

**Trinity
Lutheran
Church**

July 14th, 2024

**8 Sunday of
PENTECOST
Lection 15**

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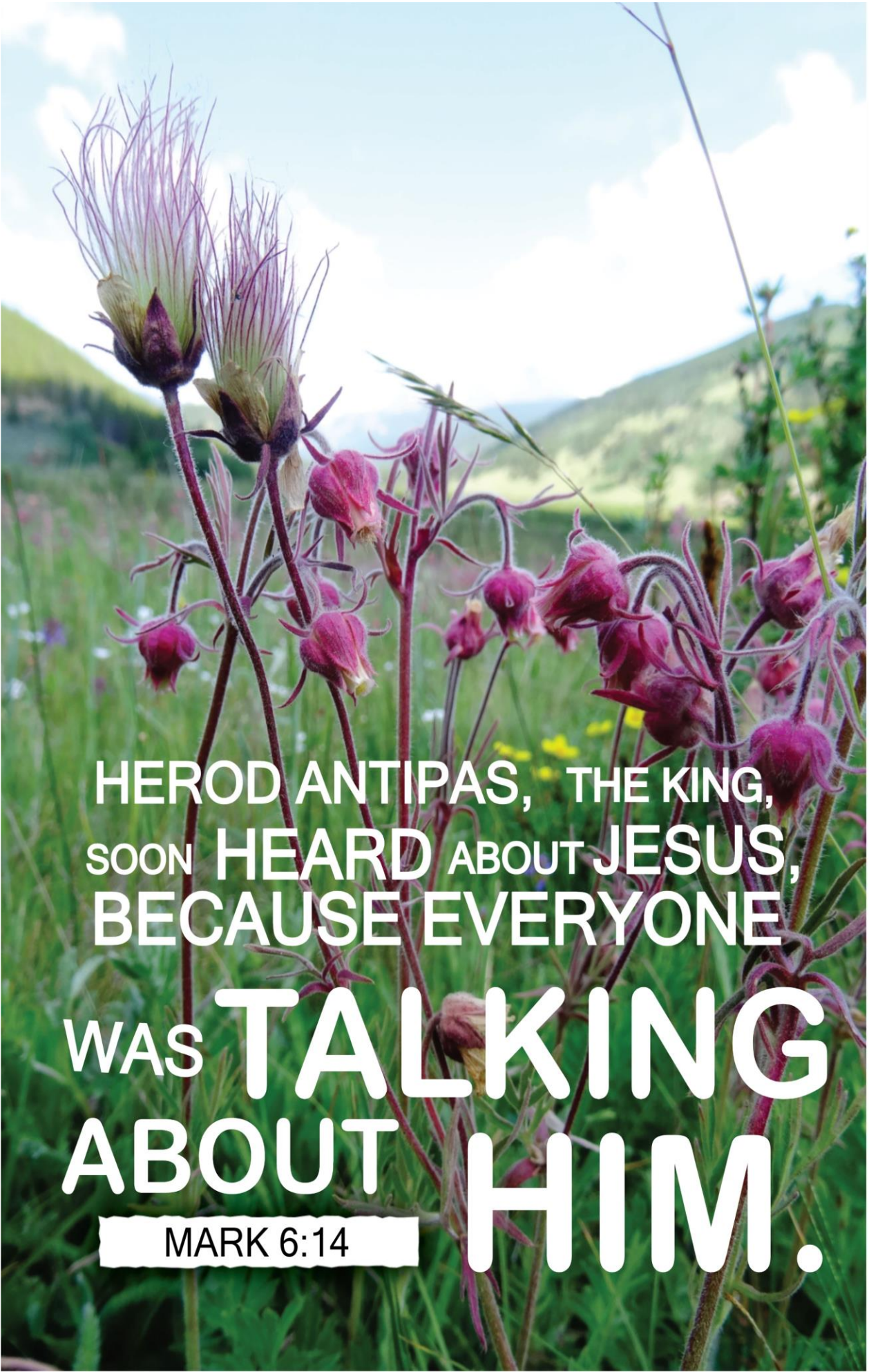
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**HEROD ANTIPAS, THE KING,
SOON HEARD ABOUT JESUS,
BECAUSE EVERYONE
WAS TALKING
ABOUT HIM.
MARK 6:14**

8TH WEEK AFTER PENTECOST~ LECTURE 15

SERVICE OF THE WORD

God's Radical Love, Lived Our Every Day

9:00 A.M. July 14th, 2024



THE LORD JESUS CHRIST WELCOMES ALL *to this house of worship! As Jesus welcomed the crowds to listen to him teach, so the Spirit of God welcomes us to listen to God's teachings. May our gathering around God's Word of grace bless one and all alike!*

WORSHIP AIDS

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS ARE AVAILABLE. Please ask the usher for a copy.

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

I WISH CARDS are in your pews; please let us know your ideas to improve our Trinity home.

GATHERING

WE PREPARE: *When Amos reports his vision of God judging Israel for its mistreatment of the poor, he becomes a threat to the power of the priests and the king. John the Baptist also speaks truth to power, and Herod has him killed. In Herod's fear that Jesus is John returned from the dead, we may hear hope for the oppressed: all the prophets killed through the ages are alive in Jesus. We are called to witness to justice in company with them, and to proclaim God's saving love.*

PRELUDE/RINGING OF THE BELL CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. **Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection

God, our provider,

help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, ✚ the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.**

1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black - bird has
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sun - lit from heav - en, like the first
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing, born of the

spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the
 dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet
 one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - 'ry

morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
 gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
 morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

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 85: 8-13

I will listen to what the LORD God is saying;

for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.

**Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,
 that your glory may dwell in our land.**

Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together;

righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

**Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth,
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase.

Righteousness shall go before the LORD and shall prepare for God a pathway.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING

Amos 7:7-15

The first reading is in Amos chapter 7, verses 7 - 15. Amos was not the kind of prophet attached to temples or royal courts. Rather, he was an ordinary farmer from Judah (the southern kingdom) called by God to speak to Israel (the northern kingdom). God's word of judgment through Amos conflicted with the king's court prophet Amaziah, whom Amos encountered at Bethel.

This is what he showed me: the LORD was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the LORD said, "See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, 'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.'"

And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

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

SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:3-14

The second reading is in Ephesians chapter 1, verses 3 - 14. In Jesus, all of God's plans and purposes have been made known as heaven and earth are united in Christ. Through Jesus, we have been chosen as God's children and have been promised eternal salvation.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

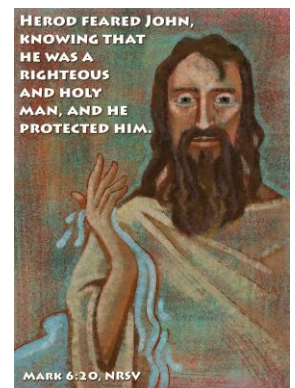
Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
 words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

Mark 6:14-29

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

King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against



him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

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

MESSAGE

Pastor Grant Fischer

SONG OF THE DAY

Faith of Our Fathers

ELW #812



1 Faith of our fa - thers, liv - ing still in spite of dun - geon,
 2 The mar - tyrs, chained in pris - ons dark, were still in heart and
 3 Faith of our fa - thers! We will love both friend and foe in



fire, and sword. Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy
 con - science free; and blest would be their chil - dren's fate
 all our strife; pro - claim thee too, as love knows how,

Refrain



when-e'er we hear that glo - rious word.
 if they, like them, should die for thee. Faith of our fa - thers,
 by sav - ing word and faith - ful life.



ho - ly faith, we will be true to thee till death.

(THE USHERS BRING UP THE OFFERING)

OFFERING PRAYER

Holy God, the earth is yours and everything in it, yet you have chosen to dwell among your creatures. Come among us now in these gifts of bread and wine, and strengthen us to be your body for the world through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Let us pray.

Merciful God, receive the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving and the offering of our lives, that following in the way of the cross, we may know the joy of the resurrection; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us pray:

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.

SENDING

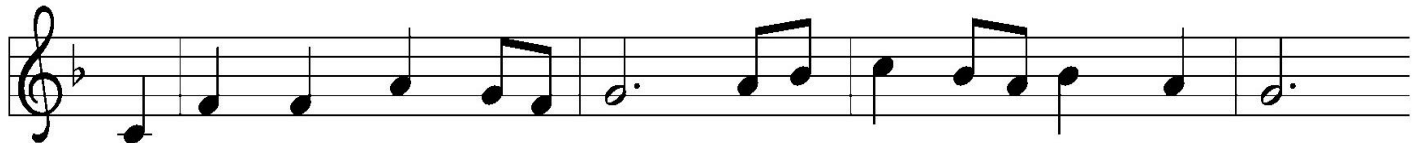
BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

Let Justice Flow Like Streams

ELW #717



- 1 Let jus - tice flow like streams of spar-king wa - ter, pure,
- 2 Let righ - teous - ness roll on as oth - ers' cares we heed,
- 3 So may God's plumb line, straight, de - fine our mea - sure true,



en - a - bling growth, re - fresh - ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans - ing, sure.
an ev - er - flow - ing stream of faith trans - lat - ed in - to deed.
and jus - tice, right, and peace per - vade this world our whole life through.

DISMISSAL

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



Our thanks to all who serve the Body of Christ

SUNDAY	9:00 Worship	
Accompanist	Mary Mulry	
Acolyte	Levi Johnson	
Reader	Dave Vosbeck	
Sound Techs	Russ Sorensen	
Greeters	Isaac Johnson	
Ushers	Brian Polesky and Dave Vosbeck	
Altar Guild	Terry Newgord and Judy Johnson	

Summer Coffee Fellowship started in June. This morning we thank Dave and Mardy Vosbeck for bringing treats. The last two weeks of July are open. 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!



MEALS THAT MATTER Remember! Prepared frozen meals are in the freezer for you to deliver to a friend or neighbor who have had a life changing event-illness, birth of a baby, death in the family, etc... *Be the hands of Jesus!*

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!



The Board of Social Ministry will again this summer collect needed items for Ivy House. Ivy House is a 24/7 crises nursery located in New Ulm which provides direct care to children ages 0-10 whose families are in crisis or stressful situations. May was an extra busy month for them as many families were in need of their services. Types of items that we are collecting will be Personal care items (requested are pull-ups for boys and girls (5T); Office supplies such as postage stamps, business size envelopes, printer paper; House needs such as garbage bags, dish and hand soap, Kleenex and Children's activities such as play-doh, finger paints. The Ivy House website also has a link to an Amazon wish list with items you can order directly from Amazon to be sent to them or you could use that list as suggestions for items to donate here at Trinity. The Ivy House website is worth a visit because there is lots of good information about their mission and how they are helping area families. Last summer we donated several needed items to them and they were very appreciative of our support.



**ST. JOHN'S
CIRCLE OF CARE**
A TRADITION ... FOR ALL AGES

201 S. County Road 5
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Please **JOIN US**

St. John's Circle of Care is inviting you to a

Family & Friends Support Group for Dementia & Alzheimer's

the last Tuesday of each month

Location: St. John Lutheran Nursing Home
at **4:00** p.m. for 1 hour

SHARE - SUPPORT - LEARN

- ◆ Support groups provide families & friends with the emotional support and education to better understand neurogenetic disease, Alzheimer's disease, dementia or memory care needs in a judgement free atmosphere.
- ◆ Be a part of a community of people who share similar experiences. Understand you are not alone in the journey.
- ◆ Discover new ideas and positive approach skills which provide a better quality of life for you and your loved one. New topics monthly!

For more information
Please contact the front desk or
Chandra, Memory Care
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with questions/concerns.

That time doesn't work with your
schedule? Please contact Chandra and
additional opportunities will be arranged!

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unforeseen circumstances,
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JULY 14, 2024

DAILY BIBLE READINGS:

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

We invite you to take time each day to read the assigned Bible passage.

Sunday	Mark 6:14-29	The death of John the Baptist
Monday	Luke 7:24-35	Jesus speaks of John
Tuesday	Matthew 17:10-23	John the Baptist and Elijah
Wednesday	Mark 13:9-13	Stand firm to the end
Thursday	Acts 21:27-39	Paul arrested
Friday	Acts 23:12-35	Plot to kill Paul
Saturday	Psalms 142	Prayer for deliverance
Sunday	Mark 6:30-34,53-56	Jesus teaches and heals



*Sundays after
Pentecost*

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK:

We have been set free because of what Christ has done.

Through his blood our sins have been forgiven. Ephesians 1:7

SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week:

O God, may we dwell in your presence, where love and faithfulness meet together (Psalm 85.10). Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Receive our thanks for night and day, for food and shelter, rest and play. Lord, be our guest and with us stay. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May you recognize that God has chosen you to receive great blessings through Jesus. Amen.

CARING CONVERSATION:

Discuss in your household or small group:

- Share about a time when you were especially chosen for something. How did you respond?
- The apostle Paul tells us that even before the world was made it was decided you would be God's own child (Ephesians 1:4). How does this make you feel? Why?

DEVOTIONS:

Place a small bowl of water on your home altar or meal table. Each morning or evening this week, invite each family member to make the sign of the cross on another's forehead in remembrance of his or her baptism – the day he or she was sealed with the cross of Christ, given the Holy Spirit, and made part of God's "forever family." Join in saying the following prayer:

Dear God, thank you for loving us and choosing us to be part of your "forever family." Help us to shine with your love in all we say and do today. Amen.

SERVICE:

The Gospel reading for Sunday tells how John the Baptist was put in prison and later killed. Pray this week for people who are unjustly imprisoned. Visit Amnesty International's website (www.amnesty.org) to learn more about situations of injustice across the world. Find out how you can personally support the work of Amnesty International through letter writing or with a donation.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS:

Together, look through the birth announcements in your local newspaper. Birth announcements usually identify the parents of the child and give some details about the child's birth.

Ephesians 1:3-5,13-14 is our spiritual birth announcement. It says that we are God's adopted children, and that the Holy Spirit has been given to us as a sign of God's parentage. Together, write personalized "spiritual birth announcements" that declare your membership in God's family. Decorate these and put them up around your home.

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Please take your bulletin home for weekly devotions



Trinity's Mission Statement

We are a community where Jesus is Lord: our mission is to invite, welcome, nurture, and equip all people to be disciples in His name.

TRINITY'S PRAYER CHAIN Send an email to secretary@trinitysleepyeye.org or call the office at 507 794-5051. Leave a message.

TRINITY'S WEBPAGE Send an email to the church office at secretary@trinitysleepyeye.org and let Darlene know you want your newsletter via email!

**TRINITY IS NOW ON FACEBOOK
CHECK IT OUT!!**

"Trinity Lutheran (ELCA) Sleepy Eye MN"

The Trinity Tidings newsletter is now also posted on www.sleepyeyonline.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:	91
Bible Studies Attendance:	10+6 =16
Weekly Giving:	\$5272.92
July Giving	\$5272.92
Amount given this year	\$127,904.28
Amount needed to meet Budget	\$154,710.00
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 **Grazie, Sandy, Cindy, Wade, Krista, Trisha, Jan, Sherry, Kali, Jane, Ramsey, Sarah, Molly, Patricia, 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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