



# May 2 & 3, 2026 Weekly Bulletin

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## ✠ This Week at Trinity ✠

### Saturday, May 2: HIGH CLIFF RUMMAGE SALE

8 AM-4 PM Brat Fry & Rummage Sale

9:30 AM Food Pantry

5:00 PM Divine Service

### Sunday, May 3:

9:00 AM Divine Service

10:30 AM Education Hour

### Monday, May 4:

Pastor Billings' Sabbath

9:00 AM Shelter Sewing

6:00 PM At Home Prayer

6:30 PM Women's Bible Study

Location: Menasha Public Library

### Tuesday, May 5:

6:30 AM Ladies Bible Study

(see location p. 2)

6:30 PM Board Meetings

### Wednesday, May 6:

5:00 PM Confirmation Classes

6:00 PM Vocal Ensemble Ascension Rehearsal

### Thursday, May 7:

6:00 AM Men's Bible Study

5:15 PM Handbell Rehearsal

### Friday, May 8:

7:00 PM Hymn Sing

### Saturday, May 9:

12:30-7:30 PM POSTAL FOOD DRIVE

**SORTERS NEEDED**

5:00 PM Divine Service

### Sunday, May 10: MOTHER'S DAY

9:00 AM Divine Service

10:30 AM Education Hour

## GLUTEN-FREE HOSTS AVAILABLE

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

## ✠ We Pray For... ✠

**The Sick:** Dave & Eileen Acker, Kathy Baehman, Tom Baer, Steve Baldauf, Mark & Jean Becker, Elisabeth Billings, Jasen Brown, Michael Burns, Carrie Collins, Joshua Collins and Family, Jeff Dionne, Tom Drum, Judith Durkey, Char Elliott, Russell Elliott, Sara Flater, Robert & Karon Flater, Shirley Fleischer, Lana Gast, Bev GeRue, William Jahsman, Geri Johnston, Paula Jordan, Carla Kobs, Randy LaBelle, Fritz Larson, Josie Lenox, Michelle Mahoney, Betsy & Donald Meverden, George Ohlrogge, Diane Peotter, Joan Reinke, Randy Ross, Dan Schael, Ken Schmidt, Irene Schwerbel, Scott Steenepoorte, Mike Stier, Liz Swaney, Artem Tabakaev, Brian Tobin, Elaine Trimberger, Joyce Tschirgi, Tony & Shellie Van Ark, Joyce Virchow, Rudy Vitek, Roger Voigt, LaVerne Werth and Martin Wiese.

**Those with Birthdays:** Douglas Amond, Lucille Bricco, Bruce Buksyk, Daniel Dahms, Gary Kaye, Rachel Kobs, Bryce Sokel, and Joseph Wray.

**Those with Anniversaries:** Todd & Heather Kohler and Dan & JoAnn Schultz.

## DAILY DEVOTIONS DIRECT LINK!

There is a link on our website that will give you access to Pastor Billings' Daily Devotion videos: <https://trinitymenasha.com/daily-devotions.00>

## Ascension Day Choir Rehearsal

Our choir will practice here Wednesday, May 6 at 6:00 PM. Joint choir rehearsal is Monday, May 11 at Good Shepherd in Oshkosh at 6:30 pm.

## News, Events, Requests, Etc.

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

### Altar Flowers

Altar flowers were donated by:

- Tom and Barbara Kester in loving memory of her mother, Emma Becker’s birthday
- Dan & Joann Schultz celebrate their wedding anniversary.

### This Weekend’s Banners

“Do Not Fear, Be Strong, Your God Will Come To Save You.”

### Musical Offering;

Sunday – Vocal Ensemble



### **Stewardship**

1 Peter 2:9 – *“But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.”* God has called us to be His own. He has chosen us out of love, out of mercy, out of sheer, divine joy. The apostle Peter says that God chose us so that we might share in His glory and “proclaim the excellencies of Him” who has made us His own. And truly, this is our delight! His joy brings joy to our hearts as well.

## HOLY COMMUNION

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.

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

SCRIP is sold in the Church & School Office, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 AM-3:30 PM, and in the narthex before and after worship Services. Kwik Trip and Fleet Farm have increased their rebate. **This is for a limited time only!**

## **BIBLE STUDIES**

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- SUNDAY:** **Sunday School K4—4<sup>th</sup> Grade**  
**10:30 AM** with Elizabeth GeRue—3<sup>rd</sup> -4<sup>th</sup> Grade Classroom
- SUNDAY:** **“Ezra” and “Nehemiah”**  
**10:30 AM** with Pastors Billings & Alliet—SFH
- SUNDAY:** **“What They Didn’t Teach You in Sunday School”** with  
**10:30 AM** Pastor GeRue, Conf. Room
- MONDAY:** Women’s Bible Study  
**6:30 PM** **“Leaning on Jesus” A Study of God’s Strength** by Deb Burma,  
Contact: Connie Henkel,  
Menasha Public Library
- TUESDAY:** **Ladies Bible Study**  
**6:30 AM** 3485 Thornberry Dr., Appleton  
Contact: Dottie Kraus  
All are welcome!
- THURSDAY:** Men’s Bible Study  
**6:00 AM** **“Titus”**  
Contact: Steve Reinke  
Conference Room

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

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## **TRINITY FOOD PANTRY...**

### **Food Pantry Needs This Month**

This month our Pantry is in need of Canned Fruit, Canned Vegetables, 64 oz. Bottled Juice, Chicken Noodle Soup, Tomato Soup, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Large Soups 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!

### **Postal Carrier Food Drive Next Saturday!**

Postal Carrier Food Drive is Saturday, May 9 between the hours of 12:30 – 7:30 PM. **Help is needed to sort, box and put away the food items received for our Pantry.** Contact: Steve Reinke-Phone: (920) 540-5090 or email [sreinke@trinitymenasha.com](mailto:sreinke@trinitymenasha.com).

## ✠ Serving the Lord This Weekend ✠

### Saturday, 5:00 PM, May 2:

Elder on Duty:	Robert Allen
Usher Team:	Gast/Corrente Teams
Communion Asst.:	Steve Reinke
Altar Guild:	Shirley Fleischer
Greeter:	Dan & Peggy Dahms
Acolyte:	Emma Anderson

### Sunday, 9:00 AM, May 3:

Elder on Duty:	Craig Thomas
Usher Team:	Dave Collingwood
Communion Asst:	Steve Sexmith
Altar Guild:	Gail Burrows
Flower Delivery:	Gail Burrows
Greeter:	Rosemary Collingwood
Acolyte:	Robbie Kohler

## ✠ Serving the Lord Next Weekend ✠

### Saturday, 5:00 PM, May 9:

Elder on Duty:	Robert Allen
Usher Team:	Roger Voigt
Communion Asst.:	Ian Thomas
Altar Guild:	Shirley Fleischer
Greeter:	JoAnn Schultz
Acolyte:	Richie Sprouse

### Sunday, 9:00 AM, May 10:

Elder on Duty:	Craig Thomas
Usher Team:	Steve Sexmith
Communion Asst:	Scott Gutzmann
Altar Guild:	Gail Burrows
Flower Delivery:	Gail Burrows
Greeter:	Jane Nielsen
Acolyte:	Emma Anderson

**CIRCUIT-WIDE ASCENSION DAY SERVICE** On Thursday, May 14th, the congregations of our Circuit will gather to celebrate the Ascension of Our Lord. The service will take place at 7:00 P.M. Trinity Lutheran Church, 370 Bowen Street, Oshkosh, WI will serve as host. Rev. Marshal Frisque, pastor of Peace Lutheran Church, Neenah; will be our guest preacher. There will be a Mass Choir made up of choirs from congregations of the Circuit. Pastors of our Circuit congregations will be participating in the service.

The offering will be used to purchase copies of the Armed Forces Ministry Prayer Book. This book will be available from Concordia Publishing House this fall to support LCMS members serving in the armed forces. The Armed Forces Ministry Book contains prayers, scripture, rites, blessings, and hymns for devotional use as well as for Word and Sacrament ministry. The book was specifically designed to provide for the spiritual care of those serving in deployed locations when resources are extremely limited.

Come and join fellow brothers and sisters in Christ of our Circuit in celebrating this great event of our Lord Jesus Christ and of His Church.

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## TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK! MAY 4TH THROUGH THE 8TH

We thank God for our teachers and support staff. We pray for God's continued blessings not only this week, but all year.

*"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness; come before His presence with singing."* Psalm 100:1-2

## UPCOMING EVENTS IN MAY

- May 4-8, Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 8: 7:00 PM Hymn Sing
- Saturday, May 9: Postal Carrier Food Drive 12:30-7:30 PM, at Trinity - Volunteers needed to sort donations
- May 11, 4:00-8:00 PM Panera Fundraising for Our School
- May 14: 7:00 PM Ascension Service Trinity Lutheran Church-Oshkosh (See announcement above for more info.)
- May 16: 8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon Treasures in the Trunk Rummage Sale Peace Lutheran Church 1228 S Park Ave., Neenah

## **Easter 5**

### **Psalm 146**

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Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul! I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation. When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish.

Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous. The Lord watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the Lord!

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When we think of Easter, we naturally think of Jesus dying and rising again for the forgiveness of our sins. But the truth is, many people in Jesus' day believed He would be more of an earthly king, ruling over the government.

When the crowds lined the streets on Palm Sunday, they hoped for an earthly king to save them and establish a new kingdom. But Jesus didn't come to start a new earthly kingdom; He came to do something no earthly king can do: to save the people from their sins.

Now, you can't blame the people for wanting an earthly king to save them; much like today, many people were oppressed,

others hungry, some were sick or paralyzed, and others had no one to look over them because they had no father. These people just wanted to be helped.

However, our psalm today says, "Put not your trust in princes." We are much like the people of the Old Testament, placing our trust in mere humans to save our lives. While forms of government can help and support us, they cannot save us. Only Jesus can do this, and He did it through the cross.

This is why Jesus said in the Gospel, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14:6). The way to eternal life is not through earthly kingdoms but through Jesus.

We thank God that His Son was not merely a human king but the King of kings, whose death on the cross gives us the faith to receive the forgiveness of sins and eternal life with Him.

#### **PRAYER**

King of kings, thank You for providing salvation for us through Your death on the cross. Help us to put our trust in You rather than human rulers and lead us to life everlasting in Your kingdom. In Your name. Amen.

#### **School Calendar**

May 4-8	Teacher Appreciation Week
May 4	9 am School Opening
May 5	9 am School Opening 3:45 pm Running Club
May 6	9 am School Chapel 3:45 pm Faculty Meeting
May 7	9 am School Opening 8:45-2:30 pm K4/K5 Mulberry Farm 1st – 2nd Fox Meadows 3:45 pm Running Club
May 8	9 am School Opening 3-4 Grade Field Trip to Shalom Wildlife