Trinity's Weekly Connection

Sunday, September 27, 2026 – Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

This Week at Trinity Lutheran Church

Sunday, September 27
Coats, Blankets, Outerwear Appeal continues
Traditional Worship, 8 a.m.
Children's Ministry Program, 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.
Celebration of Music Concert,
Tenor Daniel Okereke, 3 p.m.
Confirmation Class, 3 p.m.
High School Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.

Monday, September 28
Finance, 9 a.m.
Core Fitness & Flexibility, 9:30 a.m.
Human Resources Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, September 29
Tuesday Women's Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.
LWR Quilters, 9:30 a.m.
Tai Chi, 1 p.m.
Staff Meeting, 1 p.m.
Scout Troop 290, 6:30 p.m.
Stephen Ministry Continuing Education, 6:30 p.m.
Stephen Ministry Peer Support, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, September 30
Core Fitness & Flexibility, 9:30 a.m.
Pastor Jon's Adult Forum, 10:30 a.m.
A Matter of Balance, 1 p.m.

Thursday, October 1
Men's Bible Study, 7 a.m.
Tai Chi, 1 p.m.
Young Adult Women's Bible Study, 6 p.m.
Resound Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6 p.m.
Choosing Peace & Serenity AFG, 7 p.m.
Trinity Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m.

Friday, October 2
Friday Women's Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, October 3
Workday in the Woods, 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Sunday, October 4
Coats, Blankets, Outerwear Appeal continues
Children's Ministry Hosted Neighborhood Fire Pit Nights
Christmas Wreath Sales
Traditional Worship, 8 a.m.
Children's Ministry Program, 9 a.m.
First Sunday of the Month Bible Study, 9:15 a.m.
Rejoice Worship, 9:15 a.m.
Live Streaming of Worship, 9:15 a.m.
Family Promise Presentation, 10 a.m.
Outdoor Worship w/Blessing of the Animals, 10:45 a.m.
Middle School Youth Group, 2 p.m.
Confirmation Class, 3 p.m.
High School Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.

Eternal Candle Today

Today's eternal candle given by Mark & Kris Baker is in honor of their 26th wedding anniversary.

Baptism Today

Today at 10:45 a.m. we welcome Heidi Grace Hirt into the Body of Christ by the waters of Holy Baptism. Heidi's parents are John and Sarah Hirt.

Readings & Hymns for September 27

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 Philippians 2:1-13
Psalm 25:1-9 Matthew 21:23-32

#413 Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty (red book)
#606 Our Father, We Have Wondered (red book)
#493 Taste and See (red book)
#546 To Be Your Presence (red book)

Bread Baker: Jamie Kuntzman

Trinity Host: Sarah Huckstep, Council Member and Children's Ministry Liaison

Trinity Members in Our Prayers

We pray for **Trinity members in times of illness, hospitalization, rehabilitation and recovery**:
Jane Barsema, Krysta Billock, Don Bushman, Barb Crossman, Jon Ferguson, Joe Fisher, Tom Fredrickson, Denny Helzer, Marla Klap, Steve Korb, Tess Lundgren, Tim Lundgren, Tom Mannisto, 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, Debra Freeberg, Nanci and Bob Guigue, Karen Krummel, Eric and Marcy Larson, Cheryl Rosen, Pastor Dan and Alexis Schewe, 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 Christopher Laughlin and the people of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Allegan, partners with us in mission and ministry in the North/West Lower Michigan Synod, ELCA.

Assisting in Worship This Morning

8 a.m.
Sacristan: Elaine Rongey
Lector: Julie Westra
Communion Assistants: Dale, Barkema, Elaine Rongey
Ushers: Bob Carwell, Jack Reichert

9:15 a.m.
Sacristan: Tricia Diener
Lector: Dennis Diener
Communion Assistants: Kris Baker, Lisa Postlewaite
Ushers: Brad & Pam Burkle, Bill Bush, Karen Nagle
Acolytes: Oliver Ruble, Evelyn Severns

10:45 a.m.
Cantor: Trinity Choir
Sacristan: Steve Heacock
Lector: Susan Barnhart
Communion Assistants: Jim & Sue Coates
Ushers: Kurt Leopold, Kara, Riley, and James Day
Acolyte: Zoe Bredwell

SEPTEMBER 27, 2026
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

taking faith home

God instructs, guides, and protects us.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	**Matthew 21:23-32**	**Parable of the two sons**
Monday	**Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32**	**God's ways are fair**
Tuesday	**Philippians 2:1-13**	**Christ shows us humility**
Wednesday	**Proverbs 4:20-27**	**Keep to the right path**
Thursday	**Psalm 78:1-8**	**What God has done**
Friday	**James 1:19-27**	**Hearing and doing God's word**
Saturday	**Psalm 25:1-9**	**Prayer for guidance and help**
Sunday	**Matthew 21:33-46**	**Parable of the vineyard tenants**

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

[W]ork out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure. **Philippians 2:12b-13 (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:
Dear God, teach us to know your ways and to do them with humility and compassion for all that you have created through Christ our Lord. Amen. (Psalm 25:4)

Mealtime Prayer:
Good and gracious God, we thank you for providing for our every need, including the gift of this food; we pray through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:
May God guide you to love and serve humbly.

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HYMN OF THE WEEK

We All Are One in Mission

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:

- Do you ask for help when making decisions? Why or why not?
- How does reading the Bible and having caring conversations with other believers help guide your life?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Philippians 2:1-13.
The Apostle Paul speaks to the church at Philippi and encourages the people to live with others with humility. He uses Christ as our model for this way of life as Christ Jesus took on our human existence and *"humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death"* (v. 8). With this as a guide, Paul exhorts believers to pursue the Christian life because it matters to others, to the world, and to God. Knowing how hard it is to live this life faithfully, he states, *"work out your salvation in fear and trembling"* (v. 12b). It is not fear, however, that prevents us from acting. It is a sense of awe and reverence that frees us to live and act because God is with us, behind, and in front of us in both our actions and our very desire to do the will of God. It can be overwhelming to wonder how to live as a Christian. Paul encourages us to go forth with humility to love others and trust God, knowing that God is present in our lives to shape our very thoughts and actions.
Discuss: Who do you know that role models the Christian life of humility? What is an example you can give about the person?
Pray: **God of justice and mercy, guide our days and our deeds in the peace of Christ. 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 someone who is struggling to choose the right thing to do?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Lifting our hands is one way to show praise to God. In the Old Testament there are people (like Leah and Moses) who lift their hands in praise to God. This is an ancient pose of prayer and a motion used to open a person to receiving God's blessing. Think or talk about when and how you pray (kneeling, folded hands, etc.). Then lift your hands and pray: ***"To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust."*** **Amen.** (Psalm 25:1-2a)

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