

Trinity's Weekly Connection

Sunday, March 5, 2023 — Second Sunday in Lent

This Week at Trinity Lutheran Church

Sunday, March 5

IHN Week

Personal Hygiene Products Appeal

Traditional Worship, 8 a.m.

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

High School Bible Study, 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.

LWR Quilters, noon

Fifth Grade Communion Class, 2 p.m.

Middle School Youth Group, 2 p.m.

Confirmation, 3 p.m.

High School Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.

Lenten Virtual Bible Study & Yoga, 8 p.m.

Monday, March 6

IHN Guests Onsite

Stroller Barre, 9 a.m.

Stephen Leaders Meeting, 1:30 p.m.

Property Committee Meeting, 6 p.m.

Rejoice Band Rehearsal, 6 p.m.

Schubert Male Chorus Rehearsal, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, March 7

IHN Guests Onsite

Lenten Grace Group, 9:30 a.m.

LWR Quilters, 9:30 a.m.

Fitness Classes, 10 a.m.

Lenten Grace Group, noon

GriefShare, 2 p.m.

Executive Committee Meeting, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, March 8

IHN Guests Onsite

Lenten Grace Group, 10:30 a.m.

Lenten Grace Group, 5 p.m.

Lenten Soup Supper, 5:30 p.m.

Lenten Midweek Worship, 6:30 p.m.

Fit4Baby, 7 p.m.

Youth & Family Committee Meeting, 8 p.m.

Thursday, March 9

IHN Guests Onsite

Fitness Classes, 10 a.m.

Resound Bell Rehearsal, 6 p.m.

Trinity Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m.

Friday, March 10

IHN Guests Onsite

Women's Book Club, 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, March 12

IHN Guests Depart

Personal Hygiene Products 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.

Traditional Worship, 10:45 a.m.

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

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

Fifth Grade Communion Class, 2 p.m.

Middle School Youth Group, 3 p.m.

Confirmation, 3 p.m.

High School Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.

Assisting in Worship This Morning

8:00 a.m.

Sacristan: Elaine Rongey

Lector: Bill Leidel

Communion Assistants: Sue Wait, Carolyn Johnson

Ushers: Bill Bailey, John Potter, Dave Wait

Acolytes: Isaac Johnson

9:15 a.m.

Beyond Belief band leading worship

Sacristan: Greg Battreall

Lector: David Fast

Communion Assistants: Mike Mason, Ed Lohr

Ushers: Todd Brandstadt, Cindy & Morrie Fongers,

Ethan Guis, Lisa Mead

Acolytes: Owen Battreall, Ellie Brandstadt

10:45 a.m.

Cantor: Gwyneth Hoeksema

Sacristans: Steve Johnson & H. J. Slider

Lector: Steve Cairns

Communion Assistants: Steve Heacock, Dolly Lowe

Ushers: David, Bergen and Theo Marquardt,

Brad Kessel, Dorothy Postema, Scott Stoll

Acolytes: Ethan Curtiss, Riley Day

Bread Baker: Kelli Basher

Trinity Members in Our Prayers

We pray for **Trinity members in times of illness,**

hospitalization, rehabilitation and recovery: Sue

Bailey, 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, Roy Lamprich, Marilyn Leese, Jane Legault, Kristin Linkfield, Matthew Lohr, Ken Lown, Tess Lundgren, Judy Mallen, Tom Mannisto, Rebecca Mattison, Gail Mazurek, Carolyn McCready, Jill McKinney, Stephanie McLeod, Marilyn Mellema, Charmayne Mulligan, Jo Murphy, Craig Mutch, Bertie Nelson, Jesse Platt, Rick Radke, Jacqueline Riegling, Denny Rosen, Marian Schaible, Chas Schaner, Chris Schomberg, Lee Schomberg, Luanna Seyffert, Michael Smith, Patricia Stevens, Dale Volkerding, John Walls, Fred Wilcox, Robert Williams, 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, Julie Earhart, Pastor Donna Erickson, David and Pastor Kari Fast, Diane Field, Sharon Fourcha, Eric Gohlke, Keith Gohlke, Bob and Nanci Guigue, Jill and Curtis Hahn, Carol Hendricks, Linda Holm, Brad and Gayl Kessel, Mike and Molly King, Terry and Susan Knoll, Beth Krueger, Kent and Kristin Linkfield, Mark and Rebecca Mattison, Matt and Lisa Mead, Craig and Patti Mutch, Tammy Parat, Kris Racek, Bruce and Joyce Schlenderer, 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 the Pastor Kenneth Babcock and people of St. John's Lutheran Church in Baroda, partners with us in mission and ministry in the North/West Lower Michigan Synod, ELCA.

Readings & Hymns for March 5

Genesis 12:1-4a

Psalm 121

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

John 3:1-17

#448 This Is the Spirit's Entry Now (red book)

#456 Baptized in Water (red book)

#650 In Christ There Is No East or West (red book)

MARCH 5, 2023
SECOND SUNDAY
IN LENT



God loves us all through Jesus.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	John 3:1-17	For God so loved the world
Monday	Genesis 12:1-4a	Call of Abram
Tuesday	Romans 4:1-5, 13-17	God's promise gained through faith
Wednesday	Zephaniah 3:14-20	A song of joy
Thursday	Psalms 5	Trust in God
Friday	Romans 8:31-39	God's love in Christ Jesus
Saturday	Psalms 121	Assurance of God's protection
Sunday	John 4:5-42	Jesus and the woman at the well

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life."
John 3:16 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Holy God, help us to trust in your goodness and mercy and not our own strength and have faith that you save the ungodly through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealtimes Prayer:

Dear Lord, you who watch our going out and coming in each and every day, we thank you for protecting us and feeding us with this gift of food. Amen. (Psalm 121:8)

A Blessing to Give:

May God bless you with peace and joy, now and always.

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HYMN OF THE WEEK

Blessed Assurance



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:

- Do you think you deserve everything you have? Explain.
- God cares for us through a whole community of care. How has God cared for and protected you through family, friends, or mentors?

DEVOTIONS



Read: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17.

Even though the Gentiles were not descendants through the Torah (the law), Paul is seeking to help Jews understand that Gentiles can also be descendants of Abraham. It is important to establish that God is reliable. The promise God made to Abraham—including Gentile nations—is reliable because the covenant with Abraham was established through faith, not the flesh. It is the very character of God to include all people, not just Jews. Whether Jew or Gentile, whether good or bad, God makes a solid, reliable, and saving relationship with us through faith. God saves the ungodly sinners. How can this be? It is because we have the God who creates out of nothing. God does not need to create children of God out of our goodness through the law. God takes our broken lives and makes something new because God *"gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist"* (v. 17). God does this so that all may know the love of God in Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

Discuss: Where have you seen God's love for others and does it surprise you that God saves the ungodly?

Pray: **Loving God, you who give life to the dead and bring into existence what does not exist, thank you for creating us as children of God through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

SERVICE



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings for this week, how can you offer God's protective care to others?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Lent is a period of forty days when we focus on prayer, fasting, and almsgiving as we prepare for Easter. Almsgiving is the tradition or practice of giving money or food to those in need. This week consider an amount you might spend on yourself, and instead add that amount to the Almsgiving Box placed in your home. The collected money is to be donated at the end of Lent.

Pray: **Loving God, we often forget about the needs of others. Help us to remember to give generously to those in need. We pray in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, amen.**