Trinity's Weekly Connection

Sunday, October 11, 2026 – Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

This Week at Trinity Lutheran Church

Sunday, October 11
Coats, Blankets, Outerwear Appeal continues
Outreach Ministry Fair
Christmas Wreath & Ornament Sales
Children's Ministry Hosted Neighborhood Fire Pit Nights
Traditional Worship, 8 a.m.
Immunization Sunday, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.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.
Stephen Ministry Continuing Education, 12:30 p.m.
Stephen Ministry Peer Support, 1:30 p.m.
Middle School Youth Group, 2 p.m.
Confirmation Class, 3 p.m.
High School Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.

Monday, October 12
The Messenger Deadline
Finance, 9 a.m.
Core Fitness & Flexibility, 9:30 a.m.
Faith in Civic Life Planning Group, 4 p.m.
Opening the Book of Faith Bible Study, 5 p.m.
Safety & Security Committee Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
Congregation Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 13
Tuesday Women's Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.
LWR Quilters, 9:30 a.m.
Staff Meeting, 1 p.m.
Tai Chi, 1 p.m.
Spiritual Growth Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
Scout Troop 290, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 14
Core Fitness & Flexibility, 9:30 a.m.
Pastor Jon's Adult Forum, 10:30 a.m.
A Matter of Balance, 1 p.m.
Stephen Leaders Meeting, 1:30 p.m.
Pre-Retreat Meeting, 7 p.m.

Thursday, October 15
Men's Bible Study, 7 a.m.
In The Image Volunteers, 10 a.m.
Coping with Chronic Conditions, 10 a.m.
Bridge, 1 p.m.
Tai Chi, 1 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 16
Friday Women's Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, October 17
Men's Breakfast, 8 a.m.
Game Night & Potluck, 5 p.m.

Sunday, October 18
Coats, Blankets, Outerwear Appeal continues
Outreach Ministry Fair
Christmas Wreath & Ornament Sales
Children's Ministry Hosted Neighborhood Fire Pit Nights
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.
Middle School Youth Group, 2 p.m.
Celebration of Music Concert Series
Calvin Alumni Choir Concert, 3 p.m.
Confirmation Class, 3 p.m.
High School Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.
Faith in Civic Life Speaker, 6:30 p.m.

Readings & Hymns for October 11

Isaiah 25:1-9 — Philippians 4:1-9
Psalm 23 — Matthew 22:1-14

#833 Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices (red book)
#487 What Feast of Love (red book)
#469 By Your Hand You Feed Your People (red book)
#547 Sent Forth by God's Blessing (red book)

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, Joe Fisher, Tom Fredrickson, Denny Helzer, Marla Klap, Steve Korb, Tom Mannisto, Jo Murphy, Chris Straw, Glenn Swanson, and Becca Tellinghuisen.

We also lift up **Trinity families mourning the loss of loved ones**: Steven and Diane Ardolino, Sue and Greg Cothern, Eric and Marcy Larson, Cheryl Rosen, Kaori and Christopher Schau, Pastor Dan and Alexis Schewe, and Dave and Sheila Talsma.

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 St. Paul Lutheran Church in Alpena, partners with us in mission and ministry in the North/West Lower Michigan Synod, ELCA.

Assisting in Worship This Morning

8 a.m.
Sacristan: Carrie Wygmans
Lector: Carrie Wygmans
Communion Assistants: Nancy Morrison, Sue Wait
Ushers: Dale Barkema, Elaine Rongey

9:15 a.m.
Sacristan: Chuck Hickerty & Glenn Swanson
Lector: Amy Fox
Communion Assistants: Kris Baker, Carol Butler
Ushers: Mark Baker, Mark Hagbom & Sally Mahoney
Acolytes: Jacob and Jonah Schneider, Megan Unruh

10:45 a.m.
Sacristan: Elizabeth Derbin, H J Slider
Lector: Jim Boles
Communion Assistants: Colin & Caitlin Finch
Ushers: Jim & Sue Coates, John Derbin, Don Kishman, Kurt Leopold
Acolytes: Zoe Bredwell, Ander Perkins

Bread Baker: Susan Barnhart

Trinity Host: Kris Baker, Office Coordinator

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TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

taking faith home

God's grace is powerful and trustworthy.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	**Matthew 22:1-14**	**Parable of the wedding feast**
Monday	**Isaiah 25:1-9**	**A prayer of thanks to God**
Tuesday	**Philippians 4:1-9**	**Paul encourages his co-workers**
Wednesday	**Exodus 32:1-14**	**The people make an idol**
Thursday	**Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23**	**A nation asks for forgiveness**
Friday	**Matthew 5:1-11**	**The Beatitudes**
Saturday	**Psalm 23**	**The Lord is my shepherd**
Sunday	**Matthew 22:15-22**	**The question of paying taxes**

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Finally beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. **Philippians 4:8 (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:
Dear God, guide our thoughts and actions in ways that reflect your reign of goodness and mercy through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:
Dear God, you who promise us a feast of rich food, help us to take joy in this meal today. Amen. (Isaiah 25:6)

A Blessing to Give:
May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:7)

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HYMN OF THE WEEK

Just As I Am, without One Plea

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 did you go to a party that was memorable? What made it memorable?
- Who do you think God would invite to a great banquet? Why?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Matthew 22:1-14.
The good news of Jesus is powerful and meant to make a difference in the world. God's mercy has the last word. It also includes a divine judgment that says that the marginalized, the "outsider," the *"poor in spirit"* (Matthew 5:3) will be blessed. If we take the grace of God for granted, we not only miss the feast, we miss the fact that *"many are called, but few are chosen"* (v. 14). Jesus is quite aware that many will miss his invitation to a way of life that brings love and salvation rather than hate and judgment. This text is from Jesus' final week before his crucifixion. The people see him as a prophet, a true messenger of God (Matthew 21:46), but soon he will suffer, be humiliated, and die. There will be false prophets who come along. They are like the guest who is not wearing the proper clothing and their message is to be rejected. Our life in Christ will not be associated with messages and actions of indifference, contempt, or hateful revenge to gain an advantage over others. God's grace makes the difference in our lives and world; God's grace is powerful and trustworthy.
Discuss: What are some things we do that might take God's grace and mercy for granted?
Pray: **God of grace and mercy, cleanse us of our way of life that can become indifferent to the people we do not want to see yet are the very people you love 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 help, support, and care for the homeless or those who are often overlooked?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

World Food Day is celebrated each year on October 16. It was founded by the United Nations in 1979 to raise awareness about hunger and malnutrition and to promote healthy food diets for all. There is a theme this week in the Bible readings about feasts and hospitality. Hospitality is receiving and treating guests and strangers in a warm, kind, and generous way. Think or talk about what it means to show hospitality. Prepare a healthy meal. Before eating it, take a moment to reflect on how you can help feed others.
Pray: **Dear God, we thank you for this meal, a sign of your care for us. Help us to care for others in the name of Jesus our Lord and Shepherd. Amen.**

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