

## This week at Trinity Lutheran Church

### Sunday, December 26

Traditional Worship, 8 a.m.  
Rejoice Worship, 9:15 a.m.  
Live Streaming of Worship, 9:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.  
Traditional Worship, 10:45 a.m.

### Monday, December 27

Fitness - Functional Movement, 9 a.m.  
Fitness - Yoga, 10 a.m.  
Rejoice Band Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.

### Tuesday, December 28

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.  
TLC Quilters, 10 a.m.  
LWR Quilters, 10 a.m.  
Odyssey of the Mind, 6:30 p.m.

### Wednesday, December 29

Fitness - Functional Movement, 9 a.m.  
Fitness - Yoga, 10 a.m.  
Stroller Strides, 7 p.m.  
Holden Village Zoom Info Meeting, 7 p.m.  
Cub Scouts—Parents Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

### Thursday, December 30

Fitness - Yoga, 9 a.m.  
Fitness - Tai Chi, 10 a.m.  
Odyssey of the Mind, 6:30 p.m.

### Friday, December 31

*New Year's Eve*

### Saturday, January 1

*New Year's Day*

### Sunday, January 2

Traditional Worship, 8 a.m.  
Rejoice Worship, 9:15 a.m.  
Live Streaming of Worship, 9:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.  
Traditional Worship, 10:45 a.m.



## Assisting in Worship this morning

### 8:00 a.m.

Sacristan: Elaine Rongey  
Lector: Sheila Talsma  
Communion Assistants: Sheila Talsma  
Kathy Wilcox

### 9:15 a.m.

Rejoice Band: Beyond Belief  
Sacristan: Ruth Ann Evans  
Lector: Steve Heacock  
Communion Assistants: Steve Heacock  
Kristin Bradley

### 10:45 a.m.

Cantor: Diane Biser  
Sacristan: Jo Murphy, Joyce Bonbrake  
Lector: Tess Lundgren  
Communion Assistants: Tess Lundgren  
Jo Murphy

Bread Baker: Donna Erickson  
Assisted by Sue Bakkila for Christmas Eve

## Trinity Members in Our Prayers

We pray for Trinity members John and Jane Ashby and family, George Bauer, Cori and Dave Beckett and family, Krysta Billock, Jim and Sue Boyse, Kim Brock and family, Pat Bruin, Steve Cairns, Judy Carlson and family, Mike Danielski, Leo and Melody Ditchcreek and family, Kim and Chris Engle and family, Beth and Gordy Engstrom, Elias Frezghi, Marge Greiner and family, Elena Griewahn, Mark Hahn, John Hall, Denny Helzer and family, Jerry Hendricks, Sarah and David Huckstep and family, Callan Hughes, Carol Huttenga, Dave Johnson, Patricia Johnson, John and Emily Keller and family, Terry and Susan Knoll and family, Roy Lamprich, Allison Landon and family, Greg Law, Marilyn Leese, Jane Legault, Kent Linkfield, Pastor Bob and Rebecca Linstrom and family, Tess and Tim Lundgren and family, Dan and Yvonne Lynn and family, Judy Mallen, Roger Marks, Mark and Rebecca Mattison and family, Melissa Mazurek, Carolyn McCready, Jill McKinney, Travis McMillan, Marilyn Mellema, John and Karin Moglia, Michael Mulligan, Jo Murphy, Dan Pollert, Jacqueline Riegling, Thiago Saliba, Marian Schaible, Chas Schaner, Lee and Ann Schomberg, Chris Schomberg, Joan Sellman, Michael Smith, Joan Start, Shirley Tedford, Jim and Beth Vanderwall and family, Gale and Dale Volkerding and family, Sue Wait, John Walls, Fred Wilcox, Robert Williams, Eric Wollen, Peyton Wollen, Rick and Michelle Wolner, David Young, Phillip Youngman and family, Kathryn Zielinski and Cindy Zientarski.

We also lift up in prayer this week Pastor Timothy Jahn and the people of Advent Lutheran Church in Lake Ann, partners with us in mission and ministry in the North/West Lower Michigan Synod, ELCA.

## Readings & Hymns for December 26

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26      Colossians 3:12-17  
Psalm 148      Luke 2:41-52

# 269 Once in Royal David's City  
# 288 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice  
# 294 In the Bleak Midwinter

DECEMBER 26, 2021  
FIRST SUNDAY  
AFTER CHRISTMAS



*Jesus grew in divine and human approval.*

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Luke 2:41-52</b>	<b>The boy Jesus at the temple</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26</b>	<b>Samuel at Shiloh</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Colossians 3:12-17</b>	<b>The new life in Christ</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Galatians 1:10-24</b>	<b>How Paul became an apostle</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Exodus 24:1-8</b>	<b>The people agree to obey God</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>1 Corinthians 4:1-5</b>	<b>Ministry of the apostles</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Psalms 148</b>	<b>Let all things praise the Lord</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>John 1:1-18</b>	<b>The Word became flesh</b>

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor. Luke 2:52 (NRSV)*

### PRAYERS AND BLESSING

#### **A Prayer for the Week:**

Dear God, we give you thanks for your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Help us to grow in wisdom and in the knowledge of your grace. Amen.

#### **Mealtime Prayer:**

Praise the Lord! We thank you for all your goodness and mercy, including the gift of this food. Amen.

#### **A Blessing to Give:**

May you grow in grace to know the joy and peace of God's love for you in Christ Jesus, born in Bethlehem.



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### HYMN OF THE WEEK

*Jesus, What a Wonderful Child*



### 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:

- Think or talk about a time you received a compliment for something you did well.
- Think or talk about a time when you felt the divine presence of God in your life.

### DEVOTIONS



*Read:* Luke 2:41-52.

Growth is a part of life. That growth can be physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual. What was it like for Jesus to grow up both human and divine? Amazingly, in the four New Testament Gospels, only this childhood story from Jesus' life exists. It says quite a bit: Jesus lived in a community of care with parents and other adults; he grew up as a Jew, going with his family to Jerusalem for the Passover; he experienced tensions with his parents as he explored his faith with elders in the temple; Jesus was obedient to his parents; his mother observed Jesus' development with awe; and, Jesus grew and gained wisdom and the approval of God and humans alike. God's unfathomable entry into our world brings divine acceptance of us through a baby, then a child, and finally an adult who brings God's saving work for all.

*Discuss:* What questions do you have about what it was like for Jesus to be fully human yet fully divine?

*Pray:* **Awesome God, for what we understand and what we cannot understand about all that you have done for us in love, we give you thanks through Christ Jesus our Savior. Amen.**

### SERVICE



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme this week, in what ways can you reflect the love of Jesus to others?

### RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Christmas is a season of twelve days. St. Francis of Assisi is credited with making the first nativity scene on Christmas Eve in the year 1223. He is also known for his love of animals and birds and felt they should be remembered during Christmas because they were present at the birth of Jesus. Consider decorating a tree or bush outside with popcorn or pinecones rolled in peanut butter and bird seed. Enjoy watching God's creatures around you.

*Pray:* **Dear Lord, we praise you for all creation. We praise you for mountains and hills, for fruit trees and cedars, for wild animals and cattle, for creeping things, and flying birds. Amen.** (Psalm 148)



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