

# Trinity's Weekly Connection

Sunday, June 18, 2023 — Third Sunday after Pentecost

## This week at Trinity Lutheran Church

### 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.

### Monday, June 19

Vacation Bible School, 9 a.m. to noon

Race and Restitution Group, 1 p.m.

Finance Committee Meeting, 6 p.m.

Concert Series: Minnesota Boychoir, 7:30 p.m.

### Tuesday, June 20

Vacation Bible School, 9 a.m. to noon

Fitness Classes, 10 a.m.

Worship & Music Committee Meeting,

### Wednesday, June 21

*Summer Solstice*

Vacation Bible School, 9 a.m. to noon

Fit4Baby, 7 p.m.

### Thursday, June 22

Vacation Bible School, 9 a.m. to noon

Fitness Classes, 10 a.m.

In The Image Volunteering, 1 to 3 p.m.

### Friday, June 23

Fit4Mom, 9 a.m.

### Saturday, June 24

*HS Mission Trip Begins (through July 1)*

### Sunday, June 25

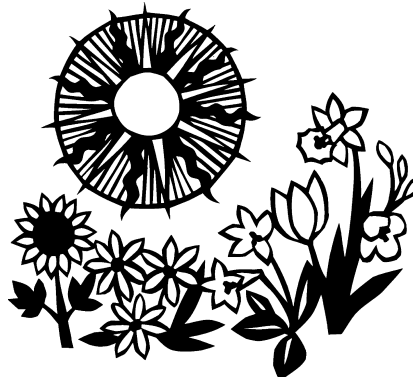
*IHN Week Begins*

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.

Traditional Worship, 10:45 a.m.



## Assisting in Worship This Morning

### 8:00 a.m.

Sacristan: Elaine Rongey

Lector: Cathy Olson

Communion Assistants: Dale Barkema,  
Gloria Von der Heide

Ushers: Erick Kind, Chad & Jenna Mencarelli

Acolyte:

### 9:15 a.m.

Rejoice band leading worship

Sacristan: Steve Heacock

Lector: Petra Rotzell

Communion Assistants: Carol Butler, Steve Heacock

Ushers: Mike Bishop, Dan & Carol Butler, John Hall,  
Kathy Noble, Jim Willman

Acolytes: TBD

### 10:45 a.m.

Cantor: Paula Tibbe

Sacristans: Nancy Mattson, Jan Jacobson

Lector: Carrie Wygmans

Communion Assistants: Chris & Joanna Kutschinski

Ushers: Steve Cairns, Paul Getzin,  
Joe & Marybeth Iaria, Lois McCardell,  
Jim Vanderwall

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, Bill Brock, Pat Bruin, Ellie Buggeln, Cheryl Bushman, 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, John and 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**: Greg and Rachele Battreall, Jack Danielson, Julie Earhart, David and Pastor Kari Fast, Diane Field, Brad and Gayl Kessel, Beth Krueger, Kent and Kristin Linkfield, Dave and Julie Murray, Craig and Patti Mutch, and Linda Taffs.

We also lift up in prayer this week Pastors Gary Bunge and Haley Vay Beaman and the people of University Lutheran Church in East Lansing, partners with us in mission and ministry in the North/West Lower Michigan Synod, ELCA.

## Readings & Hymns for June 18

Exodus 19:2-8a  
Psalm 100

Romans 5:1-8  
Matthew 9:35-10:23

#994 The Night You Gave Us, God, Has Ended (purple book)  
#575 In Christ Called to Baptize (red book)  
#733 Great Is Thy Faithfulness (red book)

JUNE 18, 2023  
THIRD SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST



*Sent out to do the work of Jesus.*

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Matthew 9:35–10:23	The sending of the twelve
Monday	Exodus 19:2-8a	Israelites go to Mt. Sinai
Tuesday	Romans 5:1-8	How to be acceptable to God
Wednesday	Galatians 5:22–6:5	Bear one another's burdens
Thursday	Deuteronomy 15:7-11	How to treat the poor
Friday	Hebrews 13:1-8	Service well-pleasing to God
Saturday	Psalms 100	The Lord is good
Sunday	Matthew 10:24-39	The call and cost of discipleship

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*"As you [the twelve apostles] go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons." Matthew 10:7-8a (NRSV)*

### PRAYERS AND BLESSING

#### A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty God, you have promised to do great things through us. Give us eyes to see, ears to hear, and hands to do your will through Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

#### Meatime Prayer:

Dear God, we are the sheep of your pasture; we thank you for this food, a gift of your steadfast love and faithfulness through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen. (Psalm 100)

#### A Blessing to Give:

May the love of God be poured into your heart through the Holy Spirit. (Romans 5:5)



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### HYMN OF THE WEEK

*Savior, like a Shepherd  
Lead Us*



### 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 do you do to help others, and what gets in the way of helping others?
- How is the care you offer to others doing the work of Jesus?

### DEVOTIONS



*Read:* Matthew 9:35–10:8.

Jesus asks his disciples (described here as "apostles," that is, those sent) to go out and do what he does. They are to go out and announce the good news of the nearness of the kingdom of heaven, to heal sick people, raise the dead, and cast out demons. This is also the work that Jesus did (Matthew 4:17, 23-24). Casting out demons meant freeing people from all powers that prevented them from living full lives as those created by God. What Jesus did, we will do. However, there is no mistaking our own brokenness. Peter will deny Jesus three times, Judas Iscariot will betray him, Matthew the tax collector collaborated with the Roman government, and Simon the Cananaean was a "zealot" who worked against the Romans. The fact is that this motley crew is not so different from the church of any age and yet capable of doing Jesus' work by the power of the kingdom of heaven that has also come near to us.

*Discuss:* When have you been surprised by the healing power given to you to bless other lives?

*Pray:* Healing God, give us courage to face the challenges of daily life with love and hope that reaches out to others with the kingdom that has come near to us through Jesus Christ. 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 to give them hope in their daily lives?

### RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



In many countries around the world today, the third Sunday in June, is Father's Day. It is a special day to cherish the role of fathers and of those with whom we have had a paternal relationship. This day is set aside to honor fathers and provide an opportunity to celebrate fatherhood. Think or talk about the father(s) and other men in your life. Write a list of their names, read them aloud, and pray: Dear God, thank you for the gift of fathers and all men who have made a difference in our lives. For the care they have given us and the guidance they have shared with us, we give you thanks. Amen.



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