

**Trinity  
Lutheran  
Church**

**November 24<sup>th</sup>,  
2024**

**Christ the King  
Farewell to  
Pastor Grant**

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# His dominion

is an everlasting  
dominion, which shall  
not pass away,  
and his kingdom  
one that shall not  
be destroyed.

DANIEL 7:14

# CHRIST THE KING AND FAREWELL TO PASTOR GRANT SERVICE OF THE WORD

God's Radical Love, Lived Our Every Day

9:00 A.M. November 24<sup>th</sup>, 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:** *Gracious God, we thank you for the work and witness of your servant Pastor Grant, who has enriched this community and brought gladness to friends and family. Now bless and preserve him at this time of transition. Day by day, guide Pastor Grant and give him what is needed, friends to cheer his way, and a clear vision of that to which you are calling him. By your Holy Spirit be present in his pilgrimage, that he may travel with the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Lord. We shall miss Pastor Grant Fischer...*

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,

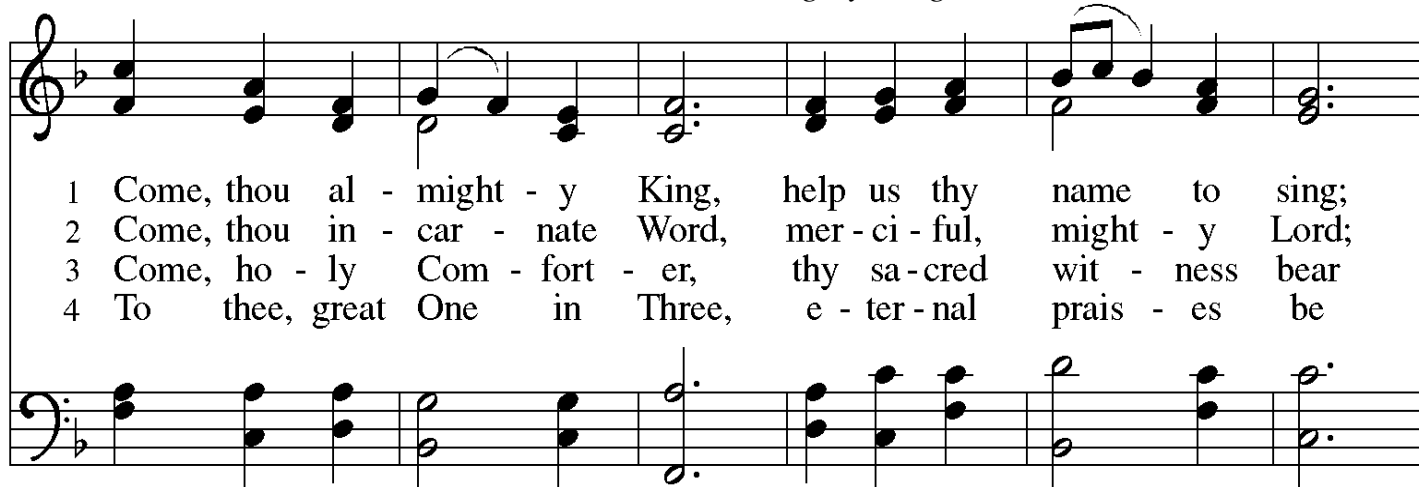
**help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share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

## GATHERING SONG

*Come, Thou Almighty King*

ELW #408



1 Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy name to sing;  
 2 Come, thou in - car - nate Word, mer - ci - ful, might - y Lord;  
 3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred wit - ness bear  
 4 To thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal prais - es be



help us to praise; Fa - ther all - glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic -  
 our prayer at - tend. Come and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy  
 in this glad hour! Thou who al - might - y art, rule now in  
 hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - 'reign maj - es - ty may we in



to - ri - ous, come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.  
 word suc - cess, and let thy righ - teous - ness on us de - scend.  
 ev - 'ry heart, nev - er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.  
 glo - ry see, and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

## 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 93

*Ever since the world began, your throne has been established.*

The LORD is king, robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and armed with strength.

The LORD has made the world so sure that it cannot be moved.

**Ever since the world began, your throne has been established;  
you are from everlasting.**

The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted up their voice;  
the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.

**Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea,  
mightier is the LORD who dwells on high.**

Your testimonies are very sure, and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forever and  
forevermore.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign  
forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united  
by the glorious and gentle rule of 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**

**Daniel 7:9-10,13-14**

The first reading is in Daniel chapter 7, verses 9-10 and 13-14. To the community for  
whom this passage was written, it seemed as though the oppression they were  
experiencing would never end. Daniel's message is: It shall end. The Ancient One who is  
judge will call all nations to account and will give dominion to "one like a human being,"  
the Messiah.

*As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient  
One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and  
the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery  
flames, and its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire  
issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand  
thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten  
thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgment,  
and the books were opened.*

*As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human  
being coming with the clouds of heaven. and he came to  
the Ancient One and was presented before him. To him  
was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all  
peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His  
dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass  
away, and his kingship is one that shall never be  
destroyed.*



**HIS KINGSHIP ...  
SHALL NEVER BE  
DESTROYED.**

**DANIEL 7:14**

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

The second reading is in Revelation chapter 1, verses 4b-8. The book of Revelation begins by celebrating the Almighty God, who spans all of time. Similarly, Jesus is celebrated as the firstborn from the dead who rules over the world's rulers. He is the one whose return we eagerly await.

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen. I am the Alpha and the Omega, says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil*

ELW #512



Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.



Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.



When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,



warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.



Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 18<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**"

*Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."*

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

Message

Pastor Grant Fischer

Song of the Day

*Beautiful Savior*

ELW #838

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,  
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,  
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,  
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son of Man!  
 robbed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;  
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;  
 Son of God and Son of Man!

Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,  
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,  
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,  
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.  
 than all the an - gels in the sky.  
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

## 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**



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.

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:** respond after Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

## SHARING THE PEACE

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

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## THANKSGIVING

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### OFFERING



Trinity Choir

(THE USHERS BRING UP THE OFFERING)

### OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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.**

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## SENDING

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### FAREWELL AND THANKSGIVING

L: Dear Christian Friends: A church family is constantly changing. It is right and important that we recognize these times of passage – of endings and beginnings. Today we share the time of farewell with Pastor Grant Fischer, whose term as our interim pastor is coming to an end.

Pastor Grant, during this time of transition, you have proclaimed God’s Word, baptized new members into the Church of Jesus Christ, announced God’s forgiveness to us, and presided at our celebration of the Lord’s Supper. With the Gospel you have comforted us in times of sickness and trouble, and at the death of our loved ones. Sharing our joys and sorrows, you have been important to our life together in the Church of Jesus Christ and in our service to this community.

You have served our congregation faithfully and now you are leaving our midst. As members of this congregation, we wish to honor your ministry among us and bid you farewell and Godspeed in your new endeavors, bringing closure to your ministry here.

P: *I thank the members and friends of Trinity Lutheran Church for the love, the kindness, and the support shown to me and my family during my ministry among you. I ask for your understanding and forgiveness for mistakes I have made and for expectations I have not met. I am grateful for the ways my ministry has been accepted. As I leave, I carry with me all that I have learned here.*

C: **We receive your thankfulness, and we offer you our forgiveness. We express our gratitude for all accomplishments and for your time among us. Forgive us for our shortcomings – for ways we have sinned against you. Your influence in our lives will not leave us, even though you depart from us as our interim pastor.**

P: *I forgive you and accept your gratitude, trusting that our time together and our parting are pleasing to our forgiving God and to the Christ we are called to serve.*

L: Do you, members and friends of Trinity Lutheran Church, now release Pastor Grant Fischer from the duties as interim minister? Do you offer encouragement and support for his ministry as it unfolds in a new place?

C: **We do, with God’s help.**

L: Do you, Pastor Grant, release Trinity Lutheran Church from turning to you and depending on you? Do you offer your encouragement and support for the continued ministry here?

P: *I do, with God’s help.*

L: We will hold you in our prayers as you continue your ministry in another place, and we wish you God’s blessing. Let us pray.

All: **God, whose everlasting love for us all is trustworthy, help each of us to trust the future which rests in your care. The time we were together here in your name saw our laughter and tears, our hopes and disappointments. Guide us as we hold close these cherished memories, but now move in new directions, until that time to come when we are completely one with you and with each other. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

L: Go now, Pastor Grant, surrounded by our love and led by the promises of God, the presence of Jesus Christ, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

And now, may the Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

C: **Amen.**

### **PRESENTATION**

L: And now, as he has been a blessing to us, send him forth to be a blessing to others; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

# We are Blessed



### **BENEDICTION**

May God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, grant you the gifts of faith and hope. Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

*Refrain*

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till

all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,  
 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied  
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

*Refrain*

our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
 bear on their brows the seal of him who died.  
 as praise thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.  
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

## DISMISSAL

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

Our thanks to all who serve the Body of Christ

SUNDAY		9:00 Worship	
Accompanist	Mary Mulry		
Acolyte	Ushers		
Reader	Mark Miller		
Sound Techs	Russ Sorensen		
Greeter	Darlene Brummund		
Ushers	Keith Lendt, Dennis Mangan		
Altar Guild	Nicole Stevermer, Nicole Jensen		



*thank you*

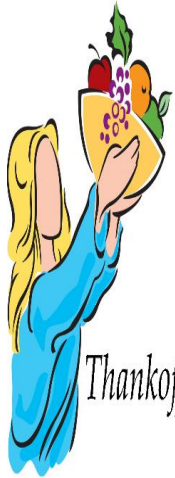
**PASTOR GRANT**

*for your*

**FAITH &  
DEDICATION**

*Please Join Us  
Today, in the  
Library as  
We say Goodbye  
And Thank  
Pastor Grant for  
Serving as Our  
Interim Pastor*

**WE EXPRESS OUR SYMPATHIES** to Sheila & Jackie Nessett and friends in the loss of their husband and father, **Greg**... Visitation at Sturm Funeral Home is today from 2:00 to 5:00 PM. Funeral services will be Monday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 AM at Sturm Funeral Home. Pastor Grant is officiating. May God bless and keep them in His perfect peace.



*Thankoffering*

**SPECIAL OFFERINGS** –During the month of November, we think of our abundance and willingness to share with others less fortunate. For this reason, the Board of Stewardship designates the Thanksgiving Eve offering to ELCA World Hunger. Gifts are accepted for this initiative to the end of the year.

The second special offering that is usually emphasized in November is the Women of the ELCA Thankoffering. These funds are all sent into the church wide office to support the ministries of the Women of the ELCA. Blue envelopes will be placed in narthex mailboxes—however, you may also use your regular offering envelopes by designating “*Thankoffering*” on the special giving line... Thank you for any and all gifts!

**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 Christmas Greenery will be picked up in the church garage. We will announce it as soon as we have them here. Thank you for your support.*



**IF YOU'D LIKE TO PURCHASE A POINSETTIA** for \$14.00 in honor of or in memory of a loved one(s), please sign up in the church office by Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>. You have the option of ordering a red, white, or pink poinsettia. Please specify when you sign up. You are welcome to take your plant following the Christmas Eve services on Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>.

**IT'S TIME TO THINK ABOUT THAT DOUBLE BATCH** or two of your favorite Christmas cookies to donate to the cookie walk. Our sale is in the library on Sunday morning, December 12<sup>th</sup>, following the Christmas Program. Please deliver your cookies, krum cake, rosettes, or other special treats to the church kitchen Friday or Saturday, **December 14<sup>th</sup> by 5 :00 pm** if possible.



**LEFSE MAKERS ARE NEEDED Tuesday, December 10th** between 4:00 and 8:00 pm. Please sign up in the office. Come when you can! Please spread the word to your family and friends about this great bake sale. Our goodies will be available Sunday morning, December 15<sup>th</sup>. Contact Darlene Brummund with any questions at 276-8013. All proceeds go to people in need with supplemental funds by Thrivent. Thanks so much for your encouragement and participation!

***We Welcome Pastor Dave Nissen and his family to Trinity! His first service will be Thanksgiving Eve.***

*Hello Trinity Lutheran Church,*

*I am Pastor Dave Nissen. I love fishing, reading, music (playing/singing and listening to), spending time with family and friends, and doing the work of the church. I grew up in an ELCA congregation in Hutchinson, Minnesota where I learned, grew, and eventually started to lead. I loved teaching Sunday School and Confirmation, helping to lead the Youth Group, and going on mission trips. This congregation, Christ the King, is where I preached my first sermon and truly felt at home in the pulpit.*



*While I was a student at Gustavus Adolphus College, I was presented with Dietrich Bonhoeffer's book "Letters and Papers from Prison." In this book I found my call to ordained ministry in service of God and the Gospel. I changed my focus from medicine to ministry. This had been a longtime coming, but my professor and mentor, Paul Lutter, helped me to see this calling. Since then my sense of call has grown because of my exposure to ministry.*

*During my Clinical Pastor Education (CPE) at St. Francis Regional Medical Center in Shakopee, Minnesota, I found my love for pastoral care. This helped to show me how much I loved ministry. Also, during my internship, I found how much I loved being in a parish. I enjoyed supply preaching before, but on internship I saw how dedicated relationships improve and change ministries.*

*That being said, I also loved my time in school. I spent a lot of my undergrad learning Ancient Greek and Latin. I have always loved languages and to read the Bible in Greek or the Early Church Fathers in Latin still excites me. I enjoy bringing the classical languages to a place where they can be relevant to our daily lives.*

*For my personal spiritual care nothing is better than fly fishing, playing guitar or ukulele and wood working. Fly fishing slows me down and lets me dwell in God's wondrous creation. Playing guitar lets me be creative and soothes my stress. I always love learning new things and picking up other instruments gives me a creative outlet to challenge my brain. My goal in life is to be mediocre on at least 10 instruments. I have loved the focus required for woodworking and the accomplished feeling of completing a project that turns into something useful and beautiful.*

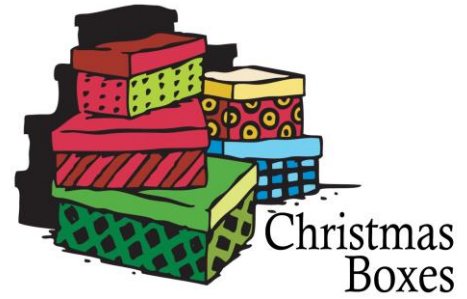
*I believe one of the most important things to know about me is that I am a husband and a father. I have been married to my wife, Alyssa, for over 10 years and she has always been a source of hope and light for me. She has pushed me to grow as a person and to work on improving myself, all while loving me as I love her. I have 2 children, Theo (5 years old) and Eloise (2 years old). They have helped me to understand what the love of God our Father means. They are constant points of inspiration for me and I love them with all my heart!*

*Blessings and peace,  
Pastor Dave Nissen*



## It's Time for Christmas Food Boxes

It is time to start thinking about filling a Christmas Food Box for the families of our weekend food kids. There are those in our community who are struggling to provide basic needs for their families. We are asking you to shop for a family and put items on the list in a box provided for you and return it to Trinity. You can join with another family or group to fill one or more boxes. The risk for hunger insecurity has not gone away and we at Trinity are currently feeding 56 children on weekends from 40 families. We are asking you to fill a box to be used by our weekend food families during the Christmas break when they do not have meals provided by the school. Our FFA students will provide a fleece blanket for each family as well as personal care products for each family.



### Here's what to do:

1. Sign out a Christmas food box in the narthex beginning Sunday, November 17th. Put your name and phone number next to the number matching the number on your box.
2. Fill the box with the items from the food list.
3. Return your box to the table in the narthex by Sunday, December 8th.
4. Have fun filling the box. Thank you for being the hands of Jesus!

Social Ministries Board —Michal Lowther, Shari Baumgardt, Sandy Beito, Kari Schmidt and Sarah Lendt



NOVEMBER 21, 2021

# Jesus is the King of kings.



## 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 18:33-37	Jesus, the King of truth
Monday	Mark 15:1-15	Pilate questions Jesus
Tuesday	Mark 15:16-32	Jesus, the King of the Jews
Wednesday	John 14:1-6	Jesus is the truth
Thursday	John 8:31-47	The truth will set you free
Friday	2 John 1:1-9	Walking in the truth
Saturday	Psalms 47	Sing praises to our King
Sunday	Luke 21:25-36	The coming of the Son of Man

## SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

**He has made us members of his royal family. He has made us priests who serve his God and Father. Give him glory and power for ever and ever!**

Revelation 1:6

## **SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:**

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord Jesus, you are the King of truth. Help us to listen to you. Amen. (John 19:37)

Mealtime Prayer:

Blessed be to God, our King, for health and food, for love and friends, for everything his goodness sends. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May Jesus, your King, bless you with his love. May he help you to know his forgiveness and give you power to serve him. Amen

## CARING CONVERSATION

Discuss in your household or small group:

- What would you do if you were a king or queen for a day?
- Jesus is a King. What sort of King is this poor and humble man? Where and how does he reign?
- What does it mean to you that Jesus is your King? In what ways do you serve and acknowledge him as King?

## DEVOTIONS

November 22 is the last Sunday of the 2014-15 church year. In your household devotion time this week, talk together about your experience of church life over the past year. What were some highlights? What were some challenges, disappointments or difficulties? In what ways did you learn or grow? Pray together for God's blessing upon your church and your involvement with it over the next year..

## SERVICE

As this church year ends, plan to say thank you to those in your congregation who have served you over the past year – pastors, Sunday School teachers, youth leaders and so on. Give them a small gift, note or card in appreciation for their contributions.

## RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Advent begins next Sunday. Begin to plan for your home observance of Advent. One great household Advent tradition is the *Advent wreath*. Set up four purple or blue candles with a white candle in the center. One candle is lit during the first week of Advent, another during the second week and so on. On Christmas Day, the white candle is lit in celebration of the birth of Christ.

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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](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**  
"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.

### Last week at Trinity

Weekly Worship Attendance:	97
Church School & Confirmation	69
Website	35
Bible Studies Attendance:	11+6 =17
Weekly Giving: (5730.00 Needed)	\$4406.63
November Giving: (\$28,650.00 .Needed)	\$15,837.85
Yearly Contributions to Date	\$218,030.74
Amount needed to meet Budget	\$257,851.00

**We need everyone's help to meet our Budget!**

## 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 **Kelsey, Greg, Sheila, Linda, Jerry, Grazier, Sandy, Larry, Krista, Sherry, Kali, Jane, Ramsey, Sarah, Molly, Patricia, Nancy, Lennon, Chris, Julie, Kathy, Emmett, Joan, John, Lois, Emma, Milo, Ed, Carlo, Dorothy, Tina, Ethan, Robyn, Carmen, 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 Sheila and Jackie Nessett as they mourn the loss of their husband and father, **Greg**... 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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