

Trinity's Weekly Connection

Sunday, September 10, 2023 — Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

This week at Trinity Lutheran Church

Sunday, September 10

Coats & Blanket Appeal Continues

God's work. Our Hands. Sunday

Traditional Worship, 8 a.m.

Rejoice Worship (Rejoice band), 9:15 a.m.

Live Streaming of Worship, 9:15 a.m.

Sunday School Open House, 10:15 a.m.

Young Children's Communion Class, 10:30 a.m.

Outdoor Worship, 10:45 a.m.

Stephen Ministry Continuing Education, 12:30 p.m.

Stephen Ministry Peer Support Group, 1:30 p.m.

Confirmation Class, 3 p.m.

High School Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.

Monday, September 11

The Messenger Deadline

Stroller Barre, 9 a.m.

Stephen Leaders Meeting, 1:30 p.m.

Safety & Security Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

Schubert Male Chorus Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

Property Committee Meeting, 6 p.m.

Oasis Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Congregation Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Schubert Male Chorus Rehearsal, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, September 12

LWR Quilters, 9:30 a.m.

Fit4Baby, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, September 13

Fitness Classes, 9 a.m.

Thursday, September 14

Heart-to-Heart Conversation with Pr. Kari, 10:15 a.m.

Resound Bell Rehearsal, 6 p.m.

Trinity Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m.

Children's Ministry Committee Meeting, 8 p.m.

Friday, September 15

Friday Morning Women's Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.

Wedding Rehearsal, 4 p.m.

Saturday, September 16

Marriage of Angela Palmer and Chase Rollin 4 p.m.

Sunday, September 17

Coats & Blanket Appeal Continues

IHN Week Begins

Preschooler Blessing

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.

Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.

Traditional Worship, 10:45 a.m.

Annual Fall Picnic/Potluck, noon

Confirmation Class, 3 p.m.

High School Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.

Assisting in Worship This Morning

8:00 a.m.

Cantor: Debbie Duckworth

Sacristan: Cathy Olson

Lector: Chas Schaner

Communion Assistants: Marcia Schaner, Sue Wait

Ushers: Dale Barkema, Elaine Rongey,

Gloria Von der Heide

Acolyte: TBD

9:15 a.m.

Rejoice band leading worship

Sacristan: Kim Hysell

Lector: Dave Straw

Communion Assistants: Chris & Kim Engle

Ushers: Mark Baker, Dave & Carrie Boer,

Mark Hagbom & Sally Mahoney,

Jeff Postlewaite

Acolytes: TBD

10:45 a.m.

Sacristan: Angie Brace

Lector: Jim Vanderwall

Communion Assistants: John & Elizabeth Derbin

Ushers: Jim & Sue Coates, John Derbin,

Don Kishman, Tom Mannisto, Jamie Norris,

Wayne Snyder

Acolytes: TBD

Bread Baker: Marcia Schaner

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, Ben Battreall, Bob Beaudry, David Benkert, Jim and Sue Boyse, Bryan Bredwell, Pat Bruin, Ellie Buggeln, Angela Davis, Gordy Engstrom, 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, 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, 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 Jacque 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 Pastors Bob Linstrom, Dan Schewe, and Kari Fast and the people of Trinity Lutheran Church in Grand Rapids, partners with us in mission and ministry in the North/West Lower Michigan Synod, ELCA.

Readings & Hymns for September 10

Ezekiel 33:7-11
Psalm 119:33-40

Romans 13:8-14
Matthew 18:15-20

#824 This Is My Father's World (red book)
#1000 God's Work Our Hand (purple book)
#984 May the God of Hope Go with Us (purple book)

SEPTEMBER 10, 2023
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

taking† faith home

Love your neighbor as yourself.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Matthew 18:15-20	Seeking reconciliation
Monday	Ezekiel 33:7-11	God's judgment seeks repentance
Tuesday	Romans 13:8-14	Love for one another
Wednesday	Deuteronomy 4:5-14	Israel is favored by God
Thursday	Galatians 5:13-15	Christ gives freedom
Friday	Leviticus 19:9-18	Living a holy life
Saturday	Psalms 119:33-40	A prayer for understanding
Sunday	Matthew 18:21-35	A parable about forgiveness

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Romans 13:9 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

God of goodness and mercy, give us hearts to love and to care for others as you care for us through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, with this gift of food strengthen us to delight in your law of love for the sake of all you have created through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May you long for the ways of God that teach love and mercy through Jesus Christ.



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

Beloved, God's Chosen



taking† faith home

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:

- What news have you seen or heard recently where laws have been broken?
- Jesus said, "Love your neighbor as yourself." What makes it hard to love others as you love yourself?

DEVOTIONS



Read: Romans 13:8-14.

The law of God was—and is—intended as a gift from God that we may live in peace with one another. The commandments are plain and simple: we should not commit adultery, murder, steal, or covet what others have. The law mirrors the love of God that intends goodness and mercy for people. As Deuteronomy 4:8 states, "[W]hat other great nation has statutes and ordinances, as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?" The law demands right action toward people that is merciful, especially for the less powerful who cannot otherwise protect themselves. Mercy is well summarized by saying, "Love your neighbor as yourself" (Romans 13:9), a reference to Leviticus 19:18 that was quoted by Jesus, Paul, and others in the Bible. The gospel life offers mercy and acts of love for the sake of the health of individuals and communities alike.

Discuss: What do you think it means to show mercy through the love and care of others?

Pray: Loving God, we thank you for the gift of your law and for freeing us to love others as you have loved us through Jesus Christ, 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 can you care for the daily needs of others?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Bible studies, Sunday school, and youth groups are wonderful opportunities to gather to read the Bible, have caring conversations, and learn together. Think or talk about where and how you learn God's word. Psalm 119 is a lovely text that promotes learning God's will and word.

Pray: Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, and I will observe it to the end. Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart. Amen. (Psalm 119:33-34)



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