Trinity's Weekly Connection

Sunday, October 25, 2026 – Reformation Sunday

This Week at Trinity Lutheran Church

Sunday, October 25
Reformation Sunday
Coats, Blankets, Outerwear Appeal continues
Christmas Wreath & Ornament Sales
Children's Ministry Hosted Neighborhood Fire Pit Nights
Traditional Worship, 8 a.m.
Children's Ministry Program, 9 a.m.
Brass Ensemble Rehearsal, 9 a.m.
Rejoice Worship, 9:15 a.m.
Live Streaming of Worship, 9:15 and 10:45 a.m.
CPR Training, 1 p.m.
Middle School Youth Group, 2 p.m.
Confirmation Service Projects, 3 p.m.
High School Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.

Monday, October 26
Finance, 9 a.m.
Core Fitness & Flexibility, 9:30 a.m.
Opening the Book of Faith Bible Study, 5 p.m.

Tuesday, October 27
Council on Aging, 8 a.m.
Tuesday Women's Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.
LWR Quilters, 10:30 a.m.
Staff Meeting, 1 p.m.
Tai Chi, 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, October 28
Core Fitness & Flexibility, 9:30 a.m.
A Matter of Balance, 1 p.m.
Great Lakes Mushroom Workshop, 4 p.m.
Pack 3015 Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 29
Men's Bible Study, 7 a.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 30
Friday Women's Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, October 31

Sunday, November 1
All Saints Sunday
Nutcracker Sweets (Bake Sale Tasting & Ordering
Traditional Worship, 8 a.m.
Children's Ministry Program, 9 a.m.
Rejoice Worship, 9:15 a.m.
First Sunday of the Month Bible Study, 9:15 a.m.
Live Streaming of Worship, 9:15 and 10:45 a.m.
Youth Halloween Party, 5 p.m.

Readings & Hymns for October 25

Jeremiah 31:31-34	Romans 3:19-28
Psalm 46	John 8:31-36

#414	Holy God, We Praise Your Name (red book)
#1035	Though the Earth Shall Change (purple book)
#525	You Are Holy (red book)
#504	A Mighty Fortress is Our God (red book)

Bread Baker: Susan Barnhart

Trinity Host: Kari Fast, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care

Trinity Members in Our Prayers

We pray for **Trinity members in times of illness, hospitalization, rehabilitation and recovery**:
Barb Crossman, Joe Fisher, Tom Fredrickson, Lynn Hagenbush, Denny Helzer, Marla Klap, Joan Lohr, Tom Mannisto, Jo Murphy, and Becca Tellinghuisen.

We also lift up **Trinity families mourning the loss of loved ones**: Steven and Diane Ardolino, Sue and Greg Cothern, Hoeksema family, Kim Hysell, Eric and Marcy Larson, Kaori and Christopher Schau, and Pastor Dan and Alexis Schewe.

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 Edward Ruble and the people of St. Peter Lutheran Church in Battle Creek, partners with us in mission and ministry in the North/West Lower Michigan Synod, ELCA.

Assisting in Worship This Morning

8 a.m.
Sacristan: Kris Baker
Lector: Kim Brock
Communion Assistants: Albert Asfour, Dale Barkema
Ushers: Bob Carwell, Jack Reichert

9:15 a.m.
Sacristan: Lisa Mead
Lector: Joshua Gardner
Communion Assistants: Dave & Carrie Boer
Ushers: Pam & Brad Burkle, Karen Nagle
Acolytes: Evelyn Severns

10:45 a.m.
Cantor: Mark Stover
Sacristan: Dolly Lowe, Lois McCardell
Lector: Kate Bredwell
Communion Assistants: John & Kris Fox
Ushers: Chris Becker, Kara, Riley, and James Day
Acolytes: Zephyr Bredwell, Ander Perkins

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REFORMATION SUNDAY

taking faith home

Disciples have a trusted relationship with Jesus.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	**John 8:31-36**	**The Son makes you free**
Monday	**Jeremiah 31:31-34**	**The new covenant**
Tuesday	**Romans 3:19-28**	**True righteousness**
Wednesday	**John 15:12-17**	**Jesus the true vine**
Thursday	**John 21:15-19**	**Jesus and Peter**
Friday	**Galatians 2:15-21**	**Justified through faith**
Saturday	**Psalm 46**	**God is our refuge**
Sunday	**Matthew 5:1-12**	**The Beatitudes**

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." **John 8:31-32 (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:
Gracious God, keep your faithful people steadfast in your word that we may receive your freedom and truth through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:
Dear God of glory and might, with this gift of food we remember the gift of faith that strengthens us and renews us daily through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:
May you be blessed through a relationship with Jesus.

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HYMN OF THE WEEK

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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 words describe the qualities of a good friend?
- What words describe a disciple of Jesus Christ?

DEVOTIONS

Read: John 8:31-36.
It is the power of the word that Jesus brings that gives us freedom from sin. That word is first and foremost Jesus, the Word that became flesh (John 1:14). Christian disciples "continue" or remain in the freeing and saving word of God. The Gospel of John emphasizes that followers of Jesus are to be in an ongoing relationship with him by continuing *"in my word"* (8:31). To know the truth that sets one free is more than to know information; it is to live in a relationship with Jesus through faith. The challenge at the time of the Reformation—and today as well—is for the church to promote a living relationship with God, a relationship that depends on faith in Jesus, the Son of God. We experience this relationship through worship, prayer, reading the Bible, and serving and loving one's neighbor for the sake of Christ.
Discuss: How do you continue to live each day as a disciple of Jesus?
Pray: **Almighty God, help me to trust in Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord and have life in his name. Amen.**

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, what can you do to show Jesus' love as an act of service to others in your community?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Martin Luther wrote the words for *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* and composed the melody. This well-known hymn is based on Psalm 46. As you read Psalm 46 out loud, pause after reading a word or words that describe God as a mighty fortress. Write them on a sheet of paper. When you finish, take a moment to read through your list.
Then pray: **The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Amen.** (Psalm 46:11)

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