

# Trinity's Weekly Connection

Sunday, November 19, 2022 — Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

## This Week at Trinity Lutheran Church

### 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.

### Monday, November 20

Stroller Barre, 9 a.m.

Finance Committee Meeting, 6 p.m.

Beyond Belief Band Rehearsal, 6 p.m.

Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at  
Fountain Street Church, 7 p.m.

Oasis Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Schubert Male Chorus Rehearsal, 7 p.m.

### Tuesday, November 21

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.

Tuesday Evening Book Club, 7 p.m.

Fit4Baby, 7 p.m.

### Wednesday, November 22

Power Bend & Stretch Fitness Class, 9 a.m.

### Thursday, November 23

Thanksgiving Day Office is Closed

### Friday, November 24

Thanksgiving Holiday Office is Closed

### Sunday, November 26

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.



## Eternal Candle and Worship Flowers Today

Today's eternal candle is given by Elaine Rongey in loving memory of Ken Rongey. The Traditional worship flowers are given by the Flatt and Becker families.

## Assisting in Worship This Morning

### 8:00 a.m.

Sacristan: Elaine Rongey

Lector: Hyesook Kim deJonge

Communion Assistants: Dale Barkema, Kim Brock

Ushers: Erick Kind, Chad & Jenna Mencarelli

Acolyte: TBD

### 9:15 a.m.

Rejoice band leading worship

Sacristan: Lisa Postlewaite

Lector: Tim Lundgren

Communion Assistants: Steve Heacock, Steve Stephan

Ushers: Mike Bishop, Dan & Carol Butler, John Hall,

Kathy Noble, Jim Willman

Acolytes: Owen Battreall, Sam Bishop

### 10:45 a.m.

Cantor:

Sacristan: Jo Murphy

Lector: Brad Burkle

Communion Assistants: Linda Taffs, Beth Vanderwall

Ushers: Steve Cairns, Paul Getzin, Lois McCardell,

John Derbin, Jim Vanderwall

Acolytes: James Day

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 for the people of Bread of Life Lutheran Church in Hudsonville, partners with us in ministry North/West Lower Michigan Synod, ELCA.

## Readings & Hymns for November 19

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

Psalm 90:1-8

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Matthew 25:14-30

#840 Now Thank We All Our God (red book)

#641 All Are Welcome (red book)

#579 Lord, You Give the Great Commission (red book)

NOVEMBER 19, 2023  
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST

# taking† faith home

*Jesus calls us to action.*

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Matthew 25:14-30	Parable of the talents
Monday	Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18	Judgment of Judah
Tuesday	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11	Encourage one another
Wednesday	James 1:19-27	Hearing and doing the word
Thursday	James 2:14-26	Faith without works is dead
Friday	1 John 3:18-24	Love one another
Saturday	Psalms 90:1-12	God is eternal
Sunday	Matthew 25:31-46	The sheep and the goats

## SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*"His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'" Matthew 25:23 (NRSV)*

## PRAYERS AND BLESSING

### A Prayer for the Week:

Eternal God, you know our frailty and limitations. Give us faith and courage to act with boldness for the sake of your love through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Mealtime Prayer:

For this food that nourishes us, for the people that support us, and for your goodness that renews us, we give you thanks through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. Amen.

### A Blessing to Give:

May you experience the joy of your God through Christ our Lord.



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## HYMN OF THE WEEK

*Rise Up, O Saints of God!*



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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:

- What are some thoughts, principles, and beliefs that guide your daily life?
- How does the Christian faith help guide you in your daily life?

## DEVOTIONS

*Read:* Matthew 25:14-30.

Jesus' parables, stories that teach a religious lesson, are powerful. They have a message for us. They get into our heads and make us think. In this reading, is God like the master who is "a harsh man, reaping where [he] did not sow" (v. 24)? Of course not. Parables are not necessarily stories that place God as one character and us as another. Just as the actions of the master lead to a definite action by the slave, so our God leads us to definite action. Followers of Jesus are gifted with valued contributions for the work of God's kingdom. God's grace and mercy blesses people through our actions. So act, not for personal benefit but for the joy of living in the grace of God. Christianity is not meant to be simply a philosophy that we think about but a life we experience with others and with God. It includes a "wise heart" (Psalm 90:12) that gives attention to what matters and what brings kindness and joy to the world.

*Discuss:* What gifts and opportunities has God given you to care for others and give witness to the love of God in Christ?

*Pray:* God of abundance, your judgments are true and full of compassion for all that you create. Give us wise hearts to give you praise and serve our neighbor in love through 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 with acts of kindness that reflect the abundant love of God?

## RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

The apostle Paul writes "encourage one another and build each other up" (1 Thessalonians 5:11). Think or talk about ways you can be affirming and encouraging to others. Name one person in particular and write a note to them to tell them a gift you have recognized in them, what you appreciate about them, and give words of encouragement to them. End the note with a blessing: Child of light, may God bless you with faith, hope and love, this day and always. (1 Thessalonians 5:5, 8)



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