Trinity's Weekly Connection

Sunday, August 9, 2026 – Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

This Week at Trinity Lutheran Church

Sunday, August 9
School Supplies - Congress Elem. Appeal continues
Traditional Worship, 8 a.m.
Rejoice Worship, 9:15 a.m.
Live Streaming of Worship, 9:15 and 10:45 a.m.
Traditional Worship, 10:45 a.m.
Self-Defense Workshop, 3 p.m.

Monday, August 10
Messenger Deadline
Family Promise
Finance, 9 a.m.

Tuesday, August 11
LWR Quilters, 9:30 a.m.
Faith in Civic Life, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, August 12
Vox GR Rehearsal, 6 p.m.

Thursday, August 13
In The Image S.H.O.E.S. Volunteer Day, 12:30 p.m.
Choosing Peace & Serenity AFG, 7 p.m.

Friday, August 14
Family Promise

Saturday, August 15

Sunday, August 16
School Supplies - Congress Elem. Appeal continues
Traditional Worship, 8 a.m.
Rejoice Worship, 9:15 a.m.
Live Streaming of Worship, 9:15 and 10:45 a.m.
Traditional Worship, 10:45 a.m.
Life Begins at 60 Bonefish Grill Brunch, 12:30 p.m.

Baptism Today

Today at 10:45 a.m. we welcome Nancy Jean Olson into the Body of Christ by the waters of Holy Baptism. Nancy's parents are Spencer and Kaitlin Olson, and her siblings are Mae, Steven, and John. Nancy's sponsors are Drew Olson and Sean Olson.

Assisting in Worship This Morning

8 a.m.
Sacristan: Cathy Olson
Lector: Cathy Olson
Communion Assistants: Kim Brock,
Gordy Engstrom
Ushers: Dale Barkema, Elaine Rongey

9:15 a.m.
Sacristan: Kathy Noble
Lector: Krysta Billock
Communion Assistants: Ed Lohr, Steve Stephan
Ushers: Mark Baker, Mark Hagbom & Sally Mahoney

10:45 a.m.
Sacristan: Lois McCardell
Lector: Ginger Young
Communion Assistants: Kurt Leopold, Dolly Lowe
Ushers: Jim & Sue Coates, John Derbin,
Don Kishman, Kurt Leopold

Bread Baker: Sandra Sudak

Trinity Members in Our Prayers

We pray for **Trinity members in times of illness, hospitalization, rehabilitation and recovery**:
Barb Crossman, Jon Ferguson, Joe Fisher, Denny Helzer, Marla Klap, Marilyn Leese, Tess Lundgren, Tim Lundgren, Annette Remsburg, Chris Straw, Becca Tellinghuisen, and Lisa Wiseman.

We also lift up **Trinity families mourning the loss of loved ones**: Bill Bailey, Kim and Bill Brock, Joanne and Don Brouse, Deb Freeberg, Mary Frick, Nanci and Bob Guigue, Karen Krummel, Eric and Marcy Larson, Cheryl Rosen, Dave and Sheila Talsma, Bill and Dawn Thorsen.

Contact the church office to be added to the prayer list. Names remain on the list for 3 months unless otherwise requested.

We also lift up in prayer this week Pastor Jeffery Bonn and the people of St. Peter Lutheran Church in Unionville, partners with us in mission and ministry in the North/West Lower Michigan Synod, ELCA.

Readings & Hymns for August 9

I Kings 19:9-16	Romans 10:5-15
Psalm 85:8-13	Matthew 14:22-33

#851 When in Our Music God is Glorified (red book)
#763 My Life Flow On in Endless Song (red book)
#596 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less (red book)

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ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

taking faith home

We are sent to bring the good news of Christ to others.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	**Matthew 14:22-33**	**Jesus walks on water**
Monday	**1 Kings 19:9-18**	**The Lord appears to Elijah**
Tuesday	**Romans 10:5-15**	**Anyone can be saved**
Wednesday	**Genesis 41:37-49**	**Joseph's rise to power**
Thursday	**Psalm 105:1-11**	**God's faithfulness to Israel**
Friday	**1 Thessalonians 3:6-13**	**Timothy brings good news**
Saturday	**Psalm 85:8-13**	**Restoration of God's favor**
Sunday	**Matthew 15:21-28**	**A woman's faith**

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"
Romans 10:15 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:
Lord Jesus, just as you saved Peter from the stormy waves, we praise you for saving us from the things that overwhelm us. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:
You who walked upon the sea, come and join our meal, we plea. Thank you for your care this day; lead us, Jesus, in your way. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:
May God's word be near you. (Romans 10:8)

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HYMN OF THE WEEK

We Are Marching in the Light

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:

- Describe something you think is beautiful. What makes it beautiful?
- Who do you know that is spreading the good news of Jesus through their work? What do they do?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Romans 10:5-15.
Paul continues an intricate dance that balances the covenant given to Abraham, Moses, and the larger Hebrew community with fulfilling the new covenant given through Jesus. It is the same God and the same promise: salvation is meant for all. Therefore, our job is not to judge but to proclaim the good news that Christ is the fulfillment of the law. That message only helps if it is heard. What is so beautiful is not really people's feet—what some may consider the least attractive part of a person's body—but the person themself. People cannot receive the message of salvation without hearing. We are those sent to tell the good news of Jesus Christ to others. We are the ones that are beautiful souls, not because of our feet, noses, or eyes, but because of the good news of Christ told to others.
Discuss: How do you use your hands, feet, and voice to spread the good news of Christ?
Pray: **Living God, may we see the beauty of the gospel and the beauty of those who share your saving message with us and others through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, where can you go to tell others about Jesus?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Jesus came to the disciples in the middle of the night and calmed their fears. Bedtimes are special opportunities to reflect on one's life in prayer. When you go to bed, think or talk about fears you may have. How does it make a difference to know that Jesus is with you and calms any "storms" or fears that you might experience? Pause for a moment and reflect on your answer. Then say: ***"I will both lie down and sleep in peace; for you alone, O Lord, make me lie down in safety."*** (Psalm 4:8)

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