

Trinity's Weekly Connection

Sunday, May 14, 2023 — Sixth Sunday of Easter

This week at Trinity Lutheran Church

Sunday, May 14

Mother's Day

Diapers and Undies 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.

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

Monday, May 15

Stroller Barre, 9 a.m.

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

Rejoice Band Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 16

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

LWR Quilters, 9:30 a.m.

Fitness Classes, 10 a.m.

Care & Share, 10:30 a.m.

GriefShare, 2 p.m.

Wednesday, May 17

Coffee & Donuts, 10:15 a.m.

Pastor Kari's Bible Study, 10:30 a.m.

JOYful Days Luncheon & Speaker, 11:30 a.m.

Fit4Baby, 7 p.m.

Thursday, May 18

Fitness Classes, 10 a.m.

Bridge, 1 p.m.

Children's Ministry Committee Meeting, 8 p.m.

Friday, May 19

Fit4Mom, 9 a.m.

Friday Woman's Bible Study 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, May 20

Recording Session, 10 a.m.

Sunday, May 21

*New Members and Graduates Sunday with Receptions
after worship services*

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Sunday School, 9:20 a.m.

Traditional Worship, 10:45 a.m.

Trinity Choir Rehearsal, 1 p.m.

Piano Recital, 1:30 p.m.

Trivia Night & Potluck, 5:30 p.m.

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

Eternal Candle for Worship This Morning

The eternal candle is given by Jan Jacobson in loving memory of John and Ruth Humphreys.

Assisting in Worship This Morning

8:00 a.m.

Sacristan: Cathy Olson

Lector: Jim deJonge

Communion Assistants: Elaine Rongey, TBD

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

Acolyte: Ethan Schaefer

9:15 a.m.

Beyond Belief band leading worship

Sacristan: Lisa Mead

Lector: Gail Mazurek

Communion Assistants: Kristin Bradley, Kim Brock

Ushers: Greg Battreall, Carrie and Dave Boer,

Mark Hagbom, Sally Mahoney

Acolytes: Sydney Waite, Layla Lothschutz

10:45 a.m.

Cantor: Gwyneth Hoeksema

Sacristans: Kristi Flatt

Lector: Doug Haneline

Communion Assistants: John & Elizabeth Derbin

Ushers: Jim & Sue Coates, John Derbin, Don Kishman,

Jamie Norris, Dee Scales, 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, Jim and Sue Boyse, Bryan Bredwell, Bill Brock, Pat Bruin, Ellie Buggeln, Cheryl Bushman, Mike Danielski, Beth Engstrom, Donna Erickson, Joyce Fick, 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, Marcia McClimans, 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, Morgan and Jaci Cole, Jack Danielson, Julie Earhart, Pastor Donna Erickson, David and Pastor Kari Fast, Diane Field, Sharon Fourcha, Bob and Nanci Guigue, Jill and Curtis Hahn, 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, Dave and Julie Murray, Craig and Patti Mutch, Kris Racek, Bruce and Joyce Schlanderer, Doug and Joan Start, Linda Taffs, and Phillip Youngman.

We also lift up in prayer this week Pastor Julie Schneider-Thomas and the people of Zion Lutheran Church in Comstock Park, partners with us in mission and ministry in the North/West Lower Michigan Synod, ELCA.

Readings & Hymns for May 14

Acts 1:6-14

Psalms 68:1-10, 32-35

1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11

John 17:1-11

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

#790 Day by Day (red book)

#840 Now Thank We All Our God (red book)

MAY 14, 2023
SIXTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER



Doing good through gentleness and reverence.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	John 14:15-21	The promise of the Holy Spirit
Monday	Acts 17:22-31	Paul in Athens
Tuesday	1 Peter 3:13-22	Suffering for doing right
Wednesday	Galatians 5:22-26	Fruit of the Spirit
Thursday	Acts 1:1-11	Jesus is taken up to heaven
Friday	Philippians 2:1-11	Imitating Christ's humility
Saturday	Psalms 66:8-20	Shout praises to God
Sunday	John 17:1-11	Jesus prays for his disciples

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. 1 Peter 3:15b-16a (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Loving God, help us to see the path to life and salvation in Christ's suffering and death and to see your chosen way to heal and make all things new. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, with this food that we eat and your love that we receive, give us strength to care for others with gentleness and deep respect. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Spirit of truth guide you into all things wise and loving.



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

Thy Holy Wings



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 action do you take when you are angry at or disagree with someone?
- How do you think Jesus would respond if he had a strong difference of opinion with someone?

DEVOTIONS

Read: 1 Peter 3:13-22.

Suffering happens. Life is sometimes painful. Followers of Jesus Christ can suffer "for doing what is right" (v. 14). Unfortunately, there are those who claim to follow Jesus and think that inflicting suffering is being a hero for "the truth." That's not the case for biblical truth and the way of Christ Jesus who "suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous" (v. 18). In being faithful to Christ and Christ's way of life, we are to be bold (a hero, one might say) and give "an accounting for the hope that is in you" (v. 15). However, this description that gives a defense of what a Christian may think and believe is not to be done with anger, threats, unkind acts, or any act of violence. A courageous disciple makes their defense "with gentleness and reverence" (v. 16). Christ's reign, unlike the powers of the present age, is built upon the power of self-giving love and service to others. It's the way of Jesus Christ, and it's the freeing power of the followers of Jesus Christ.

Discuss: How can being gentle and reverent show more courage than an act of violence?

Pray: Almighty God, help us to see in Jesus Christ not only the way of salvation but the way of life that witnesses to Christ with gentleness and reverence. Amen.

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings for this week, how might you reach out to and serve alongside others who think differently than you?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Faith is formed by the power of the Holy Spirit through personal, trusted relationships—often in our own homes. In John 14:15-21, Jesus gives us the promise of the Holy Spirit. As you continue reading the Gospel of John during the Easter season, highlight this reading. Then take time to write a list of people with whom you have a personal, trusted relationship.

Pray: Lord Jesus, send the Holy Spirit upon me so that I may grow in my faith and form life-giving relationships. Alleluia! Christ is risen. Alleluia! Amen.



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