Trinity's Weekly Connection

This week at Trinity Lutheran Church

Sunday, June 4

The Holy Trinity Diapers and Undies Appeal continues Traditional Worship, 8 a.m. Spiritual Gifts Assessment, 9 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. Spiritual Gifts Assessment, 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship, 10:45 a.m. Spiritual Gifts Assessment, noon CPR Training, 1 p.m. Voice Recital, 5 p.m. High School Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.

Monday, June 5

Stroller Barre, 9 a.m. Summer Blood Drive, 12:30 to 6 p.m. In The Image Volunteering, 1 to 3 p.m. Stephen Leaders Meeting, 1:30 p.m. Beyond Belief Band Rehearsal, 6 p.m. Property Committee Meeting, 6 p.m. Fit4Baby, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, June 6

All Staff Brunch and Calendaring Meeting, 9:30 a.m. LWR Quilters, 9:30 a.m. Fitness Classes, 10 a.m. Communications Committee, noon Executive Committee Meeting, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, June 7

Coffee & Donuts, 10:15 a.m. Pastor Kari's Bible Study, 10:30 a.m. JOYful Days Luncheon & Speaker, 11:30 a.m. Outreach Committee Meeting, noon Fit4Baby, 7 p.m.

Thursday, June 8

Fitness Classes, 10 a.m. Spiritual Gifts Assessment Meeting, 11 a.m.

Friday, June 9

Fit4Mom, 9 a.m.

Saturday, June 10 Private Party, 10 a.m.

Sunday, June 11

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 Outdoor Worship, 10:45 a.m. Start of Summer Celebration, noon High School Mission Trip Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Assisting in Worship This Morning

<u>8:00 a.m.</u>

Sacristan: Vince Schumacher Lector: Bill Leidel Communion Assistants: Sue Wait, Mary Minich-Carwell Ushers: Bill Bailey, John Potter, Dave Wait Acolyte: TBD

<u>9:15 a.m.</u>

Rejoice band leading worship Sacristan: Don & Judy Otten Lector: Jeff Postlewaite Communion Assistants: David and Bergen Marquardt Ushers: Todd Brandstadt, Morrie & Cindy Fongers, Ethan Guis, Lisa Mead Acolytes: TBD

<u>10:45 a.m.</u>

Cantor: Deb DeWitt Sacristans: Steve Johnson & H. J. Slider Lector: Chris Kutschinski Communion Assistants: Doug & Melissa Haneline Ushers: David, Bergen, and Theo Marquardt, Brad Kessel, Dorothy Postema, Scott Stoll Acolytes: TBD

Bread Baker: Brenda Fritts

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 Budgeln, Chervl Bushman, Mike Danielski, Beth Engstrom, Donna Erickson, Joyce Fick, Diane Field, Elena Griewahn, Mark Hahn, Beth Hall, Bob Heine, Callan Hughes, Carol Huttenga, Patricia Johnson, Bob Kuperus, 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, Toni Peterson, Jesse Platt, Dorothy Postema, Rick Radke, Jacqueline Riegling, Denny Rosen, Marian Schaible, Chas Schaner, Chris Schomberg, Lee Schomberg, Michael Smith, 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 <u>Trinity families mourning the loss of</u> <u>loved ones</u>: 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 Matthew Deames and the people of Evangelical Lutheran Church in East Jordan, partners with us in mission and ministry in the North/West Lower Michigan Synod, ELCA.

Readings & Hymns for June 4

Genesis 1:1-2:4a	2 Corinthians 13:11-13
Psalm 8	Matthew 28:16-20

- #413 Holy, Holy Holy, Lord God Almighty! (red book)
- #412 Come, Join the Dance of Trinity (red book)
- #991 Go to the World (purple book)



Practice the faith to gain understanding.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Matthew 28:16-20	Sending of the disciples
Monday	Genesis 1:1–2:4a	God creates everything
Tuesday	2 Corinthians 13:11-13	Live in peace
Wednesday	Philippians 4:4-9	Rejoice in the Lord always
Thursday	Deuteronomy 6:4-9	The great commandment
Friday	1 Timothy 4:6-16	A good minister of Jesus Christ
Saturday	Psalm 8	Divine majesty and human dignity
Sunday	Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26	The call to follow Jesus

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." Matthew 28:19 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

God in Three Persons, we thank you that you are with us always so that we may go out with your love, to care and serve our neighbor and the world. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, we thank you for your amazing care of us with this gift of food. O Lord, how awesome is your name in all the earth. Amen. (Psalm 8)

A Blessing to Give:

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you. (2 Corinthians 13:13)



JUNE 4, 2023 HYMN OF THE WEEK O Living Breath of 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:

- What is something you wish you understood about God?
- How does reading the Bible, talking with others, and praying help you learn about God?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Matthew 28:16-20.

Verses 19-20 are known as The Great Commission. Jesus speaks of heavenly power given to the disciples and then sends them out to share the good news with the world. But in verses 17-18, some of the disciples have doubt. What happened to the doubting disciples? They are sent out to baptize and teach the faith. They are to baptize in the trinitarian language of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, wording not used earlier in Matthew. The Trinity has always been a challenge and a mystery. How do you have one God in three persons? Instead of a lecture on this point, Jesus sends out his followers to baptize and teach. Somehow his followers will grow in knowledge as they practice the faith. It is in practicing, teaching, and living the faith that we gain understanding. Part of that understanding is that our God is with us always and sends us out with the power to love, save, and bless.

Discuss: How have you learned about God and grown in your faith by practicing and living the faith?

Pray: God of power and might, give us the faith to go out into the world and rely on your presence to love, save, and bless in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings for this week, how can you practice your faith and reach out to someone with God's love?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

2 Corinthians 13:13 is called the "Apostolic Greeting" (meaning related to the apostles) and has been used at the beginning of many worship services. It is often overlooked that much of Christian worship comes directly from the Bible. The Bible is sung, prayed, and read during worship. Christian worship can be practiced in the home as well. Practice using this shortened version of the verse when you greet or say good-bye to family and friends this week: May the grace of the Lord Jesus, the love of God, and the Holy Spirit be with you.

