

# Trinity's Weekly Connection

Sunday, March 3, 2024 — Third Sunday in Lent

## This Week at Trinity Lutheran Church

### 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.

### Monday, March 4

Stroller Barre, 9 a.m.

Lenten Grace Group, 10:30 a.m.

Volunteer at In The Image, 1 p.m.

Stephen Leaders Meeting, 1:30 p.m.

Property Committee Meeting, 6 p.m.

Schubert Male Chorus Rehearsal, 6 p.m.

Rejoice Band Rehearsal, 6 p.m.

### Tuesday, March 5

Lenten Grace Group, 9:30 p.m.

LWR Quilters, 9:30 a.m.

GriefShare, 3:30 p.m.

Executive Committee Meeting, 7 p.m.

Fit4Baby, 7 p.m.

### Wednesday, March 6

Fitness Class, 10 a.m.

Outreach Committee Meeting, noon

Lenten Grace Group, 5 p.m.

Lenten Soup Supper, 5:30 p.m.

Lenten Midweek Worship, 6:30 p.m.

Odyssey of the Mind, 6:30 p.m.

### Thursday, March 7

Resound Bell Rehearsal 6 p.m.

Choosing Peace and Serenity AFG, 7 p.m.

Trinity Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m.

### Friday, March 8

Friday Morning Women's Book Club, 9:30 a.m.

30-Hour Famine, 5 p.m.

### Saturday, March 9

30-Hour Famine concludes, 5 p.m.

### Sunday, March 10

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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.

Stephen Ministry Continuing Education, 12:30 p.m.

Stephen Ministry Peer Support Group, 1:30 p.m.

Middle School Youth Group, 2 p.m.

Confirmation Class, 3 p.m.

## Assisting in Worship This Morning

### 8 a.m.

Sacristans: Cathy Olson

Lector: Kathy Wilcox

Communion Assistants: Elaine Rongey,  
Kris Baker

Ushers: Bill Bailey, John Potter, Joel Westra

Acolytes: Jude Westra

### 9:15 a.m.

Beyond Belief band leading worship

Sacristan: Kim Hysell

Lector: Dan Butler

Communion Assistants: Kim Hysell, Lisa Postlewaite

Ushers: Todd Brandstadt, Ethan Guis, Lisa Mead

Acolytes: Daniel Ahrens

### 10:45 a.m.

Cantor: John Fox

Sacristan: H. J. Slider, Elizabeth Derbin

Lector: Brad Burkle

Communion Assistants: David Marquardt, Jo Murphy

Ushers: David, Bergen and Theo Marquardt,  
Brad Kessel, Dorothy Postema, Scott Stoll

Acolytes: TJ Derbin, James Day

**Bread Baker:** Kelli Basher and Barb Meyers

## 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, Steve Cairns, Bob Crossman, Mike Danielski, Kim Danielski, Gordy Engstrom, Ruth Ann Evans, Grant Ferguson, 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 Mallen, 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, Gloria Von der Heide, 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, 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, Wollen/Billings families, Natalie Yeager, and Terry and Linda Zabel.

We also lift up in prayer this week Pastor Gerald Ferguson and the people of All Saints Lutheran Church in Mason, partners with us in mission and ministry in the North/West Lower Michigan Synod, ELCA.

## Readings & Hymns for March 3

Exodus 20:1-17

Psalm 19

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

John 2:13-22

#645	Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation (red book)
#723	Canticle of the Turning (red book)
#789	Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us (red book)
#705	God of Grace and God of Glory (red book)

MARCH 3, 2024  
THIRD SUNDAY  
IN LENT



*Worship the Lord wherever you are.*

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	John 2:13-22	Jesus cleanses the temple
Monday	Exodus 20:1-17	The Ten Commandments
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 1:18-25	Christ crucified
Wednesday	Proverbs 24:3-4	Seek wisdom
Thursday	Joshua 24:14-18	The tribes renew the covenant
Friday	2 Samuel 7:18-29	David's prayer
Saturday	Psalms 19	God is creator and gives the law
Sunday	John 3:14-21	God so loved the world

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and you will raise it up in three days?" But he [Jesus] was speaking of the temple of his body. John 2:20-21 (NRSV)*

### PRAYERS AND BLESSING

#### **A Prayer for the Week:**

Creator God, help us to give you our worship and praise wherever we are for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord who came that we may be set free. Amen.

#### **Mealtime Prayer:**

Dear God, with the sun, moon, and stars, we give you thanks for your creative work, including this gift of food. Amen. (Psalm 19:1)

#### **A Blessing to Give:**

May you worship the risen Lord with gladness.



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### HYMN OF THE WEEK

*All Are Welcome*



### 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:

- Where do you like to worship God?
- Jesus said that his body is the real temple. What does that mean for how and where we worship?

### DEVOTIONS



*Read:* John 2:1-22.

Jesus goes from turning water into an abundance of wine at a wedding to arriving in Jerusalem and announcing his uncompromising judgment in the temple. Both images of Jesus are critical to the Gospel of John. Jesus opposes the buying and selling happening in the temple at the expense of honoring "my Father's house" (v. 16). The "sign" or authority he gives for his forceful actions is that his body is the real temple. Jesus, as the word made flesh (John 1:14), embodies the very presence of God and, therefore, Jesus becomes the centerpiece for our worship. To the Samaritan woman Jesus says, "you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem" (John 4:21). During the COVID pandemic Christians could not gather in person. We began to realize we need not worship only in a sanctuary. The phrase used was "the church has left the building," noting that we can still worship God outside of sanctuaries. The same message is in John, and it is not new. We can worship wherever we are. *Discuss:* Besides a church building, where have you worshiped Jesus?

*Pray:* God of heaven and earth, help us to see that your glory is everywhere, and wherever we are is an acceptable place to worship you through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

### SERVICE



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, in addition to a sanctuary, where can you join with others to worship God?

### 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 three 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:* Lord, let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you. You are my Rock and my Redeemer. Amen. (Psalm 19:14)



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