

Trinity's Weekly Connection

Sunday, February 25, 2024 — Second Sunday in Lent

This Week at Trinity Lutheran Church

Sunday, February 25

Clean Start Appeal concludes
Sponsor the Synod Gathering Fund concludes
Traditional Worship, 8 a.m.
Rejoice Worship (Rejoice band), 9:15 a.m.
Lenten Grace Group, 9:15 a.m.
Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.
Live Streaming of Worship, 9:15 and 10:45 a.m.
Lenten Grace Group (with Childcare), 10:30 a.m.
Traditional Worship, 10:45 a.m.
Oasis Training, 1:30 p.m.
Confirmation Class, 3 p.m.
High School Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.

Monday, February 26

Stroller Barre, 9 a.m.
Lenten Grace Group, 10:30 a.m.
Schubert Male Chorus Rehearsal, 6 p.m.
Beyond Belief Band Rehearsal, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, February 27

Council on Aging, 8 a.m.
Lenten Grace Group, 9:30 p.m.
LWR Quilters, 10:30 a.m.
GriefShare, 3:30 p.m.
Stephen Ministry Continuing Education, 6:30 p.m.
Fit4Baby, 7 p.m.
Stephen Ministry Peer Support, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 28

Fitness Class, 10 a.m.
Lenten Grace Group, 5 p.m.
Lenten Soup Supper, 5:30 p.m.
Lenten Midweek Worship, 6:30 p.m.
Pack 3015 Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 29

Resound Bell Rehearsal 6 p.m.
Choosing Peace and Serenity AFG, 7 p.m.
Trinity Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m.

Friday, March 1

Personal Hygiene Appeal begins
Friday Morning Women's Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, March 2

COM Rehearsal, 10 a.m.
Spring Blood Drive, 10:30 a.m.
Baby Shower, 2 p.m.

Sunday, March 3

Personal Hygiene Appeal
Traditional Worship, 8 a.m.
Rejoice Worship (Beyond Belief band), 9:15 a.m.
Lenten Grace Group, 9:15 a.m.
High School Bible Study, 9:15 a.m.
Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.
Live Streaming of Worship, 9:15 and 10:45 a.m.
Lenten Grace Group (with Childcare), 10:30 a.m.
Traditional Worship, 10:45 a.m.
Christophe's Children Update, noon
Middle School Youth Group, 2 p.m.
Confirmation Class, 3 p.m.
Celebration of Music Concert: Chamber Music Performance, 3 p.m.
High School Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.

Assisting in Worship This Morning

8 a.m.

Cantor:
Sacristans: Elaine Rongey
Lector: Kim Brock
Communion Assistants: Dale Barkema,
Nancy Morrison
Ushers: Bob Carwell, Jack Reichert
Acolytes: TBD

9:15 a.m.

Rejoice band leading worship
Sacristan: Chuck Hickerty & Glenn Swanson
Lector: Brad Burkle
Communion Assistants: Kathy Noble, Dave Straw
Ushers: Steve & Nate Bennett, Pam Burkle, Bill Bush,
Tim Lundgren, Karen Nagle
Acolytes: Layla and Lilly Lothschutz

10:45 a.m.

Cantor: Deb Dewitt
Sacristan: Jan Jacobson, Nancy Mattson
Lector: John Fox
Communion Assistants: Dolly Lowe, Lois McCardell
Ushers: Kara Day, Carol Hendricks, David Kuecherer,
Jordan Wiseman
Acolytes: James Day, TJ Derbin

Bread Baker: Julie Williams

Trinity Members in Our Prayers

We pray for **Trinity members in times of illness, hospitalization, rehabilitation and recovery:** Sue Bailey, Lisa Barkema, Don Barsema, David Benkert, Krysta Billock, Bev Block, Ken Block, Sue Boyse, Pat Bruin, Dan Butler, Bob Crossman, Mike Danielski, Kim Danielski, Gordy Engstrom, Ruth Ann Evans, Biruta Fessenden, Diane Field, Kris Fox, Richard Gehl, Elena Griewahn, Elwyn Griewahn, Bob Heine, Callan Hughes, Carol Huttenga, Sherri Ide, Mary Johnson, Patricia Johnson, Isaac (Ike) Keller, Grace Lanning, John Leese, Marilyn Leese, Jane Legault, Judy Mullen, Tom Mannisto, Rebecca Mattison, Stephanie McLeod, Laura Norton, Julia Pfeiffle, Jesse Platt, Jacqueline Riegling, Denny Rosen, Marian Schaible, Chas Schaner, Ann Schomberg, Chris Schomberg, Lee Schomberg, Bob Sielaff, Dave Smoes, John Walls, Robert Williams, Rick Wolner, Michelle Wolner, David Young, Kathy Young, and Kathryn Zielinski.

We also lift up **Trinity families mourning the loss of loved ones:** Albert Asfour, Maria Ashimine, Greg and Rachele Battreall, Carrie and David Boer, Beverly and John Bosserman, Bryan and Kate Bredwell, Liz and Jason Coles, Jack Danielson, Scott and Corina Dulecki, Julie Earhart, Jon Ferguson, Diane Field, John and Kris Fox, Mary Frick, Josh and Katie Gardner, Susan and Terry Knoll, Joni and Steve Korb, Kristen Lamprich, Kent and Kristin Linkfield, Wendy and Jim Mielock, Dave and Julie Murray, Patrick and Jacquie Murray, Debbie and John Potter, Kathy Sommers, Jonathan and Jennifer Sommers, Sylvia and Bill Stouten, Linda Taffs, Wollen/Billings families, Natalie Yeager, and Terry and Linda Zabel.

We also lift up in prayer this week Pastor John Sleziak and the people of Hope Lutheran Church in Marlette, partners with us in ministry North/West Lower Michigan Synod, ELCA.

Readings & Hymns for February 25

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 Romans 4:13-25
Psalm 22:23-31 Mark 8:31-38

#796 How Firm a Foundation (red book)
#1086 O God, Who Gives Us Life (purple book)
#707 Lord of Glory, You Have Bought us (red book)

FEBRUARY 25, 2024
SECOND SUNDAY
IN LENT



From despair to praise, God is with us.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Mark 8:31-38	Jesus predicts his death
Monday	Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16	Sign of the covenant
Tuesday	Romans 4:13-25	God's promise
Wednesday	2 Corinthians 5:16-21	Bringing people to God
Thursday	Psalms 63	Comfort in God's power
Friday	Ezekiel 36:21-28	God will make God's people clean
Saturday	Psalms 22:23-31	Suffering and praise
Sunday	John 2:13-22	Jesus cleanses the temple

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

From you [God] comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him. The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD. Psalm 22:25-26a (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Eternal God, we thank you for bringing us into your kingdom that is like no other, a power and rule filled with love and hope through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, we give you thanks for this food, a gift of love that gives us strength to praise you for your faithfulness to us through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May your life in Christ give you hope.



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

Come, All You People



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:

- Think or tell about a time you or someone you know felt rejected or in despair.
- Do you believe that God can help us overcome pain? Explain.

DEVOTIONS



Read: Psalm 22:23-31 and Mark 8:31-38.

Psalm 22 begins, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me" (v. 1). The psalmist, in verses 23-31, then utters praise with a new understanding of his/her life and identity in the presence of God. Jesus calls us to give up any self-identity that is not grounded in God through Jesus when he says, "let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me" (Mark 8:34b). Psalm 22 expresses a similar point. We, ourselves, are not defined by our hurts, suffering, or disappointments, but by God. There is a move from despair to praise after recognizing that God has not left the psalmist (or us) in pain. What defines us is the God who delivers us and frees us through Christ. In Psalm 22, God's power and glory reaches the ends of the earth, even the dead and those unborn (vv. 29-31). Like the psalmist in Psalm 22, Peter in Mark 8:33 experiences rejection, but we know that one day he will join in the praise expressed at the end of this psalm. A life of praise to God and God's ways will change Peter just as it changed the psalmist and just as it changes us.

Discuss: How does God's power lead us from rejection to praise?

Pray: **Life-changing God, help us to see your glory at work in the world and to trust that in Jesus Christ your kingdom has come to put an end to all evil and suffering. Amen.**

SERVICE



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you help someone who is going through a difficult time?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



The cross is an ancient symbol of the Christian faith. It reminds us Jesus died that we may live with God forever and is a reminder of a way of life for Jesus' followers. Light two candles of the seven votive candles shaped like a cross being used for Lent. Sit in silence for a moment while looking at the cross.

Then pray: **Dear God, thank you for never giving up on us as we seek to lovingly give of ourselves for the needs of others and for the sake of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Amen.**



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