

This Week at Trinity Lutheran Church

Sunday, October 16

Coats and Blankets Appeal continues
Christmas Wreath Sale continues
Traditional Worship, 8 a.m.
Rejoice Worship (Beyond Belief), 9:15 a.m.
Sunday School, 9:20 a.m.
Live Streaming of Worship, 9:15 and 10:45 a.m.
Traditional Worship, 10:45 a.m.
Middle School Service Project, 3 p.m.
High School Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.

Monday, October 17

Stroller Barre, 9 a.m.
Schubert Male Chorus Rehearsal, 6 p.m.
Beyond Belief Band Rehearsal, 6 p.m.
Health Ministries Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 18

Women's Bible Study, 9 a.m.
LWR Quilters, 9:30 a.m.
Fitness Classes, 10 a.m.
Worship & Music Committee Meeting, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, October 19

Coffee & Donuts, 10:15 a.m.
Pastor Bob's Adult Forum, 10:30 a.m.
JOYful Days Lunch and Speaker, 11:30 a.m.
Fit4Baby, 7 p.m.

Thursday, October 20

Fitness Classes, 10 a.m.
Scholarship Fund Meeting, 10 a.m.
Ladies Bridge, 1 p.m.
Resound Bell Rehearsal, 6 p.m.
Trinity Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m.

Friday, October 21

Friday Morning Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.
Life Begins at 60 at Logan's Roadhouse, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 22

Trinity Choir Retreat, 9 a.m.
Schwallier's Fall Event, 6 p.m.

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Assisting in Worship This Morning

8:00 a.m.

Cantor: Debbie Duckworth
Sacristans: Cathy Olson
Lector: Tom Zollman
Communion Assistants: Carolyn Johnson
Cindy Zientarski
Ushers: Erick Kind, Bill & Meri Leidel
Acolyte: Isaac Johnson, Daniel Ahrens

9:15 a.m.

Beyond Belief band leading worship
Sacristans: Don & Judy Otten
Lector: Tim Lundgren
Communion Assistants: Don & Judy Otten
Ushers: Carol & Dan Butler, John Hall, Kathy Noble,
Jim Willman
Acolytes: Adrian Hall

10:45 a.m.

Cantor: Steve Feutz
Sacristans: Marybeth Iaria
Lector: Dee Scales
Communion Assistants: Vince Schumacher
Laura Norton
Ushers: Steve Cairns, Paul Getzin, Jim Vanderwall
Joe & Marybeth Iaria, Lois McCardell
Acolytes: Riley and James Day

Bread Baker: Gloria Von der Heide

Trinity Members in Our Prayers

We pray for **Trinity members in times of illness, hospitalization, rehabilitation and recovery**: Sue Bailey, Mark Baker, Lisa Barkema, Don Barsema, Krysta Billock, Jim and Sue Boyse, Bill Brock, Pat Bruin, Cheryl Bushman, Mike Danielski, Ruth Ann Evans, Elias Frezghi, Richard Gehl, Eric Gohlke, Bob Guigue, Mark Hahn, Bob Heine, Callan Hughes, Carol Huttenga, Patricia Johnson, Roy Lamprich, Lloyd and Allison Landon, Marilyn Leese, Jane Legault, Matthew Lohr, Tim Lundgren, Judy Mallen, Tom Mannisto, Rebecca Mattison, Carolyn McCreedy, Jill McKinney, Marilyn Mellema, John and Karin Moglia, Christophe Muganza, Charmayne Mulligan, Jo Murphy, Karen Nagle, Jacqueline Riegling, Marian Schaible, Chas Schaner, Chris Schomberg, Lee Schomberg, Andrea Severns, Michael Smith, Joan Start, Franny Turnage, Gale Volkerding, Sue Wait, John Walls, Robert Williams, Donna and Eric Wollen, Peyton Wollen, Rick and Michelle Wolner, David Young, Kay Zeaman, Kathryn Zielinski and Cindy Zientarski.

We also lift up **Trinity families mourning the loss of loved ones**: George Bauer, Todd and Bonnie Brandstadt, Renee Brinks, Jennifer Brown, Bill and Patricia Bruin, Morgan and Jaci Cole, Jack Danielson, Sharon Fourcha, Eric Gohlke, Keith Gohlke, Bob and Nanci Guigue, Carol Hendricks, Linda Holm, Sarah and David Huckstep, John and Emily Keller, Terry and Susan Knoll, Ed and Joan Lohr, Dolly Lowe, David and Rebecca Marquardt, Mark and Rebecca Mattison, Craig and Patti Mutch, Tammy Parat, Kris Racek, Lee and Ann Schomberg, Doug and Joan Start, Linda Taffs, Gale and Dale Volkerding, Julie Williams, Phillip Youngman, and John and Missy Ziech.

We also lift up in prayer this week Pastor Bryan Schneider-Thomas and the people of Peace Lutheran Church in Sparta, partners with us in mission and ministry in the North/West Lower Michigan Synod, ELCA.

Readings & Hymns for October 16

Genesis 32:22-31
Psalm 121

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5
Luke 18:1-8

#705 God of Grace and God of Glory (red book)
#777 Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty (red book)
#765 Lord of All Hopefulness (red book)

OCTOBER 16, 2022
NINETEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST



Do not lose heart.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Luke 18:1-8	Parable of the persistent widow
Monday	Genesis 32:22-31	God renames Jacob
Tuesday	2 Timothy 3:14–4:5	Paul's instruction to Timothy
Wednesday	Psalms 31:19-24	A prayer for protection
Thursday	Ephesians 3:7-13	Paul's ministry to the Gentiles
Friday	Hebrews 12:1-12	The example of Jesus
Saturday	Psalms 121	Assurance of God's protection
Sunday	Luke 18:9-14	A Pharisee and tax collector pray

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. Luke 18:1 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, for those lives torn by injustice and pain, give us faith to pray always and to trust in you, through Jesus Christ, the one who comes in glory at the end of time. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear Lord, we thank you for the gift of this food and that you neither slumber nor sleep but watch diligently over us to keep us safe. Amen. (Psalm 121:4-8)

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord Jesus keep watch over you and protect you always.



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

*Lord, Let My Heart Be
Good Soil*



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 when you or someone you know faced something that was unfair.
- What gives you courage to go on when unfairness seems to win time and again?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Luke 18:1-8.

Jesus is telling us in this parable: *"Keep the faith; keep praying for the reign of God; don't become complacent with an unjust world."* This parable of the persistent widow is a good example of why we should not use Jesus' parables as analogies comparing God to us. We certainly don't want to see God as an unjust judge. The point is that if even an unjust judge can give in to the persistence of the widow, how much more will our merciful God listen to and respond to our cries for help. What begins as a call to pray constantly, ends as a focus on faith itself. When Christ, the Son of Man returns, will he see faith on earth? Faith is expressed as a constant prayer to God for the justice and mercy of God.

Discuss: When is a time you have prayed without ceasing for God's justice and mercy?

Pray: **Come, Lord Jesus, come into our world and into our lives that we may pray without ceasing for your power and justice and not lose heart. Amen.**

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings for this week and the theme, who do you know that is "losing heart" and how can you pray for them?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

In Genesis 32:28 God changes Jacob's name to *Israel* which means, *"you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed."* We don't often see our lives of faith as wrestling with God, yet that is exactly what God honors and expects from us. This week, question God in your prayers, asking, "Lord, how come . . . ?" Let this questioning of God's intent be an example of building a strong and trusting relationship with God. Conclude by praying the Lord's Prayer.



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