

Trinity's Weekly Connection

Sunday, April 16, 2023 — Second Sunday of Easter

This week at Trinity Lutheran Church

Sunday, April 16

Personal Hygiene Products Appeal continues

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.

Middle School Youth Group, 2 p.m.

Confirmation Class, 3 p.m.

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

Monday, April 17

Stroller Barre, 9 a.m.

Finance Committee Meeting, 6 p.m.

Health Ministries Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Rejoice Band Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.

Schubert Male Chorus Rehearsal, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, April 18

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

LWR Quilters, 9:30 a.m.

Fitness Classes, 10 a.m.

GriefShare, 2 p.m.

Stephen Ministry Continuing Education, 6:30 p.m.

Worship and Music Committee Meeting, 7 p.m.

Tuesday Book Club, 7 p.m.

Stephen Ministry Peer Support Group, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 19

Heart-to-Heart with Pastor Kari, 10:15 a.m.

"Food For Thought", 5:30 p.m.

Fit4Baby, 7 p.m.

Thursday, April 20

Faith Sharing Seminar, 10 a.m.

Fitness Classes, 10 a.m.

Bridge, 1 p.m.

Resound Bell Rehearsal, 6 p.m.

Trinity Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m.

Friday, April 21

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

Wedding Rehearsal, 5 p.m.

Saturday, April 22

Marriage of Ellen Mishler and Collin Hampel, 5 p.m.

Sunday, April 23

Earth Day Sunday

Personal Hygiene Products Appeal continues

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.

Green Team Work Day, 12:30 p.m.

CPR Training, 1 p.m.

Middle School Youth Group, 2 p.m.

Confirmation Class, 3 p.m.

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

Assisting in Worship This Morning

8:00 a.m.

Sacristan: Elaine Rongey

Lector: Dale Barkema

Communion Assistants: Debbie Duckworth
Mary Minich-Carwell

Ushers: Erick Kind, Chad & Jenna Mencarelli

Acolyte: TBD

9:15 a.m.

Sacristan: Vince Schumacher

Lector: Eric Larson

Communion Assistants: Dave and Chris Straw

Ushers: Mike Bishop, Dan and Carol Butler, John Hall,
Kathy Noble, Jim Willman

Acolyte: Ellie Brandstadt, Daniel Ahrens

10:45 a.m.

Cantor: Sid Hoeksema

Sacristan: Beth Vanderwall

Lector: Amy Fox

Communion Assistants: Dolly Lowe
Dale Volkerding

Ushers: Steve Cairns, Paul Getzin,
Joe and Marybeth Iaria, Lois McCardell,
Jim Vanderwall

Acolytes: Ethan Curtiss

Bread Baker: Rebecca Linstrom

Trinity Members in Our Prayers

We pray for **Trinity members in times of illness, hospitalization, rehabilitation and recovery**: Sue Bailey, Lisa Barkema, Bob Beaudry, Krysta Billock, Jim and Sue Boyse, Bill Brock, Pat Bruin, Ellie Buggeln, Cheryl Bushman, Sue Coates, 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, Ken Lown, Tess Lundgren, Judy Mallen, Tom Mannisto, Rebecca Mattison, Gail Mazurek, Jill and Peter McKinney, Stephanie McLeod, Marilyn Mellema, Charmayne Mulligan, Jo Murphy, Craig Mutch, Bertie Nelson, Toni Peterson, Jesse Platt, Dorothy Postema, 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 and Kathy Wilcox, Robert Williams, Marge Willman, 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, Greg and Rachele Battreall, 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 Schlanderer, Doug and Joan Start, Linda Taffs, and Phillip Youngman.

We also lift up in prayer this week Pastor Rheanna Goodrich and the people of St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Bridgeport, partners with us in mission and ministry in the North/West Lower Michigan Synod, ELCA.

Readings & Hymns for April 16

Acts 2:14a, 22-32
Psalm 16

1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31

#361 The Day of Resurrection! (red book)
#364 Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia (red book)
#366 The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done (red book)

APRIL 16, 2023
SECOND SUNDAY
OF EASTER



The resurrected Jesus gives us peace.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	John 20:19-31	Thomas sees and believes
Monday	Acts 2:14a, 22-36	Peter addresses the crowd
Tuesday	1 Peter 1:3-9	A living hope
Wednesday	2 Thessalonians 3:16-17	Final Greetings
Thursday	Psalms 29	The voice of God in a storm
Friday	John 14:25-31	Promise of the Holy Spirit
Saturday	Psalms 16	Song of trust in God
Sunday	Luke 24:13-35	Road to Emmaus

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." John 20:21 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty and living God, give us your peace and courage to live each day with hope and confidence through Christ Jesus our Risen Lord. Amen.

Mealtimes Prayer:

Be present at our table Lord, be here and everywhere adored. These mercies bless and grant that we may feast in paradise with thee. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God bless you with a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. (1 Peter 1:3)



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

Come and Fill Our Hearts



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 helps you stay calm when you experience anxious moments?
- When was a time you were afraid and your faith helped you feel at peace?

DEVOTIONS



Read: John 20:19-31.

Three times in this reading Jesus says, "Peace be with you." It's the message of our resurrected Lord to disciples who are meeting behind locked doors in fear. Fear, anxiety, and caution are part of daily life then and now. After washing the disciple's feet and the last supper (John 13), Jesus preaches to his disciples (John 14-16) and then offers a prayer that continues his deep-seated concern for his followers (John 17). His message is expressed in the language of John 14:1: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me." At the heart of Jesus' message is trust and confidence in God's power for new life that is filled with peace. Christ's peace does not take us out of the world of fear and suffering but leads us with hope in Christ's victory from the cross that promises life, not death, hope, not despair.

Discuss: How can Jesus' words, "Peace be with you" comfort you when you are facing fears?

Pray: God of eternal comfort and hope, give us peace to face others and the world with love and faith through Christ Jesus our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SERVICE



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings for this week, how might you extend to others Jesus' words "Peace be with you"?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



The words in the Gospel of John are "written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name"

(John 20:31). The Easter season is a period of fifty days, lasting from Easter Sunday through Pentecost. Make a bookmark; write the words, "Alleluia! Christ is risen! Alleluia!" on it, and decorate it. Use the bookmark in your Bible as you read through the Gospel of John during the Easter season. When you finish each reading, be reminded of our Savior, Jesus Christ's resurrection by saying: "Alleluia! Christ is risen. Alleluia!"



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