Trinity's Weekly Connection

Sunday, August 16, 2026 – Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

This Week at Trinity Lutheran Church

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.

Monday, August 17
Finance, 9 a.m.
Fellowship & Hospitality Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
Health Ministries Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, August 18
LWR Quilters, 9:30 a.m.
Staff Meeting, 1 p.m.

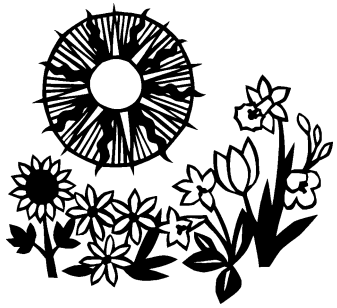
Wednesday, August 19
Outreach Committee Meeting, noon

Thursday, August 20
Volunteer at In The Image, 10 a.m.
Coping with Chronic Conditions, 10 a.m.
Choosing Peace & Serenity AFG, 7 p.m.

Friday, August 21

Saturday, August 22
Game Night & Potluck, 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, August 23
School Supplies - Congress Elem. Appeal continues
Backpack Blessing
Traditional Worship, 8 a.m.
Combined Outdoor Worship, 10 a.m.



Assisting in Worship This Morning

8 a.m.
Sacristan: Kris Baker
Lector: Debbie Duckworth
Communion Assistants: Betty Hall, Cindy Zientarski
Ushers: Erick Kind, Skip Franklin

9:15 a.m.
Sacristan: Steve Stephan
Lector: Jaci Cole
Communion Assistants: Jim & Janet Genow
Ushers: Patty Boer, Dan Butler, John Hall, Jim Willman

10:45 a.m.
Cantor: Sayo Ayeni
Sacristan: Beth Vanderwall
Lector: Karen Unruh
Communion Assistants: Elizabeth Derbin, David Marquardt
Ushers: Steve Cairns, Joe & Marybeth Iaria, Lois McCardell, Paul Kohn

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, Steve Korb, Marilyn Leese, Tess Lundgren, Tim Lundgren, Chris Straw, and Becca Tellinghuisen.

We also lift up **Trinity families mourning the loss of loved ones**: Steven and Diane Ardolino, Bill Bailey, Kim and Bill Brock, Joanne and Don Brouse, Deb Freeberg, 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 supply pastors and the people of Grace Lutheran Church in Vassar, partners with us in mission and ministry in the North/West Lower Michigan Synod, ELCA.

Readings & Hymns for August 16

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8	Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
Psalm 67	Matthew 15:21-28

#886 Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing (red book)
#641 All Are Welcome (red book)
#984 May the God of Hope Go with Us (purple book)

AUGUST 16, 2026
TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

taking faith home

Jesus' ministry is for all nations.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	**Matthew 15:21-28**	**A woman's faith**
Monday	**Isaiah 56:1-8**	**God's saving power is everywhere**
Tuesday	**Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32**	**God saves Jews and Gentiles**
Wednesday	**Genesis 45:1-15**	**Joseph and his brothers**
Thursday	**1 Timothy 2:1-7**	**Instructions concerning prayer**
Friday	**Matthew 28:16-20**	**The Great Commission**
Saturday	**Psalm 67**	**Tell the nations to praise God**
Sunday	**Matthew 16:13-20**	**Peter's confession of Christ**

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations. **Psalm 67:12 (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:
God of the nations, we thank you for your mercy and grace that is meant not only for those we know and love but for all people through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:
Gracious God, we thank you for this food and for all those who have planted, harvested, transported, and prepared it for us this day. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:
May God be gracious to you and bless you. (Psalm 67:1)

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HYMN OF THE WEEK

All Are Welcome

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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:

- What have you learned from someone who speaks another language or comes from a different culture?
- It is easy to overlook how God's grace and mercy is not just for us but for all people. How can you extend kindness to someone of a culture that is foreign to you?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Matthew 15:21-28.
The Canaanite woman is central to this story for many reasons. She is a woman, and she is a foreigner, both good reasons for Jesus not to talk to her. He is especially not to address her plea before addressing the needs of the Jewish people, *"the lost sheep of the house of Israel"* (v. 24). This woman is also a critical figure because her plea for help changes Jesus' response to her. It is not easy to understand how this woman seems to teach and change Jesus, but she does. The result, however, is clear: Jesus' ministry, like that of the God of the Old Testament (Psalm 67) is for all the nations, not just the sons and daughters of Abraham. This story lifts up the essential mission of Jesus and the church of all generations. As Jesus directed us in Matthew 28:16-20 (the Great Commission), we are to make disciples of all nations, not just our ethnic group, not just "our people," and not just our own nation.
Discuss: What opportunities do you have in your community to show God's love to a foreigner or a stranger?
Pray: **Generous God, help us to see the breadth and depth of your love for all people in the world 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, how can you reach out to someone who needs to hear kind and loving words?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

The prophet Isaiah declared God's intention to make God's house (the temple in Jerusalem) a *"house of prayer for all peoples"* (Isaiah 56:7). Think or talk about where, when, and how you pray in your home. In what ways do you feel your own home is a "house of prayer"?
Pray: **Lord Jesus, we come to you in prayer. Help us to show faith in you today and every day. Amen.**

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