

# Trinity's Weekly Connection

Sunday, August 13, 2023 — Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

## This week at Trinity 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.

### Monday, August 14

*The Messenger Deadline*  
Stroller Barre, 9 a.m.  
Children's Ministry Committee Meeting, 6 p.m.

### Tuesday, August 15

Fitness Classes, 9 a.m.  
LWR Quilters, 9:30 a.m.  
Library Meeting, 4 p.m.  
Worship & Music Committee Meeting, 7 p.m.

### Wednesday, August 16

Fit4Baby, 7 p.m.

### Thursday, August 17

Fitness Classes, 9 a.m.  
Volunteer at In The Image, 1 to 3 p.m.

### Friday, August 18

Stroller Strides, 9 a.m.  
"Life Begins at 60" Cookout, and Potluck 5 p.m.

### Sunday, August 20

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.

## Altar Flowers August 13

The traditional worship service flowers are given by Kirk and Susan Rich in celebration of their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

## Assisting in Worship This Morning

### 8:00 a.m.

Cantor: Jude Westra  
Sacristan: Elaine Rongey  
Lector: Hyesook Kim deJonge  
Communion Assistants: Cindy Zientarski,  
Dale Barkema  
Ushers: Dale Barkema, Elaine Rongey,  
Gloria Von der Heide  
Acolyte: TBD

### 9:15 a.m.

Rejoice band leading worship  
Sacristan: Steve Stephan  
Lector: Kathy Noble  
Communion Assistants: Marge Willman,  
Steve Stephan  
Ushers: Mark Baker, Dave & Carrie Boer,  
Mark Hagbom, Sally Mahoney,  
Jeff Postlewaite  
Acolytes: TBD

### 10:45 a.m.

Sacristan: Angie Brace  
Lector: Linda Taffs  
Communion Assistants: Beth Vanderwall, Jim Coates  
Ushers: Jim & Sue Coates, John Derbin,  
Don Kishman, Tom Mannisto, Jamie Norris,  
Wayne Snyder  
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, Bryan Bredwell, 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, Pastro Karen Niemeyer, 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, 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 Betsy Kamphuis and the people of Settlement Lutheran Church in Grand Ledge, partners with us in mission and ministry in the North/West Lower Michigan Synod, ELCA.

## Readings & Hymns for August 13

1 Kings 19:9-18  
Psalm 85:8-13

Romans 10:5-15  
Matthew 14:22-33

#733 Great Is Thy Faithfulness (red book)  
#773 Precious Lord, Take My Hand (red book)  
#763 My Life Flows On in Endless Song (red book)



AUGUST 13, 2023  
ELEVENTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST

## taking<sup>+</sup> faith home

*Even a little faith is enough.*

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Matthew 14:22-33	Jesus walks on water
Monday	1 Kings 19:9-18	The Lord appears to Elijah
Tuesday	Romans 10:5-15	Anyone can be saved
Wednesday	Luke 17:1-6	Sayings of Jesus
Thursday	Acts 15:6-21	The council at Jerusalem
Friday	Romans 12:1-8	The new life in Christ
Saturday	Psalms 85:8-13	Restoration of God's favor
Sunday	Matthew 15:10-28	A woman's faith

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He [Jesus] said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. Matthew 14:28-29 (NRSV)*

### PRAYERS AND BLESSING

#### A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, help us to trust in you during the difficult and scary times of life that we may still sing your praises through Jesus Christ, the one who calms our fears. Amen.

#### Mealtime Prayer:

Nurturing God, you give what is good and bless our land with abundant food; for your goodness and mercy we thank you for this meal. Amen. (Psalm 85:12)

#### A Blessing to Give:

May God calm you when you are afraid and bless you with steadfast love.



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### HYMN OF THE WEEK

*Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me*



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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:

- Think or talk about a difficult time in your life.
- Who or what has helped you make it through a difficult time in your life?

### DEVOTIONS



*Read:* Matthew 14:22-33.

Once again, Jesus is on the sea with his disciples. And, again, Jesus points out the disciples' fears and little faith as he did when he stilled a storm (Matthew 8:23-27). Just the night before, Jesus fed the 5,000 men plus more women and children. Don't they understand how powerful and caring Jesus is? How many of us would have the faith and courage of Peter to step out of a boat during a storm and onto dangerous and deep waters? Yes, Jesus calls it "little faith," but that little faith is still quite remarkable. When we are in the midst of a storm, a painful period in our lives that scares us, our lives are very fragile, needy, and weak. We often do not respond with great confidence and faith. No matter how little our faith is, it is enough because of Jesus who is Emmanuel, God with us. When life gets calm following a difficult time in our lives, at least then we are relieved—even joyful—and can say of Jesus, "Truly you are the Son of God" (Matthew 14:33).

*Discuss:* How does your faith help you when you face difficult situations?

*Pray:* Merciful God, when we experience moments that scare us and make us long for stable ground to stand on, give us even a little faith to hope in you through Christ 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 who are anxious or worried?

### RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Jesus came to the disciples in the middle of the night and calmed their fears. Bedtime is a special opportunity to think, talk, listen, and pray for yourself and others. Take time to think or talk about your highs and lows at bedtime this week. Give thanks to God for your highs. For your lows, pray that Jesus will come and remain with you during the night and calm any "storms." Then pray the Lord's Prayer.



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