

# Grace Notes

**March 8, 2026**

Trinity Lutheran Church

*1226 1st Ave. N.*

*Great Falls, MT 59401-3201*

*(406) 452-2121*

*www.trinity-mt.org*

---

|                                       |  |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| Reverend Jonathan G. Schultz ~ Pastor | (406) 402-2081<br>pastor@trinity-mt.org    |
| Cheryl Bauer ~ Office Secretary       | (406)-452-2121<br>trinity@trinity-mt.org   |
| Ron VanVoast ~ Treasurer              | (307) 631-5949                             |
| Cindy Stene ~ Bookkeeper              | (406) 403-3596<br>treasurer@trinity-mt.org |
| Debbie Lee ~ Wee Disciples Director   | (406)-799-5881                             |
| Amy Schultz ~ Assistant Director      | (970)-480-7776<br>weedisciples@gmail.com   |

# Check your Narthex mailboxes, please.

## Sunday – 03/08/2026 ~ *Third Sunday in Lent*

8:30a Sunday School and Adult Bible Study

10:00a Divine Service

**Duty Elders ~ Bill Sybrant**

**Audio/Video/Music ~ Denise Rutledge**

## Monday – 03/09/2026

*Nothing scheduled*

## Tuesday – 03/10/2026

6:00p Hand Bell Choir practice

## Wednesday – 03/11/2026

9:30a Ladies Bible study

4:00p Confirmation

5:30p Adult Choir practice

**6:00p Soup Supper**

**7:00p 3<sup>rd</sup> Lenten Service**

## Thursday – 03/12/2026

8:30a Men's Bible study

**6:00p Board of Elders**

Friday – 03/13/2026 *Church Office Closed*

*Nothing scheduled*

## Saturday – 03/14/2026

*Nothing scheduled*

## Sunday – 03/15/2026 ~ *Fourth Sunday in Lent*

8:30a Sunday School and Adult Bible Study

10:00a Divine Service

**Duty Elders ~ Scott Broberg / Len Koelbel**

**Audio/Video/Music ~ Isaac Schultz**

# Healing from Demons

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Mid-Week Lenten Service

We talked about angels during Midweek of Lent 1. Tonight, we will talk about the darker side of the story—that is, demons. Demons are fallen angels who rebelled against God and His giving of Himself to us. Demons, with Satan chief among them, seek to undermine everything God is and does, even today. In our sermon tonight, we will hear how Jesus heals a man with a demon (*Mark 5:1–13*) and how that work of healing continues today.

---

**Please save your old *Portals of Prayer*** and turn them into the church office for the LWML ladies' new project. More information to come.

**Fellowship Time Help Needed!!** We are looking for individuals or couples who would be willing to help set up the coffee and cookies for Sunday mornings. This would be one or two Saturdays a month (the more people who volunteer the less often you would be asked to help). If you are interested, please talk to Pastor (406-402-2081) or Cheryl (406-452-2121).

**We are looking for individuals, couples, families or groups** who would be willing to help with the tear down and clean-up follow Fellowship time each Sunday. If you are interested, please talk to Pastor (406-402-2081) or the church office (406-452-2121).

**Coffee and Chat** ~ Want to learn sign language? New to American Sign language? Not sure where to start? Join us for Coffee and Chat! Learn more signs and practice what you know in a calm environment. **Every third Saturday of the month 11:00am-12:30pm** at the **Double Barrel Coffee House**, 1500 9th Ave S. Sponsored by Peace Lutheran Church and Christ Lutheran Church for the Deaf, 3340 11<sup>th</sup> Ave S. Great Falls MT 59405.

**Trinity Scholarships** ~ Did you know that Trinity has scholarships available for families of Trinity who have, or would like to have, their children attending Wee Disciples Preschool and Day Care? The application is available on our website ([www.trinity-mt.org](http://www.trinity-mt.org)) or in the church office.

**NOTE ~ The congregation is encouraged to contribute to the scholarship fund just as we do the roof repair or any other special fund. There are special envelopes in the back of the Sanctuary to place your donations in.**

**Lenten Soup Suppers** ~ We will be having Lenten soup suppers each Wednesday of Lent. As always there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside the church office. Please sign up for items to bring each week.



**We are also looking for groups of people to handle the set-up and clean-up each week.** If your group or you and a few others would like to volunteer for this, please sign up on the soup supper sign-up sheets.

**Contribution and Attendance Numbers**

**for the week of February 23<sup>rd</sup> through March 1<sup>st</sup>**

|  |         |
|--|---------|
| Lenten Mid-Week #1                                 | 43      |
| Adult Bible study ( <i>Women's Men's, Sunday</i> ) | 32      |
| Sunday school                                      | 15      |
| Divine Service                                     | 89      |
| Offerings  | \$6,597 |
| Vanco  | \$470   |



Easter Sunday  
*Breakfast*

**Easter Breakfast Volunteers Needed** ~ Each year we celebrate Easter Sunday with a congregational potluck-style breakfast between the Sunrise Service and the Divine Service. It is time to start making plans for this year's breakfast.

If you would be willing to help plan and execute the Easter Sunday Breakfast, please contact Cheryl in the church office (406-452-2121). *Together let's make this a great celebration!*

**Easter Lilies** ~ The Altar Committee will once again be placing an order for lilies to grace our altar for Easter. If you would like to donate toward the purchase of these lilies, please make a separate check payable to *Trinity Lutheran Church*, designate on the check



**“For Easter Lilies”** and drop it into the offering plate. **If you would like your donation in memory or honor of a loved one, please attach a note with the details to your check or call the church office 452-2121 with that information.**

**Set Apart to Serve (SAS)** ~ Where do we get pastors who preach and care for us with God's Word? Where do we get teachers who teach our children about Jesus in our Lutheran schools? Where do we get our directors of Christian education, deaconesses and directors of parish music? *Set Apart to Serve (SAS)* is partnering with our seminaries, Concordia universities, districts, congregations and many others to build a Synod wide culture of church work formation and recruitment. You can contribute toward this effort by taking this brief online survey at **[lcms.org/set-apart-to-serve-survey](http://lcms.org/set-apart-to-serve-survey)**. Please let us know how all of us can make *SAS* more beneficial to your congregation. It is important we hear what you have to say.

**Parade of Tables** ~ Peace Lutheran LWML is pleased to be hosting its 6th annual *Parade of Tables*, the theme being "*Spring*". The event will take place on **Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> from 11:00am to 1:00pm**. The recipient of all proceeds will be Grace Haven, a transitional home for female veterans, Guest speaker from Grace Haven is Mary Hoy. Tickets are \$10,00, If you wish to attend or if you are interested in hosting a table contact Toni Nivens at 865-742-2248 or Ruth Denning at 406- 899-3147. Watch for a list of in-house collections to be given to Mary on the day of the event. We look forward to seeing you there!

### **Wish List for Grace Haven Veterans Home**

Please use the QR code below to see a list of items that would be useful for the new kitchen at Grace Haven. We will collect these items during the month of March. Mary Hoy will take the items that have been collected at the time she comes to speak at the Parade of Tables. Her comments are below:



“Comparable items are fine. I created the wish list mostly so that we could stick to a color scheme and so that we can start fresh with matching items, since it will be a new space. It' would be great to stick mostly to a color scheme of light blue, white, gray, and wood tones. Our whole building has been created with trauma-informed design in mind, so light and calming colors are great. The new kitchen has been painted a very pale light blue, and the cabinets will be white.”

**Read through the Gospels or New Testament in Lent** ~ What better way to prepare for Easter than to read the complete story of Jesus' birth, life, death and resurrection? So, dust off your Bible as we read God's Word through these 40 days of Lent!

| <b>Read through the Gospels or New Testament in Lent</b> |                     |                      |
|--|---------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Day</b>   | <b>Gospels only</b> | <b>New Testament</b> |
| March 8  | Take a Break        |                      |
| 9  | Mark 13 - 14        | John 15 - end        |
| 10   | Mark 15 - 16        | Acts 1 - 6           |
| 11   | Luke 1 - 3          | Acts 7 - 11          |
| 12   | Luke 4 - 6          | Acts 12 - 17         |
| 13   | Luke 7 - 9          | Acts 18 - 23         |
| 14   | Luke 10 - 12        | Acts 24 - end        |
| March 15   | Take a Break        |                      |

***The week of March 8<sup>th</sup> through March 15<sup>th</sup>  
Celebrating their Wedding Anniversaries this week***

*None*

***Celebrating their Birthday this week***

|                              |                           |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| <i>March 8<sup>th</sup></i>  | <i>Derek Jones</i>        |
| <i>March 9<sup>th</sup></i>  | <i>Rose Shelden (80+)</i> |
| <i>March 14<sup>th</sup></i> | <i>Ryan Nommensen</i>     |
| <i>March 15<sup>th</sup></i> | <i>Ron Copp</i>           |

***Celebrating their Baptismal Anniversaries this week***

|                              |                                  |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <i>March 8<sup>th</sup></i>  | <i>Joseph Nommensen</i>          |
| <i>March 9<sup>th</sup></i>  | <i>Anita Erickson, OD Jones</i>  |
| <i>March 10<sup>th</sup></i> | <i>Matt Kade, Blaize Wegner</i>  |
| <i>March 13<sup>th</sup></i> | <i>Bobbie Voegel, Rob Voegel</i> |

***Celebrating their Confirmation anniversaries this week***

|                              |   |
|------------------------------|---|
| <i>March 13<sup>th</sup></i> | <i>James Lautenschlager<br/>Bobbie Voegel, Rob Voegel</i> |
|------------------------------|---|

## ***PRAYER REQUESTS***

*For prayer requests, please call the church office (406-452-2121)  
or email us at [trinity@trinity-mt.org](mailto:trinity@trinity-mt.org)*

### ***We pray for our members***

the family of Annette Buland

the family of Nellie Sanford (friend of the Bauer's)

the family of Carolyn Valacich (LaVelle VanVoast's friend)

Joyce Bush

Lucy Ann Hall

Neil Hamm

Larry Homen

Chuck Lively

Lidia Neumann

Kirk Norris

David O'Meara

Lauretta Stanfield

Lindy Stanfield

Joy Suek

### ***We pray for friends and family of our members***

Ann Marie (Wee Disciples foster grandma)

Gary Headington

Fran Holt (Michael Garver's mother)

Janet Hussli (Pam Grosenick's sister-in-law)

Marge Johnsten (member of Peace Lutheran)

Dawn & Dorothy Krueger (Pam Grosenick's sister and mother)

Laura (Denise Wegner's friend)

Roger & Marlene Lienau (Cheryl Bauer's parents)

Phil (Kathie Sybrant's father)

Debby Phillips (LaVelle VanVoast's friend)

Rebecca (Debbie Lee's sister)

Ruth Ann Shimoi (former member)

Rick Sotak (Matt Clark's grandfather)

Betty Stene (Brett Stene's mother)

Tom & Nancy Wheeler (Seth Wheeler's parents)

Fred and Beverly Wibert (Sam Birkett's grandparents)

Kathy Zagel (wife of former pastor Bruce Zagel)

**We pray for our shut-ins**

Mildred Birkholz (The Lodge)                      Ellen Carpenter (Eagle's Manor)  
Anita Erickson (at home)    Ed Hickel (at home)  
Arleen Nelson (Rosetta Assisted Living)                      Laretta Stanfield (at home)  
Barbara Zafft (The Lodge)    Bob Blomstrom (Helena)  
Darlene Murray (at son's home in Kansas)

**We pray for the pastors of the Montana District with health concerns**

Pastor John Valle (former member of Trinity)

Pastor Ray Wiegert (former pastor at Messiah-Missoula)

**We pray for our members battling health issues and their caregivers**

Roy & Carolyn Arves    Jim & Barb Going (Washington)  
Chuck & Judy Lively    Jerry & Colleen Mans  
Henry & Alice Schuman

**We pray for those serving in the military and for our First Responders**

Sam Birkett, Cascade County Sheriff's Detective  
Matt Clark, Great Falls Emergency Services

---

Scott Backus, MANG

Scott Broberg, USAF

Ricardo Dominguez, USAF

Caleb Eberly, USA

Jacob Eberly, USA

Matthew Erickson, USAF (Anita Erickson's grandson)

Landon Grosenick, MANG (Pam Grosenick's grandson)

Chaplain Jonathan Schultz, USAF Reserves

Mychal Taylor, MANG

Mattie Young, ANG

## Lenten Worship Schedule

**3<sup>rd</sup> Lenten Mid-week** ~ Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>

Soup Supper ~ 6:00 pm      Worship ~ 7:00pm

**4<sup>th</sup> Lenten Mid-week** ~ Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>

Soup Supper ~ 6:00 pm      Worship ~ 7:00pm

**5<sup>th</sup> Lenten Mid-week** ~ Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>

Soup Supper ~ 6:00 pm      Worship ~ 7:00pm



## Holy Week Worship Schedule

***Palm Sunday / Sunday of the Passion***

*Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> ~ 10:00am*

***Holy Thursday / Maundy Thursday***

*Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> ~ 7:00pm*

***Good Friday***

*Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> ~ 7:00pm*

***Holy Saturday***

*Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> ~ 7:00pm*

***Easter Sunday ~ The Resurrection of Our Lord***

*Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>*

*Easter Sunrise Service ~ 7:00am*

*Easter Breakfast ~ 7:45 am*

*Sunday school ~ 8:30 am*

*Easter Divine Service ~ 10:00 am*

Schedule  
of Worship for  
Holy Week



**The Lutheran Hour ~ March 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**"No Command from the Lord"**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Jesus is the only way to God, but there are many adventures with Jesus. Which ones will you pick? (*1 Corinthians 7:6-7*)

**FM 106.9** is transmitting *The Lutheran Hour* on Sunday mornings at 8:00am. The weekly broadcast of *The Lutheran Hour* is also available at [www.lutheranhour.org](http://www.lutheranhour.org), on the **Connected by LHM** mobile app, on **Sirius XM Family Talk Channel**, and platforms like **Spotify**, **iHeartRadio**, dialing in on your phone, and more.

---

**Lutherans for Life** ~ **March 8<sup>th</sup>** ~ “The call to be disciples of Jesus who live out our faith each day and, in so doing, work to make disciples of others, has never been greater ... We need to boldly proclaim what God has done for us in Christ. Not in a spirit of superiority or power, but in a posture of love and grace.” *Bishop Dan Selbo, North American Lutheran Church ~ A Life Quote from Lutherans for Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

---

**Other Helpful Links**

Trinity Lutheran Church [www.trinity-mt.org](http://www.trinity-mt.org)

Also visit & “like” our Facebook page

Concordia Publishing House [www.cph.org](http://www.cph.org)

Higher Things [www.higherthings.org](http://www.higherthings.org)

Issues, Etc. [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org)

The Word of the Lord Endures Forever [thewordendures.org](http://thewordendures.org)

LCMS [www.lcms.org](http://www.lcms.org)

Lutherans for Life [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)

LWML [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org)

Montana District LCMS [www.mtdistlcms.org](http://www.mtdistlcms.org)

The Lutheran Witness [ww.lcms.org/witness](http://ww.lcms.org/witness)

## CONCERNING THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an usher.

For further study, see Matthew 5:23ff; 10:32ff; 18:15–35; 26:26–29; 1 Corinthians 1:28; 11:17–34.

---

### FOR THOSE with YOUNG CHILDREN...

In Matthew 19, Jesus said, *“Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.”* Jesus wants your little ones present with Him during our worship service. So do we.

While children may often fidget and fuss during the service, we consider the noise that they make to be a form of sacred music – the song of God's children learning more and more what it means to be Christians. And it is for this reason that we invite the children to stay with us for the entire service. We also suggest the following steps to help them learn.

- Sit toward the front where it is easier for them to see what is happening.
- Sing the liturgy and hymns, boldly. The more engaged you are, the more quickly they will learn to follow along.
- Explain to them what is happening throughout the service.

If you feel that your children are being too disruptive, please feel free to sit in the Narthex. There are also activity books and “quiet time” bags in the back for your children. Ask an Elder or usher for assistance.

Finally, if your attempt to get through the service today was a disaster, come back next week. The more consistently you show up, the easier it will get. And, whenever you come, just like Christ, we will always be overjoyed to have you and your little ones with us.