



# October 11 & 12, 2025 Weekly Bulletin

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## ✠ This Week at Trinity ✠

### Saturday, October 11:

9:30 AM Food Pantry  
5:00 PM Divine Service

### Sunday, October 12:

9:00 AM Divine Service  
10:30 AM Education Hour/Sunday School

### Monday, October 13: BOOK FAIR

Pastor Billings' Sabbath  
9:00 AM Shelter Sewing  
6:00 PM At Home Prayer Time  
6:30 PM Women's Bible Study—Menasha Pub. Lib.

### Tuesday, October 14: BOOK FAIR

6:30 AM Ladies Bible Study  
6:30 PM Board of Directors Meeting

### Wednesday, October 15: BOOK FAIR

9:00 AM Chapel  
5:00 PM Confirmation Classes  
6:00 PM Pastor Quartet Rehearsal

### Thursday, October 16: BOOK FAIR

6:00 AM Men's Bible Study  
5:15 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal

### Friday, October 17: BOOK FAIR

GRANDPARENTS DAY!  
Noon Dismissal

### Saturday, October 18: BOOK FAIR

LWML WEEKEND  
5:00 PM Divine Service /Children Sing

### Sunday, October 19: BOOK FAIR

LWML WEEKEND/PASTOR APPRECIATION  
9:00 AM Divine Service  
10:30 AM Education Hour/Sunday School

*Our non-alcoholic option for Holy Communion is an alcohol removed wine containing less than 0.5% alcohol by volume.*

**SCHOOL BOOK FAIR  
OCT. 13-19  
GYMNASIUM**

## ✠ We Pray For...✠

**The Sick:** Eileen Acker, Tom Baer, Jared Bahn, Steve Baldauf, Barbara Bartel, Mark & Jean Becker, Jasen Brown, Michael Burns, Carrie Collins, Jeff Dionne, Tom Drum, Judith Durkey, Char Elliott, Russell Elliott, Richard Evensen, Karon Flater, Sara Flater, Robert Flater, Shirley Fleischer, Lorna Forbes, Lana Gast, Mary Howden, William Jahsman, Geri Johnston, Paula Jordan, Carla Kobs, Sandra (Sam) Kollman, Randy LaBelle, Genevieve Larsen, Fritz Larson, Jackie Lenox, Bob Lephart, Michelle Mahoney, Betsy Meverden, Phyllis Moran, Chantay Peterson, Joan Reinke, Rev. Ronald Meier, Kathy Rigotti, Dan Schael, Ken Schmidt, Irene Schwerbel, JoAnn Smoody, Scott Steenepoorte, Mike Stier, Liz Swaney, Artem Tabakaev, Brian Tobin, Elaine Trimmerger, Joyce Tschirgi, Tony & Shellie Van Ark, Joyce Virchow, Rudy Vitek, Kurt Wendler, LaVerne Werth, Martin Wiese, and Dorothy Wirth, and Bill Zeinert.

**Celebrating Birthdays:** Joshua Fuchs, Iris Gast, Angela Hurst, Lincoln Keberlein, Christian Kohler, Ruby Mehl, George Milosavljevic, and Elaine Trimmerger.

**Celebrating Anniversaries:** Shirley & Ernie Fleischer, Betsy & Donald Meverden, Brian & Linda Ratzburg.

**Pastor Appreciation  
Sunday, October 19, 2025**  
Join us for a reception to celebrate our wonderful Pastors. There will be cupcakes and drinks after the service. You will find a table with Thank You cards and a basket to put them in. Sponsored by the Board of Outreach and Social Ministry.

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## News, Events, Requests, Etc.

Visit us at: [www.trinitymenasha.com](http://www.trinitymenasha.com) or  
"Like" Us on Facebook.

### This Weekend's Flowers

Flowers this weekend have been given  
to the glory of God by the Ladies Aid.

### This Weekend's Banners

"Grow Strong in Faith" & "Growing Together  
in Christ's Love" & LWML Banner

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## ✠ Stewardship ✠

### Pentecost 18

**Luke 17:19** – *"And he said to him, 'Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.'" Only one of the 10 lepers who were cleansed returns to give thanks to Jesus. Why is that? Surely the rest were indeed thankful to be freed from such a terrible disease. But only the Samaritan leper had faith, and his faith turned into action, as all true faith does. Our generosity to God's work in the church is likewise our faith in action.*

### Daily Devotions Direct Link!

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There is a link on our website that will give you direct access to Pastor Billings' Daily Devotion and his Daily Prayer videos: <https://www.trinitymenasha.com/daily-devotions>.

### Photo Directories have arrived!

If you ordered a Photo Directory, please stop in the narthex before or after services on Sat. Oct. 11 and Sun. Oct. 12 and pick yours up. You can also stop by the church office during the week. Thank you!

## MUSICAL OFFERING - Sunday

"Song of Ruth" sung by Pastor Billings and  
Connie Henkel  
Handbell Choir: "By Grace I'm Saved" by  
Gertrude Schickele  
Accompanying Rev. Jim Dehne, Tenor

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## BIBLE STUDIES

- SUNDAY:** 10:30 AM "Ruth" with Pastors Billings & Alliet—SFH
- SUNDAY:** 10:30 AM "*What They Didn't Teach You in Sunday School*" with Pastor GeRue  
Conference Room
- MONDAY:** 6:30 PM Women's Bible Study  
"*Leaning on Jesus*" A Study of  
*God's Strength* by Deb Burma  
Contact: Connie Henkel  
Menasha Public Library
- TUESDAY:** 6:30 AM Ladies Bible Study  
200 W Packard, Appleton  
Contact: Dottie Kraus/**All are welcome!**
- THURSDAY:** 6:00 AM Men's Bible Study  
"1st and 2nd Timothy"  
Contact: Steve Reinke,

For more information, please get in touch with the contact person listed above, or the church office.

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## Holy Communion

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Out of faithfulness to our Lord's Word and in love for all those who desire to commune, we practice closed communion. Our altar is open to those baptized Christians who confess oneness with us in doctrine, are communicant members of our congregation or a sister congregation of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and are not under church discipline in another congregation. If you are not a member of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, please speak to one of the pastors before approaching the altar.

### Custodian Supply Donation Needed

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We need to ask for donations of paper towels. We appreciate your generosity and support of your church and school. God's blessings!

### Upcoming Dine-Out at Red Robin

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All day, Monday, October 20th we will have Dine-Out at Red Robin. They are located at N109 Stony Brook Road, Appleton. 20% of food sales will come back to Trinity! Pick up your voucher in the office!

## **✠ Serving Our Lord This Weekend ✠**

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### **Saturday, 5:00 PM, October 11:**

**Elder on Duty:** Roger Voigt  
**Usher Team:** Jerry Maynard  
**Communion Asst.:** Vance Pues  
**Altar Guild:** Jean Zeinert  
**Greeter:** Barbara Kester  
**Acolyte:** TO BE DETERMINED

### **Sunday, 9:00 AM, October 12:**

**Elder on Duty:** Craig Thomas  
**Usher Team:** Jim Wittmann  
**Communion Asst.:** Lee Weinig  
**Altar Guild:** Craig & Jill Thomas  
**Flower Delivery:** Craig & Jill Thomas  
**Greeter:** Connie Henkel  
**Acolyte:** TO BE DETERMINED

## **Food Pantry**

This month our Pantry is in need of **Canned Fruit, Canned Vegetables, Canned Cranberries, Boxed Stuffing, Jello/Pudding, Paper Towels, and Dish Soap**. If you have questions please call or text Steve Reinke at (920) 540-5090. Thank you for all that you do to support our Food Pantry!

## **\$ SCRIP News \$**

**SCRIP** is sold in the Church & School Office Mon.-Fri. from 8:00 AM-3:30 PM, and in the narthex before and after worship services.

Kwik Trip, **gas and groceries** has doubled their rebate.

## **Prayer Chain**

Barbara Kester is head of the Prayer Chain. If you desire prayers for yourself or someone else, please call Barbara Kester at (920) 722-3228.

## **Gluten-Free Hosts Available**

If you prefer a gluten-free host for communion, please talk with one of the pastors before the service.

## **✠ Serving Our Lord Next Weekend ✠**

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### **Saturday, 5:00 PM, October 18:**

**Elder on Duty:** Roger Voigt  
**Usher Team:** Gast & Corrente Team  
**Communion Asst.:** Vern Jahsman  
**Altar Guild:** Jean Zeinert  
**Greeter:** Dan & Peggy Dahms  
**Acolyte:** TO BE DETERMINED

### **Sunday, 9:00 AM, October 19:**

**Elder on Duty:** Craig Thomas  
**Usher Team:** Dave Collingwood  
**Communion Asst.:** Paul Collingwood  
**Altar Guild:** Craig & Jill Thomas  
**Flower Delivery:** Craig & Jill Thomas  
**Greeter:** Rosemary Collingwood  
**Acolyte:** TO BE DETERMINED

## **Usher's Meeting, Wednesday, Oct. 22**

Our next Usher's Meeting is Wed., October 22nd and will begin at 6:30 pm. This is open to all interested in ushering or greeting. Third year confirmants will be added to the crews. Parents are requested to attend. Supper will be at 5:00 pm.

## **Quilting Supplies Needed**

Our quilters are in need of sheets or fabric to use for the quilt tops or backing. Donations can be dropped off in the church office, or mark the items for "Quilting" and leave them on the pew by Door 7.

## **Adoptive Grandparents Needed!**

Friday, October 17th, from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM, we are celebrating Grandparents Day. We are in need of people to pair up with our school children who do not have grandparents available for this event. If you are interested, contact Pastor GeRue at (217) 725-8137. Thank you!



## Be Joyful Psalm 111

***Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them. Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever. He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and merciful. He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever. He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the inheritance of the nations. The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy; they are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness. He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name! The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!***

Have you noticed how many of the psalms we have been hearing begin with the words, "Praise the Lord!" In a way, with these words, we can hear this year's theme and verse of the year each week, "Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!" (Psalm 98:4).

However, the lepers in the reading from Luke certainly didn't have much to be joyful about. They were sick, they were outcasts, they were alone.

Have you ever felt alone? Have you ever had to stay home sick from school and away from your friends and classmates? It's not fun.

Do you know why? God created you to be in a community, to be among one another.

Even while the lepers were cast out of their communities, the Gospel of Luke says they "lifted up their voices, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us'" (Luke 17:13). How cool is that, the lepers were together and united their voices in crying out for Jesus to help them! In a way, they were a congregation, a church or a gathering of God's people.

You are also a gathering of God's people;

whether you feel alone or have had to stay home because you were sick, you are still a member of God's church.

God still cares for you, as the psalm says, "the LORD is gracious and merciful. He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever" (Psalm 111:4b-5).

Where does God feed His church? Here at the Lord's Supper. Have you ever thought how, before the members of the church come forward to receive the flesh and blood of Jesus for the forgiveness of their sins, they first sing what is called the Agnus Dei? It goes like this, "Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us" (LSB, p. 180).

Does this sound familiar? It sounds like a congregation of lepers, those sick with the isolating disease of sin, calling out to Jesus for His mercy. Then, they come and kneel together at this Communion rail, where Jesus gathers His church to receive His mercy and forgiveness. This reminds us that we are not alone but united in our Savior, Jesus Christ.

And because we are united in Jesus and His forgiveness, we can "Make a joyful noise to the LORD!" (Psalm 98:4a). So if you are sick, if you ever feel alone, remember how Jesus loves you, went to the cross for you and now gathers you in His church. So let us together say, "Praise the Lord!" (Psalm 111:1).

### PRAYER

Merciful Lord, we praise You for healing us from the sickness of sin and restoring us to yourself. Just as You had mercy on the lepers, have mercy on us, and unite us to yourself in the Holy Supper. Strengthen our faith and our fellowship with one another in Christ. In Jesus' name. Amen.

### Next Week at Trinity School

- Oct. 13—19** Book Fair
- Oct. 13** 9:00 am School Opening
- Oct. 14** 9:00 am School Opening  
3:45 pm VB Practice
- Oct. 15** 9:00 am School Opening
- Oct. 16** 9:00 am School Opening  
4:30 pm VB Practice
- Oct. 17** Grandparents Day  
9:00 am School Chapel