

Trinity Lutheran Church

**August
10th,
2025**

**Ninth Sunday
after
Pentecost**

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NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ~ LECTION 19

SERVICE OF THE WORD

9 A.M. SUNDAY AUGUST 10TH, 2025



The Lord Jesus Christ welcomes all!

All are welcome and called to share and give thanks for Christ's gifts of Promise and Presence! Through faith and trust in Christ's words we receive his promise of being present in his gifts of forgiveness, salvation and eternal life.

We thank God for guests who are here today & pray you will be blessed as you are a blessing to our gathering.

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.

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 / PARISH NOTICES / BELL

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

We are gathered in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Let us come into the light, the revealing and healing light of God.

God of grace and glory we confess:

you have brought us through the night of sin into the light of Jesus' resurrection.

Yet our lives are still shadowed by sin. Make us alive in Christ, O God. Make us new as you make all things new. Rescue us from evil and the gloom of sin, renew us in grace, and restore us to living in your holiness, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen

Rejoice with all creation around God's throne! The light of the risen Christ puts to flight all evil deeds, washes away sin, restores innocence to the fallen, casts out hate, brings peace, and humbles earthly excesses. Jesus Christ loves you and + frees you from your sins by his blood. To him be glory and dominion forever and ever! **Amen.**





1 Lord, take my hand and lead me up - on life's way;
 2 Lord, when the tem - pest ra - ges, I need not fear;
 3 Lord, when the shad - ows length - en and night has come,



di - rect, pro - tect, and feed me from day to day.
 for you, the Rock of A - ges, are al - ways near.
 I know that you will strength - en my steps toward home,



With - out your grace and fa - vor I go a - stray;
 Close by your side a - bid - ing, I fear no foe,
 then noth - ing can im - pede me, O bless - ed Friend!



so take my hand, O Sav - ior, and lead the way.
 for when your hand is guid - ing, in peace I go.
 So, take my hand and lead me un - to the end.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God from which nothing can separate us, and the life-giving Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

RESPONSIVE PSALM 33 *Let your lovingkindness be upon us, as we place our hope in you.*

Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! Happy the people chosen to be God's heritage!

The LORD looks down from heaven, and sees all humankind.

God sits firmly enthroned and watches all who dwell on the earth.

God fashions all their hearts and observes all their deeds.

A king is not saved by the size of the army, nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.

The horse gives vain hope for victory; despite its great strength it cannot save.

Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O LORD, upon those who wait for your steadfast love,

to deliver their lives from death, and to keep them alive in time of famine.

Our innermost being waits for you, O LORD, our helper and our shield.

Surely, our heart rejoices in you, for in your holy name we put our trust.

Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, be upon us, even as we place our hope in you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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. God promises childless and aging Abram that a child of his own will be his heir and that his descendants will number as many as the stars. Abram trusts God's promise, and through this faith he is considered righteous.

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. Abraham and Sarah exemplify the vision of faith that people of God enact in every age. Their hope and trust in God's promise allowed them to face an unknown future and to receive the promise of God.

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



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

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.

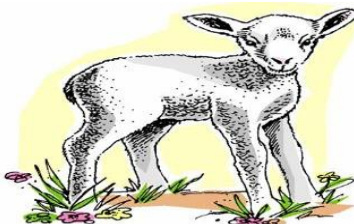
Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten 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**

SERMON

Pastor Dave Nissen



HYMN OF THE DAY

HAVE NO FEAR, LITTLE FLOCK

ELW #764

Capo 1: G Ab D Eb A Bb D Eb

1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; have no fear, lit - tle
 2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; have good cheer, lit - tle
 3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; praise the Lord high a -
 4 Thank-ful hearts raise to God; thank - ful hearts raise to

A Bb D Eb Bm⁷ Cm⁷

flock, for the Fa - ther has cho - sen to
 flock, for the Fa - ther will keep you in
 bove, for he stoops down to heal you, up -
 God, for he stays close be - side you, in

G Ab D Eb Em Fm A⁷ Bb⁷ D Eb

give you the king - dom; have no fear, lit - tle flock!
 his love for - ev - er; have good cheer, lit - tle flock!
 lift and re - store you; praise the Lord high a - bove!
 all things works with you; thank - ful hearts raise to God!

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: respond after Lord, God of grace,

Lord, lis - ten to your chil - dren pray - ing, Lord, send your Spir - it in this place;

Lord, lis - ten to your chil - dren pray - ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

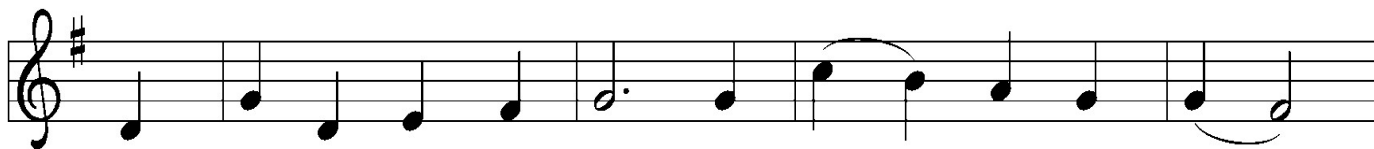
SHARING THE PEACE

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

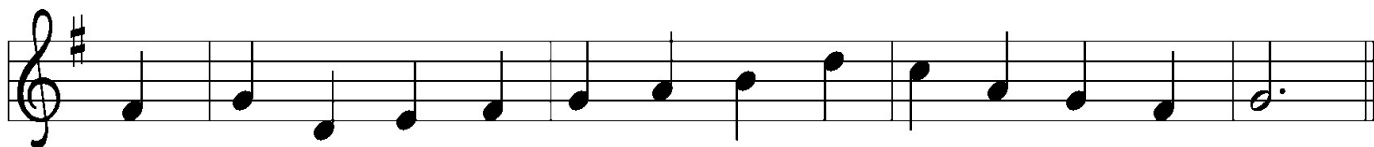
OFFERING

We Give Thee But Thine Own

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- 1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
- 2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,
- 3 The cap - tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,
- 4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be:



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.
to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ - like thing.
what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

(THE USHERS BRING UP THE OFFERING)

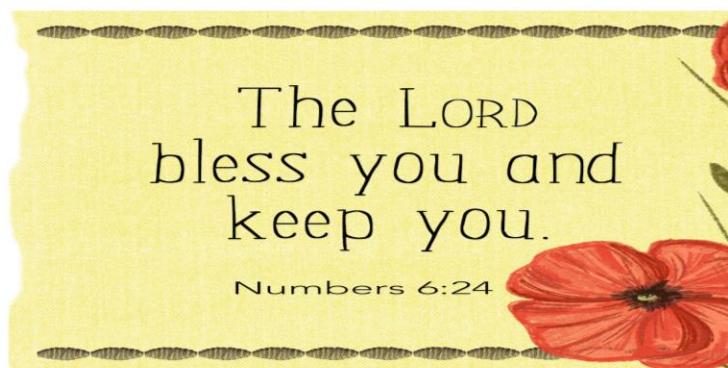
OFFERING PRAYER

Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with your gifts, that we may live as your risen body in the world. **Amen.**

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**





1 O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der con - sid - er
 2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the
 3 But when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, sent him to
 4 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion, and take me



all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might-y
 birds sing sweet-ly in the trees; when I look down from loft - y moun-tain
 die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur - den glad - ly
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad - o -



thun - der, thy pow'r through-out the u - ni - verse dis - played;
 gran - deur and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;
 bear - ing he bled and died to take a - way my sin;
 ra - tion and there pro - claim, "My God, how great thou art!"

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee, how great thou



art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to



thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

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

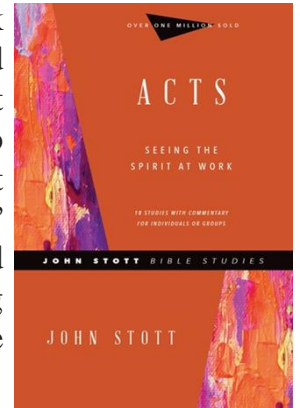
Our thanks to all who serve the Body of Christ

SUNDAY		9:00 Worship
Accompanist	Lorie Grunzke	
Acolyte	Jaxon Heiderscheidt	
Reader	Sarah Lendt	
Sound Techs	Russ Sorensen	
Greeter	Chris Mangen	
Ushers	Keith Lendt, Mike Petersen	
Altar Guild	Joleen Dittbenner, Nicole Jensen	



Summer Coffee Fellowship has begun. There is a signup sheet by the ramp door for your convenience. **August needs your help!** Coffee will always be available even if there is an open Sunday. Thank you for serving!

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



MEALS THAT MATTER

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

Thank you for being the hands of Jesus!

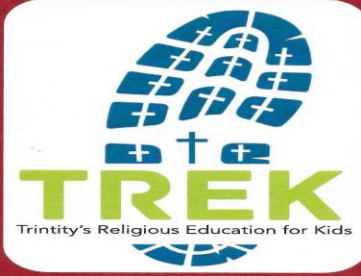
***Remember...Our Food Shelf Box is in the back of the Sanctuary.
The Good Work of this Church continues!***



Needed...sheets! If you have bed sheets you would like to recycle that are in good shape, we can use them for backs, or insides for our quilts. Full to King size work well but twin size can also be used- cotton/polyester or flannel work well. Thank you. Donations can be left in the basement on a table near the Kitchen. We will begin meeting again in September.


**Wednesday
School is now
TREK!**

Join us Wednesdays
starting September
10th for fun, friends,
music, and Bible
learning!



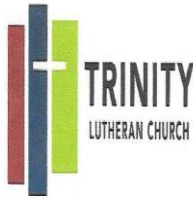
HELP NEEDED!

Can you volunteer to help in our TREK classrooms?
There will be multiple teachers for each grade level so
you will not need to commit to every week.
We are also looking for classroom helpers.
Contact Alyssa Nissen: 612-462-2019 or
education@trinitysleepyeye.org



Scan to register for the
2025-2026 school year
3 yrs- 6 grade

SCAN ME



Trinity Lutheran Church – 2025 Building Fund Campaign

"Rooted in Faith" – Preserving Trinity for Generations to Come

Thank you for your faithful support of Trinity Lutheran Church. We are launching a vital campaign to raise \$75,000 over the next two years to fund capital improvements approved by the congregation—specifically, the removal of the sanctuary's north and south wall windows and repairs to the parking lot. We are grateful for your past generosity and ask that you prayerfully consider supporting this campaign as well.

Campaign Summary

- **Goal:** \$75,000
- **Timeline:** Now through the end of calendar year 2025
- **Purpose:** Fund congregation-approved property repairs and upgrades
- **How to Help:** One-time gifts or pledges over time! The Stewardship Board is asking members for contributions toward the \$75,000 goal via direct payment(s) and/or pledging payments on a schedule of their choice over a two-year period.

Bridge Financing Options (if required)

1. **Member Loans:** Promissory notes starting at \$5,000, 2% interest, repaid in installments through 2027.
2. **Commercial Financing:** Will be considered only if needed.

Please prayerfully consider how you can support this important campaign. Your ongoing support is a blessing to our church and God's mission. Thank you for all you have done and continue to do!

Please return pledge cards to the church office or contact Pat Stevermer with any questions.

Blessings in Christ,
The Stewardship Board

"It is more blessed to give than to receive." — Acts 20:35

SUMMER PROJECT

For youth, ages 16-24, in need of a safe place to go, the REACH Resource Center in Mankato provides a stable, secure environment with access to basic needs like food, clothing, showers, computers, sport groups and connections to housing, counseling, employment coaching, education and other community resources. This center is a program of Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota, and needs our support.

Your Social Ministries Board is holding this important ministry up for you to consider donating needed items during the summer months. Donations may be placed in the basket in the narthex.

The following is a partial list of needed items:

Food: Fruit snacks, macaroni and cheese, canned pasta, canned soups, bottled beverages, granola bars, bottled water.

Kitchen supplies: plastic utensils, napkins, paper plates, paper towels, dish soap, cleaning supplies, paper cups, dish towels and dishcloths, foil, plastic wrap, storage bags and containers, garbage bags.

Bathroom Supplies: toilet paper, feminine hygiene products, bandages and first aid supplies, plunger and toilet bowl brush, waste basket.

Cleaning Supplies: Swiffer brand mop, broom and dustpan, sponges, hand soap, disinfectant spray and wipes, glass cleaner, bleach.

Personal Items: Wicking socks, bug repellent, sun screen.

Also donations of money to Trinity designated for this LSS program will be happily accepted.

Thanks.

SOCIAL MINISTRIES BOARD

August 10th, 2025

Faith matters now!

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday	Luke 12:32-40	Seek treasures in heaven
Monday	Genesis 15:1-6	Promise to Abram
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



*Sundays after
Pentecost*

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 connections 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 Bonhoeffer, 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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Please take your bulletin home for weekly devotion



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.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:	85
Website	48
Bible Studies Attendance:	10+9+ 4= 23
Weekly Giving: (5730.00 Needed)	\$7685.15
August Giving:(\$23,640.00 .Needed)	\$7685.15
Yearly Contributions to Date	\$161,376.13



Thrivent members are reminded to direct their Choice Dollars each year any time after April 1st of the year. Please consider naming Trinity for your Choice Funds. Call 800-847-4836 and have your ID Number available.

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 Gary, Alda, Mary, Jane, Krista, Trisha, Mark, Sherry, Kali, Isak, Vivian, Kim, Pam, Pat, Trish, Beth, Harold, Rita, Nip, Sarah, Chris, Kathy, Emmett, Joan, Lois, Joyce, Emma, Darrell, Milo, Ed, Carlo, Dorothy, Tina, Ethan, Robyn, Carmen, Linette, Tammy, John, Tony, Ted, Connor, Kimora, and Mary Jo.

Pray for the beloved... who now rest from their labors in God's mercy and for all who mourn the personal loss of loved ones... 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 family...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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Rejoice always, pray continually,
give thanks in all circumstances.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18