Trinity's Weekly Connection

Sunday, August 30, 2026 – Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

This Week at Trinity Lutheran Church

Sunday, August 30
School Supplies - Congress Elem. Appeal concludes
Traditional Worship, 8 a.m.
Children's Ministry Volunteer, 9 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.
All Congregation Potluck, noon

Monday, August 31
Finance, 9 a.m.
Overlook Art Gallery Installation, 3 p.m.

Tuesday, September 1
LWR Quilters, 9:30 a.m.
Staff Meeting, 1 p.m.
Scout Troop 290, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, September 2
Outreach Committee Meeting, 12 p.m.

Thursday, September 3
Young Adult Women's Bible Study, 6 p.m.
Choosing Peace & Serenity AFG, 7 p.m.

Friday, September 4
Wedding Rehearsal, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 5
Marriage of Maria Bos & Benjamin MacGillivray, 4 p.m.

Sunday, September 6
Coats, Blankets, Outerwear Appeal begins
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.



Assisting in Worship This Morning

8 a.m.
Sacristan: Kris Baker
Lector: Marcia Schaner
Communion Assistants: Kim Brock, Debbie Duckworth
Ushers: Dale Barkema, Elaine Rongey

9:15 a.m.
Sacristan: Kim Hysell
Lector: Pam Burkle
Communion Assistants: Kim Hysell, Ed Lohr
Ushers: Mark Baker, Dave & Carrie Boer, Mark Hagbom & Sally Mahoney

10:45 a.m. Traditional Worship
Cantor: Steve Feutz
Sacristan: Angie Brace
Lector: Dale Volkerding
Communion Assistants: Kris Shannon, Sandra Sudak
Ushers: Jim & Sue Coates, John Derbin, Kurt Leopold

Bread Baker: Sandra Sudak

Trinity Members in Our Prayers

We pray for **Trinity members in times of illness, hospitalization, rehabilitation and recovery**: Jane Barsema, Krysta Billock, Barb Crossman, Jon Ferguson, Joe Fisher, Tom Fredrickson, Denny Helzer, Marla Klap, Steve Korb, Marilyn Leese, Tess Lundgren, Tim Lundgren, Chris Straw, Glenn Swanson, 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, and 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 Ken Scheck and the people of Zion Lutheran Church in Woodland, partners with us in mission and ministry in the North/West Lower Michigan Synod, ELCA.

Readings & Hymns for August 30

Jeremiah 15:15-21	Romans 12:9-21
Psalm 26:1-8	Matthew 16:21-28

#796 How Firm a Foundation (red book)
#1043 Spirit, Open My Heart (purple book)
#660 Lift High the Cross (red book)

AUGUST 30, 2026
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

taking faith home

To follow Jesus is to be open to suffering.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	**Matthew 16:21-28**	**Take up your cross and follow**
Monday	**Jeremiah 15:15-21**	**Jeremiah complains**
Tuesday	**Romans 12:9-21**	**Rules for Christian living**
Wednesday	**Exodus 3:1-15**	**Moses at the burning bush**
Thursday	**1 Peter 4:12-19**	**Suffering as a Christian**
Friday	**2 Timothy 2:1-13**	**A good soldier of Christ Jesus**
Saturday	**Psalm 26:1-8**	**Prayer of an innocent person**
Sunday	**Matthew 18:15-20**	**Seeking reconciliation**

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."
Matthew 16:24 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:
Dear God, help us to pick up our cross and follow you to serve and love others even when it causes pain and suffering. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:
Loving God, we thank you for the toil and hard work of those who grow, gather, and prepare our food so that we may be fed. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:
May the cross of Christ give you courage.

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HYMN OF THE WEEK

What Wondrous Love Is This

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 do you turn to for support when you are suffering or in pain?
- How does your faith in Christ help you when you are suffering?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Matthew 16:21-28.
In an era when we can do so many things to avoid or stop physical pain, it can be surprising that suffering is still very present. It is also an essential part of the Christian life because Jesus shows us that the way of his painful death on the cross gets at the heart of the Christian faith. Even if Peter knew Jesus was the Messiah, he still did not fully understand. Peter had to be humbled and corrected, and we do, too. God shows the depth of God's love from the cross of Christ. We are invited to join the great movement of divine love by caring, suffering, and celebrating Christ's victory over sin, death, and evil. Part of that celebration of Christ's triumph over death is our openness to the pain of the world. For the sake of love, we join in the suffering of others. It is the path of new life, the resurrected life, which allows us to see the kingdom of God at work through empathy, justice, and a desire to minimize the pain and suffering of others.
Discuss: How does knowing that suffering is an essential aspect of the Christian faith impact how you view life?
Pray: **Compassionate God, help us to see in Jesus' suffering and death the very path of life and love through Christ our Savior and 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 be courageous and help someone who is hurting or suffering?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

In Jesus' time, the cross was about death. It is not easy to understand or talk about Jesus' death on the cross. The cross is a Christian symbol. It reminds us that Jesus is with us through easy and hard times. We see crosses in many places in our lives. As a follower of Jesus, notice the number of crosses you see in your home and in the community. Each time you see one, be reminded of what it means.
Pray: **Thank you, Jesus, for dying on the cross to save me. Amen.**

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