

Trinity's Weekly Connection

Sunday, October 15, 2023 — Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

This Week at Trinity Lutheran Church

Sunday, October 15

Coats & Blankets Appeal continues
Christmas Wreath Sales continue
Blessing of the LWR Quilts and Quilters
Traditional Worship, 8 a.m.
Rejoice Worship (Beyond Belief band), 9:15 a.m.
Listening Sessions, 9:15, 10:30 a.m. and noon
Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.
Traditional Worship, 10:45 a.m.
Middle School Youth Group, 2 p.m.
Confirmation Class, 3 p.m.
Bunco Night Fundraiser, 6 p.m.
High School Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.

Monday, October 16

Stroller Barre, 9 a.m.
Rejoice Band Rehearsal, 6 p.m.
Health Ministries Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
Schubert Male Chorus Rehearsal, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, October 17

LWR Quilters, 9:30 a.m.
Tai Chi for Arthritis, 10:15 a.m.
Care & Share, 10:30 a.m.
Fit4Baby, 7 p.m.
Tuesday Evening Book Club, 7 p.m.
Worship & Music Committee Meeting, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, October 18

Fitness Class, 9 a.m.
Coffee & Donuts, 10:15 a.m.
Pastor Bob's Adult Forum, 10:30 a.m.
Joyful Days Lunch & Speaker, 11:30 a.m.

Thursday, October 19

Tai Chi for Arthritis, 10:15 a.m.
Volunteer at In The Image, 1 p.m.
Bridge, 1 p.m.
Heart-to-Heart, 1:15 a.m.
Resound Bell Rehearsal, 6 p.m.
Choosing Peace & Serenity AFG, 7 p.m.
Trinity Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m.

Friday, October 20

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

Saturday, October 21

Trinity Choir Retreat, 9 a.m. to noon
Schwallier's Family Event, 5:45 p.m.

Sunday, October 22

Coats & Blankets Appeal continues
Christmas Wreath Sales continue
Traditional Worship, 8 a.m.
Rejoice Worship (Rejoice band), 9:15 a.m.
Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.
Traditional Worship, 10:45 a.m.
Confirmation Class, 3 p.m.
Middle School Youth Group Mulch Day, 3 to 5 p.m.
High School Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.

Eternal Candle and Traditional Altar Flowers

The eternal candle and Traditional worship flowers are given by Melissa Wittlinger in loving memory of Kimberly A. Wittlinger.

Baptisms Today

Today at 9:15 a.m. we welcome **Russell Roby Lamb and Eleanor Joy Lamb** into the Body of Christ by the waters of Holy Baptism. Russell and Nora's parents are Phil and Carrie Lamb. Their sponsors are David and Sarah Huckstep.

Assisting in Worship This Morning

8:00 a.m.

Sacristan: Cathy Olson
Lector: Cindy Zientarski
Communion Assistants: Nancy Morrison,
Debbie Duckworth
Ushers: Erick Kind, Chad & Jenna Mencarelli
Acolyte: Ethan Schaefer

9:15 a.m.

Beyond Belief band leading worship
Sacristan: Lisa Postlewaite
Lector: Kristin Linkfield
Communion Assistants: Jamie Kuntzman, Dan Butler
Ushers: Mike Bishop, Dan & Carol Butler, John Hall,
Kathy Noble, Jim Willman
Acolytes: Owen Battreall, Maggie Coles, Sydney Waite

10:45 a.m.

Sacristan: Jan Jacobson
Lector: Chris Becker
Communion Assistants: Chris & Joanna Kutschinski
Ushers: Steve Cairns, Paul Getzin, Joe & Marybeth Iaria,
Lois McCardell, Jim Vanderwall
Acolytes:

Bread Baker: Susan Barnhart

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, Richard Gehl, Elena Griewahn, Elwyn Griewahn, Mark Hahn, Beth Hall, Bob Heine, Callan Hughes, Carol Huttenga, Patricia Johnson, Beth Krueger, 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, Laura Norton, Toni Peterson, Julia Pfeiffle, Jesse Platt, Dorothy Postema, Rick Radke, Jacqueline Riegling, Denny Rosen, Marian Schaible, Chas Schaner, Chris Schomberg, Lee Schomberg, Pam Sellers, Bob Sielaff, Michael Smith, Dave Smoes, 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**: Maria Ashimine, Greg and Rachele Battreall, Beverly and John Bosserman, Liz and Jason Coles, Jack Danielson, Julie Earhart, David and Pastor Kari Fast, Jon Ferguson, Diane Field, Josh and Katie Gardner, Brad and Gayl Kessel, Joni and Steve Korb, Beth Krueger, Kent and Kristin Linkfield, Wendy and Jim Mielock, Dave and Julie Murray, Patrick and Jacquie Murray, Craig and Patti Mutch, Debbie and John Potter, Sylvia and Bill Stouten, Linda Taffs, Wollen/Billings families and Natalie Yeager.

We also lift up in prayer this week the Pastor Kara Shaw and the people of Trinity Lutheran Church in Hillsdale, partners with us in mission and ministry in the North/West Lower Michigan Synod, ELCA.

Readings & Hymns for October 15

Isaiah 25:1-9
Psalm 23

Philippians 4:1-9
Matthew 22:1-14

#522 As We Gather at Your Table (red book)
#778 The Lord's My Shepherd (red book)
#543 Go, My Children, with My Blessing (red book)

OCTOBER 15, 2023
TWENTIETH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

taking faith home

Paul offers a guide for our life together.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Matthew 22:1-14	Parable of the wedding feast
Monday	Isaiah 25:1-9	A prayer of thanks to God
Tuesday	Philippians 4:1-9	Paul encourages his coworkers
Wednesday	Acts 2:43-47	Life among believers
Thursday	1 Peter 5:1-11	Tending the flock of God
Friday	2 Timothy 1:1-7	Timothy's spiritual background
Saturday	Psalms 23	The Lord is my shepherd
Sunday	Matthew 22:15-22	The question of paying taxes

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

"Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Philippians 4:9 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, give us your peace that we may live together as a community of faith with compassion and confidence through Jesus Christ, our Shepherd and Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, we thank you for this meal, a sign of your care for us that knows no end through Christ Jesus our Lord and Shepherd. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the goodness and mercy of God follow you all the days of your life. (Psalm 23:6)



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

*We've Come This
Far by Faith*



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:

- Is there a friend or relative who thinks and acts similar to you? Explain.
- How does faith in Jesus guide and influence the way we live with others?

DEVOTIONS



Read: Philippians 4:1-9.

Two women who have worked side by side with Paul are urged to "be of the same mind in the Lord" (v. 2). Paul does not explain his specific concerns. They are co-workers in the gospel and need help from the community. What Paul urges is that they face whatever the issue may be with the mind, the attitude, of Christ. Paul describes the mind of Christ with words like rejoicing, prayer, and thanksgiving. All of this leads to the peace of God. In our own time, we in the church are co-workers, and yet we, too, need help to live together in peace. Paul's message leads us to pursue our issues with one another with truth, honor, justice, purity, excellence, and praise. Simply put, the gospel leads us to remember and pursue what is commendable for our life together, not on what divides us. Paul emphasizes that his words are worth thinking about again and again.

Discuss: How can reflecting on the mind of Christ help you receive the peace of God as you live with others in the church?

Pray: God of peace, help us to see each other with the mind of Christ that we may live with one another in peace and with honor and justice for all through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SERVICE



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings for this week, in what ways can you show humility and gentleness toward others this week?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Psalm 23 is the shepherd David's song to God and one of the most well-known scriptures in the Bible. David likens how a shepherd cares for sheep to how God loves each one of us. Draw or make a sheep using cotton, cardboard, glue, and crayons/markers. Think or talk about ways a shepherd cares for sheep and then about how God cares for you.

Pray: Lord, thank you for caring for me and leading me with love. Amen.



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