

Trinity's Weekly Connection

Sunday, May 21, 2023 — Seventh Sunday of Easter

This week at Trinity Lutheran Church

Sunday, May 21

New Members and Graduates Sunday with Receptions after worship services

Diapers and Undies 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.

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.

Monday, May 22

Stroller Barre, 9 a.m.

Property Committee Meeting, 6 p.m.

Beyond Belief Band Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 23

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

LWR Quilters, 9:30 a.m.

GriefShare, 2 p.m.

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

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

Wednesday, May 24

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 25

Fitness Classes, 10 a.m.

Friday, May 26

Fit4Mom, 9 a.m.

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

Wedding Rehearsal, 2 p.m.

Olga Conens Artist Reception, 5 p.m.

Saturday, May 27

Marriage of Madeleine Hartman and Cameron Celaschi,
2 p.m.

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Private Party, 3 p.m.

Baptism Today

Today at **9:15 a.m.** we welcome **Nathan Sahir Bennett** into the Body of Christ by the waters of Holy Baptism. Nathan's parents are Steve and Kristi Bennett and his sister is Claire. Nathan's sponsors are Dan and Jean Hamersky.

Assisting in Worship This Morning

8:00 a.m.

Sacristan: Fred & Kathy Wilcox

Lector: Steve Heacock

Communion Assistants: Dale Barkema, Nancy Morrison

Ushers: Erick Kind, Chad & Jenna Mencarelli

Acolyte: TBD

9:15 a.m.

Rejoice band leading worship

Sacristan: Vince Schumacher

Lector: Kathy Noble

Communion Assistants: Mike Mason, Kathy Bush

Ushers: Mike Bishop, Dan & Carol Butler, John Hall,

Kathy Noble, Jim Willman

Acolytes: Clifford Morin

10:45 a.m.

Cantor: Sid Hoeksema

Sacristans: Curtis & Jill Hahn

Lector: Melissa Haneline

Communion Assistants: John & Kris Fox

Ushers: Paul Getzin, Joe & Marybeth Iaria,

Lois McCardell, Jim Vanderwall

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 Thomas Pederson and the people of Messiah Lutheran Church in Constantine, partners with us in mission and ministry in the North/West Lower Michigan Synod, ELCA.

Readings & Hymns for May 21

Acts 1:6-14

Psalms 68:1-10, 32-35

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

John 17:1-11

#864 Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven (red book)
#461 All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly (red book)
#543 Go, My Children, with My Blessing (red book)

MAY 21, 2023
SEVENTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER



Followers of Jesus pray.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	John 17:1-11	Jesus prays for his disciples
Monday	Acts 1:6-14	Ascension of Jesus
Tuesday	1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11	Tending the flock of God
Wednesday	1 Thessalonians 5:12-22	Final instructions
Thursday	James 5:13-18	The prayer of faith
Friday	Ephesians 6:18-20	Pray at all times
Saturday	Psalms 68:1-10, 32-35	Praise and thanksgiving
Sunday	John 20:19-23	Jesus appears to his disciples

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

All these [the remaining 11 disciples] were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers. Acts 1:14 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, give us a heart to have a relationship with you through prayer that our lives may be filled with hope and confidence through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

God of abundance, we thank you for this food, a gift of your constant love and care for us through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the God of all grace strengthen you now and always through Christ our Lord. (1 Peter 5:10)



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

*What a Friend We
Have in Jesus*



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:

- When do you pray and what do you pray for?
- How does prayer guide you as a follower of Jesus Christ?

DEVOTIONS



Read: Acts 1:6-14.

After Jesus' ascension, the remaining 11 disciples and others "were constantly devoting themselves to prayer" (v. 14). The church begins its ministry with prayer. Waiting in prayer for guidance is the model for the church. Prayer is a way to face suffering as a follower of Christ with hope and even joy (1 Peter 4:13). Jesus prays for his followers that they may receive eternal life by knowing God and Jesus Christ, the one sent by God (John 17:3). The prayers of the church give Jesus' disciples the eyes to see with faith what the world cannot see. In the midst of conflict, prayer communicates praise to God for God's victory over God's enemies (Psalm 68). The first Christians were not self-proclaimed masters of prayer, but through prayer they learned to pray and witness to God's presence in the world.

Discuss: How have you learned through prayer to witness to God's presence in the world?

Pray: Ever-present God, give us patience to wait in prayer for your guidance so that we may see our way in life with faith in you through Christ Jesus, your Son and our Lord. 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 who are hurting and can benefit from your prayers?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Ascension Day always falls on a Thursday (May 18 this year) and marks the last appearance of Jesus to the disciples after his resurrection. It also marks the fortieth day after Easter Sunday. The Easter season ends ten days after Ascension Day. Finish reading the Gospel of John as the Easter season ends. There is an old tradition that the clouds on Ascension Day took the form of lambs in honor of the Lamb of God. Go outside and look at the clouds in the sky. Think or talk about Jesus' ascension and say: Alleluia! Jesus has ascended! Alleluia!



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