



For Us The Season of Lent

*I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible
And in one Lord Jesus Christ...*

*...who **for us** men and **for our** salvation came down from heaven...*

Those are familiar words that we confess in the Nicene Creed on Sunday mornings. Jesus comes down from heaven and takes on human flesh. He becomes one of us, for us, in order to save us. This phrase will serve as the theme of our Lenten Midweek services as we reflect upon what it means that Jesus becomes man for us, and how He has brought us salvation through the Cross of Calvary.

On February 18th, we celebrated Ash Wednesday, which marks the first day of the Season of Lent. We began our Ash Wednesday Service with the Imposition of Ashes. Ashes, mixed with a little olive oil, were drawn into the shape of a cross on the foreheads of those who desired to receive them. We then heard those familiar words that God first spoke to Adam after he sinned: “Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return” (Genesis 3:19). But the cross on our foreheads reminds us of the work that Jesus completed for us by dying and rising to save us. They also remind us of our baptism, when we received the sign of the cross “on our forehead and on our heart to mark us as one redeemed by Christ the Crucified.”

The Ash Wednesday service continued with the Divine Service as we hear how God serves us with His gifts through His Word and His Sacraments. Christ gives Himself for us as He feeds us with His Body and Blood for the forgiveness of our sins.

In the Wednesdays to come, we will look at why Jesus came among us as a human. We will learn how everything that Jesus does, He does for us. We will see how Jesus continues to seek us out, and saves us from sin, death, and the devil.

Join us on Wednesdays through the end of March at 6:00 pm for Soup Supper, followed by church at 7:00 pm as we see all that Jesus has done For Us!

Pastor Jonathan Schultz

APRIL LAMPLIGHTER DEADLINE

Please have your calendar items and articles into the church office by:

Monday, March 23rd!!



WEE DISCIPLES

And he took the children in his arms, put his hands on them and blessed them.

Mark 10:16



The mild winter weather we have had so far this winter has provided our students with many opportunities to be outside playing in the sunshine and enjoying the fresh air! Will March roar in like a lion or come in like a quiet, timid little lamb? However March arrives, we will be ready for it! Some of the special activities coming up for Wee Disciples in March include celebrating *Dr. Suess Day* on March 2nd; celebrating the first day of spring on March 20th; and preparing for Palm Sunday on March 29th. Of course, along with our special celebrations, we continue with our daily activities of Bible lessons, art, music, story time, field trips, visits from the bookmobile, etc. Every day is filled with activities from start to finish!

Easter is fast approaching. Wee Disciples will be closed on April 3rd in observance of Good Friday. Planning ahead—the *Wee Disciples' Easter Family Chapel* will be on April 7th at 6:30pm. Mark your calendars now to save the date!

Currently Wee Disciples has an enrollment of 53 students. We do have openings for 2- and 3-year-old students. Soon it will be time to begin the registration process for our summer program and for the 2026-2027 school year. Watch for further details in the upcoming *Lamplighter* and the family newsletters.

Do you enjoy working with children? Are you interested in working in a loving, nurturing, Christian education environment? Wee Disciples is looking to hire someone (part-time or full-time) for a childcare staff position. Interested in a summer job? Wee Disciples is also looking for summer staff. If you are interested in any of these positions, or want more information, please contact Debbie Lee or Amy Schultz.

Our next *Burgers for Benefits* at Fuddruckers' will be on Tuesday, March 17th from 5:00-9:00pm.

*I am Jesus' little lamb, Ever glad at heart I am;
For my Shepherd gently guides me, Knows my need and well provides me,
Loves me ev'ry day the same, Even calls me by my name.*



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.**

LWML News

All ladies of the congregation, including our new members and confirmed young women, are invited and encouraged to attend all LWML happenings here at Trinity.

Please contact Sylvia Adams or Amy Schultz for more information.



There will not be an LWML Group Gathering here at Trinity in March. Instead, please plan to attend the *Parade of Tables* at Peace Lutheran on Saturday, March 14th from 11:00am-1:00pm. Please see Sylvia Adams for more details.

Our District LWML Convention will be April 24th-26th in Lewistown at the Yogo Inn. There will be Bible studies, speakers, fellowship, fun, a banquet - all so close to home! This would be a wonderful opportunity for any of our ladies to hear about how God's Word is shared throughout the world and to have fun with our Sisters in Christ. Please talk to Amy or Sylvia about how you can join us for this spiritually uplifting event. You can also check out our district newsletter (with more information) at https://mtdistrictlwml.org/montana_missive.

Wednesday Ladies Bible study ~ **Wednesday mornings from 9:30 to 11:00am** in the Stahlecker Room. All the ladies of the congregation are invited and encouraged to attend.

Men's Bible Study meets on **Thursday mornings at 8:30 am** for an hour of fellowship and study of God's Word. All the men of the congregation are invited and encouraged to attend.

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.**



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
March 1	Take a Break	
2	Matthew 25 - 26	Luke 9 - 12
3	Matthew 27 - 28	Luke 13 - 19
4	Mark 1 - 3	Luke 20 - end
5	Mark 4 - 6	John 1 - 5
6	Mark 7 - 9	John 6 - 9
7	Mark 10 - 12	John 10 - 14
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	
16	Luke 13 - 14	Romans 1 - 8
17	Luke 15 - 16	Romans 9 - end
18	Luke 17 - 18	1 Corinthians 1 - 8
19	Luke 19 - 20	1 Corinthians 9 - 16
20	Luke 21 - 22	2 Corinthians 1 – end
21	Luke 23 - 24	Galatians 1 - end
March 22	Take a Break	
23	John 1 - 2	Ephesians 1 - end
24	John 3 - 4	Philippians & Colossians
25	John 5 - 6	1 & 2 Thessalonians
26	John 7 - 8	1 & 2 Timothy
27	John 9 - 10	Titus - Philemon & Hebrews 1 - 7
28	John 11 - 12	Hebrews 8 - end
March 29	Take a Break	
30	John 13 - 14	James
31	John 15 - 16	1 & 2 Peter

Lenten Worship Schedule

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

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 also 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 Cheryl (406-452-2121).

A/V 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 to help with this very important ministry. No experience is needed; we will teach you what you will need to know.** If you would be interested in helping, contact Pastor (406-402-2081) or Cheryl (406-452-2121) for more information.



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.

COMPARISON OF GIVING REPORT ~ 2026

For the period January 25th through February 16th



January 25 th	\$3,440
February 1 st	\$5,857
February 8 th	\$4,286
February 15 th	\$5,740
Vanco	\$1,480

Actual giving for report period: \$20,803

Roof Repair Fund –through 02/15/2026 \$51,374

If you have any questions, please call me at (406) 781-7605 ~ *Logan Stene, Bookkeeper*

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Offering Counters are needed to assist the Treasurer and Bookkeeper in counting and recording the offerings following each Sunday service. No experience is needed. Please call the church office (452-2121) or sign up on the bulletin board outside the church office if you are willing to assist with this necessary mission.



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)

Our members who continue to battle 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 our First Responders

Sam Birkett, Cascade County Detective; **Matt Clark**, Great Falls Emergency Services

Scott Backus, MANG; **Scott Broberg**, USAF; **Ricardo Dominguez**, USAF; **Matthew Erickson**, USAF (Anita Erickson's grandson); **Landon Grosenick**, MANG (Pam Grosenick's grandson); **Chaplain Jonathan Schultz**, USAF Reserves; **Mychal Taylor**, MANG

We pray for our Montana District missionaries...

Rev. Dr. David & Jennifer Preus ~ Eurasia (Romania)

John & Jenn Wolf ~ Kenya

Rev. Dr. Gerald & Heidi Paul ~ Peru

Rev. Eric & Johanna Stinnett ~ Ethiopia

Giving Online: You can partner with the LCMS by making an online gift restricted in use to the support of these missionaries at **lcms.org**

Giving by Check: You can also make a donation to their ministries by check. *Mail your check, made payable to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and designated in the memo line with the missionaries last name*, to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, P.O. Box 66861, St. Louis, MO 63166-6861, **QUESTIONS?** Call 888-930-4438 or send an email to **mission.giving@lcms.org**.

2026-2027 Church Officers

Church Council President	James Neumann
Vice President/Head Elder	Martin Bauer
Recording Secretary	Cheryl Bauer
Treasurer	Ron VanVoast
Board of Elders	Martin Bauer, Scott Broberg, Len Koelbel Shawn Shaw, Bill Sybrant, Ron VanVoast
Board of Trustees	Morgan Emmett, Don Lee
Missions & Evangelism	Roy Arves, OD Jones, Len Koelbel
Stewardship	OD Jones
Board of Youth	Sam Birkett, Alyssa Birkett
Board of Early Childhood Education	Myrna Philipp
Board of Education	vacant
LWML President	Sylvia Adams



Serving this Month

Altar Guild ~ Denise Wegner / Sandy Baranko / Candace Tanksley

Ushers ~ Alan Wegner / Roy Arves / Elders

March 1, 2026 ~ Second Sunday in Lent (purple)

Duty Elders	Scott Broberg / Shawn Shaw
Audio/Video/Music	Isaac Schultz
Fellowship Set-up ~ Jessica Brookie	Fellowship Clean-up ~ Judy Boyce

March 4, 2026 ~ Mid-Week Lenten Service

Duty Elder	NOA
Audio/Video/Music	Cheryl Bauer

March 8, 2026 ~ Third Sunday in Lent (purple)

Duty Elders	Bill Sybrant / Ron VanVoast
Audio/Video	Denise Rutledge
Organist	Gloria Creek
Fellowship Set-up ~ Jessica Brookie	Fellowship Clean-up ~ Alice Schuman

March 11, 2026 ~ Mid-Week Lenten Service

Duty Elder	NOA
Audio/Video/Music	Cheryl Bauer

March 15, 2026 ~ Fourth Sunday in Lent (purple)

Duty Elders	Scott Broberg / Len Koelbel
Audio/Video/Music	Isaac Schultz
Fellowship Set-up ~ Jessica Brookie	Fellowship Clean-up ~ Elsie Lorenz

March 18, 2026 ~ Mid-Week Lenten Service

Duty Elder	NOA
Audio/Video/Music	Cheryl Bauer

March 22, 2026 ~ Fifth Sunday in Lent (purple)

Duty Elders	Martin Bauer / Bill Sybrant
Audio/Video	Cheryl Bauer
Organist	Gloria Creek
Fellowship Set-up ~ Jessica Brookie	Fellowship Clean-up ~ Sandra Baranko

March 25, 2026 ~ Mid-Week Lenten Service

Duty Elder	NOA
Audio/Video/Music	Cheryl Bauer

March 29, 2026 ~ Palm Sunday / The Sunday of the Passion (red/scarlet)

Duty Elders	Len Koelbel / Shawn Shaw
Audio/Video/Music	Denise Rutledge
Fellowship Set-up ~ Jessica Brookie	Fellowship Clean-up ~ Lynette Copp

Birthdays and Wedding, Baptismal and Confirmation Anniversaries

March 1st Larry Homan

Emilie Legg

March 2nd Tristan Bauer

March 3rd Mike Bicsak

Sherri VanVleet

March 5th Matt Clark

Hannah Wheeler

March 8th Derek Jones

March 9th **Rose Shelden (80+)**

March 14th Ryan Nommensen

March 15th Ron Copp

March 16th **Virginia Abbott (80+)**

March 18th Alyssa Birkett

Shawn Shaw



March 19th Sylvia Adams

Brianna Backus

Joyce Stanger

March 21st Don Lee

March 22nd **Millie Birkholz (80+)**

Cheryl Dalla Mura

Jillian Homan

Spencer Payne

Ron VanVoast

March 24th Matthias Paul

Trevyn Mans

Mac Wied

Doris Hamm

Jason Young

Jerry Mans (80+)



March 28th ~ Don ♥ Debbie Lee (45)



March 1st Lauralyn Fairbanks

March 7th Patti Jones

March 8th Joseph Nommensen

March 9th Anita Erickson

OD Jones

March 10th Matt Kade

Blaize Wegner

March 13th Bobbie Voegel

Rob Voegel

March 16th Nolan Joyce

Zander Martello



March 21st Judy Lively

Trevyn Mans

March 22nd Clarissa Shaffer

March 24th Ethan Egan

Jessi Payne

March 25th Todd Chandler

March 27th Amayah Hill

Travis Copp

Emilie Legg

Brianna Backus

Gary Neumann

March 1st Darlene Murray

Arlene Nelson

March 13th James Lautenschlager

Bobbie Voegel

Rob Voegel

March 22nd Sylvia Adams

Louise Keith



March 23rd Cathy Christianson

March 24th Ethan Egan

March 29th Rose Shelden

March 30th Don Lee

March 31st Denise Rutledge