

Trinity's Weekly Connection

Sunday, July 2, 2023 — Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

This week at Trinity Lutheran Church

Sunday, July 2

IHN Week Concludes

Bus Ticket Appeal

School Supplies Appeal

Traditional Worship, 8 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, July 3

Stroller Barre, 9 a.m.

Volunteering at In The Image, 1 p.m.

Property Committee Meeting, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, July 4

Fourth of July Holiday - Office Closed

Wednesday, July 5

Fit4Baby, 7 p.m.

Thursday, July 6

Fitness Classes, 10 a.m.

Green Team Meeting, 6 p.m.

Endowment Fund Committee Meeting, 6 p.m.

Gardening Team Work Bee, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Friday, July 7

Stroller Strides, 9 a.m.

Sunday, July 9

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.



Assisting in Worship This Morning

8:00 a.m.

Sacristan: Elaine Rongey

Lector: Gloria Von der Heide

Communion Assistants: Dale Barkema, Kim Brock

Ushers: Bill Bailey, John Potter, Dave Wait

Acolyte: TBD

9:15 a.m.

Rejoice band leading worship

Sacristan: Steve Stephan

Lector: Karen Unruh

Communion Assistants: Steve Stephan
Kris Baker

Ushers: Todd Brandstadt, Morrie & Cindy Fongers,
Ethan Guis, Lisa Mead, Ed Lohr

Acolytes: TBD

10:45 a.m.

Cantor: Pastor Bob Linstrom

Sacristans: Lois McCardell

Lector: Gale Volkerding

Communion Assistants: Jo Murphy, Dolly Lowe

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

Acolytes: TBD

Bread Baker: Janet Genow and Dolly Lowe

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, 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, Jon Ferguson, Diane Field, Josh and Katie Gardner, Brad and Gayl Kessel, Beth Krueger, Kent and Kristin Linkfield, Dave and Julie Murray, Patrick and Jacquie Murray, Craig and Patti Mutch, Linda Taffs, and Natalie Yeager.

We also lift up in prayer this week Pastor Zachary Nelson and the people of Calvary Lutheran Church in Elk Rapids, partners with us in mission and ministry in the North/West Lower Michigan Synod, ELCA.

Readings & Hymns for July 2

Jeremiah 28:5-9

Psalms 89:1-4, 15-18

Romans 6:12-23

Matthew 10:40-42

#887 This Is My Song (red book)

#891 God Bless Our Native Land (red book)

#1036 Commonwealth Is God's Commandment
(purple book)

#1022 God, Bless the Hands (purple book)

JULY 2, 2023
FIFTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST



Freed by God's undeserved kindness.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

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| Sunday | Matthew 10:40-42 | Receiving and serving others |
| Monday | Jeremiah 28:5-9 | Hananiah opposes Jeremiah |
| Tuesday | Romans 6:12-23 | Slaves of righteousness |
| Wednesday | 2 Timothy 1:8-14 | Relying on the power of God |
| Thursday | Ephesians 2:1-10 | From death to life |
| Friday | 2 Corinthians 12:1-10 | Paul's visions |
| Saturday | Psalms 89:1-4, 15-18 | God's covenant with David |
| Sunday | Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 | Rest for the weary |

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. Romans 6:14 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Gracious God, your loving commitment to us goes far beyond what we can imagine; give us faith to trust your never-failing love through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Mealtide Prayer:

Dear God, help us to give thanks for this food so that we can receive this meal with a humble heart through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the God of love and faithfulness give you joy.



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

*There's a Wideness in
God's Mercy*



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 received something that you felt you did not deserve?
- When is a time you recognized God's unconditional love in your life?

DEVOTIONS



Read: Romans 6:12-23.

In this reading, God's grace—God's undeserved kindness—is under attack. Paul is responding to those who think his message encourages us to sin. He knows God's goodness does not lead us to sin and writes, "*Sin will have no dominion*" (v. 14) meaning sin will not be your master. For those who think God's grace leads to sinfulness, Paul's response is simple: "No way!" Earlier in chapter 6 he uses the image of life and death to reject such thinking. We have died to sin so we cannot continue to live in sin. Paul then uses the imagery of slavery, either a slave of sin or of God's righteousness. We are freed from being slaves of sin. Our lives are controlled by all that is right and good through Christ, our true Lord (v. 23). Paul acknowledges the difficulty to grasp all this and moves on to the real point for our lives in Christ. It is to be set free by a relationship to God for sanctification, that is, a holy life set apart for God that leads to eternal life.

Discuss: How does God's undeserved kindness set you free to love God and others?

Pray: Dear God, your constant love is more than we can imagine. Set us free to enjoy your goodness with love for you and for all you have created through Christ Jesus 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 with hospitality?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Hospitality is the practice of treating guests in a friendly and generous way. It includes the spirit in which it is given. Jesus said that anyone who welcomed one of his followers and gave them something even small, such as cup of cool water, would be rewarded (Matthew 10:42). Put an empty water jug or pitcher on the table. Think or talk about ways you can serve and help others. For each way you name, pour a cup of water into the jug. Finish with this prayer: Lord Jesus, thank you for serving us. Make us ready to serve others, in big and small ways. Amen.



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