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**Baptism of
Our Lord**

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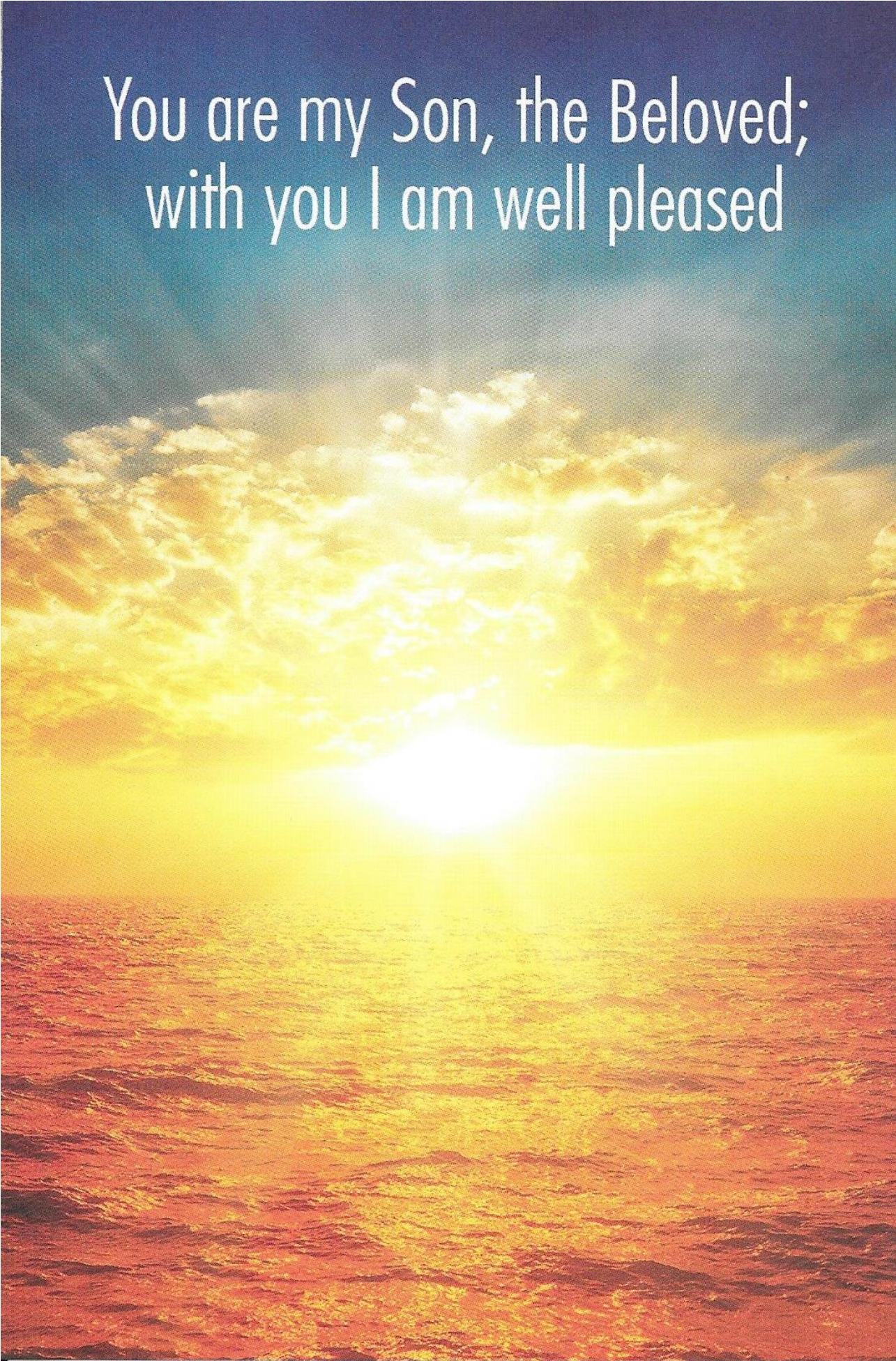
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You are my Son, the Beloved;
with you I am well pleased

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

SERVICE OF THE WORD

9:00 AM JANUARY 8TH, 2023



THE LORD JESUS CHRIST WELCOMES ALL! *We are gathered in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ who beckons us to come to Him in faith and repentance. May the gospel of the Lord inspire and fill you with the Spirit! Fellowship & refreshments are available in the Library immediately following our Sunday worship.*

GATHERING

WE PREPARE: *In the waters of the Jordan, Jesus is revealed as the beloved Son of God. Through this great epiphany, Jesus fulfills all righteousness and becomes the servant of God who will bring forth justice and be a light to the nations. In the waters of baptism we too are washed by the Word, anointed by the Spirit, and named God's beloved children. Our baptismal mission is to proclaim good news to all who are oppressed or in need of God's healing.*

PRELUDE/ PARISH NOTICES/ RINGING OF THE BELL

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the ✠ holy Trinity, the one who fashions us, the one who heals us, the one who reforms us again and again. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Source of all life,

we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.

God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven, ✠ God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**



1 The first No - el the an - gel did say was to
 2 They look - ed up and saw . . a star shin-ing
 3 And by the light of that . . same star three . .
 4 This star drew near in to the . . north - west, o'er . .
 5 Then en - tered in those wise . . men - west, three, full . .

cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; in fields where
 in . . . the east . . be - yond . . them far; and to the
 wise . . men came . . from coun - try far; to seek for a
 Beth - le - hem . . it took . . its rest; and there it
 rev - 'rent - ly . . . up - on . . . their knee, and of - fered

they lay, keep - ing their sheep, on a cold win - ter's
 earth it gave . . . great light, and . . so it con -
 king was their . . . in - tent, and to fol - low the
 did both stop . . . and stay right . . o - ver the
 there in his . . . pres - ence their . . gold, . . . and

Refrain
 night that was so deep.
 tin-ued both day and night.
 star wher - ev - er it went. No - el, No - el, No -
 place where Je - sus lay.
 myrrh, and frank - in - cense.

el, No - el! Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

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

O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through 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

Isaiah 42:1-9

The first reading is in Isaiah chapter 42, verses 4-9.

*Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations.
He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street;
a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.
Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it:
I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations,
to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.
I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols.
See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth, I tell you of them.*

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



The first reading is in Acts chapter 10, verses 34-43.

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ — he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

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

ACCLAMATION

ELW vs. 1 #305

**When Jesus came to Jordan to be baptized by John,
he did not come for pardon but as the Sinless One.
He came to share repentance with all who mourn their sins,
to speak the vital sentence with which good news begins.**

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 3:13-17

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 3rd chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

**"This is my Son,
the Beloved, with whom
I am well pleased."**



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

SERMON

Pastor Tim Mason

1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;
 2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,
 3 Have you not bid me love you, God and King;
 4 Teach me to love you as your an - gels love,

wean it from earth, through all its puls - es move;
 no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,
 all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
 one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame:

stoop to my weak - ness, strength to me im - part,
 no an - gel vis - i - tant, no op - 'ning skies;
 I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling;
 the bap - tism of the heav'n - de - scend - ed dove,

and make me love you as I ought to love.
 but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.
 Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!
 my heart an al - tar, and your love the flame.

CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
 he descended to the dead.* On the third day he rose again;
 he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
 and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

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

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

... Lord, send forth your light, And let your mercy shine upon us.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you. (Due to illness, vocal only)

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

AS WITH GLADNESS MEN OF OLD

ELW #302

1 As with glad - ness men of old did the guid - ing star be - hold;
2 As with joy - ful steps they sped, Sav - ior, to thy low - ly bed,
3 As they of - fered gifts most rare at thy cra - dle, rude and bare,
4 Ho - ly Je - sus, ev - 'ry day keep us in the nar - row way;
5 In the heav'n - ly coun - try bright need they no cre - a - ted light;

as with joy they hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright;
there to bend the knee be - fore thee, whom heav'n and earth a - dore;
so may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy,
and when earth - ly things are past, bring our ran - somed souls at last
thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down;

so, most gra - cious Lord, may we ev - er - more be led by thee.
so may we with will - ing feet ev - er seek thy mer - cy seat.
all our cost - liest trea - sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'n - ly king.
where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo - ry hide.
there for - ev - er may we sing al - le - lu - ias to our king.

LORD'S PRAYER

Together, let us pray with confidence the words our Savior gave us:

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

TERESA OF 'AVILA

Christ has no body now, but yours. No hands, no feet on earth, but yours.
Yours are the eyes through which Christ looks compassion into the world.
Yours are the feet with which Christ walks to do good.
Yours are the hands with which Christ blesses the world.
Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

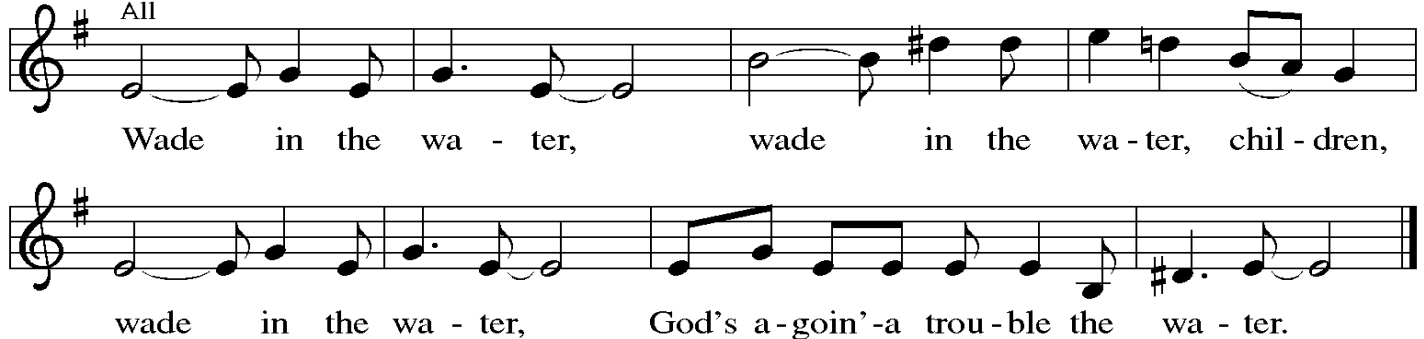
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Wade in the Water

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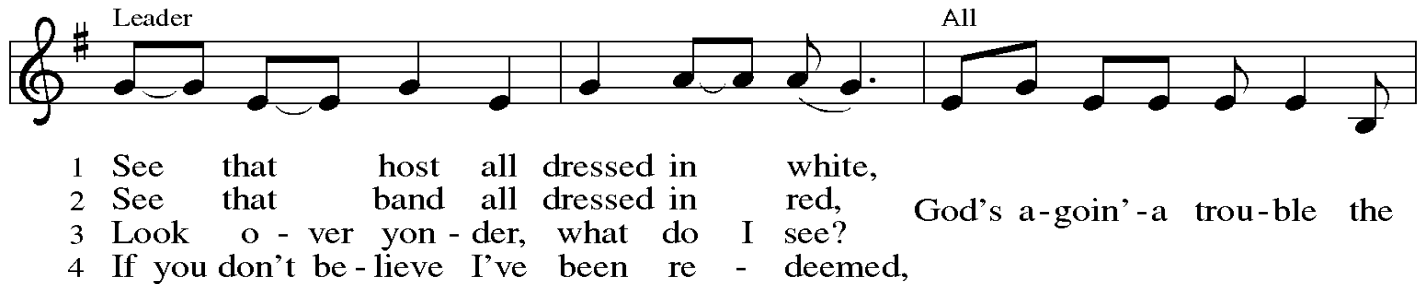
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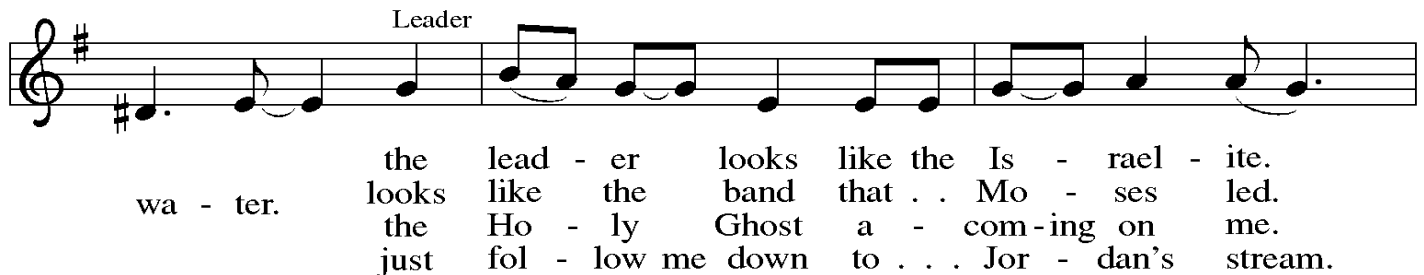


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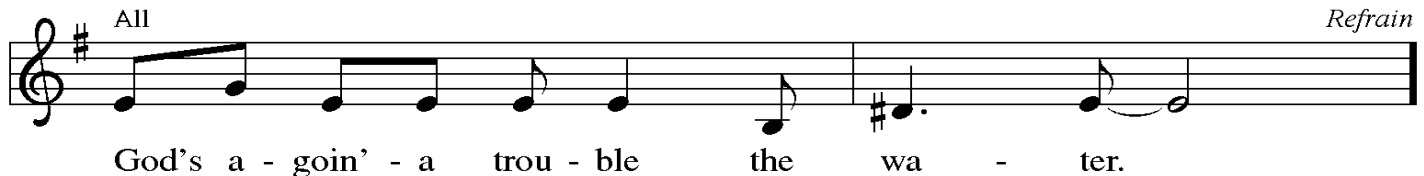


Leader



All

Refrain



DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

OUR THANKS TO ALL WHO SERVE THE BODY OF CHRIST

SUNDAY 9:00am Worship		
Accompanist	Mary Mulry	
Acolyte	Samantha Price	
Readers	Phyllis Kleven	
Sound Techs	Russ Sorensen	
Greeters	Brian & Carol Polesky	
Ushers	Keith Lendt and Ed Ecker	
Altar Guild	Mary Renberg and Terry Newgord	

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Altar Guild is seeking additional members. Duties include light cleaning, setting up & cleaning up following communion services, handling floral arrangements, refilling candles, changing colors and other similar weekly tasks. For more information, please contact Joleen Dittbenner or leave your name and number in church office. Thank you.



ALL PERSONS WRITING REPORTS FOR THE ANNUAL REPORT:

Because we would like to have the Annual Reports available to the congregation before the Annual Meeting, **Sunday January 29th**, it is necessary to have all reports **in the office no later than January 9th**. It would be appreciated if you could submit them to Darlene via email.

(secretary@trinitysleepyeye.org) Thank You.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

In this season of gift giving to family friends and those less fortunate, we hope you will also consider your gift to Trinity Lutheran. It is through the donations of every individual and family in the congregation that we are able to carry on our work. You can use our electronic giving option for both regular offerings and one-time gifts. Go online to **www.trinitysleepyeye.org** and click on **ONLINE GIVING**. To help us achieve a more consistent level of funding, we encourage you to use electronic giving for your regular offerings.



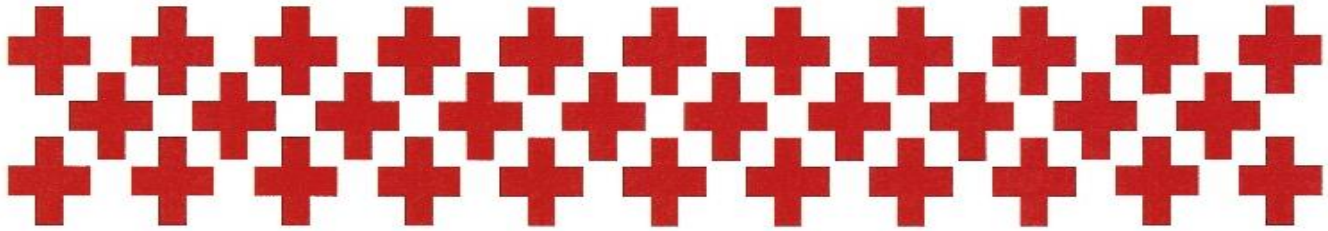
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Please consider naming Trinity for your Choice Funds. Call 800-847-4836



American Red Cross

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**Sleepy Eye Blood Drive
Event Center**

110 12th Ave NE
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**Tuesday, January 10, 2023
12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

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I have called you by name; you are mine.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Luke 3:15-17, 21-22	The baptism of Jesus
Monday	Isaiah 42:1-9	The Lord's servant
Tuesday	Ezekiel 36:24-28	God will make you clean
Wednesday	Acts 2:14, 22-42	Many are baptized in Jesus' name
Thursday	Romans 6:1-11	Baptized into Christ's death
Friday	1 John 5:6-13	The witness about Jesus Christ
Saturday	Psalms 106:1-12	God saves through water
Sunday	John 2:1-11	The wedding at Cana



SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

“Israel, don’t be afraid. I have rescued you. I have called you by name; now you belong to me.” Isaiah 43:1b

SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord God, please open our ears to hear your voice and our lips to shout your glory. Amen. (Psalm 29:3-9)

Mealtime Prayer:

Lord, your children gather in your name. Bless our table and our sharing around it. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

You are a baptized child of God who loves you dearly. May God make you strong and bless you with peace. Amen. (Luke 3:22, Psalm 29:11)

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home or small group:

- What do you know or remember about the day you were baptized?
- What did God do for you through your baptism?
- What does it mean to you that you are baptized?

DEVOTIONS

As part of your household devotion times this week, say together the church’s baptis-mal creed, the *Apostle’s Creed*.

Talk together about what each part of the creed means.

SERVICE

Have household members decorate cards to send to their baptismal sponsors or god-parents. Use these to say “thank you” for their support and prayers over the years.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Do you celebrate baptismal birthdays in your home? Here are some ideas for develop-ing a practice of baptismal remembrance:

- List the baptism dates of each household member on your home calendar.
- Celebrate each baptismal birthday with a special meal to honor the baptized person. Invite godparents or other faith mentors to attend.
- Give faith-related gifts on baptismal birthdays.
- Ask godparents to write a letter to their godchild each year. Keep these in a special book.
- Each year take photos of the baptized person at your church font. Ask your Pas-tor to give the person a special blessing.

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In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: www.milestonesministry.org

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.

Last week at Trinity

Weekly Worship Attendance:	54
Weekly Giving: (5846.00 Needed)	\$4372.02
January Giving:	\$4372.02
Yearly Contributions to Date	\$4372.02

This Week's Prayer Concerns

Pray for the Church...that the Holy Spirit would empower us to live in the image of God so that we would speak and act in every way bringing glory to God before all the nations and peoples with what we have been given...

Pray for our World...that pain of this Covid-19 pandemic, which has penetrated so many lives that your light Lord would help us to see your presence and that the Spirit would lead us to seek the truth and practice grace for all who are hurting...

Pray for all who are ill, afflicted, or recovering...that the Holy Spirit would give comfort and daily strength to **Audrey, Kali, Linda, Micah, Jerry, Beth, Harold, Joan, Lois, Joyce, Emma, Milo, Ed, Carlos, Dorothy, Story, Tina, Ethan, Robyn, Carmen, Julia Ann, Linette, Tammy, John, Tony, Ted, Connor, Kimora, and Mary Jo.**

Pray for the beloved... who now rest from their labors in God's mercy and for all who mourn the personal loss of loved ones, especially Deb Joramo and her family in the loss of her mother, **Marian Tragner**, sister of Alice Mae Hinderman and Ivan Groff And Alisa Mangel and her family in the loss of her grandmother, **Dorothy Neuman**... 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 joy and spiritual growth to all who are separated from one another and each would be blessed with their safe return to us...

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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