

## This Week at Trinity Lutheran Church

### Sunday, April 28

*Personal Hygiene Appeal concludes*  
Traditional Worship, 8 a.m.  
Rejoice Worship (Beyond Belief band)  
Livestreaming of Worship, 9:15 and 10:45 a.m.  
Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.  
Traditional Worship, 10:45 a.m.  
Confirmation Family Celebration Lunch, noon  
Celebration of Music Concert Series - *Art of the Keyboards: A Mosaic of Trinity's Keyboard Instruments*, 3 p.m.  
Rummage Sale Set Up, 3 –8 p.m.

### Monday, April 29

Rummage Sale Set Up, 8 a.m.–8 p.m.  
Stroller Barre, 9 a.m.  
Rejoice Band Rehearsal, 6 p.m.  
Schubert Male Chorus Rehearsal, 6 p.m.

### Tuesday, April 30

Rummage Sale Set Up, 8 a.m.–8 p.m.  
LWR Quilters, 9:30 a.m.  
Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.  
GriefShare, 3:30 p.m.  
Stephen Ministry Continuing Education, 6:30 p.m.  
Fit4Baby, 7 p.m.  
Stephen Ministry Peer Support Group, 7:30 p.m.

### Wednesday, May 1

Rummage Sale Set Up, 8 a.m.–8 p.m.  
Fitness Class, 9 a.m.  
Spring Sumud Adult Forum, 10 a.m.  
Outreach Committee Meeting, noon  
Spring Sumud Adult Forum, 7 p.m.

### Thursday, May 2

Tai Chi, 10 a.m.  
Rummage Sale, 5–8 p.m.  
Resound Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6 p.m.  
Choosing Peace & Serenity AFG, 7 p.m.  
Trinity Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m.

### Friday, May 3

Women's Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.  
Rummage Sale, 10 a.m.–noon  
Rummage Sale, 3 p.m.–9 p.m.

### Saturday, May 4

Rummage Sale, 9 a.m.– noon  
Bassoon and Piano Recital, 1 p.m.

### Sunday, May 5

*Confirmation Sunday*  
Traditional Worship, 8 a.m.  
Rejoice Worship (Rejoice band), 9:15 a.m.  
Livestreaming of Worship, 9:15 and 10:45 a.m.  
High School Bible Study, 9:15 a.m.  
Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.  
Traditional Worship, 10:45 a.m.  
Confirmation Reception, noon  
Piano Recital, 1:30 p.m.  
Artist Reception  
Ladislav Hanka & John Linstrom, 1:30 p.m.  
Artist Open House and Poetry Reading, 2:30 p.m.

## Assisting in Worship This Morning

### 8 a.m.

Sacristan: Fred & Kathy Wilcox  
Lector: Joel Westra  
Communion Assistants: Elaine Rongey, Sue Wait  
Ushers: Bob Carwell, Jack Reichert  
Acolytes: TBD

### 9:15 a.m.

Beyond Belief band leading worship  
Sacristan: Don & Judy Otten  
Lector: Josh Gardner  
Communion Assistants: Marge Willman, Dave Boer  
Ushers: Steve and Nate Bennett, Pam Burkle, Bill Bush, Tim Lundgren, Karen Nagle  
Acolytes: Maggie Coles, Clifford Morin

### 10:45 a.m.

Cantor: Deb DeWitt  
Sacristan: Jim & Sue Coates  
Lector: Kris Fox  
Communion Assistants: Doug & Melissa Haneline  
Ushers: Kara Day, Carol Hendricks, David Kuecherer, Jordan Wiseman  
Acolytes: TBD

**Bread Baker:** Alexis Mason

## Trinity Members in Our Prayers

We pray for **Trinity members in times of illness, hospitalization, rehabilitation and recovery**: Sue Bailey, John Baker, Lisa Barkema, Don Barsema, David Benkert, Krysta Billock, Bev Block, Ken Block, Sue Boyse, Pat Bruin, Elena Griewahn, Elwyn Griewahn, Callan Hughes, Sherri Ide, Patricia Johnson, Grace Lanning, Marilyn Leese, Jane Legault, Bill Leidel, Bob Mallen, Judy Mallen, Tom Mannisto, Theo Marquardt, Stephanie McLeod, Nancy Moga, Laura Norton, Julia Pfeiffle, Jesse Platt, Jacqueline Riegling, Denny Rosen, Marian Schaible, Chas Schaner, Chris Schomberg, Lee Schomberg, Gloria Von der Heide, John Walls, 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, Beverly and John Bosserman, Bryan and Kate Bredwell, Liz and Jason Coles, Barb Crossman, Jack Danielson, Scott and Corina Dulecki, Julie Earhart, Diane Field, John and Kris Fox, Mary Frick, Susan and Terry Knoll, Joni and Steve Korb, Kristen Lamprich, John and Mary Leese, Marilyn Leese, Kent and Kristin Linkfield, Wendy and Jim Mielock, Dee Scales, 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 Chrysanne Timm and the people of Bethany Lutheran Church in Northport, partners with us in ministry North/West Lower Michigan



## Readings & Hymns for April 28

Acts 8:26-40                      1 John 4:7-21  
Psalm 22:25-31                      John 15:1-8

#521    O Day of Rest and Gladness (red book)  
#449    We Know That Christ Is Raised (red book)  
#881    Let All Things Now Living (red book)

APRIL 28, 2024  
FIFTH SUNDAY  
OF EASTER



*Jesus abides with us like a vine to its branches.*

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	John 15:1-8	Jesus the true vine
Monday	Acts 8:26-40	Phillip and the eunuch
Tuesday	1 John 4:7-21	God is love
Wednesday	Ephesians 3:14-19	Christ's love for us
Thursday	Psalms 91	Assurance of God's protection
Friday	Exodus 34:6-7	God of steadfast love and faithfulness
Saturday	Psalms 22:25-31	A vow of thanksgiving
Sunday	John 15:9-17	Love one another

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.*

John 15:5 (NRSV)

### PRAYERS AND BLESSING

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

Loving God, we thank you for your steadfast love that remains with us forever and guides us into the future through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

#### **Mealtime Prayer:**

Dear God, we thank you for feeding us with this food and for nurturing our lives with your presence through the true vine, Christ our Lord, who gives us life. Amen.

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

May God's love lead you to love others. (1 John 4:19)



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### HYMN OF THE WEEK

*Like the Murmur of the  
Dove's 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:

- When is a time you have felt lost or alone?
- How does knowing of God's love through Jesus help you when you feel anxious or lost?

### DEVOTIONS



*Read:* John 15:1-8.

This is the last of Jesus' "I am" statements. Earlier in the Gospel of John he said "I am the bread of life," "I am the light of the world," "I am the gate," "I am the good shepherd," "I am the resurrection and the life," and "I am the way, the truth, and the life." These self-descriptive statements are all introduced with the words, "I am," that is reminiscent of the name for God in the Old Testament. "Yahweh," is translated as "I am who I am." In John, Jesus is presented as one with God without any uncertainty. The final "I am" statement is important because it comes during Jesus' lengthy message to his eleven disciples before his crucifixion (John 14 through 17). Jesus makes it clear that he will not abandon them. He will abide with them. The identity and ministry of the disciples will endure and be full of life because they are intimately part of Jesus, like branches given life by the vine.

*Discuss:* When the future is uncertain and you feel anxious, lost, or alone, what do you do and how can you be reminded that Jesus abides with you always?

*Pray:* **Almighty God, give us confidence in your presence and abide with us in our life's journey through Jesus Christ, the true vine who feeds us with your love and strength. 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 encourage and help those who feel lost or alone?

### RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



God sent his only Son, Jesus Christ into the world to teach us about love. 1 John 4:12 tells us that "No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us." It is this love that we are to show to others. Draw the outline of a body with a heart inside. Write God inside the heart. Then write words inside the body that describe how we can show God's love to one another.

*Pray:* **Loving God, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Amen.** (1 John 4:7)



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