

Trinity's Weekly Connection

Sunday, May 7, 2023 — Fifth Sunday of Easter

This week at Trinity Lutheran Church

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 with Confirmation, 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.

Monday, May 8

Messenger Deadline

Stroller Barre, 9 a.m.

Race & Restitution, 1 p.m.

Stephen Leaders Meeting, 1:30 p.m.

Gifts Assessment, 4:30 p.m.

New Member VIP Supper, 6 p.m.

Gifts Assessment, 7:30 p.m.

Congregation Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 9

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

LWR Quilters, 9:30 a.m.

Fitness Classes, 10 a.m.

GriefShare, 2 p.m.

Wednesday, May 10

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.

Youth & Family Ministry Committee Meeting, 8 p.m.

Thursday, May 11

Faith Sharing Seminar, 10 a.m.

"Life Begins at 60", Rio Grand Steakhouse, 5:30 p.m.

Resound Bell Rehearsal, 6 p.m.

Trinity Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m.

Friday, May 12

Fit4Mom, 9 a.m.

Friday Woman's Book Club 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, May 13

Visitation for Joyce Schenk, 10 a.m.

Memorial Service for Joyce Schenk, 11 a.m.

Luncheon to follow

Bassoon Recital, 4:30 p.m.

Parent's Night Out, 4:30 p.m.

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.

Altar Flowers May 7

The traditional worship service flowers are given by Carol Hendricks in loving memory of Jerry Hendricks.

Assisting in Worship This Morning

8:00 a.m.

Sacristan: Elaine Rongey

Lector: Debbie Duckworth

Communion Assistants: Mary Minich-Carwell
Gloria Von der Heide

Ushers: Bill Bailey, John Potter, Dave Wait

Acolyte: Daniel Ahrens

9:15 a.m.

Rejoice band leading worship

Sacristan: Steve Heacock

Lector: Steve Heacock

Communion Assistants: Jim and Janet Genow

Ushers: Todd Brandstadt, Ethan Guis, Lisa Mead

Acolytes: Sydney Waite, Layla Lothschutz

10:45 a.m.

Cantor: Steve Feutz

Sacristans: John & Elizabeth Derbin

Lector: Curtis Hahn

Communion Assistants: Jim & Sue Coates

Ushers: David, Bergen and Theo Marquardt,
Brad Kessel, Dorothy Postema, Scott Stoll

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, Bill Brock, Pat Bruin, Ellie Buggeln, Cheryl Bushman, Sue Coates, Mike Danielski, Donna Erickson, 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, 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 Schlenderer, Doug and Joan Start, Linda Taffs, and Phillip Youngman.

We also lift up in prayer this week Pastor David Hueter and the people of St. Thomas Lutheran Church in Cheboygan, partners with us in mission and ministry in the North/West Lower Michigan Synod, ELCA.

Readings & Hymns for May 7

Acts 7:55-60

Psalms 31:1-5, 15-16

1 Peter 2:2-10

John 14:1-14

#807 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (red book)

#1000 God's Work, Our Hands (purple book)

#618 Guide Me, Ever Great Redeemer (red book)

MAY 7, 2023
FIFTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER



Learning who God is through Jesus.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

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| Sunday | John 14:1-14 | Jesus is the way, truth, and life |
| Monday | Acts 7:55-60 | The stoning of Stephen |
| Tuesday | 1 Peter 2:2-10 | God's love in Christ Jesus |
| Wednesday | Colossians 1:15-23 | The supremacy of Christ |
| Thursday | Ephesians 1:15-23 | Paul's prayer |
| Friday | John 3:16-21 | God so loved the world |
| Saturday | Psalms 31:1-5, 15-16 | Prayer for deliverance |
| Sunday | John 14:15-21 | The promise of the Holy Spirit |

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'"? John 14:9 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

God of steadfast love and faithfulness, help us to see your reign of power and mercy through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear Jesus, with this food we see your goodness. We thank you that you have made of us a chosen race, a royal priesthood, God's own people. Amen. (1 Peter 2:3 and 9)

A Blessing to Give:

May God's face shine on you with steadfast love. (Psalm 31:16)



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

*I Received the
Living 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:

- How would you describe God to someone?
- Where does your understanding of God come from?

DEVOTIONS

Read: John 14:1-14.

John 1:18 states, "No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known." This foundational theme in the Gospel of John is reintroduced in John 14:9: "Whoever has seen me has seen the Father." Society describes God in categories like all powerful and all wise. In Jesus we see a God who deeply wants a relationship with us and therefore Jesus has prepared an eternal dwelling place for us. In Jesus we see the God who brings joy to a wedding, heals the sick, and gives sight to the blind. We also see the one who is the Good Shepherd, bends over to clean dirty feet, and goes to the cross to die for us. Like Philip, we will never fully grasp who Jesus is for us, but in Jesus we see the God who never gives up on us, even when we deny our Lord out of ignorance or fear. Jesus is "the way, and the truth, and the life" (v. 6). He takes truth to be more than facts but a relationship to God filled with love and mercy. That's the path to real life now and always.

Discuss: What does the life of Jesus tell you about God?

Pray: Almighty and living God, may our lives point to your way, your truth and your life filled with grace and mercy through 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 that they may know the way, the truth, and the life of Jesus?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

1 Peter 2:4-5 describes Jesus as "a living stone" and Jesus' followers "like living stones" to be "built into a spiritual house." Gather some smooth stones. Paint a cross on a large one and names of family and friends on smaller ones. Place the smaller stones around the large one in a visible place in your home. As you continue reading the Gospel of John during the Easter season, think about what it means to be a "spiritual house" where God dwells. After reading, look at the stones and say: Alleluia! Christ is risen. Alleluia!



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