

This Week at Trinity Lutheran Church

Sunday, December 4

IHN Week Begins

Traditional Worship, 8 a.m.
Rejoice Worship (Rejoice band), 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.
LWR Quilters, noon
High School Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.

Monday, December 5

IHN Guests Onsite

Stroller Barre, 9 a.m.
Blood Drive, 10:30 a.m. (until 4 p.m.)
Stephen Leaders Meeting, 1 p.m.
Beyond Belief Band Rehearsal, 6 p.m.
Property Committee Meeting, 6 p.m.
Schubert Male Chorus Rehearsal, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, December 6

IHN Guests Onsite

Women's Bible Study, 9 a.m.
LWR Quilters, 9:30 a.m.
Fitness Classes, 10 a.m.
Special Congregation Council Meeting, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, December 7

IHN Guests Onsite

Outreach Committee Meeting, noon
Midweek Advent Supper, 5:30 p.m.
Advent Vespers, 6:30 p.m.
Fit4Baby, 7 p.m.

Thursday, December 8

IHN Guests Onsite

Fitness Classes, 10 a.m.
Resound Bell Rehearsal, 6 p.m.
Trinity Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m.

Friday, December 9

IHN Guests Onsite

Friday Morning Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, December 10

IHN Guests Onsite

Children's Christmas Program Rehearsal, 10 a.m.

Sunday, December 11

IHN Guests Depart

Traditional Worship, 8 a.m.
Rejoice Worship (Beyond Belief band), 9:15 a.m.
Sunday School, 9:20 a.m.
Live Streaming of Worship, 9:15 and 10:45 a.m.
Traditional Worship and Children's Christmas Program, 10:45 a.m.
Christmas Cookie Reception, noon
Stephen Ministry Continuing Education, 1 p.m.
Stephen Ministry Peer Group Support, 1:30 p.m.
Advent By Candlelight, 5:30 p.m.
High School Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.

Assisting in Worship This Morning

8:00 a.m.

Sacristans: Elaine Rongey
Lector: Carrie Wygmans
Communion Assistants: Betty Hall, Carolyn Johnson
Ushers: Bill Bailey, John Potter, Dave Wait
Acolyte: Ethan Curtiss, Edmund Van Meter

9:15 a.m.

Beyond Belief band leading worship
Sacristans: Lisa Postlewaite
Lector: Amanda Schneider
Communion Assistants: Gary Stevens, Ed Lohr
Ushers: Todd Brandstadt, Cindy and Morrie Fongers, Ethan Guis, Lisa Mead, Nathan Peters
Acolytes: Carson Brang, Tyler Mason

10:45 a.m.

Cantor: Sid Hoeksema
Sacristans: John & Elizabeth Derbin
Lector: Chris Norton
Communion Assistants: Lois McCardell, Kate Bredwell
Ushers: David, Bergen and Theo Marquardt, Brad Kessel, Dorothy Postema, Scott Stoll
Acolytes: James Day, Oscar Heaford

Bread Baker: Carolyn Johnson

Trinity Members in Our Prayers

We pray for **Trinity members in times of illness, hospitalization, rehabilitation and recovery**: Sue Bailey, Brenda Baker, Mark Baker, Lisa Barkema, Don Barsema, Bob Beaudry, Krysta Billock, Jim and Sue Boyse, Bill Brock, Pat Bruin, Cheryl Bushman, Mike Danielski, Ruth Ann Evans, Elias Frezghi, 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, Craig Mutch, Karen Nagle, Jacqueline Riegling, Marian Schaible, Chas Schaner, Joyce Schenk, Chris Schomberg, Lee Schomberg, Andrea Severns, Ella Severns, Luanna Seyffert, Michael Smith, Joan Start, Franny Turnage, Jim Vanderwall, Gale Volkerding, John Walls, Robert Williams, Lisa Wiseman, 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, Matt and Lisa Mead, 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 the Pastor Paul Busekist and people of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Traverse City, partners with us in mission and ministry in the North/West Lower Michigan Synod, ELCA.

Readings & Hymns for November 27

Isaiah 2:1-5
Psalm 122

Romans 13:11-14
Matthew 24:36-44

#244 Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers (red book)
#490 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence (red book)
#259 Fling Wide the Door (red book)

DECEMBER 4, 2022
SECOND SUNDAY
OF ADVENT



God of judgement, mercy, and peace.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

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| Sunday | Matthew 3:1-12 | Prepare the way of the Lord |
| Monday | Isaiah 11:1-10 | The peaceful kingdom |
| Tuesday | Romans 15:4-13 | Good news for Jews and Gentiles |
| Wednesday | Psalms 96 | Praise to God who comes in judgment |
| Thursday | Psalms 149 | Praise for God's goodness to Israel |
| Friday | James 3:13-18 | Two kinds of wisdom |
| Saturday | Psalms 72:1-7, 18-19 | A prayer for guidance for the king |
| Sunday | Matthew 11:2-11 | Jesus and John the Baptist |

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. Romans 15:4 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, help us to see in your judgment the cleansing power that frees us to bear the fruit of the new life in Christ Jesus our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

God of peace and love, we thank you for this food and ask that all people have food on their tables and a roof over their heads. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing. (Romans 15:13)



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

Come Now, O Prince of Peace



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:

- When you think of God as judge, what do you imagine?
- Have you ever felt judged because of your faith in God? Explain.

DEVOTIONS

Read: Matthew 3:1-12.

In the Gospel of Matthew, no one gets a free pass. Pharisees and Sadducees are severely chastised. The masses are shown following almost anyone at any given moment. The disciples display their own shortcomings throughout the Gospel. John the Baptist questions if Jesus really is the anticipated Messiah (Matthew 11:2-3). Jesus' own righteousness gets betrayed, even by those closest to him. It is clear that God's rule needs divine judgment. It's not a judgment that desires punishment but one that brings truth to misunderstanding and cleansing and humility to offset self-righteousness. God's judgment is about correction and new beginnings, not threats. God's judgment finds all of us coming up short and in need of a Savior, in the need of Jesus. John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus and baptized him. Jesus' baptism with the Holy Spirit cleanses to create a changed life. The result is a people set free to bear fruit in Jesus' name.

Discuss: In what ways have you been set free to bear fruit in Jesus' name?

Pray: **God of judgment and mercy, cleanse our hearts by the power of the Holy Spirit that we may trust in you and bear the fruit of peace, joy, and love for all through Christ Jesus. Amen.**

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings for this week, how might you serve the poor and needy with fairness and compassion rather than judgement?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

During the four weeks of Advent, we prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of Jesus Christ. For this second week of Advent, light the first candle of hope and a second candle of peace on the Advent wreath. This week, we focus on the peace that Jesus brings us to set aside our differences and trust in God's promise.

Say: **Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord, the light of Christ that gives us hope and peace.**



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