

Grace Notes

March 22, 2026

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Check your Narthex mailboxes, please.

Sunday – 03/22/2026 ~ Fifth Sunday in Lent

8:30a Sunday School and Adult Bible Study

10:00a Divine Service

Duty Elders ~ Martin Bauer / Bill / Sybrant

Audio/Video ~ Cheryl Bauer

Organist ~ Gloria Creek

Monday – 03/23/2026

Nothing scheduled

Tuesday – 03/24/2026

Nothing scheduled

Wednesday – 03/25/2026

9:30a Ladies Bible study

4:00p Confirmation

5:15p Hand Bells & Adult Choir practice

6:00p Soup Supper

7:00p 5th Lenten Service

Thursday – 03/26/2026

Nothing scheduled

Friday – 03/27/2026

Church Office Closed

Nothing scheduled

Saturday – 03/28/2026

Nothing scheduled

Sunday – 03/29/2026 ~ Palm Sunday / Sunday of the Passion

8:30a Sunday School and Adult Bible Study

10:00a Divine Service

Duty Elders ~ Len Koelbel / Shawn Shaw

Audio/Video/Music ~ Denise Rutledge

5th Mid-Week Lenten Service For Us Betrayed

Jesus foretells His own betrayal, death, and resurrection in today's text (*Mark 8:31–9:1*). This shows us that the way of salvation only comes through the path of suffering (*Hebrews 2:10*). Jesus' suffering, His Passion, does not simply mean that He sympathizes with us. Rather, it means that He participates in our suffering, and we in His. His betrayal, the crown of thorns, the shameful cross—all of these lead to how Jesus “gave His dying breath,” as we sing in the series hymn. In the Passion reading, we will also hear how He dies (*Mark 15:33–47*) and what that means for us 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.



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. If you would be willing to help set-up and clean-up 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.**



2026 Confirmands

*These young men will be confirmed on **Saturday, April 4th** at the **Easter Vigil Service**. Boxes for the congregation to leave congratulations and well wishes can be found at the back of the Sanctuary.*



Ross Arthur Broberg was born on June 20, 2013, in Lompoc, CA. He was baptized on June 23, 2013, at Grace Lutheran Church in Santa Maria, CA. His parents are Scott and Elisa Broberg, and he has two siblings, Gerda and Clara. Ross is in the 6th grade. He enjoys snowboarding, reading, climbing and biking.

Samuel Zachariah Schultz was born on October 17, 2013, in Vernal, UT. He was baptized on October 27, 2013, at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Vernal, UT. His parents are Pastor Jonathan and Amy Schultz. Samuel has four siblings, Joshua, Isaac, Rachel and Hannah. He is a 6th grader at Sacajawea Elementary School in Great Falls, MT. Sam enjoys singing in the Electric City Youth Chorale and playing percussion in the 6th grade band. He loves playing Minecraft, and his favorite school subject is Math. Sam is active in Trinity's Sunday School programs and has served as an Acolyte for 3 years.



Mason Donald Voegel is 13 years old, born on June 21, 2012, in Great Falls, MT, and baptized on September 30, 2012, at Trinity Lutheran Church. His parents are Bobbie Voegel and Bob Voegel. Mason's grandmother is Barb Nickliss and his great-aunt is Sherri Young. He also has a 17-year-old sister Adalyn and a 4-year-old sister Taylyn. He is in 8th grade at North Middle School. He enjoys sports such as wrestling and football as well as hanging out with his friends.

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 11th Ave S. Great Falls MT 59405.

Wee Disciples Job Opening ~ Wee Disciples is currently hiring for the summer and fall. We are looking for full and part-time Early Childhood staff members. We are open Monday-Friday from 7:00am to 6:00pm with flexible scheduling. If you enjoy working with children and spreading the message and love of God, this is the opportunity for you! Please contact Director Debbie Lee at (406) 799-5881 or Trinity Lutheran Church at (406) 452-2121 for more information.

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.

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. 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.

Contribution and Attendance Numbers

for the week of March 9th through March 15th

Lenten Mid-Week #3	38
Adult Bible study (<i>Women's Men's, Sunday</i>)	27
Sunday school	11
Divine Service	48
Offerings	\$2,296
Vanco	\$295

The week of March 22nd through March 29th
Celebrating their Wedding Anniversaries this week

March 28th Don ♥ Debbie Lee (45)

Celebrating their Birthday this week

March 22nd Millie Birkholz (80+)

Cheryl Dalla Mura

Jillian Homan

Spencer Payne

Ron VanVoast

March 24th Matthias Paul

March 25th Trevyn Mans

Mac Wied

March 28th Doris Hamm

March 29th Jason Young

Celebrating their Baptismal Anniversaries this week

March 22nd Clarissa Shaffer

March 24th Ethan Egan

Jessi Payne

March 25th Todd Chandler

March 27th Amayah Hill

March 28th Travis Copp

Celebrating their Confirmation anniversaries this week

March 22nd Sylvia Adams

Louise Keith

March 23rd Cathy Christianson

March 24th Ethan Egan

March 29th Rose Shelden

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	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

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)
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

The Lutheran Hour ~ March 29th ~ "Dime-Sized"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

God doesn't look for valuable, desirable, beautiful people so that He can love them. God loves first, and by loving them He makes people valuable, desirable, and beautiful. (*1 Corinthians 13:11*)

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 ~ March 22nd ~ "Grief is a road no one chooses, yet in this fallen world, it is a path we must all tread. There are no words that can fully capture the sorrow of losing someone we love—no explanations that can make death seem natural or right. It wasn't meant to be this way. Death is the great intruder, a bitter consequence of sin's curse. And yet, even in the depths of sorrow, the Lord gives us this promise: He is near." *Rev. M.L. Smith, Director of International Missions of Lutheran Church–Canada (LCC) ~ 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
LCMS Radio on the web	www.kfuoaam.org
The Lutheran Witness	www.lcms.org/witness
The Reporter	www.lcms.org/reporter

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.