

Grace Notes

March 9, 2025

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Sunday – 03/09/2025 ~ First Sunday in Lent

8:30a Sunday school and Adult Bible study
10:00a Divine Service
Duty Elders ~ Shawn Shaw / Bill Sybrant
Audio / Video ~ Isaac Schultz
Organist ~ Gloria Creek
Acolytes ~ Leif Tanksley / Mason Voegel

Monday – 03/10/2025

6:00p Board of Elders

Tuesday – 03/11/2025

6:00p Hand Bell Choir practice

Wednesday – 03/12/2025

9:30a Ladies Bible study
4:00p Confirmation class
5:30p Adult Choir practice
6:00p Lenten Soup Supper
7:00p 1st Lenten Mid-week Service

Thursday – 03/13/2025

8:30a Men's Bible study
9:30a Missions & Evangelism

Friday – 03/14/2025

Church office closed
Nothing scheduled

Saturday – 03/15/2025

Nothing scheduled

Sunday – 03/16/2025 ~ Second Sunday in Lent

8:30a Sunday school and Adult Bible study
10:00a Divine Service
11:30a St. Patrick's Day potluck
Duty Elders ~ Len Koelbel / Shawn Shaw
Audio / Video ~ Josh Schultz
Organist ~ NOA
Acolytes ~ Olivia Clark / Harper Lautenschlager



St Patrick's Day Congregational Potluck

Sunday, March 16, 2025

following the worship service

Join us on **Sunday, March 16th** following the Divine Service for a St. Patrick's Day potluck. Missions & Evangelism will be serving up corn beef and cabbage and brats. You are encouraged to bring a salad, side dish or dessert to share.

Be sure to wear your green!

5th Sunday Mission Project ~ **March 30th** is the first "**5th Sunday Mission Sunday**" for 2025. At the last Council meeting it was decided that Trinity Camp in Big Fork would be the designated mission. They are fundraising to rebuild their docks after bad weather destroyed them. There will be an offering basket out at the St. Patrick's Day potluck and it will also be out on the 23rd and 30th to allow members to donate as they are moved.

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 (coffee, water, etc.) into the Sanctuary! *Thank you*

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.



The Youth will meet after church on March 9th with activities yet to be determined.

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.**

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).

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 serving 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.

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.

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.**

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.

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



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Please visit our website **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 February 24, 2025 thru March 2, 2025

Adult Bible study (Sunday, Women's, Men's)	31
Mid-week Service	19
Sunday school	16
Divine Service	84
Offerings	\$5,210
Vanco	\$ 650

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!

March 9	Take a Break	
10	Matthew 13 - 14	Matthew 25 - end
11	Matthew 15 - 16	Mark 1 - 5
12	Matthew 17 - 18	Mark 6 - 11
13	Matthew 19 - 20	Mark 12 - end
14	Matthew 21 - 22	Luke 1 - 4
25	Matthew 23 - 24	Luke 5 - 8
March 16	Take a Break	

***The week of March 9th through March 16th
Celebrating their Wedding Anniversaries this week***

None

Celebrating their Birthday this week

<i>March 9th</i>	<i>Rose Sheldon (80+)</i>
<i>March 11th</i>	<i>Trina Mans, Axton Mansch</i>
<i>March 14th</i>	<i>Ryan Nommensen</i>
<i>March 15th</i>	<i>Ron Copp</i>
<i>March 16th</i>	<i>Virginia Abbott (80+)</i>

Celebrating their Baptismal Anniversaries this week

<i>March 9th</i>	<i>Anita Erickson, OD Jones, Mattie Norris</i>
<i>March 10th</i>	<i>Blaize Wegner</i>
<i>March 13th</i>	<i>Kelly Norris, Bob Voegel</i> <i>Bobbie Voegel, Courtney Walker</i>
<i>March 16th</i>	<i>Nolan Joyce, Zander Martello</i>

Celebrating their Confirmation anniversaries this week

<i>March 13th</i>	<i>James Lautenschlager</i> <i>Bobbie Voegel, Bob Voegel</i>
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Lenten Worship Schedule

<i>1st Lenten Mid-week</i>	<i>Wednesday, March 12, 2025</i> <i>Soup Supper ~ 6:00 pm / Worship ~ 7:00pm</i>
<i>2nd Lenten Mid-week</i>	<i>Wednesday, March 19, 2025</i> <i>Soup Supper ~ 6:00 pm / Worship ~ 7:00pm</i>
<i>3rd Lenten Mid-week</i>	<i>Wednesday, March 26, 2025</i> <i>Soup Supper ~ 6:00 pm / Worship ~ 7:00pm</i>
<i>4th Lenten Mid-week</i>	<i>Wednesday, April 2, 2025</i> <i>Soup Supper ~ 6:00 pm / Worship ~ 7:00pm</i>
<i>5th Lenten Mid-week</i>	<i>Wednesday, April 9, 2025</i> <i>Soup Supper ~ 6:00 pm / Worship ~ 7:00pm</i>

Holy Week Worship Schedule

<i>Palm Sunday / Sunday of the Passion</i>	<i>Sunday, April 13, 2023</i> <i>10:00am</i>
<i>Holy Thursday / Maundy Thursday</i>	<i>April 17, 2023</i> <i>7:00pm</i>
<i>Good Friday</i>	<i>April 18, 2023</i> <i>7:00pm</i>
<i>Holy Saturday / Easter Vigil</i>	<i>April 19, 2025</i> <i>7:00 pm</i>
<i>Easter Sunday</i>	<i>April 20, 2023</i> <i>Easter Sunrise Service ~ 7:00am</i> <i>Easter Breakfast ~ 7:45 9:15 am</i> <i>Sunday school ~ 8:30 am</i> <i>Easter Divine Service ~ 10:00 am</i>

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

Carolyn Arves	Lynette Copp
Joyce Bush	Penny Hill
Sandra Hanford	Clay Isakson (Marfan Syndrome)
Judy Lively	Lidia Neumann
Kirk Norris	David O'Meara
Shelley Rossberg	Joy Suek
LaVelle VanVoast	Juanita Winter

We pray for friends and family of our members

Arden (friend of the Sybrant's)
Jessica Beaman (Sandra Hanford's daughter)
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)
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)

Anita McCaughin (member of Zion ~ Power)

Sam Perkins (Zion-Power)

Brad Schaefer (friend of Zion-Power)

Scott Simonson (son of a member of Zion)

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 ~ March 16th ~ "Light of the World"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Jesus is the Light of the world. However, He sometimes keeps that light out of the visible range. We can't see it, but it changes what we see. (*John 8:12*)

Tune in on the radio or at **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**.

Lutherans for Life ~ March 9th ~ “Brothers and sisters, in Christ you are God’s masterpiece. You were created for a purpose. You are the hands and feet of Christ demonstrating His love in a world that desperately needs it. Live out that purpose in the strength that comes from Him and wait joyfully for the day where we get to see His finished product.” *Rev. Adam Osier, Dean, Free Lutheran Bible College, Plymouth, Minnesota ~ 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 Radio on the web	www.kfuoam.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

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.