# Trinity Lutheran Church

August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022

9<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost

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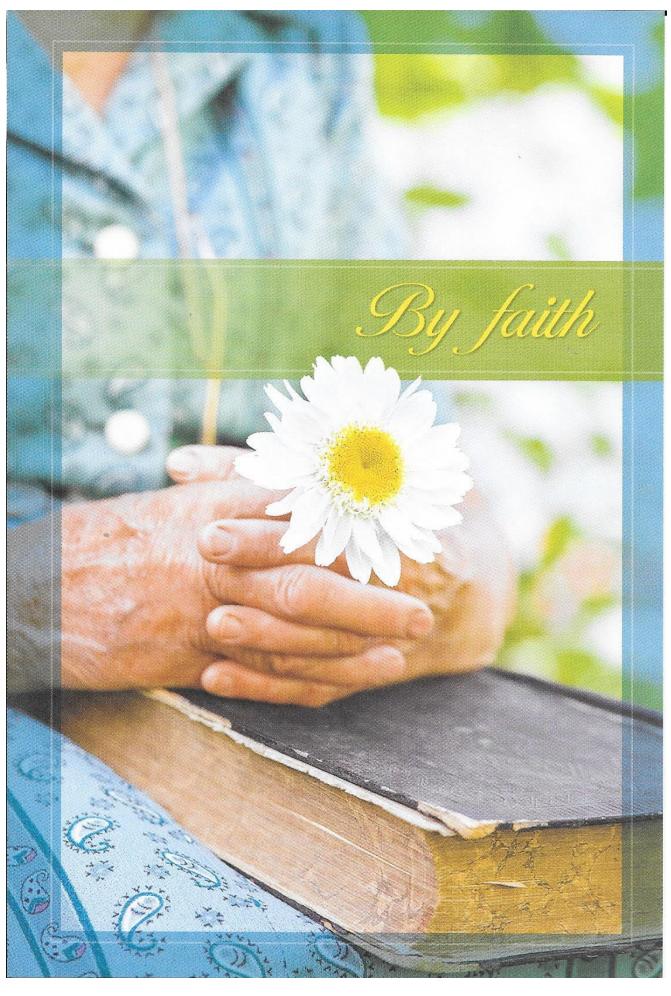
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# NINTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST ~ LECTION 19 HOLY COMMUNION ~ ELW 4

9:00 A.M. ~ Sunday, August 7th, 2022



**THE LORD JESUS CHRIST WELCOMES ALL** who enter this house of worship! We gather this Sunday to worship in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit reaching out with greetings of good cheer to all who are gathered.

If you are visiting, we hope you will join us again as your presence enhances our worship. Everyone is invited to join-in the fellowship and refreshments immediately following the Sunday morning service in the library.

#### **WORSHIP AIDS**

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS are available from an usher.

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

**PLEASE SIGN** the Friendship Pad as it is passed to you during the time of distribution.

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

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

# **GATHERING**

**WE PREPARE...** Jesus says, "It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." It is God's promise from the beginning—to Abraham, to the early church, and to the "little flock" of which we are a part in today's assembly. Faith, God's baptismal gift, trusts the promises of God. Have no fear.

#### PRELUDE / ANNOUNCEMENTS / BELL

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit + one God, abounding in steadfast love toward us, healing the sick and raising the dead, showering us with every good gift. **Amen.** 

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Eternal God our creator.

in you we live and move and have our being. Look upon us, your children, the work of your hands. Forgive us all our offenses, and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires. By your grace draw us near to you, our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us. In the mercy of almighty God, Christ died for us while we still were sinners; and for his sake, God + forgives you all your sins. **Amen.** 



#### **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.** 

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** 



# WORD

FIRST READING Genesis 15:1-6

The first reading is in Genesis chapter 15, verses 1-6.

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

The second reading is in Hebrews chapter 11, verses 1-3 and 8-16.

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old — and Sarah herself was barren — because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW# 512



GOSPEL Luke 12:32-40

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 12th chapter. Glory to you, O Lord.

Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

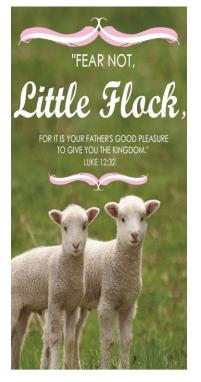
Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE



Pastor Tim Mason



#### THE APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** Merciful God, receive our prayer.

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

# **MEAL**

#### **OFFERING**

#### 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.** 

#### **THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

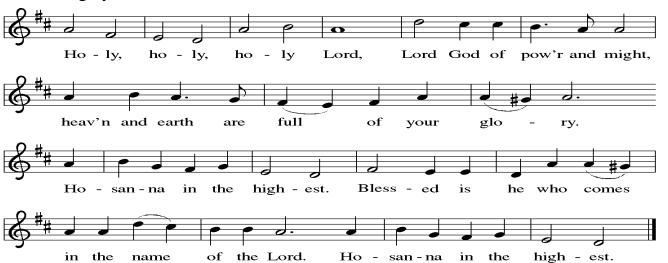
And also with you.

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, who on overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



#### 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** Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, gives everyone a place at the welcome table.

Alleluia! Come to the feast.

(Please sign the Welcome Pads and pass to your neighbor.)

Communion

#### **COMMUNION BLESSING**

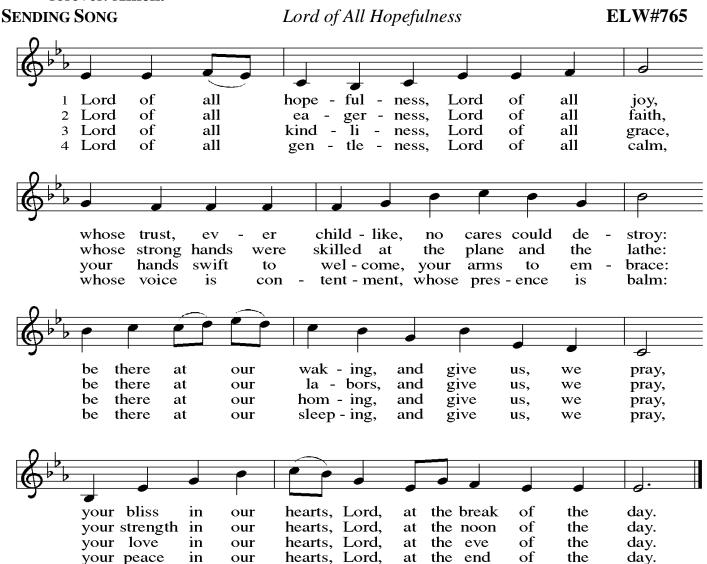
#### **PRAYER**

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.**(Ushers will bring the offering forward)

# **SENDING**

#### **BLESSING**

Live your lives in Christ, rooted and built up in him, and abound in thanksgiving; and the blessing of the holy Trinity,  $\pm$  one God, be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen.** 



#### **BELL AND DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. The Father, Son and Holy Spirit sends us forth to serve. Thanks be to God.

# Our thanks to all who serve the Body of Christ

SUNDAY	9:00 Worship	
Accompanist	Mary Mulry	
Acolyte	Blaine Arneson	
Reader	Karen Voge	
Holy Communion	Donna Augustin, Brian Polesky, Lee & Eric Wahlborg	
Sound Techs	Russ Sorensen	
Greeters	Rose Wall	
Ushers	Keith Lendt, Dennis Mangen	
Altar Guild	Judy Johnson, Sara Sellner	

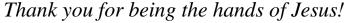


We want to send out a huge thank you to everyone that sent their kids and volunteered for Summer Fun at Trinity. The kids had a lot of fun and we did also!

We have more fun things coming up in the next couple weeks!

**Board of Education** 

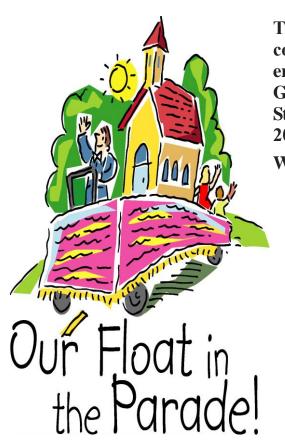
With the delicious meals available in the freezer located in room 109 just off the dining room we now need your help. The meals are to be given to people who are experiencing some sort of life changing event, be it a new baby, illness, a death in the family, or anyone you think would benefit from a tasty,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





The Book Club Discussion group will meet after worship today in the fellowship room. Please come if you are able. If you have any questions you can contact Michal Anderson-Lowther at <a href="mailto:lowthome@mchsi.com">lowthome@mchsi.com</a>





Trinity's Evangelism Board has started planning a community project, "God's Work Our Hands", by entering a church float in the Sleepy Eye Summerfest Grand Parade (this August 20 from 6p -8p).

Starry Night Construction has donated use of a 20' trailer to use.

We are in need of:

- a truck to pull the trailer
- a driver
- congregants to ride on the float and sing
- parents and students to walk close to the curb handing out candy
- Each board to provide a decorated 2' x 3' poster of what their primary function(s) are.
- We are ordering bulk candy and fringe for the float.
- We will decorate the float in the church parking lot prior to the parade at 4:30 pm and load the chairs.

We have 2 weeks left to make this a successful event!

A Thrivent Card has been approved to cover costs. Please sign up outside the church office.



Rally Day and "God's Work Our Hands" will be September 11<sup>th</sup>!

Please be there for fun and Fellowship!

Sign up next week for your favorite project!

#### August 7th, 2022

# Faith matters now!

# **DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

Sunday	Luke 12:32-40	Seek treasures in heaven
Monday	<b>Genesis 15:1-6</b>	Promise to Abram
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Tuesday Matthew 6:19-24 Store up heavenly treasures

Wednesday Luke 12:22-31 Have no fear

Thursday Luke 12:41-48 Parable of the servants
Friday Hebrews 11:1-16 Faith of God's people
Saturday Proverbs 2:1-11 The treasure of wisdom
Sunday Luke 12:49-56 Jesus the cause of division



#### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

# My little group of disciples, don't be afraid! Your Father wants to give you the kingdom.

Luke 12:32 (CEV)

#### SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:

#### A Prayer for the Week:

Lord Jesus, you are our true treasure. Help us to put you first in our hearts this week. Amen. (Luke 12:34)

#### **Mealtime Prayer:**

Food on our table. Grace in our lives. Praise in our hearts. Thank you, God! Amen.

#### A Blessing to Give:

May you have faith in God's promises. May God's faithful love rest on you and give you hope. Amen. (Hebrews 11:1; Psalm 33:22)

#### **CARING CONVERSATION**

Discuss in your home or small group:

Talk about a time when you have been discouraged or afraid.

In Genesis 15:1-6, God talks to a discouraged Abram and gives him hope.

How does the Christian faith and hope make a difference in your life today?

How does God's kingdom move us from fear and discouragement to a call to action? (See Luke 12:22-40)

#### **DEVOTIONS**

In Genesis 15:1-6, we hear that God made a special covenant with Abram, promising him as many descendants as there were stars in the sky! In your home devotion times this week, make up a list of the different promises that God has made to the people. For example, "God has promised to save us," "God has promised us eternal life," "God has promised to answer our prayers." Write each one on a piece of paper cut into a star shape. Place these on your walls or refrigerator as a reminder of God's love and grace.

#### **SERVICE**

Hebrews 11 lists people from the Bible who showed faith in God. Who have been ex-amples of faith to you and your family and friends? Contact these people, and thank them for their examples. One of the greatest gifts we can give to our children is deep and meaningful connec-tions with other witnesses to the faith. Ask grandparents, aunts, uncles, and other mentors to share their own faith stories with you and your children. Read stories about historical figures of the Christian faith, such as, John Wesley, Dietrich Bon-hoeffer, and Dorothy Day.

#### **RITUALS AND TRADITIONS**

Jesus told his followers to wait for him like servants waiting for their master to return from a wedding party. Gather a candle for each person present. When you sit down for meals this week, light the candles and say these words from Luke 12:35. Leader: Be ready for service and keep your lamps burning.

Response: For Jesus, our master, will return.

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# **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 <u>secretary@trinitysleepyeye.org</u> or call the office at 507 794-5051. Leave a message.

TRINITY'S WEBPAGE Send an email to the church office at <u>secretary@trinitysleepyeye.org</u> 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 <a href="https://www.sleepyeyeonline.com">www.sleepyeyeonline.com</a> 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:	65
Weekly Giving: (5846.00 Needed)	\$3535.29
July Giving:(\$23,360.00 Needed)	\$19,919.29
Yearly Contributions to Date	\$137,498.94
Budget Contributions needed	\$181,230.65
2022 Approved Budget	\$308,000.00

# This Week's Prayer Concerns

<u>Pray for the Church</u>...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...

<u>Pray for our World</u>...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 Dean, Jerry, Beth, Harold, Sue, Joan, Lois, Joyce, Dylan, Emma, Ed, Dorothy, Story, Tina, Tammy, Ethan, Robyn, Carmen, Julia Ann, Linette, Tammy, John, Tony, Ted, Connor, Ed, Kimora, and Mary Jo.

<u>Pray for the beloved...</u> 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....

<u>Pray for all families</u>...especially the family of Mark Beito as he journeys to the ELCA National Convention in Ohio....that the Holy Spirit would bring joy and spiritual growth to all who are separated from one another and each would be blessed with their safe return to us...

<u>Pray for the men and women serving in the Armed Forces</u> <u>and those far from home</u>...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...

<u>Pray for the missionaries of our church (ELCA)</u>...that they proclaim their witness of the Gospel throughout the world.

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