

Trinity's Weekly Connection

Sunday, August 6, 2023 — Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

This week at Trinity Lutheran Church

Sunday, August 6

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, August 7

Stroller Barre, 9 a.m.
Family Promise EOS, 9 a.m.
In The Image Volunteering, 1 to 3 p.m.
Stephen Leaders Meeting, 1:30 p.m.
Property Committee Meeting, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, August 8

Fitness Classes, 9 a.m.
LWR Quilters, 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, August 9

Fit4Baby, 7 p.m.
Youth & Family Committee Meeting, 8 p.m.

Thursday, August 10

Fitness Classes, 9 a.m.

Friday, August 11

Stroller Strides, 9 a.m.

Saturday, August 12

High School Lock-In at Immanuel Lutheran Church

Sunday, August 13

High School Lock-In Ends
Traditional Worship, 8 a.m.
Rejoice Worship (Rejoice band), 9:15 a.m.
Live Streaming of Worship, 9:15 a.m.
Outdoor Worship, 10:45 a.m.

Baptism Today

Today at 9:15 a.m. we welcome **Abigail Renee Ulmer** into the Body of Christ by the waters of Holy Baptism. Abigail's parents are Bryan and Courteney Ulmer and her sponsors are Jenna Ludeman and Charlie Ulmer.



Assisting in Worship This Morning

8:00 a.m.

Sacristan: Cathy Olson
Lector: Kim Brock
Communion Assistants: Gloria Von der Heide,
Elaine Rongey
Ushers: Bill Bailey, John Potter, Dave Wait
Acolyte: TBD

9:15 a.m.

Beyond Belief band leading worship
Sacristan: Ruth Ann Evans
Lector: Kathy Noble
Communion Assistants: Gary Stevens, Kris Baker
Ushers: Todd Brandstadt, Morrie & Cindy Fongers,
Ethan Guis, Lisa Mead, Ed Lohr
Acolytes: TBD

10:45 a.m.

Cantor: John Fox
Sacristan: Carrie Wygmans
Lector: Chris Norton
Communion Assistants: Vince Schumacher,
Linda Taffs
Ushers: David, Bergen and Theo Marquardt,
Brad Kessel, Dorothy Postema, Scott Stoll
Acolytes: TBD

Bread Bakers: Sandra Sudak

Trinity Members in Our Prayers

We pray for **Trinity members in times of illness, hospitalization, rehabilitation and recovery**: Nancy Anderson, Dan Babin, Sue Bailey, Dale and Lisa Barkema, Bob Beaudry, David Benkert, Jim and Sue Boyse, Pat Bruin, Ellie Buggeln, Angela Davis, Donna Erickson, Joyce Fick, Diane Field, Diane Flatt, Elena Griewahn, Elwyn 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, Marcia McClimans, Jill and Peter McKinney, Stephanie McLeod, Marilyn Mellema, Charmayne Mulligan, Craig Mutch, Toni Peterson, Jesse Platt, Dorothy Postema, Rick Radke, Jacqueline Riegling, Denny Rosen, Marian Schaible, Chas Schaner, Chris Schomberg, Lee Schomberg, Pam Sellers, Bob Sielaff, Michael Smith, Rebecca Ulrich, Dale Volkerding, Joanna Waite, 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, Debbie and John Potter, Sylvia and Bill Stouten, Linda Taffs, and Natalie Yeager.

We also lift up in prayer this week Pastor Emily Olsen and the people of Christ the King Lutheran Church in Gladwin, partners with us in mission and ministry in the North/West Lower Michigan Synod, ELCA.

Readings & Hymns for August 6

Isaiah 15:1-5
Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21

Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:13-21

#836 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee (red book)
#966 Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken
(purple book)
#674 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ (red book)

AUGUST 6, 2023
TENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

taking+ faith home

Jesus' compassion leads to action.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Matthew 14:13-21	Jesus feeds the five thousand
Monday	Isaiah 55:1-5	An invitation to abundant life
Tuesday	Romans 9:1-5	God's choice of Israel
Wednesday	Psalms 25:1-10	Pray for guidance
Thursday	Exodus 34:1-9	Moses makes new tablets
Friday	1 Peter 3:8-22	Suffering for doing right
Saturday	Psalms 145:8-9, 14-21	The Lord is kind and merciful
Sunday	Matthew 14:22-33	Jesus walks on water

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

"When he [Jesus] went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. Matthew 14:14 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

God of abundance, you shower us with your steadfast love. Give us compassionate hearts to care for others through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealtimes Prayer:

Dear God, the eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season. You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing. Amen. (Psalm 145:15-16)

A Blessing to Give:

May the God of compassion give you joy through Christ our Lord.



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

*Let Us Talents and
Tongues Employ*



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:

- In what ways do you show concern for someone who is suffering?
- In what ways have you experienced God caring for your needs?

DEVOTIONS



Read: Matthew 14:13-21.

The reading begins with Jesus being made aware of his cousin's death, the beheading of John the Baptist (Matthew 14:8-10). Jesus removed himself from people to grieve in an isolated place. However, the crowds followed him and his alone time was ended before it really had a chance to begin. Instead of showing frustration or anger at the relentless crowds, Jesus showed compassion on them. He healed their sick and then fed the masses who remained with him into the evening. The feeding of the 5,000 men (plus women and children) was a miraculous event motivated by a grieving, yet loving Jesus. Nothing could stop his love. It is a love that is shown in his actions. Those actions lead his followers to be involved, too. Jesus sets the table and blesses the food but his disciples go out to distribute it and pick up the leftovers.

Discuss: What do you think it was like for Jesus to be so sorrowful, and yet compassionate enough to heal and to feed his followers?

Pray: Compassionate God, you provide for us in ways that go beyond what we can imagine. Help us to see your love in the world and to be a part of your love for the world through Christ Jesus our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SERVICE



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings for this week, how might you help others who lack food or adequate healthcare?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



In the feeding of the five thousand, Jesus took what the disciples brought to him and used it to feed the whole crowd. Cut out a fish or loaf-of-bread shape for yourself and other household members. Write each person's name on it. As part of your home devotions, name talents or gifts that you see in one another. Write these down on your "loaves" or "fish." Think or talk about ways that you can bless others through the God-given gifts and talents that were named. Say this blessing: **May the God of abundance guide you to use your gifts to bless others.**

