

Trinity's Weekly Connection

Sunday, August 20, 2023 — Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

This week at Trinity Lutheran Church

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.

Monday, August 21

Stroller Barre, 9 a.m.
Finance Committee Meeting, 6 p.m.
Health Ministries Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, August 22

Fitness Classes, 9 a.m.
LWR Quilters, 9:30 a.m.
Stephen Ministry Continuing Education, 6:30 p.m.
Stephen Ministry Peer Group Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, August 23

Fit4Baby, 7 p.m.

Thursday, August 24

Fitness Classes, 9 a.m.
Endowment Fund Committee Zoom Meeting, 6 p.m.
Trinity Choir and Resound Bell Choir Picnic, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, August 25

Stroller Strides, 9 a.m.

Sunday, August 27

Teacher Blessing
Backpack Blessing
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.
Bob and Barb Crossman 70th Wedding Anniversary
Reception, noon
Ninth Graders Welcome to High School Event,
6:30 p.m.

Eternal Candle and Rejoice Altar Flowers

The eternal candle and Rejoice worship flowers are given by Andrea and Robert Williams in loving memory of Doug Williams.



Assisting in Worship This Morning

8:00 a.m.

Sacristan: Elaine Rongey
Lector: Jim deJonge
Communion Assistants: Elaine Rongey,
Debbie Duckworth
Ushers: Erick Kind, Chad & Jenna Mencarelli
Acolyte: TBD

9:15 a.m.

Beyond Belief band leading worship
Sacristan: Lisa Postlewaite
Lector: Pam Burkle
Communion Assistants: Dave & Carrie Boer
Ushers: Mike Bishop, Dan & Carol Butler, Kathy Noble,
Jim Willman
Acolytes: TBD

10:45 a.m.

Cantor: Kai Bredwell
Sacristan: Jim & Sue Coates
Lector: Linda Taffs
Communion Assistants: Jo Murphy, Doug Haneline
Ushers: Steve Cairns, Paul Getzin, Jim Vanderwall
Joe & Marybeth Iaria, Lois McCardell
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, Pastor 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, and Kathryn Zielinski.

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 Charles Foerster and the people of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Grand Ledge, partners with us in mission and ministry in the North/West Lower Michigan Synod, ELCA.

Readings & Hymns for August 20

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8
Psalm 67

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
Matthew 15:21-28

#843 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness
#650 In Christ There Is No East or West
#641 All Are Welcome (all three from red hymnal)

AUGUST 20, 2023
TWELFTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST



God blesses us to go into the world with mercy.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Matthew 15:10-28	A woman's faith
Monday	Isaiah 56:1, 6-8	God's saving power is everywhere
Tuesday	Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32	God saves Jews and Gentiles
Wednesday	Jude 1:17-23	Warnings and exhortations
Thursday	Jeremiah 42:7-17	The Lord will grant you mercy
Friday	Deuteronomy 4:25-31	Moses commands obedience
Saturday	Psalms 67	Tell the nations to praise God
Sunday	Matthew 16:13-20	Peter's confession of Christ

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, (Selah) that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations. Psalm 67:1-2 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Merciful God, you have chosen us and blessed us to bless the world. Give us compassionate hearts to do your will through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, for blessing us with the fruitfulness of the earth that gives us food each day we give you thanks through Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God be gracious to you and bless you for the sake of the whole world. (Psalm 67:1-2)



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

Great Is Thy Faithfulness



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 have you been blessed by others?
- How have you blessed others with the love of God?

DEVOTIONS



Read: Psalm 67.

God's mercy is shown through two distinct divine actions. First, God saves us through forgiveness, rescuing us from harm, and by saving us from death. God does a second great act that we sometimes overlook. God blesses us. God blesses us with the fruit of the earth, comfort, and joy. Psalm 67 asks for God's blessings and also affirms that God has already blessed us with abundance. God intends joy for all the earth (all the nations). We are blessed to bless the nations with joy and gladness by knowing the goodness, justice, and mercy of God. In Matthew 15:21-28 that joy is experienced by the Canaanite woman, a foreigner, who is relentless in seeking help for her daughter. Jesus, who was sent "to the lost sheep of the house of Israel" (v. 24) resists her requests, but her persistence gains Jesus' mercy. She is acknowledged for having great faith and Jesus' mission expands to those beyond Israel. The point of both Bible texts: God's saving work and blessings are for all.

Discuss: Like the Canaanite woman, when have you persisted in asking for God's mercy?

Pray: Blessing God, you care for us throughout our lives. Give us your joy and gladness and the heart to bless others with your goodness and mercy through our Lord 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 who are not part of your group or nation?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



The prophet Isaiah declared God's intention to make God's house (a temple in Jerusalem) a "house of prayer for all peoples" (Isaiah 56:7). Think or talk about prayer in your home. Is there a special place to pray? Is there a special time to pray? Is there a special way to pray? Do you pray alone or with others? In what ways do you feel your own home is a "house of prayer"? Pray the Lord's Prayer and then say: *Let the peoples praise you, O God. Let all the peoples praise you.* (Psalm 67:5)



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