

This Week at Trinity Lutheran Church

Sunday, January 15

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.
All Congregation Potluck and Annual Meeting, noon
Middle School Youth Group, 2 p.m.
Confirmation Class, 3 p.m.
High School Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.

Monday, January 16

Stroller Barre, 9 a.m.
Rejoice Band Rehearsal, 6 p.m.
Health Ministry Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
Schubert Male Chorus Rehearsal, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, January 17

Women's Bible Study, 9 a.m.
LWR Quilters, 9:30 a.m.
Fitness Classes, 10 a.m.
Care & Share, 10:30 a.m.
Heart-to-Heart with Pastor Kari, 11:30 a.m.
Trinity Arts Committee Meeting, 4 p.m.
Book Club, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, January 18

"Embracing a Life of Meaning" Adult Forum, 10:30 a.m.
Fit4Baby, 7 p.m.

Thursday, January 19

Fitness Classes, 10 a.m.
Bridge, 1 p.m.
Life Begins at 60 Dinner at Timbers Inn, 5:30 p.m.
Resound Bell Rehearsal, 6 p.m.
Trinity Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m.
Children's Ministry Committee Meeting, 8 p.m.

Friday, January 20

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

Saturday, January 21

White Elephant Gift Exchange & Potluck, 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, January 22

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.
Heart-to-Heart with Pastor Kari, 10:15 and 11:45 a.m.
Confirmation 8th grade Parents Meeting, 1 p.m.
Celebration of Music Concert, Chamber Orchestra of Grand Rapids, 3 p.m.
Youth Tubing at Cannonsburg, 3 p.m.

Eternal Candle for Worship Today

The eternal candle is given by John and Kris Fox and family in loving memory of Thiago Saliba.

Assisting in Worship This Morning

8:00 a.m.

Sacristans: Elaine Rongey
Lector: Hyesook Kim deJonge
Communion Assistants: Dale Barkema
Nancy Morrison
Ushers: Erick Kind, Chad & Jenna Mencarelli

9:15 a.m.

Rejoice band leading worship
Sacristans: Steve Heacock
Lector: Carrie Boer
Communion Assistants: Dave & Carrie Boer
Ushers: Mike Bishop, Carol & Dan Butler, John Hall,
Kathy Noble, Jim Willman

10:45 a.m.

Cantor: Aaron Polet
Sacristans: Beth Vanderwall
Lector: Chris Becker
Communion Assistants: John & Kris Fox
Ushers: Steve Cairns, Paul Getzin,
Joe & Marybeth Iaria, Lois McCardell,
Jim Vanderwall

Bread Bakers: Kris Fox and Dawn Brackmann

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, Bob Beaudry, Krysta Billock, Jim and Sue Boyse, Bill Brock, Pat Bruin, Pam Burkle, Cheryl Bushman, Mike Danielski, Donna Erickson, 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 McCready, Jill McKinney, Stephanie McLeod, Marilyn Mellema, John and Karin Moglia, Christophe Muganza, Charmayne Mulligan, Jo Murphy, Craig Mutch, Karen Nagle, Jesse Platt, Jacqueline Riegling, Marian Schaible, Chas Schaner, Chris Schomberg, Lee Schomberg, Andrea Severns, Ella Severns, Luanna Seyffert, Michael Smith, Joan Start, Patricia Stevens, Franny Turnage, 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, Brad and Gayl Kessel, Mike and Molly King, Terry and Susan Knoll, Beth Krueger, 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, Bruce and Joyce Schlanderer, 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 Robert Schmidt and the people of Christ Lutheran Church in Wyoming, partners with us in mission and ministry in the North/West Lower Michigan Synod, ELCA.

Readings & Hymns for January 15

Isaiah 19: 1-7
Psalm 40:1-11

1 Corinthians 1:1-9
John 1:29-42

#314 Arise, Your Light Has Come! (red book)
#487 What Feast of Love (red book)
#867 In Thee is Gladness (red book)

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SECOND SUNDAY
AFTER EPIPHANY



God works miracles through pain and suffering.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	John 1:29-42	Jesus, the Lamb of God
Monday	Isaiah 49:1-7	The servant's mission
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 1:1-9	Greetings to the Corinthians
Wednesday	Psalms 77	God's mighty deeds recalled
Thursday	John 4:46-54	Jesus heals an official's son
Friday	Acts 4:23-31	Believers pray for boldness
Saturday	Psalms 40:1-11	Happy are they who trust in the Lord
Sunday	Matthew 4:12-23	Jesus calls his first disciples

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

He [God] says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." Isaiah 49:6 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

God of power and might, we thank you for lifting up those in need and turning shame and suffering into glory and honor through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear Lord, your glory and honor are seen in your care for those in need, including our need for this meal. We give you thanks through Jesus, the Lamb of God. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord Jesus Christ and God our Father bless you with grace and peace. (1 Corinthians 1:2)



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

Now Behold the Lamb



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:

- Tell or think about a time you have experienced an embarrassing moment.
- How has God been with you when you have experienced embarrassment or suffering?

DEVOTIONS



Read: Isaiah 49:1-7.

As a nation in the ancient world, Israel had experienced the worst shame imaginable: total destruction with its leadership exiled in a foreign land. Isaiah speaks the voice of this shamed people: "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity" (v. 4). However, the good news is that God doesn't see it that way. The glory of God's people is so great that the restoration of the nation is not enough. Israel will be the beacon to the nations. Kings and princes will acknowledge the greatness of God (and Israel). The nation that was despised and ridiculed is now the source of hope for all the world. Salvation received by God's chosen people will now extend to all the world. Epiphany is a time to witness to the whole world, announcing the glory and saving work of God. Jesus says, "Come and see" (John 1:39). The glory and honor of God now is shown in his Son, the lamb of God who was slain. It is still true that God works miracles through pain and suffering.

Discuss: Where do you see pain and suffering in the world that is in need of God's saving work?

Pray: **Almighty God, you know our pain and suffering. Come Holy Spirit, come Lord Jesus, bring your saving work into our lives and world that we may know your peace and joy. Amen.**

SERVICE



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings for this week, how might you help those who may be experiencing pain and suffering?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



The Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) is one of the oldest prayers said or sung during Christian worship. Jesus is referred to as the Lamb of God in the Gospel of John and in Revelation. Just as lambs were sacrificed for the sins of Israel, Jesus died and was sacrificed for the sins of the world. Light a candle this week and think about how Jesus came to bring love and salvation to a broken world and our broken lives.

Pray: **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace. Amen.**



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