

# Grace Notes

**April 13, 2025**

Trinity Lutheran Church

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**Sunday – 04/13/2025 ~ Palm Sunday**

8:30a Sunday school and Adult Bible study  
10:00a Divine Service  
**Duty Elders** ~ Len Koelbel / Shawn Shaw  
**Audio / Video** ~ Josh Schultz  
**Organist** ~ Gloria Creek  
**Acolytes** ~ Tracy Miesmer / Alex Shabaan

**Monday – 04/14/2025**

**6:00p Board of Elders**

**Tuesday – 04/15/2025**

6:00p Hand Bell Choir practice

**Wednesday – 04/16/2025**

5:30p Adult Choir practice

**Thursday – 04/17/2025**

**7:00p Holy Thursday / Maundy Thursday**  
**Duty Elders** ~ Shawn Shaw / Ron VanVoast  
**Audio / Video / Music** ~ Isaac Schultz

**Friday – 04/18/2025**

*Church office and Wee Disciples closed*

**7:00p Good Friday**  
**Duty Elder** ~ Len Koelbel  
**Audio / Video / Music** ~ Josh Schultz

**Saturday – 04/19/2025**

**7:00p Holy Saturday / Easter Vigil**  
**Duty Elder** ~ Martin Bauer  
**Music** ~ Cheryl Bauer

Sunday – 04/20/2025 ~ Resurrection of Our Lord / Easter Sunday

7:00a

**Easter Sunrise**

**Duty Elder** ~ Ron VanVoast

**Music** ~ Cheryl Bauer

7:45a ~ 9:15a

**Easter Breakfast**

8:30a

Sunday school

10:00a

**Divine Service**

**Duty Elders** ~ Len Koelbel / Bill Sybrant

**Audio / Video** ~ Isaac Schultz

**Organist** ~ Gloria Creek

**Acolytes** ~ Caitee Miesmer / Meredith Tabbert

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**Please, check your Narthex mailbox!**

**Due to the rising cost of postage**, if you are a regular attendee and have a Narthex mailbox (most all of you do), you will NOT be receiving the Lamplighter or most other church related items via the U.S. Postal Service. Please check your Narthex mailbox each week.

**A Request!** Please refrain from bringing **ANY** food or drinks into the Sanctuary! Please speak with Pastor or one of the Elders if you have questions or concerns.

**Just a reminder**, if you need to get in touch with the church office, PLEASE call the church (406-452-2121), the church cell phone (406-590-6460) or send an email (trinity@trinity-mt.org). Both the church number and cell phone number reach me 24/7 and I have access to check email regularly.

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**The Lutheran Witness and Portals of Prayer** ~ It is time for us to renew our *Portals of Prayer* and *Lutheran Witness* subscriptions. ***The Lutheran Witness* annual subscription is \$20.65.** These subscription renewals must be into the church office by **Monday, May 5, 2025.**

***Portals of Prayer* annual subscriptions are \$13.25 for regular size; \$22.00 for digest size and \$24.00 for large print.** These subscription renewals must be into the church office by **Monday, April 14, 2025**

If you are currently receiving these items and wish to continue those subscriptions, please place your renewal check in the offering plate, mail it or bring it to the church office. **Be sure to indicate WHAT you are subscribing to with specifics so that we get the products you want.**

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**LWML In-Service Gathering** ~ Throughout the Lenten season, LWML and Trinity will be collecting non-perishable food items for the school food pantries at Mountain View Elementary and West Elementary. Let's fill the donation box in the narthex! Suggested food items include:

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| boxes of macaroni and cheese  | canned meat (chicken, beef, tuna, etc.) |
| spaghetti sauce (any flavors) | Cup O' Noodles                          |
| alfredo sauce                 | peanut butter                           |
| cereal                        | jelly                                   |
| cream of chicken soup         | powdered milk                           |
| cream of mushroom soup        | canned fruit (any kind)                 |
| chicken noodle soup           | fruit snacks.                           |
| tomato soup                   |   |

**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.**

**Audio/Video Help** ~ Our video ministry goes out each week on our Facebook page and reaches countless people. The audio/video crew is looking for a few good people. No experience is needed, we will teach you what you will need to know. If you would be interested in helping with this very important ministry, contact Pastor Schultz or Cheryl Bauer (406-590-6460) for more information.



### **Assistant Treasurer Job Opening**

James Lautenschlager will be stepping down from his role as the Assistant Treasurer effective June 30, 2025. Trinity is now looking for someone to fill the role. If you are interested, please bring a resume' and a letter of interest to the church office by **April 7, 2025**. If you have questions about the job, contact the church office (406-452-2121) or James Neumann (406-868-2570).

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Please visit our website **[www.trinity-mt.org](http://www.trinity-mt.org)**, go to the "Fellowship" tab and

sign up for online giving. You can also download the Vanco mobile app to your smart phone for even more convenience.



## **Contribution and Attendance Numbers**

**for the week of March 31, 2025 thru April 06, 2025**

Adult Bible study (Sunday, Women's, Men's)	26
Lenten Mid-week Service	39
Sunday school	12
Divine Service	92
Offerings	\$5,909
Vanco	\$ 400

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***The week of April 13<sup>th</sup> through April 20<sup>th</sup>***

### **Celebrating their Wedding Anniversaries this week**

***April 13<sup>th</sup> Frank ♥ Shelley Rossberg (57)***

### **Celebrating their Birthday this week**

***April 13<sup>th</sup> Amayah Hill  
Colleen Mans (80+)***

***April 14<sup>th</sup> Cindy Stene***

***April 16<sup>th</sup> Lidia Neumann (80+)***

***April 18<sup>th</sup> Amanda Miesmer***

***April 19<sup>th</sup> Michelle Neumann***

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

***April 13<sup>th</sup> Jan Bicsak  
Emily Justice***

***April 16<sup>th</sup> Cheri Zrawka***

***April 19<sup>th</sup> Derek Jones***

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

***April 13<sup>th</sup> Clarissa Shaffer***

***April 14<sup>th</sup> Jonathan Schultz***

***Joshua Schultz***

***April 16<sup>th</sup> Cheri Zrawka***

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**Holy Week Worship Schedule**

*Holy Thursday / Maundy Thursday ~ April 17<sup>th</sup> ~ 7:00pm*

*Good Friday ~ April 18<sup>th</sup> ~ 7:00pm*

*Holy Saturday / Easter Vigil ~ April 19<sup>th</sup> ~ 7:00 pm*

*The Resurrection of Our Lord / Easter Sunday ~ April 20<sup>th</sup>*

*Easter Sunrise Service ~ 7:00am*

*Easter Breakfast ~ 7:45 ~ 9:15 am*

*Sunday school ~ 8:30 am*

*Easter Divine Service ~ 10:00 am*

**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!

April 13	Take a Break	
14	John 13 - 14	James
15	John 15 - 16	1 & 2 Peter
16	John 17 - 18	1, 2 & 3 John & Jude
17	John 19 - 20	Revelation 1 - 7
18	John 21	Revelation 8 - 16
19	1 Corinthians 15	Revelation 17 - end
<b><i>April 20</i></b>	<b><i>It's Easter! He is risen! Alleluia!</i></b>	

## ***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***

Carolyn Arves	Bob Bergan
Joyce Bush	Penny Hill
Clay Isakson	Chuck Lively
Judy Lively	Kirk Norris
David O'Meara	Lauretta Stanfield
Joy Suek	LaVelle VanVoast
Juanita Winter	

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

Arden (friend of the Sybrant's)

Doris (Jillian Homen's grandmother)

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

Carrie Jetton (VanVoast's friend)

Marge Johnsten (member of Peace Lutheran)

Kevon (Lively's friend)

Dorothy Krueger (Pam Grosenick's mother)

Laura (Denise Wegner's friend)

Rebecca (Debbie Lee's sister)

Roger & Marlene Lienau (Cheri Bauer's parents)

Jim Smith (VanVoast's friend)

Ross VanVoast (Ron VanVoast's son)

Nancy Wheeler (Seth Wheeler's mother)

Marek & Debbe & Taylor Wojack

(Rose Shelden's daughter and son-in-law and grandson)

### ***We pray for our expectant mothers and their families***

Stephanie and Christian Neumann (due in June)

Ericka and Mychal Taylor (due in June)



**Members of Zion~ Power**

Arianna (member of Zion ~ Power)  
Dawn Lutke (Becky Lutke's daughter-in-law)  
Anita McCaughin (member of Zion ~ Power)  
Irene Pfeifle Nelson (Phil Pfeifle's sister)  
Brad Schaefer (friend of Zion ~ Power)  
Scott Simonson (son of a member of Zion)  
Tiara (Carley Gettel's sister)

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

Pastor Rick Schneider (Ronan)  
Pastor John Valle (former member of Trinity)

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

Jim & Barb Going	Chuck & Judy Lively
Chuck & Elsie Lorenz	Jerry & Colleen Mans
Henry & Alice Schuman	

**We pray for our shut-ins**

Millie Birkholz	Bob Blomstrom (Helena)
Ellen Carpenter	Anita Erickson
Ed Hickel	Darlene Murray (Kansas)
Vi Nell (Spokane, WA)	Arlene Nelson
George Pence (California)	Lauretta Stanfield

**We pray for those serving in the military and law enforcement**

Sam Birkett, Cascade County Sheriff's Deputy  
Chaplain Jonathan Schultz, USAF  
Scott Broberg, USAF  
Daniel Crème', USAF  
Ricardo Dominguez, USAF  
Joshua Graham, Helena Police Department  
(Bob Blomstrom's grandson-in-law)  
Landon Grosenick, MANG (Pam Grosenick's grandson)  
Matthew Erickson, USAF (Anita Erickson's grandson)  
Julie Timms (Waetzig's granddaughter)

**The Lutheran Hour ~ April 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**"A Risen Christ and a Clean Room"**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

The risen Christ has folded Death up and put it in its place. Now Christ invites you to trust in Him and find place and purpose in His new creation. (*John 20:5-7*)

Tune in on the radio or at [www.lutheranhour.org](http://www.lutheranhour.org). *The Lutheran Hour* can be heard on **KMON, 560 AM Sundays at 7:00 am; or on SiriusXM Family Talk Channel 131 at 10:00 am (EST)**. Also available on **SENTRadio 24/7 @ [lhm.org/sentradio](http://lhm.org/sentradio)**.

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**Lutherans for Life** ~ April 13<sup>th</sup> ~ “Commit to seeking opportunities to be a light to those living in darkness. Do not place that responsibility on the full-time leaders of the Church. This is your mission in life. God has uniquely placed you in the exact situations, locations, and relationships to make the Light of the world visible and concrete. You are the look of Christ’s face. You are the tone of His voice. You are the touch of His hands. You are the physical representation of His light in a dark world (Ephesians 5:8). How bright will you shine this year?” *Paul David Tripp, author and speaker ~ A Life Quote from Lutherans for Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

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**Other Helpful Links**

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

## 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.

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### 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.