

# Trinity's Weekly Connection

Sunday, March 10, 2024 – Fourth Sunday in Lent

## This Week at Trinity Lutheran Church

### Sunday, March 10

*Personal Hygiene Appeal*

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.

### Monday, March 11

*The Messenger deadline*

Stroller Barre, 9 a.m.

Lenten Grace Group, 10:30 a.m.

Schubert Male Chorus Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

Safety/Security Team Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

Schubert Male Chorus Rehearsal, 6 p.m.

Beyond Belief Band Rehearsal, 6 p.m.

Congregation Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Oasis Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

### Tuesday, March 12

Lenten Grace Group, 9:30 p.m.

LWR Quilters, 9:30 a.m.

GriefShare, 3:30 p.m.

Fit4Baby, 7 p.m.

### Wednesday, March 13

Fitness Class, 10 a.m.

Lenten Grace Group, 5 p.m.

Lenten Soup Supper, 5:30 p.m.

Odyssey of the Mind, 6 p.m.

Lenten Midweek Worship, 6:30 p.m.

### Thursday, March 14

Resound Bell Rehearsal 6 p.m.

Choosing Peace and Serenity AFG, 7 p.m.

Trinity Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m.

### Friday, March 15

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

### Sunday, March 17

*Personal Hygiene Appeal*

*Fifth Grade Presentation of Bibles*

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.

Confirmation Service Project, 3 - 5 p.m.

High School Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.

## Assisting in Worship This Morning

### 8 a.m.

Sacristans: Fred & Kathy Wilcox

Lector: Debbie Duckworth

Communion Assistants: Marcia Schaner, Sue Wait

Ushers: Dale Barkema, Elaine Rongey

Acolytes:

### 9:15 a.m.

Rejoice band leading worship

Sacristan: Lisa Mead

Lector: Carol Butler

Communion Assistants: Kris Shannon, Steve Stephan

Ushers: Mark Baker, Dave & Carrie Boer,

Mark Hagbom & Sally Mahoney,

Jeff Postlewaite

Acolytes: Layla and Lilly Lothschutz

### 10:45 a.m.

Cantor: Sid Hoeksema

Sacristan: Nancy Mattson, Jan Jacobson

Lector: Steve Cairns

Communion Assistants: Linda Taffs, Jim Coates

Ushers: Jim & Sue Coates, John Derbin, Don Kishman,

Tom Mannisto, Jamie Norris, Wayne Snyder

Acolytes: TJ Derbin

**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, 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, Nancy Moga, 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, 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, Barb Crossman, 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 Robert Martin and the people of Christ Lutheran Church in Michigan Center, partners with us in mission and ministry in the North/West Lower Michigan Synod, ELCA.

## Readings & Hymns for March 10

Numbers 21:4-9

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

Ephesians 2:1-10

John 3:14-21

#848 Give to Our God Immortal Praise! (red book)

#666 What Wonderful Love Is This (red book)

#803 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (red book)

MARCH 10, 2024  
FOURTH SUNDAY  
IN LENT



*God is rich in mercy.*

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	John 3:14-21	God so loved the world
Monday	Numbers 21:4-9	The serpent of bronze
Tuesday	Ephesians 2:1-10	Faith is a gift from God
Wednesday	Romans 9:6-18	God's choice of Israel
Thursday	Isaiah 30:18-22	God's promise to Zion
Friday	Titus 3:1-8	Maintain good deeds
Saturday	Psalms 107:1-3, 17-22	Thanksgiving for deliverance
Sunday	John 12:20-33	The hour has come

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved.*

**Ephesians 2:4-5 (NRSV)**

### PRAYERS AND BLESSING

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

God of mercy, your love for us is more than we deserve but all that we need and want through Jesus Christ, your Son who came to give us eternal life. Amen.

#### **Mealtime Prayer:**

Dear God, your kindness to us is everlasting; we thank you for your daily love for us that includes this gift of food. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

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

May the mercy of God be your everlasting joy.



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### HYMN OF THE WEEK

*There's a Wideness in  
God's Mercy*



### 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:

- When is a time you needed to ask for help with something because you could not do it alone?
- A relationship with God is a gift that only God can give us. How is this a challenge to our desire to control our own destiny?

### DEVOTIONS



*Read:* Ephesians 2:1-10.

These verses are packed with powerful themes, some of which pose a challenge to make-it-on-your-own individualism and flawed self-confidence. Ephesians points out that 1) we were spiritually dead because of our brokenness, 2) our misguided passions for pleasure lead us away from God, 3) only God's mercy, grace, and love can intervene to renew our lives in Christ, and 4) God's intervention gives us a new and God-focused passion to do good works, not to earn anything but to simply live as we were created to be. Once we get beyond a sense of making it on our own in life—including making it spiritually with God—we are set free to experience lives that *"God prepared beforehand to be our way of life"* (v. 10). God's nature is love and mercy. In the language of Psalm 107:1, God is good and God's *"steadfast love endures forever."* Similarly, Ephesians 2:8 summarizes much of our biblical faith: *"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God."*

*Discuss:* How does God's mercy and grace make a difference in your daily life?

*Pray:* **Almighty and merciful God, we thank you for your love that never ceases to reach out to us with your saving grace through Jesus Christ. 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 show love and mercy to someone who is hurting?

### 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 four 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:* **Merciful God, we thank you for your love for us that calls us out of darkness and into the light of Christ so that we may not perish but have eternal life. Amen. (John 3:16)**



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