

Trinity's Weekly Connection

Sunday, March 17, 2024 – Fifth Sunday in Lent

This Week at Trinity Lutheran Church

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.

Monday, March 18

Stroller Barre, 9 a.m.

Lenten Grace Group, 10:30 a.m.

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

Schubert Male Chorus Rehearsal, 6 p.m.

Beyond Belief Band Rehearsal, 6 p.m.

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

Tuesday, March 19

Lenten Grace Group, 9:30 p.m.

LWR Quilters, 9:30 a.m.

Care & Share, 10:30 a.m.

GriefShare, 3:30 p.m.

NELL Coaches Meeting, 6 p.m.

Tuesday Evening Book Club, 7 p.m.

Fit4Baby, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, March 20

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, March 21

Volunteer at In The Image, 1 p.m.

Bridge, 1 p.m.

Resound Bell Rehearsal 6 p.m.

Choosing Peace and Serenity AFG, 7 p.m.

Trinity Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m.

Saturday, March 23

Eucher Night & Potluck, 5 p.m.

Sunday, March 24

Palm Sunday

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Assisting in Worship This Morning

8 a.m.

Sacristans: Carrie Wygmans

Lector: Chas Schaner

Communion Assistants: Elaine Rongey,
Cindy Zientarski

Ushers: Erick Kind, Chad & Jenna Mencarelli

Acolytes: Isaac Johnson

9:15 a.m.

Beyond Belief band leading worship

Sacristan: Ruth Ann Evans

Lector: Jaci Cole

Communion Assistants: Gary Stevens,
Glenn Swanson

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

Acolytes: TBD

10:45 a.m.

Cantor: Deb DeWitt

Sacristan: Dolly Lowe

Lector: Jim Coates

Communion Assistants: Sandra Sudak,
Elizabeth Derbin

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

Acolytes: T J 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, Gordy Engstrom, Ruth Ann Evans, Grant Ferguson, Biruta Fessenden, Diane Field, 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, Nancy Moga, Laura Norton, Julia Pfeiffle, Jesse Platt, Jacqueline Riegling, Denny Rosen, Marian Schaible, Chas Schaner, Ann Schomberg, Chris Schomberg, Lee Schomberg, Bob Sielaff, Dale Volkerding, 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, 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 Pastors Jeffrey Gramza and Danielle Shealy and the people of Trinity Lutheran Church in Midland, partners with us in ministry North/West Lower Michigan Synod, ELCA.

Readings & Hymns for March 17

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalm 51:1-12

Hebrews 5:5-10

John 12:20-33

#924 As the Winter Days Grow Longer (purple book)
#793 Be Thou My Vision (red book)
#660 Lift High the Cross (red book)

MARCH 17, 2024
FIFTH SUNDAY
IN LENT



Jesus is revealed to the whole world.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	John 12:20-33	The hour has come
Monday	Jeremiah 31:31-34	A new covenant
Tuesday	Hebrews 5:5-10	Jesus as a high priest
Wednesday	1 John 4:7-12	God is love
Thursday	Numbers 12:1-9	Aaron, Miriam, and Moses
Friday	Acts 7:54-60	The stoning of Stephen
Saturday	Psalms 51:1-12	A prayer for cleansing
Sunday	Mark 11:1-11	Jesus enters Jerusalem

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

They [some Greeks] came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." John 12:21 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Loving God, may your power and glory be seen in Jesus' death and resurrection that all the world may know of the depth of your care. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, we thank you for this gift of food that we may be given strength and courage to follow you all the days of our lives through Jesus Christ. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May you see and hear of God's love for you.



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

*Lord Jesus, You Shall
Be My Song*



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:

- Who is a famous person you would like to see? Why?
- Where and how do you see Jesus in the world today?

DEVOTIONS



Read: John 12:20-33.

Greeks, that is, non-Jews and people who represent the larger world beyond Galilee and Judea, want to see Jesus. This is an example of John 3:16, "for God so loved the world." Now is the time for Jesus as the Son of Man to be revealed to the whole world in glory. What does that reveal look like? The answer is death and resurrection described through a grain of wheat that must die in order to rise and bear fruit (v. 24). We, too, want to see Jesus and would love to hear a heavenly voice that points to Jesus among us. What we do see and hear is a community of faith that follows Jesus into the world. Through the work of Philip, Andrew, and all others who serve and follow Jesus, the message of his death and resurrection reaches the whole world.

Discuss: How do we as followers of Jesus make him known through our lives?

Pray: **Eternal God, help us to see Jesus in the world and be seen and heard as his followers who serve him and give our all for the sake of your love for the world. 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 others experience the love and mercy of 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 five 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 Jesus, help us to see you in your suffering and death that we may glorify you through your cross and empty tomb. Amen.**



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