

Trinity's Weekly Connection

Sunday, April 30, 2023 — Fourth Sunday of Easter

This week at Trinity Lutheran Church

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 Mission Trip Meeting, 3 p.m.

Monday, May 1

Rummage Sale Dropoffs/Pickups
Stroller Barre, 9 a.m.
Heart-To-Heart, 12:15 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, May 2

Rummage Sale Dropoffs/Pickups
Women's Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.
Fitness Classes, 10 a.m.
GriefShare, 2 p.m.
Worship and Music Committee Meeting, 6 p.m.
Executive Committee Meeting, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, May 3

Rummage Sale Dropoffs/Pickups
Outreach Committee Meeting, noon
Fit4Baby, 7 p.m.

Thursday, May 4

Faith Sharing Seminar, 10 a.m.
Fitness Classes, 10 a.m.
Rummage Sale, 5 - 8 p.m.
Resound Bell Rehearsal, 6 p.m.
Trinity Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m.

Friday, May 5

Fit4Mom, 9 a.m.
Rummage Sale, 10 a.m. - noon; 4 - 8 p.m.
Rehearsal - Concert Series, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 6

Rummage Sale, 9 - noon

Sunday, May 7

Diapers and Undies Appeal begins
Confirmation Sunday
Traditional Worship, 8 a.m.
Rejoice Worship (Rejoice 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.
Confirmation Reception, noon
LWR Quilters, noon
Stephen Ministry Continuing Education, 12:30 p.m.
Stephen Ministry Peer Support Group, 1:30 p.m.
Celebration of Music Concert
Vox GR Choral Ensemble, 3:30 p.m.

Assisting in Worship This Morning

8:00 a.m.

Sacristans: Chris & Beth Van Meter
Lector: Hyesook Kim deJonge
Communion Assistants: Kim Brock, Betty Hall
Ushers: Bill Leidel, Elaine Rongey,
Gloria Von der Heide
Acolyte: TBD

9:15 a.m.

Beyond Belief band leading worship
Sacristan: Greg Battreall
Lector: Tim Lundgren
Communion Assistants: Steve Stephen, Karen Unruh
Ushers: Mark Baker, Greg Battreall, Carrie & Dave Boer,
Mark Hagbom, Sally Mahoney, Jeff Postlewaite
Acolyte: Daniel Ahrens

10:45 a.m.

Cantor: Carrie Hoeksema
Sacristan: Kara Day
Lector: John Fox
Communion Assistants: Doug Haneline,
Elizabeth Derbin
Ushers: Jim & Sue Coates, John Derbin, Don Kishman,
Jamie Norris, Wayne Snyder
Acolytes: TBD

Bread Baker: Rebecca Linstrom

Trinity Members in Our Prayers

We pray for **Trinity members in times of illness, hospitalization, rehabilitation and recovery**: Dan Babin, Sue Bailey, Dale and 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, 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 Neil Brady and the people of Peace Lutheran Church in Charlotte, partners with us in ministry North/West Lower Michigan Synod, ELCA.

Readings & Hymns for April 30

Acts 2:42-47
Psalm 23

1 Peter 2:19-25
John 10:1-10

#369 Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia! (red book)
#789 Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us (red book)
#547 Sent Forth by God's Blessing (red book)

APRIL 30, 2023
FOURTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER



Jesus the Good Shepherd restores our souls.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

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| Sunday | John 10:1-10 | Christ the shepherd |
| Monday | Acts 2:42-47 | Life among believers |
| Tuesday | 1 Peter 2:19-25 | Example of Christ's suffering |
| Wednesday | Matthew 11:28-30 | Come and rest |
| Thursday | Psalms 100 | The Lord is good |
| Friday | Colossians 3:15-17 | New life in Christ |
| Saturday | Psalms 23 | The Lord is my shepherd |
| Sunday | John 14:1-14 | Jesus is the way, truth, and life |

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.
Psalms 23:1-3a (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Loving God, you who care for all our needs, help us to trust in your goodness and mercy all the days of our lives through Christ Jesus, our Good Shepherd. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, we give you thanks for this food. Help us to receive this gift of life with joy and gladness all our days through Christ Jesus, our Good Shepherd. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the goodness and mercy of the Good Shepherd follow you all the days of your life.



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

Shepherd Me, O God



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:

- Describe what a day filled with contentment looks like.
- How does the church, the body of Christ, help you sense God's presence as your shepherd?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Acts 2:42-47.

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is always the Good Shepherd Sunday. All the readings for that day except Acts 2 use the image of shepherd. However, it is in Acts 2 that the people devote themselves to shepherding one another in the Christian faith. People are brought to homes and tables for food, fellowship, and acceptance (Psalm 23:5). In this intimate fellowship people are taught the faith by hearing the message of the apostles. People learn the faith from trusted voices within the community (John 10:4). They support one another with prayer and generosity. The community serves one another by providing material needs like food, clothing, and shelter. With compassionate hearts people praise God. They gain attention and in so doing, the sheepfold grows, and "the Lord added to their number those who were being saved" (Acts 2:47). The life of the community looks like followers of Jesus, the one who is the "shepherd and guardian" of our souls (1 Peter 2:25).

Discuss: How does the image of shepherd help you understand what it means to be part of the body of Christ?

Pray: Dear Jesus, our Good Shepherd, we thank you for the church, the body of Christ, that cares for one another that we may believe in you and serve others in love. Amen.

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings for this week, how can you serve as a shepherd to someone by showing care and attending to their needs?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Faith is caught more than it is taught. Learning the faith begins in the home. As you continue to read the Gospel of John during the Easter season, think about what would happen if you "get caught" while reading the Bible when others are present. Consider doing so. This week highlight John 10:10b, "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly." Read it aloud for someone this week and engage in a conversation about what it means to you to believe in Jesus. Invite that person to join you in saying: **Alleluia! Christ is risen. Alleluia!**



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