Trinity Lutheran Church

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Reformation Sunday

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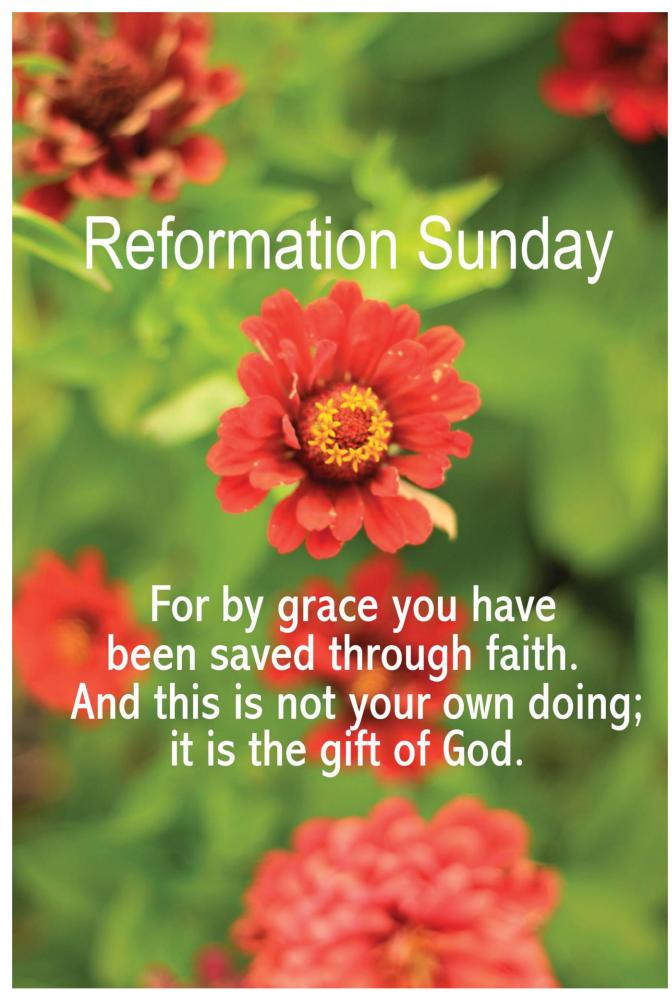
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REFORMATION SUNDAY HOLY COMMUNION ~ ELW SETTING 4

9:00 am Sunday October 29th

EVERYONE SING TO THE LORD A NEW SONG! HALLELUJAH!

All are welcome in this house of worship as we gather to give thanks and share God's gifts of Word & Sacrament. Through faith our Lord promises to be present in and through the bread & cup to all who believe as we gather in Jesus' name receiving God's gifts of forgiveness, salvation and eternal life. You are invited to fellowship and refreshments following our Sunday worship.

WORSHIP AIDS

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS are available from an usher ask the usher.

ACTIVITY BAGS for children are on a stand at the back of church; please return after services. Thank you.

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

GLUTEN FREE wafers are available. Simply tell the server you wish to receive gluten free.

GATHERING

WE PREPARE...Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

PRELUDE / PARISH NOTICES / BELL

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

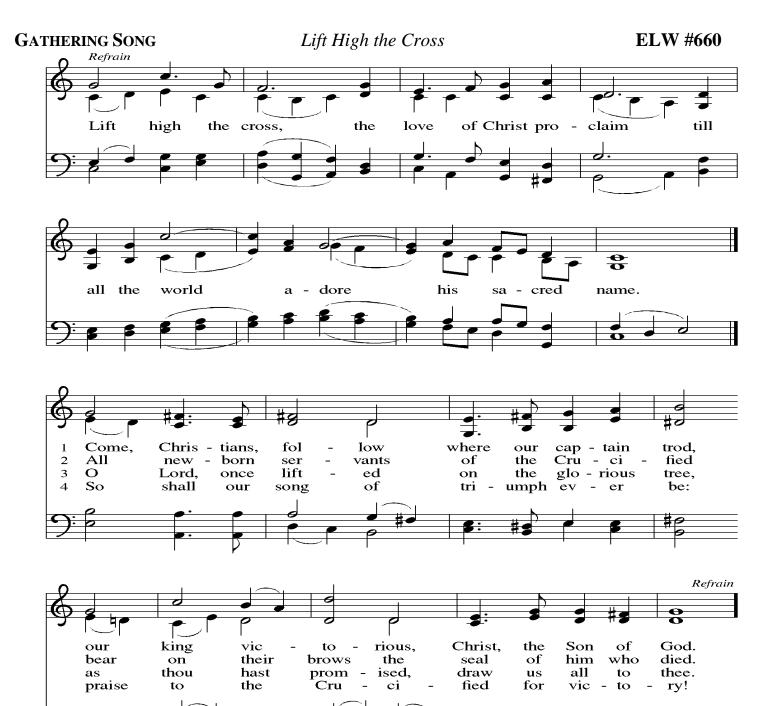
We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**





GREETING

God of hosts most gracious, God the Son who saves us, and God the Spirit placed upon us, be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, 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: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The First Reading is in Jeremiah, Chapter 31, verses 31-34.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt — a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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

PSALM 46

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;

though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken; God shall help it at the break of day.

The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth melts away. The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Come now, regard the works of the LORD,

what desolations God has brought upon the earth;

behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;

who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

"Be still, then, and know that I am God;

I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."

The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

SECOND READING Romans 3:19-28

The Second Reading is in Romans, Chapter 3, verses 19-28.

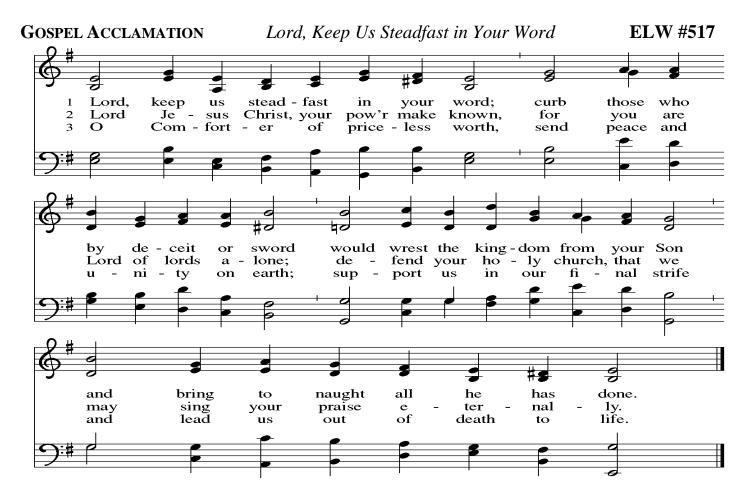
Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom

God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

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



GOSPEL READING: John 8:31-36

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 8th chapter. Glory to you, O Lord.

Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"

Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

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

SERMON Pastor Dennis Frank



that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face face.



CREED

Today on Reformation Sunday, we confess our faith in the Triune God using the Apostles' Creed with Luther's Explanation from the Small Catechism:

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

What does this mean?

I believe that God has created me and all that exists. He has given me, and still preserves, my body and soul with all their powers. He provides me with food and clothing, home and family, daily work, and all I need from day to day. God also protects me in time of danger and guards me from every evil. All this he does out of fatherly and divine goodness and mercy, though I do not deserve it. Therefore I surely ought to thank and praise, serve and obey him. This is most certainly true.

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. What does this mean?

I believe that Jesus Christ – true God, Son of the Father from eternity, and true man, born of the virgin Mary – is my Lord. At great cost he has saved and redeemed me, a lost and condemned person. He has freed me from sin, death and the power of the devil – not with silver or gold, but with his holy and precious blood and his innocent suffering and death. All this he has done that I may be his own, live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as he is risen from the dead and lives and rules eternally. This is most certainly true.

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 What does this mean?

I believe that I cannot by my own understanding or effort believe in Jesus Christ my Lord, or come to him. But the Holy Spirit has called me through the Gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, and sanctified and kept me in true faith. In the same way he calls, gathers, enlightens and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it united with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian Church day after day he fully forgives my sins and the sins of all believers. On the last day he will raise me and all the dead and give me and all believers in Christ eternal life. This is most certainly true.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

SHARING OF THE PEACE

MEAL

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

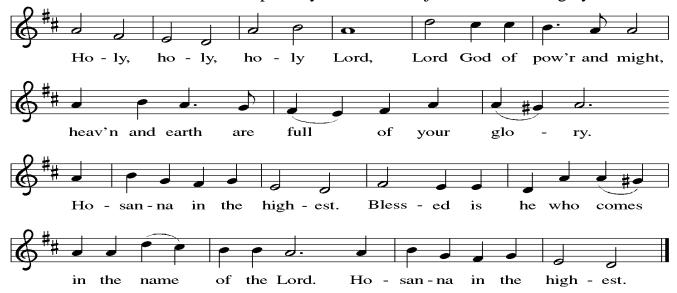
Lift up your hearts.

And also with you.

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, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to 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

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

DISTRIBUTION: Jesus said, "Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." Come, and be filled.

(Please sign the Welcome Pads and pass it to your neighbor... the ushers will receive your offering in the plates as you are ushered forward.)

COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

(*The offering is brought forward by the ushers to the acolyte*)

PRAYER

Let us pray. O God, You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. We give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. You nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



Trinity Choir

SENDING

BENEDICTION

The God of glory, + Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever. Amen.



Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

OUR THANKS TO ALL WHO SERVE GOD'S WORK...OUR HANDS!

	SUNDAY 9:00 am Worship	
Accompanist	Mary Mulry	
Acolyte	Megan Sellner	
Reader	Neil Neidt	
Communion Assistants	Larry Baumgardt, Lee Johnson, Neil Neidt	
Sound Techs	Russ Sorensen	
Usher/Greeters	Dave & Mardy Vosbeck, Chris Mangen	
Altar Guild	Joleen Dittbenner	



We Thank Pastor Dennis Frank for leading our Worship today! We are blessed to welcome him back.

The Noisey Offering is in the back of the church. This month it goes to World Hunger.



It's already time to begin planning for the Women's Candlelight Advent Dinner to be held Sunday, December 3rd.

Hostesses Meeting will be October 30th at 5:30. Thank you for decorating a table and inviting seven women to join you for an inspirational evening! **Sign up in the narthex if you wish to attend or work.**

If you have any questions, please contact Joleen Dittbenner at 507 227-2401.

CHRISTMAS WREATHS AND GARLAND FOR SALE!

The women of Trinity are raising funds to continue our work for Trinity and the many organizations and people we help over the year. We are selling wreaths and garland until November 5th as a fundraiser to help with expenses. Wreaths will be delivered the first week of December. You can stop by the church office or see us at the table in the narthex to order. As always, thank you all for your support!



Please join us for Trinity's "Dining Out", following church services 11/19/2023. "Breaking Bread Together" is an opportunity to get to know each other better and share stories. Please sign up at Darlene's Office Window so we can make reservations. Location to be determined. Our goal will be to Dine Out" the 3rd Sunday of each month!



Trinity Wednesday Church School

We have begun Trinity Church School on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:30! Our students will be following the Sunday School Curriculum at the evening classes. This change has been made after asking our parents if this change would help with busy children's activities. Please join us! Confirmation classes are held on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm. Welcome back to all our students!

SEMC has the New Flu and the Bivalent COVID booster available. You have call SEMC at 794-3691 to schedule an appointment. Forms for the vaccine are available at the church in the narthex or on the SEMC website.

Boosters are also available at Randy's Drug. Please call ahead. Flu shots are available anytime.













Faith Formation & Youth Ministry Coordinator

Trinity Lutheran Church Sleepy Eye, MN 507 794-5051

Job Description

Trinity Lutheran Church is a welcoming church focused on evangelism and mission in the community of Sleepy Eye and beyond. As a welcoming and nurturing church, we are shaped by prayer, worship, scripture and the Holy Spirit, where everyone's gifts are valued, where people's spiritual needs are met, and God's love with the world is shared.

Position: Faith Formation Youth Ministry Coordinator (Part-time)

Summary of Position: Faith Formation Youth Ministry Coordinator oversees and directs Christian Education for the youth and children's ministries, and manages the development and growth of the Christian Education and Youth programs while building relationships with families and their children.

Supervision: Christian Education Board and Board of Young People's Work

Supported by: Senior Pastor(s), Personnel Committee other church staff and members of Trinity Lutheran Church

15 hours per week which are flexible to meet the needs of the church based on planned activities and evenings and weekends required as needed.

Compensation: \$16/hr

Further information and Application on our websitewww.trinitysleepyeye.org under About Us/Employment or in the Church office.

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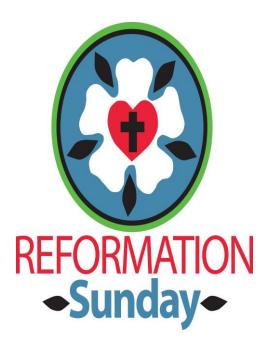
We are saved by grace through faith. Through Jesus Christ, we are set free!

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 8:31-36 God's Word sets people free
Monday Isaiah 55:6-11 God's Word achieves his purposes
Tuesday Romans 1:8-17 The gospel is the power of God
Wednesday Romans 15:1-7 The Scriptures give encouragement
Thursday Colossians 3:5-17 Let the word of Christ dwell in you

Friday Jeremiah 31:31-34 New covenant
Saturday Psalm 46 God is our strength
Sunday Luke 21:5-19 Suffering for Jesus' sake



SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

All of us have sinned and fallen short of God's glory.
But God treats us much better than we deserve, and because of Christ Jesus, he freely accepts us and sets us free from our sins.

Romans 3:23-24

SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord Jesus, thank you for the gift of faith, the power to know you and the truth that sets us free. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

O God, please bless the food before us, the people beside us, and the world around us. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord Jesus set you free. May his words live in your mind and your heart, now and always. Amen. (John 8:36; Jeremiah 31:33)

CARING CONVERSATION

Discuss in your home or small group:

Reformation means change. Talk about a time when you experienced change in your life.

Jesus says that the one who commits sin is a slave to sin. What enslaves you or keeps you from loving God and neighbor? Jeremiah 31:31-34 promises a new covenant for God's people and a time when God will remember people's sins no more. What is it like to have a God who not only forgives but also forgets?

DEVOTIONS

Reformation Day on October 31st recognizes the day in 1517 when Martin Luther posted 95 theses of belief on the doors of a church in Wittenberg, Germany. They were written to challenge the teachings and practices of the church of Luther's day. Luther wrote "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God," a hymn that is deeply associated with the Reformation. Based on Psalm 46, it celebrates faith and confidence in God, no matter what happens around us. Pray Psalm 46 and the words of "A Mighty Fortress." List the things that are going on in your life and the world around you that challenge your faith. Then, after each of those challenges, recite the worlds of Psalm 46:1, "God is our mighty fortress, always ready to help in times of trouble."

SERVICE

The Reformation lifts up the power and grace of God's word. Bring the Taking Faith Home sheet with you on a visit to someone who is homebound. Use portions of Taking Faith Home with that person and together experience the freeing power of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

The beginning of the Reformation is often associated with Martin Luther's posting of 95 theses on the front door of the University Chapel in Wittenberg, Germany. Work together to write "we believe" statements on red streamers or strips of red paper. Attach these to the front door of your home in commemoration of Reformation Day.

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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 <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 "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:	
Weekly Confirmation Attendance:	
Wednesday Church School Attendance:	
Weekly Giving: (5730.00 Needed) \$213	38.51
October Giving: (\$28,650.00 Needed) \$12,33	52.37
Yearly Contributions to Date \$172,63	35.90
Amount needed to meet Budget \$246,3	<mark>80.00</mark>
We need everyone's help to meet our B	udget

This Week's Prayer Concerns

<u>Pray for Trinity</u>...that the Holy Spirit would keep our Trinity family united as we continue in worship and in helping others as we are able ...

<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 Trisha, Mark, Diane, Cindy, Sherry, Audrey, Kali, Jerry, Beth, Harold, Sarah, Chris, Kathy, Emmett, Joan, Lois, Joyce, Emma, Milo, Ed, Carlo, Dorothy, Story, Tina, Ethan, Robyn, Carmen, Linette, Tammy, John, Tony, Ted, Connor, Kimora, and Mary Jo.

<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>...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...

<u>Pray for the men and women serving in the Armed Forces 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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