

Trinity's Weekly Connection

Sunday, November 26, 2022 — Christ the King Sunday

This Week at Trinity Lutheran Church

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.

Monday, November 27

Stroller Barre, 9 a.m.
Rejoice Band Rehearsal, 6 p.m.
Schubert Male Chorus Rehearsal, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, November 28

Council on Aging, 8 a.m.
LWR Quilters, 10:30 a.m.
Women's Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.
Medicaid/Medicare, 10 a.m.
Tai Chi for Arthritis, 10:15 a.m.
Odyssey of the Mind, 6 p.m.
Stephen Ministry Continuing Education, 6:30 p.m.
Fit4Baby, 7 p.m.
Stephen Ministry Peer Support Group, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 29

Power Bend & Stretch Fitness Class, 9 a.m.
Pack 3015 Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 30

Medicare/Medicaid, 10 a.m.
Tai Chi for Arthritis, 10:15 a.m.
Resound Bell Rehearsal, 6 p.m.
Choosing Peace and Serenity AFG, 7 p.m.
Trinity Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m.

Friday, December 1

Art Makers Set Up
Friday Morning Women's Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, December 2

Art Makers Annual Art Sale in the Courtyard,
9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Medicaid/Medicare, 10 a.m.
Cookie Decorating and Delivery, 2 p.m.

Sunday, December 3

Traditional Worship, 8 a.m.
Rejoice Worship (Rejoice band), 9:15 a.m.
High School Bible Study, 9:15 a.m.
Live Streaming of Worship, 9:15 and 10:45 a.m.
Sunday School & Practice for
Children's Christmas Program, 9:30 a.m.
Traditional Worship, 10:45 a.m.
Advent by Candlelight, 6:30 p.m.

Eternal Candle Today

Today's eternal candle is given in thanksgiving for Jesus.

Assisting in Worship This Morning

8:00 a.m.

Cantor: Jude Westra
Sacristan: TBD
Lector: Jim deJonge
Communion Assistants: Nancy Morrison, Kathy Noble
Ushers: Bob Carwell, Jack Reichert
Acolyte: TBD

9:15 a.m.

Beyond Belief band leading worship
Sacristan: Carrie Wygmans
Lector: Mike Mason
Communion Assistants: Gary Stevens, Joanna Waite
Ushers: Steve and Nate Bennett, Brad & Pam Burkle,
Bill Bush, Tim Lundgren, Karen Nagle
Acolytes:

10:45 a.m.

Cantor: Steve Feutz
Sacristan: Vince Schumacher
Lector: Steve Cairns
Communion Assistants: Dale Volkerding,
Carrie Wygmans
Ushers: Kara Day, Carol Hendricks, David Kuecherer,
Jordan Wiseman
Acolytes:

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, Dan Butler, 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 Pastor Kate Schroeder and the people of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Jackson, partners with us in ministry North/West Lower Michigan Synod, ELCA.

Readings & Hymns for November 26

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 Ephesians 1:15-23
Psalm 95:1-7a Matthew 25:31-46

#864 Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven (red book)
#416 At the Name of Jesus (red book)
#634 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name! (red book)

NOVEMBER 26, 2023
CHRIST THE KING
SUNDAY



Jesus calls his followers to acts of mercy.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Matthew 25:31-46	The sheep and the goats
Monday	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24	God, the true shepherd
Tuesday	Ephesians 1:15-23	Paul's prayer
Wednesday	1 Corinthians 5:1-11	Spiritual gifts
Thursday	Joshua 24:14-28	Always be faithful to the Lord
Friday	1 Peter 5:1-11	Tending the flock of God
Saturday	Psalms 95:1-7a	Worship and obey the Lord
Sunday	Mark 13:24-37	When the Son of Man appears

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. Psalm 95:6-7a (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:
Almighty God, give us eyes to see you and to worship you with our love and service to others for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:
Dear God, we thank you for creating the earth to be fruitful and satisfy our needs for food and shelter, community and peace. In the name of Christ, amen.

A Blessing to Give:
May Christ the King give you peace and courage for each day.

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HYMN OF THE WEEK
*Will You Let Me Be
Your Servant*



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 duties a shepherd has to do to care for the sheep?
- Jesus is called the Good Shepherd. Why do you think he is called this?

DEVOTIONS
Read: Matthew 25:31-46.

In the ancient Near East, the reference to shepherd (v.32) was a reference to the king, the one responsible to care for the people. In the Old Testament, the kings of Israel and Judah usually failed their role as the shepherd who ruled with justice for the poor. In Ezekiel, the Lord takes back the role of king and shepherds the people to safety with the promise of a new shepherd king in the line of David. For the church that shepherd is Jesus, the Son of Man. He comes as judge and as shepherd to separate sheep from goats, the ones who do the will of God and those who do not. The surprise in this reading is that the sheep don't even know they are sheep. They ask when it was that they acted with compassion as though they were serving the Son of Man. The surprising joy is that acts of love and mercy happen even—or especially—when the sheep (followers of Jesus) are not aware of their actions that love others. Following Jesus leads to a life filled with acts of compassion for the poor, the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked, the sick and the imprisoned.

Discuss: Where have you seen God's kingdom through people's actions that show love and mercy?
Pray: God of justice and mercy, we pray for your reign to be visible in us that the world may know your care for the poor and others in need through Christ Jesus our Savior. Amen.

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings for this week, how might you serve the stranger and others who need care?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

November 26th is the last Sunday in this church year. Think or talk about your involvement in the ministries of the church in the past year. Consider these questions: What were the highlights? In what ways did you grow in your faith? How did you share your faith with others? Take a moment to consider in what ways you will serve in the congregation and the community in the coming year.

Pray: God of glory and might, we give thanks that you are our God and that we are the sheep in your hand through Christ our Lord. (Psalm 95:7a)