

Trinity's Weekly Connection

Sunday, February 18, 2024 – First Sunday in Lent

This Week at Trinity Lutheran Church

Sunday, February 18

Clean Start Appeal continues

Sponsor the Synod Gathering Fund continues

Traditional Worship, 8 a.m.

Rejoice Worship (Beyond Belief 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.

Monday, February 19

Stroller Barre, 9 a.m.

Lenten Grace Group, 10:30 a.m.

Schubert Male Chorus Rehearsal, 6 p.m.

Rejoice Band Rehearsal, 6 p.m.

Finance Committee Meeting, 6 p.m.

Health Ministries Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 20

Lenten Grace Group, 9:30 p.m.

LWR Quilters, 9:30 a.m.

GriefShare, 3:30 p.m.

Odyssey of the Mind, 6 p.m.

Worship & Music Committee Meeting, 7 p.m.

Tuesday Evening Book Club, 7 p.m.

Fit4Baby, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, February 21

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.

Thursday, February 22

Resound Bell Rehearsal 6 p.m.

Choosing Peace and Serenity AFG, 7 p.m.

Trinity Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m.

Friday, February 23

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

Saturday, February 24

High School Karaoke, 5 p.m.

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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.

Eternal Candle Today

Today's eternal candle is given Galen Knutson and Donna Erickson in loving memory of Enid Erickson.

Assisting in Worship This Morning

8 a.m.

Cantor:

Sacristans: Carrie Wygmans

Lector: Dale Barkema

Communion Assistants: Debbie Duckworth,
Cindy Zientarski

Ushers: Erick Kind, Chad & Jenna Mencarelli

Acolytes: TBD

9:15 a.m.

Beyond Belief band leading worship

Sacristan: Steve Heacock

Lector: Kim Brock

Communion Assistants: Karen Unruh, Mike Mason

Ushers: Mike Bishop, Dan & Carol Butler, John Hall,
Kathy Noble, Jim Willman

Acolytes: Clifford Morin

10:45 a.m.

Cantor:

Sacristan: Joe & Marybeth Iaria

Lector: Kate Bredwell

Communion Assistants: John & Kris Fox

Ushers: Steve Cairns, Paul Getzin,
Joe & Marybeth Iaria, Lois McCardell,
Jim Vanderwall

Acolytes: TBD

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, 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, 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 Bill Huether and the people of Trinity Lutheran Church in Manton, partners with us in ministry North/West Lower Michigan Synod, ELCA.

Readings & Hymns for February 18

Genesis 9:8-17

Psalm 25:1-10

1 Peter 3:18-22

Mark 1:9-15

#777 Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty (red book)

#613 Thy Holy Wings (red book)

#322 Oh, Love, How Deep (red book)

FEBRUARY 18, 2024
FIRST SUNDAY
IN LENT



Jesus brings the good news of God's reign.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Mark 1:9-15	Temptation of Jesus
Monday	Genesis 9:8-17	God's promise to Noah
Tuesday	1 Peter 3:18-22	Suffering for doing right
Wednesday	Romans 14:13-23	Do not make someone stumble
Thursday	Psalms 16:5-11	Song of trust
Friday	James 3:13-18	Two kinds of wisdom
Saturday	Psalms 25:1-10	Prayer for guidance
Sunday	Mark 8:31-38	Jesus predicts his death

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent and believe in the good news."

Mark 1:14-15 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty God, you love what you have created; we thank you for your protection and that you come to bring us peace, joy, and love through Jesus Christ, your Beloved Son. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, you remember the lowly and the hungry; we thank you for remembering us with your love and with this meal that gives us strength. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the good news of Jesus give you joy.



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

*Jesus Calls Us; o'er
The Tumult*



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:

- How would you survive in the wilderness?
- How would you describe God's reign to someone?

DEVOTIONS



Read: Mark 1:9-15.

It is easy to miss the power and drama of Jesus' message that now is the time for the kingdom of God. His message seems so brief. Yet, in Jesus, God's reign is taking on all other claims to power and glory. The arrest of John the Baptist calls attention to another kind of power, the kind that seeks to control and destroy. In a world ordered by inequalities, unfairness, and brutality, another power is needed that can take on such harmful ways. That power is seen in Jesus' ability to take on Satan's deceitful testing of him. We also see it in Jesus being protected from wild beasts that could otherwise cause harm. God's justice and mercy has always championed life, love, and peace. Jesus, the Beloved Son of God, now steps out of his baptismal waters with the power of God's Spirit and takes on all forms of evil and death. We are now called to join this kingdom by turning away from destructive powers and trusting this good and awesome news and kingdom that Jesus brings.

Discuss: How do you see God's kingdom in Jesus bringing you and the world good news?

Pray: **Merciful and loving God, give us courage to trust the power and presence of your reign of life, love, and peace through Jesus Christ, your Beloved Son, our Redeemer and Lord. 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 bring Jesus' message of love and peace to others?

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. Lay out a purple cloth (the color for repentance and Lent) and place seven votive candles or battery-operated votive candles in the shape of a cross on the cloth. Light one of the candles this first week in Lent. Sit in silence for a moment while looking at the cross.

Then pray: **Dear God, we give you thanks for your steadfast love and goodness that forgives and renews us in Christ. Amen.**



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