

Trinity's Weekly Connection

Sunday, June 11, 2023 — Second Sunday after Pentecost

This week at Trinity Lutheran Church

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 Parish Potluck, noon

High School Mission Trip Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Monday, June 12

The Messenger deadline

Stroller Barre, 9 a.m.

Rejoice Band Rehearsal, 6 p.m.

Congregation Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Oasis Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, June 13

LWR Quilters, 9:30 a.m.

Fitness Classes, 10 a.m.

Stephen Leaders Meeting, 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 14

Fit4Baby, 7 p.m.

Youth & Family Committee Meeting, 8 p.m.

Thursday, June 15

Fitness Classes, 10 a.m.

Bridge, 1 p.m.

Friday, June 16

Fit4Mom, 9 a.m.

Wedding Rehearsal, 5 p.m.

Saturday, June 17

Marriage of Tori Roskamp and Noah Hoekstra, 4 p.m.

Sunday, June 18

Father's Day

Diapers and Undies Appeal concludes

Traditional Worship, 8 a.m.

VBS Set up, 9 a.m.

Rejoice Worship (Rejoice band), 9:15 a.m.

Live Streaming of Worship, 9:15 and 10:45 a.m.

Traditional Worship, 10:45 a.m.



Eternal Candle for Worship This Morning

The eternal candle is given by Betty Hall in loving memory of her husband Gary and son Michael.

Assisting in Worship This Morning

8:00 a.m.

Sacristan: Cathy Olson

Lector: Meri Leidel

Communion Assistants: Elaine Rongey,
Marcia Schaner

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

Acolyte: TBD

9:15 a.m.

Beyond Belief band leading worship

Sacristan: Vince Schumacher

Lector: Lisa Postlewaite

Communion Assistants: Kris Baker, Sarah Huckstep

Ushers: Mark Baker, Mark Hagbom, Sally Mahoney,
Jeff Postlewaite

Acolytes: TBD

10:45 a.m.

Cantor: TBD

Sacristans: Angie Brace

Lector: Rebecca Linstrom

Communion Assistants: Brenda Baker, Dolly Lowe

Ushers: Jim & Sue Coates, John Derbin,
Don Kishman, Jamie Norris, Wayne Snyder

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 Buggeln, Cheryl 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, 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 Schlenderer, Doug and Joan Start, Linda Taffs, and Phillip Youngman.

We also lift up in prayer this week Pastor Carl Ballard and the people of St. Paul Lutheran Church in East Lansing, partners with us in mission and ministry in the North/West Lower Michigan Synod, ELCA.

Readings & Hymns for June 11

Hosea 5:15-6:6
Psalm 50:7-15

Romans 4:13-25
Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

#836	Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee (red book)
#779	Amazing Grace (red book)
#966	Love's We Were Broken, Words Were Spoke (purple book)

JUNE 11, 2023
SECOND SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

taking⁺ faith home

Jesus calls us to follow him.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26	The call to follow Jesus
Monday	Hosea 5:15—6:6	A call to repentance
Tuesday	Romans 4:13-25	God's promise realized by faith
Wednesday	Deuteronomy 5:28-33	Moses, the mediator of God's will
Thursday	2 Thessalonians 3:1-5	Request for prayer
Friday	Ephesians 5:1-20	Let love be your guide
Saturday	Psalms 50:7-15	What pleases God
Sunday	Matthew 9:35—10:23	The sending of the twelve

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. Matthew 9:9 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Loving God, give us faith and courage to follow you and to touch the lives of those around us with your grace, mercy, and healing power through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

With this gift of food we give you thanks through Jesus Christ, the one who gives us hope now and always. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God give you faith to trust in the one who blesses us with grace. (Romans 4:16)



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

Here I Am, Lord



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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 is a time you have been a leader? a follower?
- Jesus calls us to follow. What has this meant to you in your life?

DEVOTIONS



Read: Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26.

It is interesting that in the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus never scolds people identified as "sinners and tax collectors." His harsh words and judgments are made against those who think they know God yet don't understand that God desires mercy, not the prideful acts of religious people. Jesus shows his mercy to Matthew, the tax collector, to a grieving father, and to a sick woman. Jesus calls Matthew and others to follow him, yet in these stories Jesus is the one who ends up following others, one into a home for dinner and another into a home to bring back life from death. Jesus heals a woman who did not ask for his help but simply touched his robe for healing. He is willing to follow the woman's desperate need and calls it faith. Jesus is willing and available to the needs of others. Jesus' ministry finds itself in the midst of life and death issues where "playing it by the book" is not the guide, but rather where mercy, kindness, healing, and hope are required in a world filled with chaos, confusion, and despair.

Discuss: Where might Jesus be calling you to follow in his name and go to a place you didn't plan to go?

Pray: Merciful God, give us faith to follow you each day and to trust in your care for us and for all that you create through Christ Jesus, the Great Healer. Amen.

SERVICE



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings for this week, how might you follow Jesus and be available to care for someone in need?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



One way that many Christians show themselves to be followers of Jesus is by wearing a cross necklace. Some have a cross or a fish symbol tattoo somewhere in a visible place on their body. Think or talk about a time you or someone you know was recognized as a follower of Jesus. Then write a list of ways you can show you are a follower. Is there something like a cross or biblical scene placed in a visible location in your home? Is it something you wear? Is it something through your actions or words?

Pray: Dear Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow. May we do so with love and mercy toward others in our daily lives. Amen.



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