

# Trinity's Weekly Connection

Sunday, November 12, 2022 – Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

## This Week at Trinity Lutheran Church

### Sunday, November 12

*Veterans Appreciation Sunday / New Members Sunday*  
(Veterans/New Members Reception  
8:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.)

*Charge! Youth Conference in Traverse City concludes*  
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/Christmas Program Practice, 9:30 a.m.  
Traditional Worship, 10:45 a.m.  
Substance Use Services at Pine Rest Presentation,  
12:30 p.m.  
Stephen Ministry Continuing Education, 12:30 p.m.  
Stephen Ministry Peer Support Group, 1:30 p.m.

### Monday, November 13

*The Messenger Deadline*  
Stroller Barre, 9 a.m.  
Oasis Meeting, 3 p.m.  
Rejoice Band Rehearsal, 6 p.m.  
Congregation Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.  
Oasis Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.  
Schubert Male Chorus Rehearsal, 7 p.m.

### Tuesday, November 14

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.  
Care & Share, 10:30 a.m.  
Fit4Baby, 7 p.m.

### Wednesday, November 15

Power Bend & Stretch Fitness Class, 9 a.m.  
Life Begins at 60 Dinner at Timbers Inn, 5:30 p.m.

### Thursday, November 16

Medicaid/Medicare, 10 a.m.  
Tai Chi for Arthritis, 10:15 a.m.  
Volunteer at In The Image, 1 p.m.  
Bridge, 1 p.m.  
Heart-To-Heart, 2:15 p.m.  
Resound Bell Rehearsal, 6 p.m.  
Choosing Peace & Serenity AFG, 7 p.m.  
Trinity Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m.

### Friday, November 17

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

### Sunday, November 19

*Consecration Sunday*  
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.  
Confirmation Class, 3 p.m.  
Youth Craig's Cruisers Outing, 5 p.m.

## Baptism Today at 9:15 a.m.

Today at 9:15 a.m. we welcome Eliana Joy Ice and Lydia Claire Ice into the Body of Christ by the waters of Holy Baptism. Eliana and Lydia's parents are Calvin and Lauren Ice. Eliana's sponsors are Mitchell and Hannah Ice and Phil and Judi Rupp. Lydia's sponsors are Levi and Carolyn Gray-Rupp and Phil and Judi Rupp.

## Assisting in Worship This Morning

### 8:00 a.m.

Sacristan: Vince Schumacher  
Lector: Kim Brock  
Communion Assistants: Cindy Zientarski, Betty Hall  
Ushers: Dale Barkema, Elaine Rongey,  
Gloria Von der Heide  
Acolyte: Delia DeBoer

### 9:15 a.m.

Beyond Belief band leading worship  
Sacristan: Don & Judy Otten  
Lector: Eric Larson  
Communion Assistants: Lisa Postlewaite,  
Kris Shannon  
Ushers: Jeff Postlewaite Dave & Carrie Boer,  
Mark Hagbom & Sally Mahoney, Mark Baker  
Acolytes: Maggie Coles, Clifford Morin

### 10:45 a.m.

Cantor: Sid Hoeksema  
Sacristan: Lois McCardell  
Lector: Pam Burkle  
Communion Assistants: Vince Schumacher,  
Sandra Sudak  
Ushers: Jim & Sue Coates, John Derbin, Don Kishman,  
Tom Mannisto, Jamie Norris, Dee Scales,  
Wayne Snyder  
Acolytes: TBD

Bread Baker: Jan Jacobson

## 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, Mike and Kim Danielski, 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, Grace Lanning, John and Marilyn Leese, Jane Legault, Meri Leidel, 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, Carrie and David Boer, 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, Susan and Terry Knoll, Joni and Steve Korb, Beth Krueger, Kristen Lamprich, Kent and Kristin Linkfield, Wendy and Jim Mielock, Dave and Julie Murray, Patrick and Jacquie Murray, Craig and Patti Mutch, Debbie and John Potter, Kathy Sommers, Jonathan and Jennifer Sommers, Sylvia and Bill Stouten, Linda Taffs, Wollen/Billings families and Natalie Yeager.

We also lift up in prayer this week Pastor Kevin Sullivan and the people of Faith Lutheran Church in Grand Rapids, partners with us in ministry North/West Lower Michigan Synod, ELCA.

## Readings & Hymns for November 12

Amos 5:18-24	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Psalms 6:12-16	Matthew 25:1-13

#1022	God, Bless the Hands (purple book)
#244	Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers (red book)
#867	In Thee is Gladness (red book)

NOVEMBER 12, 2023  
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST

## taking† faith home

*Worship that is pleasing to God.*

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Matthew 25:1-13	A parable of the ten bridesmaids
Monday	Amos 5:18-24	What the Lord requires
Tuesday	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	The coming of the Lord
Wednesday	Psalms 106:1-12	A confession of Israel's sins
Thursday	Isaiah 1:10-17	Justice is needed, not sacrifices
Friday	Deuteronomy 16:18-20	Treat everyone with justice
Saturday	Psalms 70	God is wonderful
Sunday	Matthew 25:14-30	Parable of the talents

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. Amos 5:24 (NRSV)*

### PRAYERS AND BLESSING

#### A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty God, we thank you for your call for justice and mercy that gives hope to our lives and to the generations to come through your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

#### Mealtime Prayer:

Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest, and let these gifts to us be blessed; and let there be a goodly share on every table, everywhere. Amen.

#### A Blessing to Give:

May the God who shows mercy on the poor deliver you from harm. (Psalm 70:5)

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### HYMN OF THE WEEK

*Canticle of the Turning*



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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:

- Why is care for those in need so important?
- What type of worship do you think pleases God? Explain.

### DEVOTIONS

*Read: Amos 5:18-24.*

Amos' prophetic words are not addressed to those who are indifferent or have actively rejected faith in God. His message is for those who worship God. He uses words of caution filled with danger and accusation. The worshipping community becomes shaken out of complacency. What God sees and smells and hears in worship is not pleasing. Worship is offered without concern for the needs of the poor (justice) and the wellbeing of the community (righteousness). Worship that is pleasing to God includes the daily life activity of people that shows compassion and delights in healthy relationships. Worship promotes a faithful way of life that is itself a form of worship and praise to God. It is good to know that the power of God's justice is like a flood of water, a deluge, and God's righteousness is constant like a stream that never stops flowing.

*Discuss:* How does worship lead you to acts of compassion that serve the needs of others?

*Pray:* God of justice and mercy, may our worship life reflect your compassion for the needy and our need for strong and life-giving relationships through Christ Jesus 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 to enable them to have life-giving relationships?

### RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Matthew 25:1-13 is the parable of the foolish bridesmaids who did not have additional oil for their lamps. The light in their lamps could not shine. They were not ready. It is important to keep the faith alive and "burning" while waiting for Christ's return. We can do this by being ready to do God's work every day. Light a candle to symbolize the light of Jesus' love shining. While the candle is burning write a list of ways you can do God's work every day.

*Pray:* Dear God, be with me each day. Help me to show love, fairness, and care for others through your Son, Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen