

Trinity's Weekly Connection

Sunday, June 25, 2023 — Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

This week at Trinity Lutheran Church

Sunday, June 25

Bus Ticket Appeal

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.

Monday, June 26

IHN Onsite

Stroller Barre, 9 a.m.

Rejoice Band Rehearsal, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, June 27

IHN Onsite

LWR Quilters, 9:30 a.m.

Fitness Classes, 10 a.m.

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

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

Wednesday, June 28

IHN Onsite

Trinity Arts Committee Meeting, 10:30 a.m.

Fit4Baby, 7 p.m.

Thursday, June 29

IHN Onsite

Fitness Classes, 10 a.m.

Helping Hands Committee Meeting, 11 a.m.

Executive Committee Meeting, 6 p.m.

Friday, June 30

IHN Onsite

Fit4Mom, 9 a.m.

Saturday, July 1

IHN Onsite

Sunday, July 2

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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.

Baptism Today

Today at **9:15 a.m. we welcome Grant Owen Packard** into the Body of Christ by the waters of Holy Baptism. Grant's parents are Jeffrey and Malorie Packard and his brother is Martin. Grant's sponsors are his parents.

Assisting in Worship This Morning

8:00 a.m.

Sacristan: Fred & Kathy Wilcox

Lector: Sheila Talsma

Communion Assistants: Nancy Morrison
Gloria Von der Heide

Ushers: Bob Carwell, Bill & Meri Leidel

Acolyte: TBD

9:15 a.m.

Beyond Belief band leading worship

Sacristan: Kim Hysell

Lector: Tim Lundgren

Communion Assistants: Kim Hysell, Sarah Huckstep

Ushers: Steve and Nate Bennett, Brad & Pam Burkle,
Bill Bush, Tim Lundgren, Karen Nagle

Acolytes: TBD

10:45 a.m.

Cantor: Alexandra Schaub

Sacristans: Jim & Sue Coates

Lector: Jim Coates

Communion Assistants: Rebecca Linstrom,
Laura Norton

Ushers: Kara Day, Gene Gunderson, Carol Hendricks,
David Kuecherer, Chris Kutschinski,
Jordan Wiseman

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, David Benkert, 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, 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, Bob Sielaff, 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 Pastor John Autio and the people of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Edmore, partners with us in ministry North/West Lower Michigan Synod, ELCA.

Readings & Hymns for June 25

Jeremiah 20:7-13

Psalms 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18

Romans 6:1b-11

Matthew 10:24-39

#796 How Firm a Foundation (red book)

#810 O Jesus, I have Promised (red book)

#765 Lord of All Hopefulness (red book)

JUNE 25, 2023
FOURTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST



Freed from fear, we live in newness of life.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Matthew 10:24-39	The call and cost of discipleship
Monday	Jeremiah 20:7-13	Jeremiah denounces his persecutors
Tuesday	Romans 6:1b-11	Dying and rising with Christ
Wednesday	Ephesians 4:17-24	The old life and the new
Thursday	Isaiah 12:1-6	Thanksgiving and praise
Friday	Romans 8:9-17	Life in the Spirit
Saturday	Psalms 69:7-18	God can be trusted
Sunday	Matthew 10:40-42	Receiving and serving others

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. Romans 6:4 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, we thank you for the power and gift of baptism and our new life in Christ that frees us from fear so that we can be Christ's faithful followers in the world. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Loving God, with this gift of food give us strength to overcome our fears and to serve others through the power of Christ's love. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the God of steadfast love, bless you with mercy all the days of your life. (Psalm 69:16)



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

*Take My Life,
That I May Be*



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 do you describe your own life's goals, values and beliefs?
- If someone were to ask you about your faith and what you believe, how would you respond?

DEVOTIONS



Read: Romans 6:1b-11.

Just before this reading, Paul writes: "where sin increased, grace abounded all the more" (Romans 5:20b). Paul responds to this statement in Romans 6:1b with an understandable question, "Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound?" Then he answers, "By no means!" (v. 2a). Paul is emphatic that seeking a life of sin is out of the question. He describes this conviction by using the language of baptism. We are joined with Christ through baptism. In baptism, we die with Christ and are raised with Christ "so we too might walk in newness of life" (v. 4b). We are joined to Christ's life. His story of death and resurrection is now our story. We die to a way of living and thinking that finds pleasure in sin and separation from God. The power of sin over our lives dies with Christ through baptism. Our lives are then freed from the power of sin and death to live a new life filled with love and grace for our neighbor and world.

Discuss: What questions do you have about baptism?

Pray: God of abundant love, we thank you for the gift of baptism that binds us to Christ and gives us new life filled with hope, joy, and love for all. Amen.

SERVICE



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings for this week, how might you be freed from fear to joyfully serve those in need?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



"Do not fear" is a recurring theme in Matthew 10:24-39. Think or talk about things that you are afraid of. Naming and talking about your fears can be helpful. Draw a cross on a sheet of paper. Write the fears you named around the cross. Take a moment to look at your list of fears and say them out loud.

Pray: Dear God, may our life in Christ draw us nearer to you and free us from our fears. Amen.

