

Trinity's Weekly Connection

Sunday, April 23, 2023 — Third Sunday of Easter/Earth Day Sunday

This week at Trinity Lutheran Church

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.

Middle School Youth Group, 2 p.m.

Confirmation Class, 3 p.m.

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

Monday, April 24

Stroller Barre, 9 a.m.

Beyond Belief Band Rehearsal, 6 p.m.

Schubert Male Chorus Rehearsal, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, April 25

Council on Aging, 7:30 a.m.

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

Fitness Classes, 10 a.m.

LWR Quilters, 10:30 a.m.

GriefShare, 2 p.m.

Wednesday, April 26

Arts Committee Meeting, 4 p.m.

Pack 3015 Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Fit4Baby, 7 p.m.

Thursday, April 27

Faith Sharing Seminar, 10 a.m.

Fitness Classes, 10 a.m.

Resound Bell Rehearsal, 6 p.m.

Trinity Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m.

Friday, April 28

Fit4Mom, 9 a.m.

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

Sunday, April 30

Personal Hygiene Products Appeal concludes

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.

Confirmation Class Celebration, 12:30 p.m.

Confirmation Sunday Rehearsal, 2 p.m.

Rummage Sale Set Up Begins, 3 p.m.

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

Altar Flowers April 23

The traditional worship flowers are given with love by Ron and Shelley Mishler in honor of the marriage celebration of Ellen Mishler and Collin Hampel on April 22, 2023.

Assisting in Worship This Morning

8:00 a.m.

Sacristan: Fred & Kathy Wilcox

Lector: Kim Brock

Communion Assistants: Nancy Morrison
Marcia Schaner

Ushers: Bob Carwell, Bill and Meri Leidel

Acolyte: TBD

9:15 a.m.

Rejoice band leading worship

Sacristan: Kim Hysell

Lector: Kristin Linkfield

Communion Assistants: Kim Hysell, Janet Genow

Ushers: Steve and Nate Bennett, Brad & Pam Burkle
Bill Bush, Tim Lundgren, Karen Nagle

Acolyte: Carson Brang, Clifford Morin

10:45 a.m.

Cantor: John Fox

Sacristan: Vince Schumacher

Lector: Kris Fox

Communion Assistants: Karen Niemeyer
Cindy Zientarski

Ushers: Kara Day, Gene Gunderson, Carol Hendricks
David Kuecherer, Chris Kutschinski
Jordan Wiseman

Acolytes: Riley and James Day

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 Scott Torkko and the people of Zion Lutheran Church in Cadillac, partners with us in ministry North/West Lower Michigan Synod, ELCA.

Readings & Hymns for April 23

Genesis 1:26-31
Psalm 104:10-15

Romans 8:19-23
Matthew 6:25-29

#836 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee (red book)
#1064 Earth is Full of Wit and Wisdom (purple book)
#879 For the Beauty of the Earth (red book)

APRIL 23, 2023
THIRD SUNDAY
OF EASTER



Christ recognized in ordinary life.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Luke 24:13-35	Road to Emmaus
Monday	Acts 2:14a, 36-41	The first converts
Tuesday	1 Peter 1:17-23	A call to holy living
Wednesday	Matthew 6:25-34	Do not worry
Thursday	Psalms 3	Trust in God
Friday	Ephesians 4:25-32	Rules for the new life
Saturday	Psalms 116:1-4, 12-19	Thanksgiving for illness recovery
Sunday	John 10:1-10	Christ the shepherd

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Then they [disciples] told what had happened on the road, and how he [Jesus] had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.
Luke 24:35 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

God of steadfast love and faithfulness, for your goodness that surprises us every day, we give you thanks through Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord. Amen.

Mealtimes Prayer:

Dear God, for blessing us with the fruit of the earth that gives us food each day, we give you thanks through Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May your eyes be opened to see the goodness and joy of God in Christ.



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

*Open Your Ears,
O Faithful People*



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 are some everyday experiences that bring you joy?
- When do you experience God's presence in everyday life?

DEVOTIONS



Read: Luke 24:13-35.

This engaging resurrection story is filled with deep sadness, irony, surprise, discovery, and joy. The reading tells us who Jesus is and that he is speaking to the disciples on the road to Emmaus. However, the disciples don't understand this until they reach their home, offer the usual hospitality to a stranger in a simple meal, and are amazed to recognize Jesus as he takes the bread, blesses it, breaks it, and gives it to them. This represents such an ordinary experience yet one filled with deep spiritual connections (Luke 9:10-17 and 22:7-20). During the COVID pandemic, when we could not meet in person, the church learned to support an active faith life in the home. People read Scripture, prayed, and discussed the Christian faith with others. Practicing faith in the home is not a new discovery. In an Emmaus home disciples had a conversation, prayed, and enjoyed a meal that opened their eyes to the presence of Jesus.

Discuss: When have you practiced faith in your home and been aware of Jesus' presence?

Pray: Dear Jesus, help us to see with the eyes of faith that you are with us when we are home and when we are away from home. Amen.

SERVICE



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings for this week, how might you serve others in everyday life experiences?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Where Christ is present in faith, the home is church, too! As you continue to read the Gospel of John during the Easter season, highlight a verse that has special meaning to you and write a note alongside it in your Bible with the date to remember when you read this scripture. When you finish, say: **Alleluia! Christ is risen. Alleluia!**



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