

This week at Trinity Lutheran Church

Sunday, March 27

Personal Care Items Appeal continues
Stephen Ministry Commissioning Sunday
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.
5th Grade Communion Class, 2 p.m.
Middle School Service Project, 3 p.m.

Monday, March 28

Fitness—Yoga, 10 a.m.
Lenten Grace Group, 10 a.m.
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Fitness—Functional Movement, 11 a.m.
Outreach Committee Meeting, 6 p.m.
Schubert Male Chorus Rehearsal, 6 p.m.
Beyond Belief Band Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 29

Fitness—Yoga, 9 a.m.
Stroller Strides, 9:15 a.m.
Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.
Lenten Grace Group, 9:30 a.m.
LWR Quilters, 9:30 a.m.
Fitness—Tai Chi, 10 a.m.
GriefShare, 4 p.m.
Stephen Ministry Continuing Ed, 6:30 p.m.
Stephen Ministry Peer Support, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 30

Fitness—Yoga, 10 a.m.
Lenten Grace Group, 10:30 a.m.
Fitness—Functional Movement, 11 a.m.
Heartside Gleaners Food Packing, 1 p.m.
Lenten Soup Supper, 5:30 p.m.
Lenten Grace Group, 5:30 p.m.
Lenten Compline Worship, 6:30 p.m.
Fit4baby, 7 p.m.
Cub Scout Parents Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Flowers for Sunday, March 27

Today's Traditional and Rejoice worship flowers are given by the Stephen Ministry Team in honor of the newly commissioned Stephen Ministers.

Thursday, March 31

Fitness—Yoga, 9 a.m.
Fitness—Tai Chi, 10 a.m.
Resound Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6 p.m.
Lenten Grace Group, 7 p.m.
Trinity Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m.

Friday, April 1

Friday Morning Women's Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.
Wedding Rehearsal, 4 p.m.
Al-Anon Speaker Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 2

Marriage of Abby Niewenhuis and Joe Iaria, 5 p.m.

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Assisting in Worship this morning

8:00 a.m.

Sacristan: Fred & Kathy Wilcox
Lector: Kris Baker
Communion Assistants: Kris Baker
Kristin Bradley

9:15 a.m.

Rejoice Band
Sacristan: Ruth Ann Evans
Lector: Kim Brock
Communion Assistants: Kim Brock
Kris Baker

10:45 a.m.

Cantor: Kai Bredwell
Sacristan: Kristi Flatt
Lector: Cindy Zientarski
Communion Assistants: Cindy Zientarski
Sue Coates

Bread Baker: Kelli Basher

Trinity Members in Our Prayers

We pray for Trinity members Krysta Billock, Jim and Sue Boyse, Renee Brinks and family, Pat Bruin, Pamela and Brad Burkle, Mike and Kim Danielski and family, Beth and Gordy Engstrom, Ruth Ann Evans, Elias Frezghi, Eric Gohlke and Keith Gohlke and their families, Mark Hahn, John Hall, Jerry Hendricks, John and Linda Holm, 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, Ed and Joan Lohr and family, Matthew Lohr, Dolly Lowe and family, Tess and Tim Lundgren and family, Judy Mallen, David and Rebecca Marquardt and family, Mark and Rebecca Mattison and family, Gail Mazurek, Melissa Mazurek, Carolyn McCreedy, Jill McKinney, Marilyn Mellema, John and Karin Moglia, Charmayne Mulligan, Jo Murphy, Craig and Patti Mutch and family, Karen Nagle, Tammy Parat and family, Dan Pollert, Jacqueline Riegling, Pastor Frank Rothfuss, Thiago Saliba, Marian Schaible, Chas Schaner, Lee and Ann Schomberg and family, Chris Schomberg, Joan Sellman, Michael Smith, Joan Start, Shirley Tedford, Franny Turnage, Gale and Dale Volkerding and family, Sue Wait, John Walls, Fred and Kathy Wilcox and family, Julie Williams and family, Robert Williams, Marge Willman, Donna and 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 the pastor and people of St. Timothy Lutheran Church in Midland, partners with us in mission and ministry in the North/West Lower Michigan Synod, ELCA.

Readings & Hymns for March 27

Joshua 5:9-12	2 Corinthians 5:16-21
Psalms 32	Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

# 631	Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
# 606	Our Father, We Have Wandered
# 733	Great Is Thy Faithfulness

MARCH 27, 2022
FOURTH SUNDAY
IN LENT



Confessing our need for God brings joy.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32	Parable of the forgiving father
Monday	Joshua 5:9-12	Passover at Gilgal
Tuesday	2 Corinthians 5:16-21	The ministry of reconciliation
Wednesday	Psalms 103:1-12	Thanksgiving for God's goodness
Thursday	Genesis 45:1-28	Joseph reveals himself
Friday	Luke 15:3-7	The parable of the lost sheep
Saturday	Psalms 32	The joy of forgiveness
Sunday	John 12:1-8	Mary anoints Jesus at Bethany

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the LORD. Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart. Psalm 32:10-11 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, we thank you for your love that reunites us to you through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Be present at our table, Lord; be here and everywhere adored; your mercies bless and grant that we, may strengthen for your service be. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the God of grace bless you with the joy of forgiveness and new life.



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HYMN OF THE WEEK
God of the Sparrow



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:

- Talk or think about a time you forgave a person or a person forgave you. How did you feel?
- How does faith in God help you resolve differences you have with others?

DEVOTIONS

Read: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21.

Recognizing our sin and need for God is foundational to the Christian faith. Lent is a time to acknowledge our sin, our separation from God. As the psalmist notes, *"Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven"* (Psalm 32:1). Naming our need for forgiveness and receiving forgiveness leads to joy. The prodigal son experiences the surprise of his total acceptance and the waiting father experiences the delight of the return of a son who had been lost (Luke 15:20-32). We also experience the joy of the truth that in Christ we have been reconciled—reunited—back to God. We have been given the life-giving ministry and joy of telling the good news of God's reconciling power in Christ to all people. The challenge, of course, is that, like the older brother in the parable of the prodigal son, we may not want God's love and undeserved kindness to bless people who we might see as less deserving than ourselves.

Discuss: How does forgiveness lead to joy?

Pray: **Dear God, help us to be people of joy, glad that you forgive us and reconcile us to you and to all you create through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen**

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how might you bring joy to someone others see as less deserving?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Lent is a time to focus on prayer. We all have photo albums, whether printed or digital. Not all of our friends and family may know of God's reconciling power and forgiveness that leads to joy. While looking at pictures of family and friends, think about your relationships. Pause and pray for that person. Light a candle and say: **Jesus Christ is the light of the world. The light no darkness can overcome.** Close with the Lord's Prayer.



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