Trinity's Weekly Connection

Sunday, November 1, 2026 – All Saints Day

This Week at Trinity Lutheran Church

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.
Traditional Worship, 10:45 a.m.
Youth Halloween Party, 5 p.m.

Monday, November 2
Finance, 9 a.m.
Core Fitness & Flexibility, 9:30 a.m.
In The Image Volunteer Day, 1 p.m.
Stephen Leaders Meeting, 1:30 p.m.
Opening the Book of Faith Bible Study, 5 p.m.
Art Installation, 6 p.m.
Faith in Civic Life Discussion Circle, 6:30 p.m.
Property Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 3
Tuesday Women's Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.
LWR Quilters, 9:30 a.m.
Tai Chi, 1 p.m.
Executive Committee Meeting, 6 p.m.
Scout Troop 290, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 4
Core Fitness & Flexibility, 9:30 a.m.
Outreach Committee Meeting, noon
A Matter of Balance, 1 p.m.
Food For Thought: Loneliness, Faith & Connection, 6 p.m.

Thursday, November 5
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, November 6
Friday Women's Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.
Charge, 5 p.m.

Saturday, November 7
Charge
Surviving the Holidays, 12:45 p.m.

Sunday, November 8
Charge
Veteran's Appreciation Day
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.
Stephen Ministry Continuing Education, 12:30 p.m.
Stephen Ministry Peer Support, 1:30 p.m.

Baptism Today

Today at 8 a.m. we welcome Charles Lewis Wright into the Body of Christ by the waters of Holy Baptism. Charles' parents are Colton and Lauren Wright, his siblings are Theodore and Madeline, and his sponsors are Charles Schira and George Wright.

Readings & Hymns for November 1

Revelation 7:9-17	1 John 3:1-3
Psalm 34:1-10, 22	Matthew 5:1-12

#421	By All Your Saints (red book)
#785	When Peace like a River (red book)
#790	Day By Day (red book)
#422	For All the Saints (red book)

Bread Baker: Jan Jacobson

Trinity Host: Julie Westra, Congregation Council Member, Human Resources Committee

Trinity Members in Our Prayers

We pray for **Trinity members in times of illness, hospitalization, rehabilitation and recovery**:
Joe Fisher, Tom Fredrickson, Jim Genow, 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 Schewe family.

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 Trinity 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: Elaine Rongey
Lector: Debbie Duckworth
Communion Assistants: Kim Brock, Cindy Zientarski
Ushers: Joel Westra, Jude Westra
Acolyte: Jesca Westra

9:15 a.m.
Sacristan: Don & Judy Otten
Lector: Chuck Hickerty
Communion Assistants: Dan & Carol Butler
Ushers: Ethan Guis, Ed Lohr, Lisa Mead, Cindy & Morrie Fongers
Acolytes: Oliver Ruble, Evelyn Severns

10:45 a.m.
Cantor: Sayo Ayeni
Sacristan: Beth Vanderwall
Lector: Pam Burkle
Communion Assistants: Debra Freeberg, Jan Jacobson
Ushers: Brad Kessel, David Marquardt, Scott Stoll, Bill & Ginger Young
Acolytes: Zephyr Bredwell, Ander Perkins

Giving Thanks for Our Newest Brothers and Sisters in Christ; Those Baptized Since All Saints Day, November 2025

Cyrus Gilbert Pugh
November 16, 2025

Beckham Rainn Pearsall
November 23, 2025

Micah Chase Amash
December 28, 2025

Adorah A'mpirhe Muganza
January 4, 2026

Rowan Jon Garvey
January 11, 2026

Lainey Anne Atkinson
February 8, 2026

Axel John Lemaitre
March 1, 2026

Henry Pleyte
March 8, 2026

Gretchen Pleyte
March 8, 2026

Charles Daniel Lynn
April 20, 2026

Addison Lane White
June 28, 2026

Marshall John Meyer
June 28, 2026

Anderson Christopher Engle
July 5, 2026

Marla Klap
July 12, 2026

Barrett James Filler
July 13, 2026

Etta Rea Filler
July 13, 2026

Norma Jean Olson
August 9, 2026

Arthur Louis Mencarelli
August 23, 2026

Heidi Grace Hirt
September 27, 2026



FOR ALL THE SAINTS

We remember Trinity family who have gone before us since All Saints Day, November 2025.

"If we have died with Christ, we shall also live with him; if we are faithful to the end, we shall reign with him."

William E. Leidel
January 5, 1940 – October 26, 2025

John Walls
March 4, 1948 – December 8, 2025

Robert C. Carlson
January 25, 1943 – December 11, 2025

Jeanette Sorensen
January 25, 1943 – January 10, 2026

Dewayne Glenn Ide
October 18, 1936 – February 1, 2026

Gloria Vonderheide
September 22, 1952 – February 12, 2026

David Daniel Fast
May 1, 1993 – April 8, 2026

Natalie Yeager
August 17, 1933 – April 14, 2026

Susan L. Bailey
June 3, 1949 – May 7, 2026

Marian Schaible
March 18, 1928 – May 30, 2026

Patricia Johnson
September 1, 1931 – June 15, 2026

Dennis Dean Rosen
March 28, 1945 – June 16, 2026

Robert E. Carlson
January 17, 1931 – July 16, 2026

Marilyn Helene Leese
May 9, 1931 – August 28, 2026

Jon C. Ferguson
April 8, 1943 – September 21, 2026

Timothy Michael Schau
September 29, 1967 – September 25, 2026

OCTOBER 25, 2026
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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