

Grace Notes

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ASH WEDNESDAY

This Ash Wednesday, we introduce our Lent sermon series, which is based on the ancient hymn “O Love, How Deep” (*LSB 544*). This hymn, written in the fifteenth century, contemplates the love of God in becoming man, taking on our life, dying our death, and rising again, all *for us*. But for us to understand and appreciate this love, we must first examine ourselves and our lives to see how we have failed in thought, word, and deed. While we may try to get credit for our so-called good works, we all still die with nothing to show for them. But God’s love is not like our love. Our love is self-centered and fickle. God’s love is steady, deep, and beyond all understanding (*Ephesians 3:14–19*). This love of God will have no end.



Quarterly Voter's Meeting ~ The next Quarterly Voter's Meeting is **Sunday, February 22nd at 11:30am**. All members at least 18-years-old are invited to come.

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).

Snow Removal Sign-up ~ Help is needed for the winter to remove snow from the sidewalks before church on Sunday mornings. If you would be willing to help, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside the church office.

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 11th 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) 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.



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.**



Contribution and Attendance Numbers

for the week of February 2nd through February 8th

Mid-Week Worship	9
Adult Bible study (<i>women's, Sunday</i>)	22
Sunday school	12
Divine Service	96
Offerings	\$4,286
Vanco	\$570

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!

Read through the Gospels or New Testament in Lent		
Day	Gospels only	New Testament
February 18	Matthew 1 - 3	Matthew 1 - 7
19	Matthew 4 - 6	Matthew 8 - 12
20	Matthew 7 - 9	Matthew 13 - 18
21	Matthew 10 - 12	Matthew 19 - 24
February 22	Take a Break	
23	Matthew 13 - 14	Matthew 25 - end
24	Matthew 15 - 16	Mark 1 - 5
25	Matthew 17 - 18	Mark 6 - 11
26	Matthew 19 - 20	Mark 12 - end
27	Matthew 21 - 22	Luke 1 - 4
28	Matthew 23 - 24	Luke 5 - 8

The week of February 15th through February 22nd

Celebrating their Wedding Anniversaries this week

None

Celebrating their Birthday this week

<i>February 17th</i>	<i>Louise Kuki</i>
<i>February 18th</i>	<i>Alexandria Young</i>
<i>February 19th</i>	<i>Travis Copp</i>
	<i>Laney Wied</i>
<i>February 20th</i>	<i>Lauretta Stanfield (80+)</i>
<i>February 21st</i>	<i>Carson Bauer</i>
	<i>Hunter Sharrah</i>
<i>February 22nd</i>	<i>Nolan Joyce</i>

Celebrating their Baptismal Anniversaries this week

<i>February 20th</i>	<i>Denise Rutledge</i>
<i>February 22nd</i>	<i>Kathie Gessaman</i>
	<i>Louise Keith</i>

Celebrating their Confirmation anniversaries this week

<i>February 17th</i>	<i>Lauralyn Fairbanks</i>
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PRAYER REQUESTS

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

We pray for our members

Joyce Bush	Lucy Ann Hall
Neil Hamm	Chuck Lively
Lidia Neumann	Kirk Norris
David O'Meara	Lindy Stanfield
Joy Suek	

We pray for friends and family of our members

Ann Marie (Wee Disciples foster grandma)
Baby J (Aaron & Megan Sybrant's nephew)
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 Shimo (former member)
Rick Sotak (Matt Clark's grandfather)
Betty Stene (Brett Stene's mother)
Carolyn Valacich (LaVelle VanVoast's friend)
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)	Lauretta 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

Matthew Erickson, USAF (Anita Erickson's grandson)

Landon Gosenick, MANG (Pam Gosenick's grandson)

Chaplain Jonathan Schultz, USAF Reserves

Mychal Taylor, MANG

Lenten Worship Schedule

Ash Wednesday ~ Wednesday, February 18th

 Soup Supper ~ 6:00 pm

 Worship ~ 7:00pm

1st Lenten Mid-week ~ Wednesday, February 25th

 Soup Supper ~ 6:00 pm

 Worship ~ 7:00pm

2nd Lenten Mid-week ~ Wednesday, March 4th

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

3rd Lenten Mid-week ~ Wednesday, March 11th

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

4th Lenten Mid-week ~ Wednesday, March 18th

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

5th Lenten Mid-week ~ Wednesday, March 25th

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



Holy Week Worship Schedule

Palm Sunday / Sunday of the Passion

Sunday, March 29th ~ 10:00am

Holy Thursday / Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 2nd ~ 7:00pm

Good Friday

Friday, April 3rd ~ 7:00pm

Holy Saturday

Saturday, April 4th ~ 7:00pm



Easter Sunday ~ The Resurrection of Our Lord

Sunday, April 5th

 Easter Sunrise Service ~ 7:00am

 Easter Breakfast ~ 7:45 am

 Sunday school ~ 8:30 am

 Easter Divine Service ~ 10:00 am

The Lutheran Hour ~ February 22nd ~ "As Through Fire"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

To be baptized into Christ, to trust in Him, is to die with Him, to be raised by Him, to pass through the fire under His shelter. (*1 Corinthians 3:13*)

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, 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 ~ February 15th ~ “The message of Jesus’ transfiguration—the fact that Jesus is God and Savior—has the power to transfigure you, to give you metamorphosis, to transform you from a bug to a butterfly! That’s what metamorphosis means. So, this week—and forever!—live a new life, one worthy of Christ, in whose sunshine and light, in whose transfiguration, you now bask.” *Rev. Paul Marggraf ~ A Life Quote from Lutherans for Life*
• lutheransforlife.org

Other Helpful Links

Trinity Lutheran Church	www.trinity-mt.org
Also visit & “like” our Facebook page	
Concordia Publishing House	www.cph.org
Higher Things	www.higherthings.org
Issues, Etc.	www.issuesetc.org
The Word of the Lord Endures Forever	thewordendures.org
LCMS	www.lcms.org
Lutherans for Life	lutheransforlife.org
LWML	www.lwml.org
Montana District LCMS	www.mtdistlcms.org
The Lutheran Witness	www.lcms.org/witness



BEFORE THE PSALM 90:2 MOUNTAINS

Montana District LCMS Camps 2026

**Save the date to join us at
Lion's Camp in
Red Lodge, June 2026**

Youth Retreat: June 22-25

Family Camp: June 26-28

Church Worker Retreat: June 29-July 3

Registration and cost information will be available
from the District Office, March 2026.

*Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from
everlasting to everlasting you are God. Psalm 90:2*