



# May 9 & 10, 2026 Weekly Bulletin

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## ✠ This Week at Trinity ✠

### Saturday, May 9:

6:00 PM **FELLOWSHIP - Narthex**

12:30-7:30 PM **POSTAL FOOD DRIVE SORTERS NEEDED**

5:00 PM Divine Service

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

8:30 AM **FELLOWSHIP - Narthex**

9:00 AM Divine Service

10:30 AM Education Hour

### Monday, May 11: DINE OUT PANERA'S

4:00-8:00 PM **FUNDRAISER FOR SCHOOL**

Pastor Billings' Sabbath

9:00 AM Shelter Sewing

6:00 PM At Home Prayer

6:30 PM Women's Bible Study

Location: Menasha Pub. Lib.

### Tuesday, May 12:

6:30 AM Ladies Bible Study  
(see location p. 2)

6:30 PM Board of Directors Meeting

### Wednesday, May 13:

5:00 PM Confirmation Classes

### Thursday, May 14:

6:00 AM Men's Bible Study

5:15 PM Handbell Rehearsal

7:00 PM Joint Ascension Service at  
Trinity Lutheran - Oshkosh

### Friday, May 15:

### Saturday, May 16:

8:00-Noon **TREASURES in the TRUNK**  
Peace Lutheran Church

9:30 AM Food Pantry

5:00 PM Divine Service

### Sunday, May 17:

9:00 AM Divine Service

10:30 AM Education Hour

## ✠ 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, Roger Voigt, LaVerne Werth and Martin Wiese.

**Those with Birthdays:** Ronald Bielefeld, LuAnn Bradley, Andrew Griepentrog, Tom Harrmann, Mae Joerndt, Brian Mahoney, Betsy Meverden, Oliver Siegel and Richard Tucker.

**Those with Anniversaries:** Rev. Jim & Valerie Dehne and Martin & Karen Schramper.

**Save the Date!**  
**Supper & Important Event**  
**Tuesday, September 29, 2026 here**  
**at Trinity.**



## 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:

The Bricco Family in celebration of  
Mother's Day & Lucy Bricco's 95<sup>th</sup> birthday.

### This Weekend's Banners

"I Am With You Always"

### Musical Offering;

Sunday – Handbell Choir

## † 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.

## TRINITY VETERAN'S PLAQUE

Trinity has a plaque for men and women who have served in our Armed Services. If you would like to add your name and branch of service to the plaque, contact All-Sport Trophy & Engraving, Jon Vanderheyden at (920) 722-0146. The cost is \$8.00. Jerry Maynard will affix your plaque to the board.

## 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  
Women's Bible Study
- MONDAY:** **"Leaning on Jesus" A Study of God's Strength** by Deb Burma,  
**6:30 PM** 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!

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## PURCHASING SCRIP...

### \$ 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!**

## ✠ Serving the Lord This 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

## ✠ Serving the Lord Next Weekend ✠

### Saturday, 5:00 PM, May 16:

Elder on Duty: Robert Allen  
Usher Team: Robert Allen  
Communion Asst.: Dan Siebert  
Altar Guild: Shirley Fleischer  
Greeter: Betty Allen  
Acolyte: Robbie Kohler

### Sunday, 9:00 AM, May 17:

Elder on Duty: Craig Thomas  
Usher Team: Lee Weinig  
Communion Asst: Lee Weinig  
Altar Guild: Gail Burrows  
Flower Delivery: Gail Burrows  
Greeter: Liz Kamprath  
Acolyte: Richie Sprouse

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## **GLUTEN-FREE HOSTS AVAILABLE**

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

## **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>.



Dear Trinity Family,

First of all, We want to say that you have made us feel so loved this past Teacher Appreciation Week. Your thoughts, prayers and many remembrances are greatly appreciated!

Continue to pray for us and the mission at Trinity. You are wonderful and we thank God for all of you.

Thank you!

Trinity Faculty and Staff

## **BANNER COORDINATOR NEEDED**

We are seeking a Banner Coordinator due to the retirement of the current coordinator due to health issues. The Banners are used as an added expression of the festival or season of the Church Year.

Basic skills of a good coordinator would be:

Good communication, Knowledge of the Scriptures and Basic sewing knowledge to determine needed repairs.

Any Questions please see Elaine Weinig or the girls in the office. What a great way to use your Time & Talents in serve to our LORD.

# Ascension of Our Lord

## Psalm 47

*Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy! For the Lord, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth. He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet. He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves.*

*God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet. Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises! For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm!*

*God reigns over the nations; God sits on his holy throne. The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham. For the shields of the earth belong to God; he is highly exalted!*

Could you imagine standing beside the disciples as they watched Jesus ascend into the heavens? It must have been quite a sight, and what a joyful day!

Like a king being taken to his coronation, Jesus has returned victorious to His Father's right hand. Can't you hear the angels in heaven making "a joyful noise" (Psalm 98:4)?

Our psalm today is all about the ascension of Jesus. As it said, "God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet. Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises! For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm!" (Psalm 47:5-7).

Remember, sometimes our psalms describe precisely what is happening in Jesus' life. This is one instance in which the psalm looked forward to the day Jesus returned victorious to His Father's right hand.

Just think about this: God's plan for saving you began when He sent His only begotten Son to take upon Himself your flesh as a baby in Bethlehem that first Christmas. Jesus then grew as you and me. He taught His people, healed the sick and gave vision back to the blind. He died on the cross and was placed into the tomb, only to rise again on the third day, just as we confess in the Apostles' Creed. But then, at last, He returns to His Father.

And how should we respond to this great news? We should join the angels in heaven and "make a joyful noise." We should, as the psalm says, "Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!" (Psalm 47:1).

Do this now because your Savior reigns! "Make a joyful noise!"

### PRAYER

Ascended Lord Jesus, we praise You for Your ascension into heaven and rejoice that You reign over all. We thank You that You are our advocate with the Father, and that You will bring us from this vale of tears to You. In Your name we pray. Amen

### School Calendar

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| May 11 | 9 am School Opening<br>4-8pm Family Dining Out @ Panera  |
| May 12 | 9 am School Opening<br>3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade all Menasha Track<br>and Wellness Day<br>3:45 pm Running Club |
| May 13 | 9 am School Chapel   |
| May 14 | 9 am School Opening<br>3:45 pm Running Club  |
| May 15 | 9 am School Opening<br>3 <sup>rd</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> Grade West Bloomfield Track Meet<br>PS3 Party                        |