

# Trinity's Weekly Connection

Sunday, October 29, 2023 — Reformation Sunday

## This Week at Trinity Lutheran Church

### Sunday, October 29

#### *Reformation Sunday*

*Coats & Blankets Appeal concludes*

*Christmas Wreath Sales conclude*

Traditional Worship, 8 a.m.

Spiritual Gifts Assessment, 9 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.

Spiritual Gifts Assessment, 10:30 a.m.

Traditional Worship, 10:45 a.m.

Spiritual Gifts Assessment, noon

Confirmation Class, 3 p.m.

Celebration of Music Concert, "Music for Duo Grand Pianos," 3 p.m.

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

### Monday, October 30

Stroller Barre, 9 a.m.

Rejoice Band Rehearsal, 6 p.m.

Schubert Male Chorus Rehearsal, 6p.m.

### Tuesday, October 31

LWR Quilters, 9:30 a.m.

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

Medicaid/Medicare, 10 a.m.

Tai Chi for Arthritis, 10:15 a.m.

Fit4Baby, 7 p.m.

### Wednesday, November 1

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.

Outreach Committee Meeting, noon

### Thursday, November 2

Helping Hands Committee Meeting, 10 a.m.

Medicaid/Medicare, 10 a.m.

Tai Chi for Arthritis, 10:15 a.m.

Resound Bell Rehearsal, 6 p.m.

Choosing Peace & Serenity AFG, 7 p.m.

Trinity Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m.

### Friday, November 3

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

### Saturday, November 4

Surviving the Holidays, 9:45 a.m.

Medicaid/Medicare, 10 a.m.

### Sunday, November 5

#### *All Saints Sunday*

*Christmas Angels Following All Services*

Traditional Worship, 8 a.m.

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

Live Streaming of Worship, 9:15 and 10:45 a.m.

Sunday School/Christmas Program Practice, 9:30 a.m.

Traditional Worship, 10:45 a.m.

Pastor Bob's Retirement Potluck, noon

Middle School Youth Group, 2 p.m.

Confirmation Class, 3 p.m.

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

### Altar Flowers October 29

The Traditional worship service flowers are given by the Krug family in loving memory of Jacquelin Annette Wichmann.

### Baptism Today

Today at 10:45 a.m. we welcome **Billy Allen Harris** into the Body of Christ by the waters of Holy Baptism. Billy's parents are Dianté and Tori Harris. Her sponsors are Bill and Lisa Keller and Mike and Liz Daniel.

### Assisting in Worship This Morning

#### 8:00 a.m.

Sacristans: Fred & Kathy Wilcox

Lector: Tom Zollman

Communion Assistants: Chris & Beth Van Meter

Ushers: Dale Barkema, Elaine Rongey,  
Gloria Von der Heide

Acolyte: Helena Phillips, Edmund Van Meter

#### 9:15 a.m.

Beyond Belief band leading worship

Sacristan: Lisa Mead

Lector: Eric Larson

Communion Assistants: Mike Mason, Karen Unruh

Ushers: Mark Baker, Dave & Carrie Boer,  
Mark Hagbom & Sally Mahoney,  
Jeff Postlewaite

Acolytes: Daniel Ahrens, Owen Battreall, Steven Unruh

#### 10:45 a.m.

Cantor: Sid Hoeksema

Sacristan: Dolly Lowe

Lector: Kai Bredwell

Communion Assistants: Lois McCardell, Jo Murphy

Ushers: Jim & Sue Coates, John Derbin, Don Kishman,  
Jamie Norris, Wayne Snyder

Acolytes: Tristan Derbin

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, Don Barsema, 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 Pastor Clay Bates and the people of Peace Lutheran Church in Holland, partners with us in ministry North/West Lower Michigan Synod, ELCA.

## Readings & Hymns for October 29

Jeremiah 31:31-34  
Psalm 46

Romans 3:19-28  
John 8:31-36

#858 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (red book)  
#596 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less (red book)  
#504 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (red book)

OCTOBER 29, 2023  
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST

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

*The challenge of loving one's neighbor.*

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Matthew 22:34-46	Loving God and neighbor
Monday	Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18	Love your neighbor as yourself
Tuesday	1 Thessalonians 2:1-8	Paul's life and work
Wednesday	Deuteronomy 10:12-22	The essence of the law
Thursday	Romans 15:1-6	Please others, not yourself
Friday	1 Peter 4:7-11	Good stewards of God's grace
Saturday	Psalms 1	The way to happiness
Sunday	Matthew 23:1-12	Humble yourselves

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.*  
Leviticus 19:18 (NRSV)

### PRAYERS AND BLESSING

#### A Prayer for the Week:

Loving God, it is impossible to love as you love; give us hearts that can be changed so we may love others as you love us through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, we thank you for this gift of food; may it give us strength and courage to care for others for the sake of Jesus Christ, who cares for us all. Amen.

#### A Blessing to Give:

Through God's love, may you be freed to love your neighbor as yourself.



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### HYMN OF THE WEEK

*Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with  
Your Love*

### 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 do you show someone that you love them?
- In the Bible love is an action that cares for one's neighbor. Why are actions and not just words important to communicate love?

### DEVOTIONS

Read: Leviticus 19.

Reading chapter 19 in its entirety gives a powerful context to the words, "love your neighbor as yourself" (v. 18). We are to be holy because God is holy. Holiness is not something we earn or create; it is our life lived reflecting the holiness of God. That holiness is best understood as God's power and steadfast love. Humans express God's love for a neighbor through just judgments and by not slandering, not profiting from the violation of another, and not hating or taking vengeance. In verses 33-34 the neighbor was first a fellow Hebrew. That same commitment to love the neighbor is given to foreigners also, for God's people know what it is like to be a foreigner. Because we are not up to the task of our own holiness, we are to correct one another when we miss the mark of reflecting God's steadfast love. Love is active and dares to correct when hate, slander, violence, and more detract from God's goodness and mercy. God's holiness and love extends to all through Jesus, the Son of God.

Discuss: Through what actions or words have you extended God's love to a neighbor?

Pray: God of love and justice, remind us daily of your holiness that heals and cares for all people and creation through Christ. Amen.

### SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings for this week, how can you reach out to a neighbor or friend with an act of kindness?

### RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

In Matthew 22:37-39, Jesus points out to the religious leaders that the greatest of the Ten Commandments are about loving the Lord your God and your neighbor as yourself. These laws are at the heart of the Old Testament message. God's law is about loving relationships. Write a list of words that you feel describe a loving relationship. Think or talk about why you chose those words.

Pray: Lord God, may I delight in your law and meditate on your law both day and night that your love be seen in all relationships I have with others. Amen. (Psalm 1:2)



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