

This week at Trinity Lutheran Church

Sunday, September 12

"God's work. Our hands." Sunday

Traditional Worship, 8 a.m.

Rejoice Worship, 9:15 a.m.

Live Streaming of Worship, 9:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

Traditional Worship, 10:45 a.m.

Stephen Ministry Cont. Ed & Peer Support, 12:30 p.m.

Stephen Ministry Training Class, 12:30 p.m.

Aquinas Choir Retreat/Rehearsal, 1 p.m.

Confirmation Class, 3 p.m.

High School Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.

Monday, September 13

"The Messenger" deadline

Fitness – Functional Movement, 9 a.m.

Fitness – Yoga, 10 a.m.

Schubert Male Chorus Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

New Member VIP Night, 6 p.m.

Congregation Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Rejoice Band Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.

Schubert Male Chorus Rehearsal, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, September 14

Fitness – Yoga, 9 a.m.

Stroller Strides, 9:15 a.m.

Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.

Fitness – Tai Chi, 10 a.m.

LWR Quilters, 10 a.m.

Tuesday Evening Book Club, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, September 15

Fitness – Tai Chi, 9 a.m.

Fitness – Yoga, 10 a.m.

Wednesday Adult Forum with Pastor Bob, 10:30 a.m.

Art Class, 5 p.m.

Thursday, September 16

Fitness – Yoga, 9 a.m.

Stroller Strides, 9:15 a.m.

Entering the Narrow Gate, 9:30 a.m.

Fitness – Tai Chi, 10 a.m.

Art Class, 5 p.m.

Communications Committee, 5:30 p.m.

Resound Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6 p.m.

Trinity Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m.

Children's Ministry Committee Meeting, 8 p.m.

Friday, September 17

Friday Morning Women's Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, September 18

7th Annual Prayer Tree Ministry Kick Off, 9 a.m.

Sunday, September 19

New Member Sunday

Traditional Worship, 8 a.m.

Rejoice Worship, 9:15 a.m.

Live Streaming of Worship, 9:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.

Traditional Worship, 10:45 a.m.

Confirmation Class, 3 p.m.

Celebration of Music Concert Series, 3 p.m.

High School Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.

Assisting in Worship this morning

8:00 a.m.

Sacristan: Fred & Kathy Wilcox

Lector: Steve Cairns

Communion Assistants: Steve Cairns

Gloria Von der Heide

9:15 a.m.

Rejoice Band: Rejoice

Sacristan: Kim Hysell

Lector: Kim Brock

Communion Assistants: Kim Hysell

Kim Brock

10:45 a.m.

Cantor: Sid Hoeksema

Sacristan: John & Elizabeth Derbin

Lector: Angie Brace

Communion Assistants: Angie Brace

Cindy Zientarski

Bread Baker: Marcia Schaner

Baptism

Today at 10:45 a.m. we welcome Vera Jean Abbate into the Body of Christ by the waters of Holy Baptism. Vera's parents are Jaclyn and Zach Abbate, and she is little sister to Isabella Abbate.

Trinity Members in Our Prayers

We pray for Trinity members Fran Anderson, John and Jane Ashby and family, George Bauer, Corie and Dave Beckett and family, Krysta Billock, Jim and Sue Boyse, Kim Bradbury and family, Kim Brock and family, Pat Bruin, Judy Carlson and family, Bob Crossman, Mike Danielski, Jack Danielson, John Derbin, Leo and Melody Ditchcreek and family, Kim and Chris Engle and family, Kris Fox, Elias Frezghi, Mary Frick, Marge Greiner and family, Elena Griewahn, John Hall, Denny Helzer and family, Jerry Hendricks, Callan Hughes, Carol Huttenga, Patricia Johnson, Terry and Susan Knoll and family, Roy Lamprich, Allison Landon and family, Greg Law, Marilyn Leese, Jane Legault, Pastor Bob and Rebecca Linstrom and family, Dan and Yvonne Lynn and family, Judy Mallen, Jessica Marks and Patti Patton and their families, Roger Marks, Mark and Rebecca Mattison and family, Carolyn McCready, Jill McKinney, Marilyn Mellema, Austin Daniel Mester, John and Karin Moglia, Michael Mulligan, Karen Nagle and family, Dan Pollert, Jacqueline Riegling, Thiago Saliba, Marian Schaible, Chas Schaner, Joyce Schenk, Ann Schomberg, Chris Schomberg, Joan Sellman, Michael Smith, Isaac Stephan, Shirley Tedford, Jim and Beth Vanderwall and family, Dale and Gale Volkerding and family, John Walls, Fred Wilcox, Robert Williams, Eric Wollen, Peyton Wollen, Rick and Michelle Wolner, Kathy Young, and Kathryn Zielinski.

We also lift up in prayer this week the pastors and people of St. John Lutheran Church in Grayling, partners with us in mission and ministry in the North/West Lower Michigan Synod, ELCA.

Readings & Hymns for September 12

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalms 116:1-9

James 3:1-12

Mark 8:27-38

660 Lift High the Cross

667 Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said

669 Rise Up, O Saints of God!

SEPTEMBER 12, 2021
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST



Jesus asks us to pick up our own cross.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Mark 8:27-38	Taking up the cross
Monday	Isaiah 50:4-9a	God's servant must suffer
Tuesday	James 3:1-12	Controlling the tongue
Wednesday	1 Peter 2:18-25	The example of Christ's suffering
Thursday	Hebrews 12:1-11	The example of Jesus
Friday	Philippians 2:1-11	Imitating Christ's humility
Saturday	Psalms 116:1-9	A prayer of thanksgiving
Sunday	Mark 9:30-37	The servant of all is the greatest

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

[Jesus] called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." Mark 8:34 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty God, help us to turn away from our self-centeredness and receive your life-giving power through the cross of Christ. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, in mercy and kindness you feed us. Give us strength and goodwill to show mercy and kindness to others. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the God of generosity give you rest and peace. (Psalm 116:7)



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

*Lord Jesus, You Shall
Be My Song*



WEEKLY MILESTONES



Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS



Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- Tell or think about a time when you or someone else was being selfish.
- What happens when someone places their own needs before the needs of others?
- Jesus says that denying your own interests out of love is the way to find real life and joy. How do you overlook your own wants and interests for the sake of others?

DEVOTIONS



Read: Mark 8:27-38.

This is it, the Caesarea Philippi moment, the moment Jesus asks his followers to identify who he is and what his life is about. Peter gets the title right but the mission wrong. It is clear in this reading that it is important to understand who Jesus is; he is the Son of Man. Jesus is the one who picked up his cross and laid bare his courageous and faithful life for others. This is the way of life that Jesus wants others to follow, too. Jesus was open to rejection, suffering, and his innocent death. Christian discipleship includes picking up our crosses to courageously and faithfully follow the one who holds the universe together. However, Jesus' own disciples did none of that at the time of his death. They were scared and ran away. The good news is that God will do great things through us, Jesus' imperfect followers. Where in your life might Jesus be asking you to pick up your cross to face life's challenges courageously and faithfully?

Pray: **Dear God, give me the courage to face life with faith and hope that others may know the power of love and salvation through the cross of Christ. Amen.**

SERVICE



The Letter of James points out that the way you live gives others an impression of what God is like. Think of someone you know who especially needs to hear words of mercy and kindness. How can you reach out to them this week?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Tertullian, an early Christian theologian, marked the sign of the cross on his forehead daily as early as the year 250. In 386, St. Cyril incorporated the sign of the cross during Mass. This is an ancient Christian blessing that reminds us that we are saved through the cross of Christ. This week before and after devotions, make the sign of the cross. Bring together your thumb, index, and middle fingers. Place them on your forehead, then to your chest, then from your left shoulder across to your right shoulder.



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