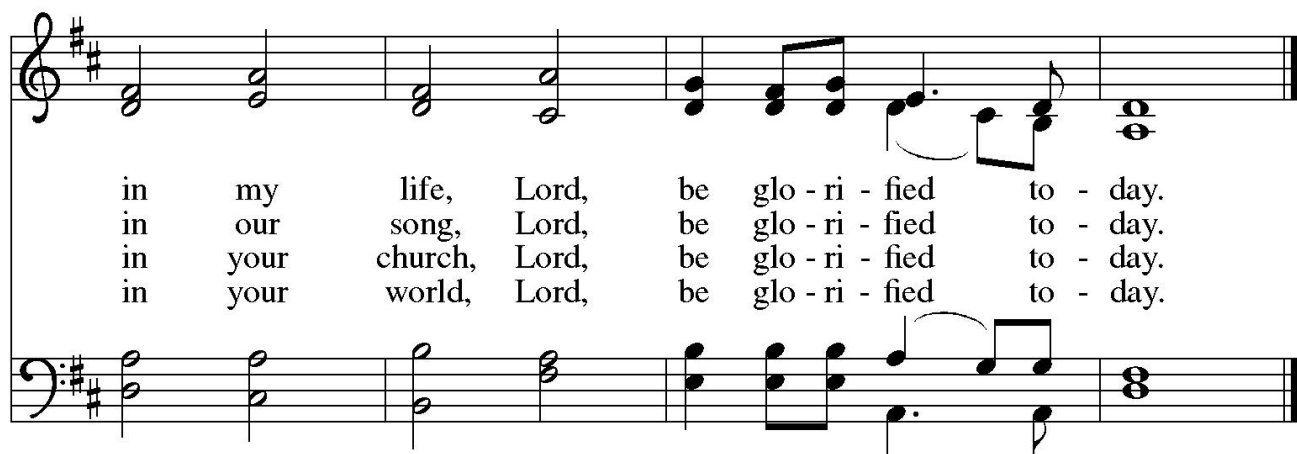
At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

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 In my life, Lord, be glo-ri-fied, be glo-ri-fied;  
 2 In our song, Lord, be glo-ri-fied, be glo-ri-fied;  
 3 In your church, Lord, be glo-ri-fied, be glo-ri-fied;  
 4 In your world, Lord, be glo-ri-fied, be glo-ri-fied;



in my life, Lord, be glo-ri-fied to-day.  
 in our song, Lord, be glo-ri-fied to-day.  
 in your church, Lord, be glo-ri-fied to-day.  
 in your world, Lord, be glo-ri-fied to-day.

## GREETING

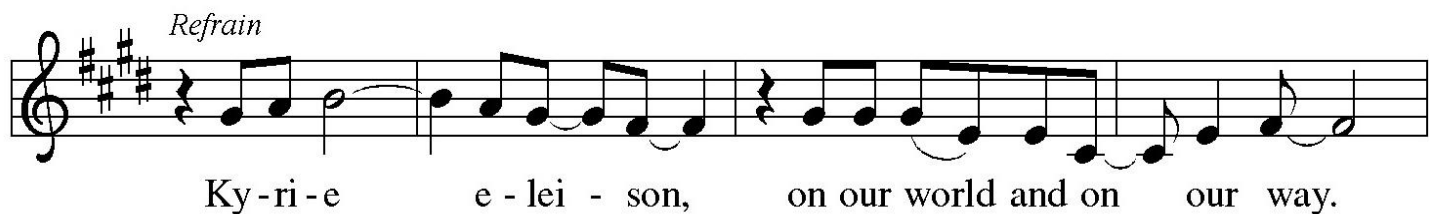
Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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.**

## KYRIE

*Refrain*



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.

1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the  
 2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the  
 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for  
 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the  
 u - ni - ty of all; for  
 hun - gry and the poor; that  
 friends and fam - i - ly; for  
 wa - ter and the word; that you  
 this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,  
 we may live out . . . . truth and jus - tice and grace,  
 life and for love, . . . . for our work and our play,  
 nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,  
 let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

*Refrain*

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, 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 1:15-17, 21-26

The first reading is in Acts chapter 1, verses 15 – 17 and 21 – 26. In the days between Jesus’ ascension and Pentecost, Peter oversees the process whereby one of the members of the community of believers is chosen to be the twelfth apostle, in order to fill the vacancy created by Judas’ treachery and death.

*In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus — for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry."*

*So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us — one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.*

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

**SECOND READING**

1 John 5:9-13

The second reading is in 1 John chapter 5, verses 9 - 13. God has borne witness to the gift of eternal life in Jesus Christ. Whoever believes in the Son of God believes in the witness of God and has the promise of eternal life.

*If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.*

*I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.*

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

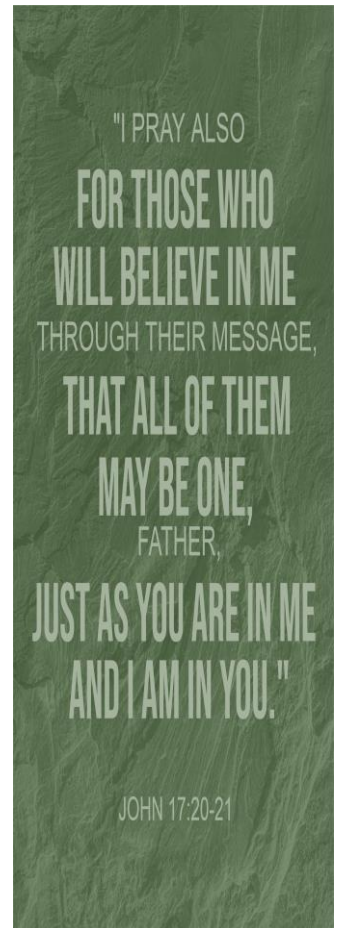


Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



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

*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. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.*



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

SERMON

Pastor Grant Fischer

SONG OF THE DAY

*Christ be My Light*

**ELW#715**



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for  
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for  
 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for  
 4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for  
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,  
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone  
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,  
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,  
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.  
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.  
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.  
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.  
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.

*Refrain*

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the  
 dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your  
 church gath - ered to - day.

**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**

**OFFERING**

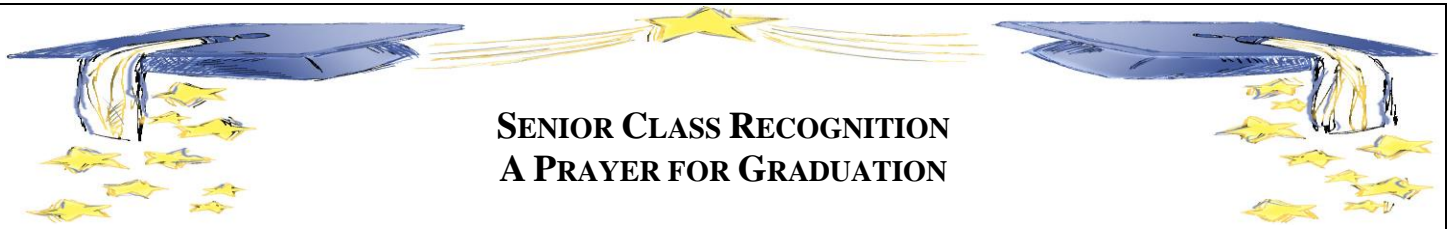
*We Give Thee But Thine Own*

*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)



**SENIOR CLASS RECOGNITION  
A PRAYER FOR GRADUATION**

O God of life, in their baptism you blessed our sons and daughters with your Spirit, promised your aid, and called them into discipleship. For this everlasting blessing,

**We give you thanks, O God.**

For those who are entering new lives after graduation, help them use the gifts you have given that their lives would glorify what you have given and what you have yet to give.

**We give you thanks, O God.**

For those graduating into lives of full employment, lead them to work which honors you, benefits the needs of others, and inspires their spirit. God of daily labor, **Hear our prayer.**

For those continuing their studies, increase their knowledge with the gifts of wisdom and love that they, too, may serve you through their learning. God of truth and understanding,

**Hear our prayer.**

For those who have yet to perceive where life is leading them, grant them patience in the struggle, hope for the future, and the confidence that you will guide them righteously.

God of Hope, **Hear our prayer.**

Protect our graduates who are younger from any enticement that may tempt and lead to harm. Keep those who are older from the cynicism and despair that so often follows disappointment and failure. Help all to embrace their mistakes with repentance and misfortunes with restoration, so that your word of constant and abundant love would lead them ever closer to your kingdom. God of faithfulness, **Hear our prayer.**

Help parents and others who share concern for the dangers and decisions that will be faced beyond their caring eyes. Grant them reassurance and heal any regrets as they entrust their daughters and sons to your watchful care. God of grace, **Hear our prayer.**

Holy God, send your witnesses to care for the sick and stricken. Stir up within us your compassion for all who are in need as we pray on behalf of your servants among us, including: **Cindy, Wade, Krista, Nicole, Trisha, Jan, Sherry, Kali, Jane, Ramsey, Sarah, Lennon, Chris, Julie, Kathy, Emmett, Joan, Lois, Joyce, Emma, Milo, Ed, Carlo, Dorothy, Story, Tina, Ethan, Robyn, Carmen, Linette, Tammy, John, Tony, Ted, Connor, Kimora, Mary Jo** and all people according to their needs...Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

And now, O Gracious Lord, we commend this year's graduating class: **Kennedy, Caden, Bryent, Kadence, Lydia, Isaac, Breanna, Envy, Jakob, Natalee, Ava, Austin, and Cammeron** to your care and guidance. By your unceasing Spirit help each of them make their light so shine before others that they may see their good works and give glory to you, the Lord of heaven and earth. **Amen.**

## RECOGNITION AND BLESSING *(at the Altar railing)*



We invite the parents of the graduates to come forward and lay your hands upon the head of your daughter or son in blessing, just as Isaac blessed his son, Jacob.

*(Students kneel at the altar railing with their parents standing behind them with hands upon the heads of their child for this blessing)*

Holy Father, we thank you for these young women and men kneeling here before you. We know it's a mixed up world into which we send them. It is a world filled with conflicts, threats, and even the turmoil of terrorism. Yet, just as Jesus prayed that night in the Garden for his disciples that you not take them out of the world, but protect them and keep them from the evil one—so we pray for these young people.

As the Lord of hopefulness, be a mighty fortress to protect us from the enemy, the rock of ages upon which we can always stand, the Good Shepherd who guides us, the light that directs us, and who is with us to the end of the age. Continue to reveal yourself to these young people as you have done for your children throughout the ages.

Bless them, O Lord, and use the hands of their fathers and mothers to bestow upon them the rich blessings of the faith into which they have been baptized and nurtured. Bless them with the strength to keep their faith in you and in your holy church as they celebrate the joys of their salvation given them through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.** *(Parents are seated)*

## PRESENTATION OF BIBLES AND QUILTS

And now, we present to each of you symbols of God's love.

First, the members of Trinity Lutheran Church, represented by Brian Polesky, Executive Director, present you with the Bible. It's time for you to apply God's Word to your lives as adult believers. It is our hope that just as you were given previous Bibles, that this too, will be a "*lamp to your feet and a light unto your path*" to guide you in faith according to Psalm 119:105.

And further, receive your quilt made by the Trinity Church Women and presented by your church mentor or significant member. I want you to be aware that each stitch and tie in your quilt represents the love God has given us to share with each other. May this be a symbolic act of this congregation's continuing commitment to support you in living-out your baptismal promises that were begun the day your parents, out of obedience to Christ, brought you to the waters of Holy Baptism. May your quilt be a reminder not only of your parents' love, but also of God's love and the care you have received through the body of Christ that we know as Trinity Lutheran Church.

And now, as we have thanked and asked for God's Divine blessing, we also thank God for each of you. Wherever you go, you will be part of us. Wherever you go, our love goes with you. Whatever you do, you will be in our hearts. For nothing can separate you from the love of God in Christ. And therefore, we bless you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **AMEN.**

*(Mentors and Graduates are seated)*

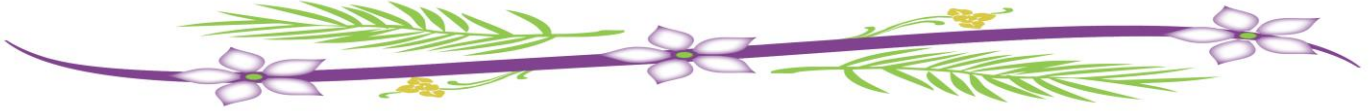
The peace of the risen Christ be with you all.



# SENDING

## DEPARTING BLESSING

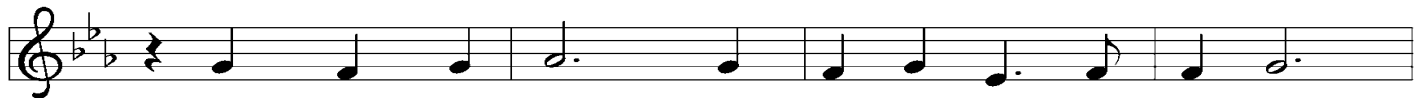
The blessing of the living God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, surround and sustain you, keep you from harm, and fill you with courage. **Amen.**



## SENDING SONG

### *This is My Song* For Peace in God's World

ELW #887



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;



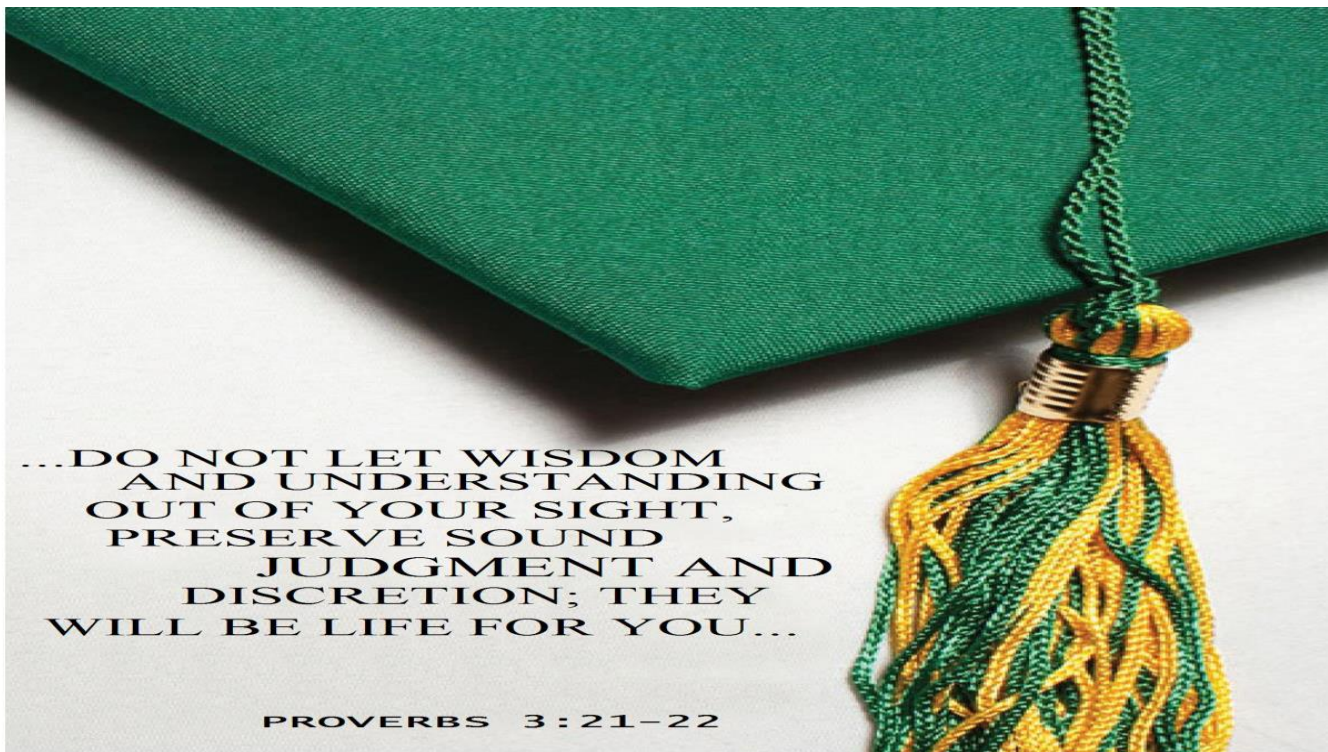
with	hopes	and	dreams	as	true	and	high	as	mine.
a	song	of	peace	for	their	land	and	for	mine.
my -	self	I	give	you;	let	your	will	be	done.

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**

<b>SUNDAY</b>		<b>9:00 Worship</b>
<b>Accompanist</b>	Mary Mulry	
<b>Acolyte</b>	Davin Suess	
<b>Reader</b>	Neil Neidt	
<b>Sound Techs</b>	Russ Sorensen	
<b>Greeters</b>	Shane Heiderscheidt	
<b>Ushers</b>	Dennis Mangen, Mike Petersen	
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Nicole Stevermer & Nikki Nachreiner	



**The Class of 2024 includes...**

- 🦋 Kennedy Braun 🦋 Caden Evers 🦋 Bryent Finstad  
🦋 Kadence Hesse 🦋 Lydia Huiras 🦋 Isaac Lent 🦋 Breanna Mertz  
🦋 Envy Morales 🦋 Jakob Nachreiner 🦋 Natalee Nachreiner  
🦋 Ava Schubbe 🦋 Austin Uecker 🦋 Cammeron Schottle



***Congratulations,  
Graduates!***

**We wish you all God's very best in the future. Each graduate will receive a bible and a quilt, hand made by the Women of Trinity. Refreshments and cake will be served in the library after our Worship service. ALL ARE WELCOME!**



### 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!***

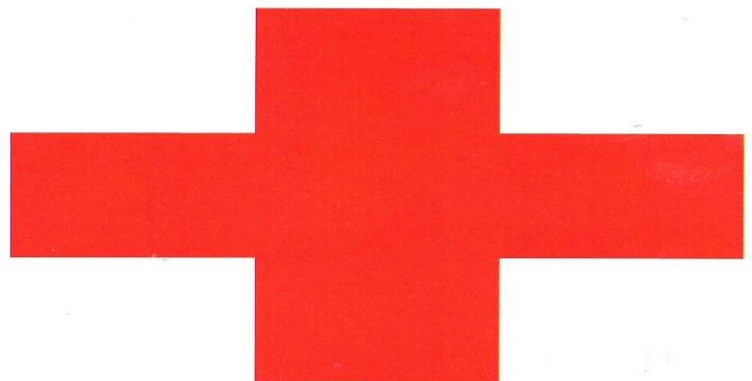


The 2024 St John's Lutheran Home Auxiliary membership drive is underway! A box with our envelopes is in the Narthex. Please consider a \$5 donation to the Auxiliary. Place envelope in the offering plate. We help with bingo, birthday parties and fund raisers which support the residents and staff. We are proud of the facility and Trinity is church member of St John's Home. Thank you for caring and for your support!

## Give blood.

Every 2 seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood.

**American Red Cross**



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

110 12th Ave NE  
Sleepy Eye, MN

**Tuesday, May 21, 2024**  
**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.



Scan to be directed to RapidPass.



Build the blood supply: Come give 5/20 to 6/9 for an exclusive Tetris and Red Cross shirt, ltd. qty.



Scan to schedule an appointment.



**Roster of Nominated Officers and Boards of  
Trinity Lutheran Church  
2024-2026**

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Diane Evers/Connie Johnson: Mission Community  
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Judy Weedman: St. John's Home REP.

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<b>Sandy Beito</b>	Amanda Fuchs
Larry Baumgardt	Alisa Mangen
Darlene Brummund	Matt Miller
	Pastor

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**Keith Lendt, Director**

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George Hirschbock  
Isaac Johnson  
Gerri Pool

May 12, 2024

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 Psalm 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.

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**Please take your Bulletin home for weekly family devotional time.**



## 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:	89
Bible Studies Attendance:	12 +4+5= 21
Weekly Giving:	\$4287.28
May Giving	\$4287.28
Amount given this year	\$89,643.13
Amount needed to meet Budget	\$103,140.00
2024 Budget	\$298,000.00

## 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 **Cindy, Wade, Krista, Nicole, Trisha, Jan, Sherry, Kali, Jane, Ramsey, Sarah, Lennon, Chris, Julie, Kathy, Emmett, Joan, Lois, Joyce, Emma, Milo, Ed, Carlo, Dorothy, Story, 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 .....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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