

## This Week at Trinity Lutheran Church

### Sunday, February 12

*Sponsor a Mile Youth Mission Trip Appeal*

Traditional Worship, 8 a.m.

Rejoice Worship (Rejoice band), 9:15 a.m.

Live Streaming of Worship, 9:15 and 10:45 a.m.

Sunday School, 9:20 a.m.

Heart-to-Heart, 10:15 a.m.

"Young and the Sleepless" Organizing Meeting,  
10:15 a.m.

Traditional Worship, 10:45 a.m.

Heart-to-Heart, 11:45 a.m.

Stephen Ministry Continuing Education, 12:30 p.m.

Stephen Ministry Peer Support Group, 1:30 p.m.

MS Youth Group, 2 p.m.

Confirmation Class, 3 p.m.

HS Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.

### Monday, February 13

*The Messenger Deadline*

Stroller Barre, 9 a.m.

Schubert Male Chorus Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

Beyond Belief Band Rehearsal, 6 p.m.

Property Committee Meeting, 6 p.m.

Congregation Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Schubert Male Chorus Rehearsal, 7 p.m.

### Tuesday, February 14

Women's Bible Study, 9 a.m.

LWR Quilters, 9:30 a.m.

Fitness Classes, 10 a.m.

Heart-to-Heart, 11:30 a.m.

Oasis Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

### Wednesday, February 15

Fit4Baby, 7 p.m.

### Thursday, February 16

Fitness Classes, 10 a.m.

Bridge, 1 p.m.

*Life Begins at 60* at Cascade Roadhouse, 5:30 p.m.

Resound Bell Rehearsal, 6 p.m.

Trinity Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m.

### Friday, February 17

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

### Sunday, February 19

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Traditional Worship, 8 a.m.

Rejoice Worship (Beyond Belief band), 9:15 a.m.

Live Streaming of Worship, 9:15 and 10:45 a.m.

Sunday School, 9:20 a.m.

Traditional Worship, 10:45 a.m.

Meet & Greet the Artist with Father Lally, 2 p.m.

## Assisting in Worship This Morning

### 8:00 a.m.

Sacristans: Cathy Olson

Lector: Carolyn Johnson

Communion Assistants: Chris & Beth Van Meter

Ushers: Dale Barkema, Elaine Rongey,  
Gloria Von der Heide

Acolytes: Helena Phillips, Isaac Johnson

### 9:15 a.m.

Rejoice band leading worship

Sacristans: Lisa Postlewaite

Lector: Dan Butler

Communion Assistants: Kim Brock, Mari Franz

Ushers: Mark Baker, Greg Battreall, Jeff Postlewaite  
Mark Hagbom & Sally Mahoney

Acolytes: Ellie Brandstadt, Owen Battreall

### 10:45 a.m.

Cantor: Kate Bredwell

Sacristans: Curtis & Jill Hahn

Lector: Kate Bredwell

Communion Assistants: Doug & Melissa Haneline

Ushers: Jim & Sue Coates, John Derbin, Don Kishman,  
Jamie Norris, Dee Scales, Wayne Snyder

Acolytes: Oscar Heaford, James Day

Bread Baker: Julie Williams

## 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, Ellie Buggeln, Cheryl Bushman, Mike Danielski, Donna Erickson, Ruth Ann Evans, Diane Field, Mark Hahn, Beth Hall, Bob Heine, Callan Hughes, Carol Huttenga, Patricia Johnson, Janet Konen, Roy Lamprich, Marilyn Leese, Jane Legault, Matthew Lohr, Judy Mallen, Tom Mannisto, Rebecca Mattison, Carolyn McCready, Jill McKinney, Stephanie McLeod, Marilyn Mellema, Christophe Muganza, Charmayne Mulligan, Jo Murphy, Craig Mutch, Bertie Nelson, Jesse Platt, Jacqueline Riegling, Denny Rosen, Marian Schaible, Chas Schaner, Chris Schomberg, Lee Schomberg, Luanna Seyffert, Michael Smith, Patricia Stevens, Gale Volkerding, John Walls, Fred Wilcox, Robert Williams, Lisa Wiseman, 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:** Kelli and John Basher, George Bauer, Jennifer Brown, Bill and Patricia Bruin, Jim and Sue Coates, Morgan and Jaci Cole, Jack Danielson, David and Pastor Kari Fast, Diane Field, Sharon Fourcha, Eric Gohlke, Keith Gohlke, Bob and Nanci Guigue, Carol Hendricks, Linda Holm, Brad and Gayl Kessel, Mike and Molly King, Terry and Susan Knoll, Beth Krueger, 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, Julie Williams, Phillip Youngman, and John and Missy Ziech.

We also lift up in prayer this week Pastor Tom Orth and the people of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church in Alpena, partners with us in mission and ministry in the North/West Lower Michigan Synod, ELCA.

## Readings & Hymns for February 12

Deuteronomy 30:15-20      1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Psalms 119:1-8

Matthew 5:21-37

#631 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (red book)

#664 A New Commandment (WOV)

#543 Go, My Children, with My Blessing (red book)

FEBRUARY 12, 2023  
SIXTH SUNDAY  
AFTER EPIPHANY



*Jesus comes to bring reconciliation.*

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Matthew 5:21-37	Teachings of Jesus
Monday	Deuteronomy 30:15-20	Choose life, not death
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 3:1-9	Working together for God
Wednesday	2 Corinthians 5:11-21	The ministry of reconciliation
Thursday	Genesis 33:1-17	Jacob and Esau meet
Friday	Ephesians 4:25-32	Rules for the new life
Saturday	Psalms 119:1-8	The law of the Lord
Sunday	Matthew 17:1-19	Transfiguration of Jesus

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Matthew 5:23-24 (NRSV)*

### PRAYERS AND BLESSING

#### **A Prayer for the Week:**

Loving God, you have shown us the way to love and mercy; help us to share your love and power of reconciliation with all through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

#### **Mealtime Prayer:**

Dear God, we thank you for this food, a gift of life that sustains us during the good times and the difficult times through Jesus Christ. Amen.

#### **A Blessing to Give:**

May the love of God bless you with long life and happiness.



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### HYMN OF THE WEEK

*Forgive our Sins As We  
Forgive*



### 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 do you do when a personal relationship is not going well?
- How does your faith help you when you are struggling in a relationship?

### DEVOTIONS



*Read:* Matthew 5:21-37.

When Jesus is teaching here, he can sound like he is undermining the law and substituting other rules to live by. However, what he is doing is not rejecting the law, but intensifying its intended outcome. The law is to preserve life for one's neighbor, one's community, and oneself. The commandments give a baseline of how to care for one another, but Jesus says, "You can do more." We are not to stop caring for our neighbor until reconciliation and understanding between one another happens. Life without fear, intimidation, or destruction is the goal for all relationships. Jesus is particularly hard on men. The patriarchal system of his day made it easy for men to abandon a woman and take another. To that Jesus says, "No!" Jesus seeks personal and public relationships that are life-giving, just as God's law is intended to be life-giving (Deuteronomy 30:16).

*Discuss:* Where in society or in your own relationships do you see a need for God's reconciling power?

*Pray:* **Life-giving God, help us to treasure the gift of life and relationships so that we may seek ways not to harm people but to nurture one another through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

### SERVICE



Jesus calls us to serve others in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings for this week, how might you help restore a broken relationship?

### RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Passing the peace is a Christian practice used in worship since the early church to experience the reconciling power of God in Christ. Historically, it is offered prior to Holy Communion in recognition of Jesus' words in the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:23-24). However, sharing God's peace is meant for more than just a worship service. The peace of God, forgiveness, and acceptance of one another is part of our daily lives. Greet others daily with the peace of the Lord. As a reminder, before meals this week light a candle and say: **The peace of the Lord be with you.**



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