

April Mission Focus: Trinity Scholarship Fund

After Easter in April and May, we will use our Mission Focus to support the Trinity Scholarship Fund.

Our Scholarship Fund is awarded each year to members of Trinity who are attending higher education after graduation from High School. This may be a four-year school, a two-year school, a technical school. It doesn't matter what the degree is in, or even if a major is declared.

This simply is our way as a church community to support our members pursuing their education dreams.

Watch the bulletin insert for more information on coffee hours after worship and remember our Noisy Offerings as a way to grow our Scholarship Fund.

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Worship: Sundays 8:30 AM

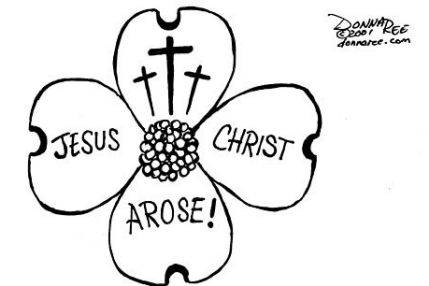
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Worship: Sundays 10:15 AM

Glad Tidings
“Sound the Good News”



⁸ Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, “Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.” ⁹ Then Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, ...”

Luke 19:8-9



“Zacchaeus was a wee little man, a wee little man was he ...” I know, I now have you all singing that great Sunday school song in your heads. You are welcome.

EASTER... IT'S NOT ABOUT THE BUNNY.

We read the Zacchaeus story in worship on the last Sunday of Lent. This story is one of the final acts of ministry Jesus performs before he enters Jerusalem on what we call Palm Sunday. Zacchaeus heard Jesus was coming nearby, he wanted to see who this renowned teacher and healer was, but the crowd was very large, and so Zacchaeus climbed into a tree so he could see over the crowd. Perched up on a branch, Zacchaeus was seen by Jesus, who called to him by name and invited himself over to Zacchaeus' home for a meal.

Zacchaeus was so excited by his encounter with Jesus, that he responded the only way he could—he changed his entire life. The change in his life was demonstrated in his giving away half of his fortune, and his sincere repentance to repay any he had defrauded. Zacchaeus was a tax collector, and tax collectors were known for defrauding their neighbors, it was the only way they made money. But this encounter with Jesus was a life-changer for Zacchaeus. And in response to what Zacchaeus did, Jesus celebrates the reality that salvation has come for Zacchaeus.

As we prepare to celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus on the days of Good Friday and Easter Sunday, our celebration is marked by Jesus' celebration that salvation has come to our homes. We have been saved. Our sins will no longer separate us from God. The promise of eternal life has been made and can never be broken. When this life-changing good news hits your ears and stirs inside your soul—what is your response?

What is your Zacchaeus moment? How do you respond to this amazing Good News that today salvation has come to your house? Can it be seen in a life-changing moment as dramatic as Zacchaeus? Can it be found in a gift of epic generous proportions? Can it be seen in a complete change in how you live and how you conduct business?

The Good News of Easter is that we do not need to have the Zacchaeus moment in order to receive God's salvation. We have received God's Salvation and now our response to that Good News is the Zacchaeus moment. What is your Zacchaeus moment?

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Holy Week

Palm Sunday



Sunday, April 9th
Bring your ELCA World
Hunger Piggy Banks
with you
We will parade them into
church with our Palms



MAUNDY
Thursday

Thursday, April 13th
Noon—worship at Trinity,
followed by Lunch

7:00 PM—worship at First,
West Jordan



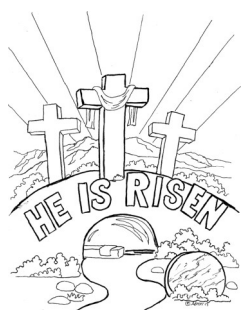
**GOOD
FRIDAY**

Friday, April 14th
Our Community gathers to-
gether
for one worship service.

7:00 PM at Coleta Methodist
Church

(Coleta and Milledgeville Methodists are now part-
ners)

Milledgeville Brethren, Dutchtown Brethren, Trini-
ty/First Lutherans, Milledgeville and Coleta UMC
will worship together.



Easter

Sunday, April 16th

Regular Sunday worship times
at both congregations

Generous Living

The ministries of our congregation are entirely possible
because of the generosity of our members and weekly
worship visitors. Your generosity makes it possible for
us to—

Have EPIC Sunday School
Have Bible Studies and Lenten lunch and
devotions
Host monthly grace meals
Support college students with scholarships
go to Southtown and foster a great relationship
with the residents there with monthly worship
and an annual picnic
And so much more.

Thank you very much for your generosity. Please
prayerfully consider growing your generosity.

If you have been absent from Worship, prayerfully con-
sider catching up on your pledge and offerings for the
Sundays you may have missed.

A little generosity goes a very long way in supporting
our ministry. Again, thank you so very much for all
you do, and for all you prayerfully consider doing
above and beyond what you already do.

2017 Trinity General Fund Summary

	February Budget	February Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Actual
Income	9,580	7,930	19,247	17,001
Expenses	10,156	10,306	19,023	19,942

EPIC Sunday School

Sunday, April 23rd 11:30 AM —1:00 PM

We will hop, skip and jump our way through the Book
of Acts. Come experience the beginning of the church,
as told by the first disciples.

EVERY PERSON IN CHRIST is welcome to join in
the EPIC learning.

Spring Musicals/Concerts

Milledgeville High School Drama presents:

GREASE



Friday, April 7 at 7 pm
Saturday, April 8 at 1 pm and
7 pm
(no Sunday performance)

Tickets are \$8 for adults
\$5 for students and seniors

Emmanuel's 90 Voice—Voices of Praise
Presents Spring Cantata

Friday, April 7 at 7 pm
Saturday, April 8, 3 pm
Sunday, April 9, 7 pm

At Emmanuel Reformed church
202 East Morris Street, Morrison, IL
No tickets needed, free will offering during
the concert.

Southtown Ministry

The Third Tuesday of each month at 4:30 PM

Join Pastor Jamie, Lynn and Roger
For the best half hour of your month.
We meet over at Southtown Home
(corner of W. 3rd St. and N. Cochran Ave.)

We read a Bible story, usually have a related
craft.

We sing some of their favorite songs.
And we pray together.

All are welcome!

Celebrating 145 Years of First, West Jordan

Worship Helpers

April 2 & 9
Lector: Mia and John Meyer
Mia Meyer

April 16, 23 & 30
Lector: Jim and Jan Wetzell
Jan Wetzell
Circle Hostess: Luann Gvozdzak



Happy Birthday in April

4—Anita Gilbert

13—Jim Wetzell

26—Dan Woessner

Trinity and First Joint Church Council meeting

Wednesday, April 19th at First, West Jordan
7:00 PM



Attention Snowbirds

Please let the office know
when you leave and return, so
we can make sure we send the
newsletter to the correct ad-
dress.
Thanks

Church Leaders Directory

Trinity Lutheran Church

President Kevin Anderson (625-3403)
Vice-President Harlan Meinsma
Secretary Karen Landers
Treasurer Connie Brockhouse
At-Large Tammy Miller
Sharon Woodard
Kim Stewart
Custodian Lynn Kaufman
Musician Nancy Janssen
Financial Secretary Ken Peterson

First Lutheran West Jordan

President Jan Wetzel (631-9353)
Secretary Jodi Woessner





4/1 Allen Chronister

4/2 Linda Folkers

4/4 Donald Janssen

4/5 Ivan Miller

4/5 Jenna Green

4/6 Kim Stewart

4/6 Linda Peterson

4/10 Trace Gallagher

4/15 Jarod Nye

4/15 Amy Strehlow

4/16 Karter Livengood

4/16 Nathaniel Gallagher

4/17 Clayton Simpson

4/18 Ronald Lartz

4/22 Janet Barkley

4/23 Russ Gilroy

4/27 Caden VanDyke

4/27 Duane Landers

4/7

Ken & Lynn Kaufman

4/9

Curt & Pam Eubanks

4/11

Mike & Tammy Miller

4/13

Lawrence & Nancy Maxwell

4/17

Connie & Rick Brockhouse

4/19

Kevin & Deb Judas

4/22

Sarah & Kevin Queckborner

4/29

Rick & Diane Bushman

4/29

Allen & Kay Chronister

4/2 Lawrence Maxwell

4/3 Tyler Miller

4/3 Haley Miller

4/4 Tammy Miller

4/4 Lou Adolph

4/5 Cherrie Simpson

4/5 Lori Anderson

4/7 Charleese Faulkner

4/8 Susan Lorke

4/9 Korey VanDyke

4/9 Brandi VanDyke

4/10 Kim Stewart

4/18 Lauren Schmidt

4/18 Kay Chronister

4/18 Dan Schmidt

4/21 Kenneth Peterson

4/21 Charles Faulkner

4/21 Opal Kleckler

4/25 Elizabeth Wolf

4/27 Becky Anderson

4/27 Emily Kleckler

We are updating our Shepherd's Staff data base. Please notify the church office with any corrections to our baptismal anniversary, birthday, or wedding anniversary lists. Thank you.

Weekly Prayer Supplement

Each day when you take your quiet time to pray, here are some concerns—local and global—for you to include in your daily prayers

Week of April 2 to April 8

Pray for those on our prayer list, for those who are in need of hospice care, and for the volunteers at our community hospice centers; pray for the volunteers at CGH and KSB Hospitals; pray for our national health care system, especially that it seeks to serve people and not greed.

Week of April 9 to April 15

Pray for pilgrims, those who travel on a religious quest, seeking spiritual renewal by visiting a holy place. In particular this week, for those who travel to Jerusalem or to Rome or to other holy Christian sites. Pray for peace between Christian denominations, and for peace between world religions.

Week of April 16 to April 22

Pray for Refugees, for those forced to leave their homes to hide from war, famine, religious persecution, or any other cause. Pray for victims of natural disaster, for those who have lost homes and entire livelihoods, for whom there seems to be no hope.

Week of April 23 to April 29

Pray for our partner ministries in Milledgeville—Chadwick: Chadwick Evangelical Free Church, Pastor Terry Komrska; First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Chadwick, Pastor Chris Shoon; Fairhaven UMC/Hope UMC/ Hickory Grove UMC, Pastor Mary Bohall; Milledgeville Brethren Church, Pastor Jim Black; Dutchtown Brethren Church, Pastor Rick Koch; Milledgeville UMC, Pastor Sophia Hyon

For our Partner Congregations in the Faith on Forty Parish, for the Northern Illinois Synod and Bishop Jeff Clements, for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton.

Daily Devotion Bible Book Mark

Thy Word is a Lamp unto my feet, and a Light unto my path. Psalm 119:105

Survey: David—from Warrior to King

___ Apr 2	Psalm 89:19-37
___ Apr 3	1 Samuel 20:12-42
___ Apr 4	1 Samuel 24:1-22
___ Apr 5	1 Samuel 26:1-25
___ Apr 6	1 Samuel 28:3-19
___ Apr 7	1 Samuel 31:1-13
___ Apr 8	2 Samuel 1:17-2:7

Survey: David—From the Heights to the Depths

___ Apr 9	2 Samuel 4:4-12
___ Apr 10	2 Samuel 6:1-19
___ Apr 11	2 Samuel 7:4-17
___ Apr 12	2 Samuel 9:1-13
___ Apr 13	2 Samuel 11:2-27
___ Apr 14	2 Samuel 12:1-15
___ Apr 15	2 Samuel 13:1-19

Survey: David—A Time of Turmoil

___ Apr 16	Matthew 21:1-11, 22:41-46
___ Apr 17	2 Samuel 15:1-18
___ Apr 18	2 Samuel 16:1-14
___ Apr 19	2 Samuel 18:1-18
___ Apr 20	2 Samuel 19:4-15
___ Apr 21	2 Samuel 21:1-14
___ Apr 22	2 Samuel 24:10-25

Survey: The People of God

___ Apr 23	Matthew 6:25-34
___ Apr 24	Galatians 2:11-21
___ Apr 25	Galatians 3:21-29
___ Apr 26	Galatians 5:13-25
___ Apr 27	Ephesians 2:1-10
___ Apr 28	Ephesians 3:14-21
___ Apr 29	Ephesians 5:1-20

A Prayer for Easter Eyes

My Lord, Jesus,

You have risen to new life!

Give me new eyes with which to recognize your presence in the world around me.

Sharpen my vision so that I see beyond the ordinary events of each day and into the extraordinary reality of your grace.

Brighten my view of the world with renewed hope in the coming of your Kingdom.

Softens my gaze so that I view others with the kind of tenderness and compassion you showed to so many.

May each day of this Easter season provide glimpses of your glory.

In your sacred name, I pray.

Amen.

In our prayers:

From First:

Leora Beveroth, Ruth Borth, Sandy Bushman, Linda & Myron Deets, Kyla Eastabrooks, Anita Gilbert, Linda Habben, Keith Hinrichs, Roger Hinrichs, Tammy Hinrichs, Janet Koett, Roger Koett, Scotty Powell, Rhonda Ramirez, Jon Ryner,

From Trinity:

Lori Anderson, Adlee Barajas, Carl & Peg Bauling, Ruth & Bill Borth, Leland Bryson, Marion Cason, Kyla Eastabrooks, Linda Estabrooks, Barb Gerdes, Terry Gerdes, Keith Hinrichs, Tammy Hinrichs, Janet Koett, Lawrence Maxwell, Barb and Ivan Miller, Dan Nye, Corinne Ohlwine, Gladys Schopp, Ruth Wolf