

This week at Trinity Lutheran Church

Sunday, January 23

Traditional Worship, 8 a.m.
Rejoice Worship, 9:15 a.m.
Live Streaming of Worship, 9:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.
Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.
Traditional Worship, 10:45 a.m.
Reception to Honor Larry Biser, 11:45 a.m.
Stephen Ministry Training Class, 12:30 p.m.
8th Grade Parents Confirmation Planning, 2 p.m.
Middle School Youth Group, 2 p.m.
Confirmation Class, 3 p.m.
High School Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.
"All Who are Weary" Book Study (Zoom), 6:30 p.m.

Monday, January 24

Fitness—Functional Movement, 9 a.m.
Fitness—Yoga, 10 a.m.
Rejoice Band Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.
Schubert Male Chorus Rehearsal, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, January 25

Council on Aging, 7:45 a.m.
Fitness—Yoga, 9 a.m.
Stroller Strides, 9:15 a.m.
Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.
LWR Quilters, 10 a.m.
TLC Quilters, 10 a.m.
Fitness—Tai Chi, 10 a.m.
Odyssey of the Mind, 6:30 p.m.
Stephen Ministry Continuing Education, 6:30 p.m.
Stephen Ministry Peer Group Support, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 26

Fitness - Functional Movement, 9 a.m.
Fitness - Yoga, 10 a.m.
Wednesday Adult Forum with Pr. Bob, 10:30 a.m.
Heartside Gleaners Food Packing, 1 p.m.
Stroller Strides, 7 p.m.
Cub Scouts Parents Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 27

Fitness - Yoga, 9 a.m.
Fitness - Tai Chi, 10 a.m.
Resound Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6 p.m.
Odyssey of the Mind, 6:30 p.m.
Trinity Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m.

Friday, January 28

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

Saturday, January 29

Pinewood Derby, 8 a.m.
Odyssey of the Mind, 10 a.m.

Sunday, January 30

IHN Week
Traditional Worship, 8 a.m.
KCAH Meal Packing, 9 a.m. on . . .
Rejoice Worship, 9:15 a.m.
Live Streaming of Worship, 9:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.
Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.
KCAH Brunch, 10:15 a.m.
Traditional Worship, 10:45 a.m.
High School Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.
"All Who are Weary" Book Study (Zoom), 6:30 p.m.

Baptism

Today at 9:15 a.m. we welcome Brock Conrad Smith into the Body of Christ by the waters of Holy Baptism. Brock's parents are Logan and Monica Smith. His sponsors are Ryan Moorman and Emmett Smith.

Assisting in Worship this morning

8:00 a.m.

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

9:15 a.m.

Rejoice Band: Beyond Belief
Sacristan: Don and Judy Otten
Lector: Kris Baker
Communion Assistants: Kris Baker
Steve Heacock

10:45 a.m.

Cantor: Ken Block
Sacristan: Jill Hahn
Lector: John Fox
Communion Assistants: John Fox
Laura Norton

Bread Bakers: Kris Fox and Dawn Brackmann

Trinity Members in Our Prayers

We pray for Trinity members Mark Baker, Deb Bambini, George Bauer, Krysta Billock, Jim and Sue Boyse, Renee Brinks and family, Pat Bruin, Mike Danielski, Beth and Gordy Engstrom, Sara Ezinga, Elias Frezghi, Eric Gohlke and Keith Gohlke and their families, Elena Griewahn, Mark Hahn, John Hall, Jerry Hendricks, Sarah and David Huckstep and family, Callan Hughes, Carol Huttenga, Patricia Johnson, John and Emily Keller and family, Terry and Susan Knoll and family, Roy Lamprich, Lloyd and Allison Landon and family, Marilyn Leese, Jane Legault, Kent Linkfield, Matthew Lohr, Mike Lowe, Tess and Tim Lundgren and family, Judy Mallen, Roger and Jessica 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, Pastor Karen Niemeyer and family, Dan Pollert, Jacqueline Riegling, Thiago Saliba, Marian Schaible, Chas Schaner, Lee and Ann Schomberg, Chris Schomberg, Joan Sellman, Michael Smith, Joan Start, Shirley Tedford, Gale and Dale Volkerding and family, Sue Wait, John Walls, Fred Wilcox, Julie Williams and family, Robert Williams, Eric Wollen, Peyton Wollen, Rick and Michelle Wolner, David Young, Phillip Youngman and family, John and Missy Ziech and family, Kathryn Zielinski and Cindy Zientarski.

We also lift up in prayer this week Pastor Janice Hite and the people of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Lansing, partners with us in mission and ministry in the North/West Lower Michigan Synod, ELCA.

Readings & Hymns for January 23

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a
Psalm 19 Luke 4:14-21

886 Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing
712 Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service
710 Let Streams of Living Justice

JANUARY 23, 2022
THIRD SUNDAY
AFTER EPIPHANY



Jesus sets us free.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Luke 4:14-21	Jesus returns to Nazareth
Monday	Nehemiah 8:1-10	Ezra reads God's law to the people
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 12:12-31a	One body, many parts
Wednesday	Isaiah 61:1-7	The good news of deliverance
Thursday	Leviticus 25:1-17	The year of jubilee
Friday	Galatians 5:13-15	Christian freedom
Saturday	Psalms 19	God's glory in creation and the law
Sunday	Luke 4:21-30	The prophet Jesus is rejected

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." Luke 4:18-19 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, for your message of freedom that is more desired than gold and sweeter than honey, we praise you through Christ our Lord. Amen. (Psalm 19:10)

Mealtime Prayer:

For this food that strengthens the body and your word that strengthens our souls, we thank you. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Spirit of Christ Jesus bless you and release you from all your burdens.



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

Soli Deo Gloria



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:

- What is something that bothers you and makes you feel weighed down?
- How do you think Jesus can help you when you have a problem?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Luke 4:14-21.

Short and sweet, this is Jesus' first sermon recorded in Luke: *"Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."* What Luke wants us to know about the good news of Jesus is found in the words of Isaiah 61:1-2. The Spirit of God rests on Jesus. Jesus has good news for the poor, the captive, the blind, the oppressed. The *"year of the Lord's favor"* is the year of jubilee announced in Leviticus 25. It keeps society from unraveling into unlimited wealth for some and perpetual poverty for others. Every fifty years slaves and prisoners would be freed, debts would be forgiven and lands lost to debts would be returned to ancestral owners. In recognition of the use and abuse of power and wealth, the year of jubilee allowed for fresh starts. That is what Jesus brings to us, a fresh start that releases us from poverty, from whatever bondage limits our life, whatever blinds us, whatever weighs us down. As we continue to read Luke, this opening sermon will clarify who Jesus is and what he is doing for all.

Discuss: How can Jesus give you a fresh start if something has been bothering you?

Pray: **Almighty and merciful God, we thank you for freeing us to serve you with thanksgiving and our neighbor in love, through Christ Jesus who preaches good news for all. Amen.**

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme this week, how does knowing Jesus free and encourage you to serve others?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

The *"year of the Lord's favor,"* mentioned in Luke 4:19 is a community experience of forgiving debts mentioned in Leviticus 25 and known as the Year of Jubilee. Create a *Jubilee Jar* this week and place things you and others worry about into it. At the end of the week, read what you wrote and then pray: **Dear God, I thank you for being with me and giving me and others a fresh start each day through Christ Jesus our Lord, Amen.**



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