

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Partner in Cooperative Ministry

First Lutheran West Jordan

N. IL. Synod of the ELCA

Ministers

The People of God

Pastor **Rev. Susan Davenport**

Secretary **Janet Barkley**

Organist **Nancy Janssen**



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**Trinity Lutheran Church
Milledgeville, IL**



**And
First Lutheran of
Jordan, Sterling, IL**



For the sake of the world

† 2022 Northern Illinois Synod Assembly †



Northern Illinois Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

I believe both churches can send representatives. I will include the link below from the NIS website, but the relevant details as follows:

Below are dates for Synod Assembly. We are electing a Bishop this year. In addition to other reports, forums, etc. during the ZOOM time, the in-person event at Augustana College includes the LAST BALLOTS, resolutions and worship.

Sun, June 5, 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM, FIRST BALLOT (on ZOOM)

Sun, June 12, 5:30 - 8:00 PM, SECOND BALLOT (on ZOOM)

Friday - Saturday, June 17 -18, THIRD BALLOT (in person at Augustana College)

If you are interested in attending, you may decide to attend some or all of the assembly (as you are able). Please let me know if you have any questions (registration opens on March 1 and closes April 15).

Pastor Susan Davenport , 563-613-3892

<https://nisynod.org/annual-events/assembly>



MAUNDY
Thursday

**Trinity Lutheran will have
Maundy Thursday Service
April 14th at 6:30 pm**



**Trinity Lutheran will have
Good Friday Service,
April 15th at NOON.**



West Jordan

Worship Helpers

Alter care, communion assistant, Ushers/greeters

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| Apr. 3rd & 10th | Mia & John Meyer |
| Lector | Jon Meyer |
| Apr. 17th & 24th | Jim & Jan Wetzell |
| Lector | Jan Wetzell |

Circle Hostess:

Joint Council Meeting

Will be April 19th at 6:30 p.m.

At First West Jordan

Our Southtown Ministry

Will be Tuesday, April 19th. at 4:30

Lynn Kaufman & Jodi Woessner, Leader's

In our prayers:

From First:

Irene Burdick, Roger Hinrichs, Scotty Powell,
 Dodie Whitmer, Elena Vassallo, Rhonda Ramirez,
 Tom Graff, Debbie Howlett, Pam Pfundstein,
 Dick Bushman, Olivia Crossman,
 Loren Diffenbaugh, Bob Woessner,
 Polly Adams, and Charlene Lane

From Trinity:

Jerry Blair, Bill Borth, Jim & Barb Brubaker,
 Dick Bushman, Shirley Cheeseman,
 Tom Cleary, Ginny Enoch, June Franks,
 Matthew Foltz, Tom Graff, Larry Gerdes,
 Jane Hines, Roger Hinrichs,
 Joyce Lancaster, Donna Landis, Nancy Maxwell,
 Donna Miller, Rhea Milners, Roberta Mosley,
 Gary Sibley, Bob Woessner.

Keep in our prayers the **Family of Linda Folkers.**

How to get what you need at Trinity Lutheran/First Lutheran Church's

Emergency Pastoral Care Concern?

*Hospitalizations, Illness,
Family Crisis*

**Call Pr. Susan Davenport at
Cell phone # 563-613-3892**

Do **NOT** rely on the hospital to
contact the church.

Do **NOT** rely on word of mouth/
The grapevine.

Do **NOT** rely on mindreading skills.
Pastor missed that class in seminary.

Non—Urgent

Pastoral Needs?

*Scheduling a home visit/baptism/
wedding. Confirmation/Christian Ed,
Coffee & Conversation*

Leave a message at Trinity for Pr. Susan.
She will return it as soon as possible.

E-mail Pastor Susan

pastorsusan678@gmail.com

Questions about

Administrative stuff?

*Announcements for the bulletin, ques-
tions about schedules, Financial ques-
tions, hall rental, etc....*

Call the Church and leave a message for
Janet on the Church answering machine,
for her to return during office hours

815-225-7410 or E-mail Janet at

telcsecretary@mediacombb.net

Contact a council member

Church Leaders Directory

Trinity Lutheran Church

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| President | Kevin Anderson |
| Vice-President | Jim Brubaker |
| Secretary | Shannon Woodard |
| Treasurer | Donna Landis |
| At-Large | Ken Peterson Lori Oncken |

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| Custodian | Lynn Kaufman |
| Musician | Nancy Janssen |
| Financial Secretary | Ken Peterson |

First Lutheran West Jordan

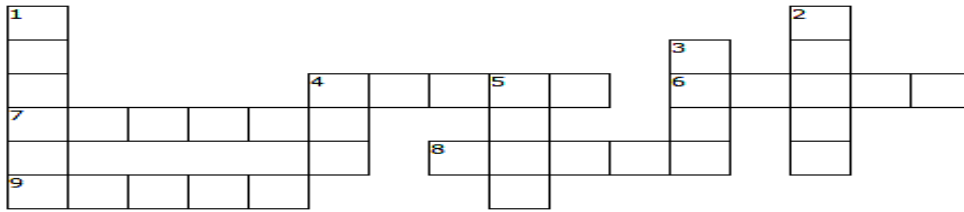
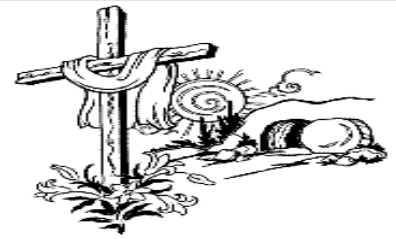
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| President | Jan Wetzell (631-9353) |
| Secretary | Jodi Woessner |

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| Pastor, Rev. Susan Davenport |
| 563-613-3892 |

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| Church Secretary Janet Barkley |
| Church # 815-225-7410 Cell# 815-590-0520 |

The Case of the Empty Tomb

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance.
John 20:1 (NIV)



ACROSS

- 4. A piece of fabric made by weaving cotton, wool, or other fibers
- 6. Not dead
- 7. The day we celebrate Jesus' resurrection
- 8. To have nothing inside
- 9. What was used to cover the entrance to Jesus' tomb

DOWN

- 1. Messengers from heaven
- 2. The color of snow; the opposite of black
- 3. The woman who found the stone rolled away from Jesus' tomb
- 4. To produce tears; to weep
- 5. A grave or a room where someone is buried

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| EMPTY STONE | ANGELS ALIVE | EASTER TOMB | CLOTH CRY | WHITE MARY |
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Easter Story

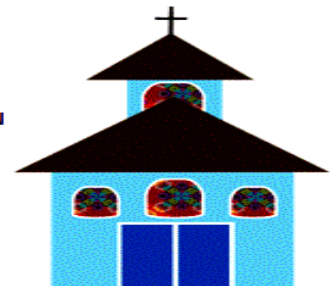
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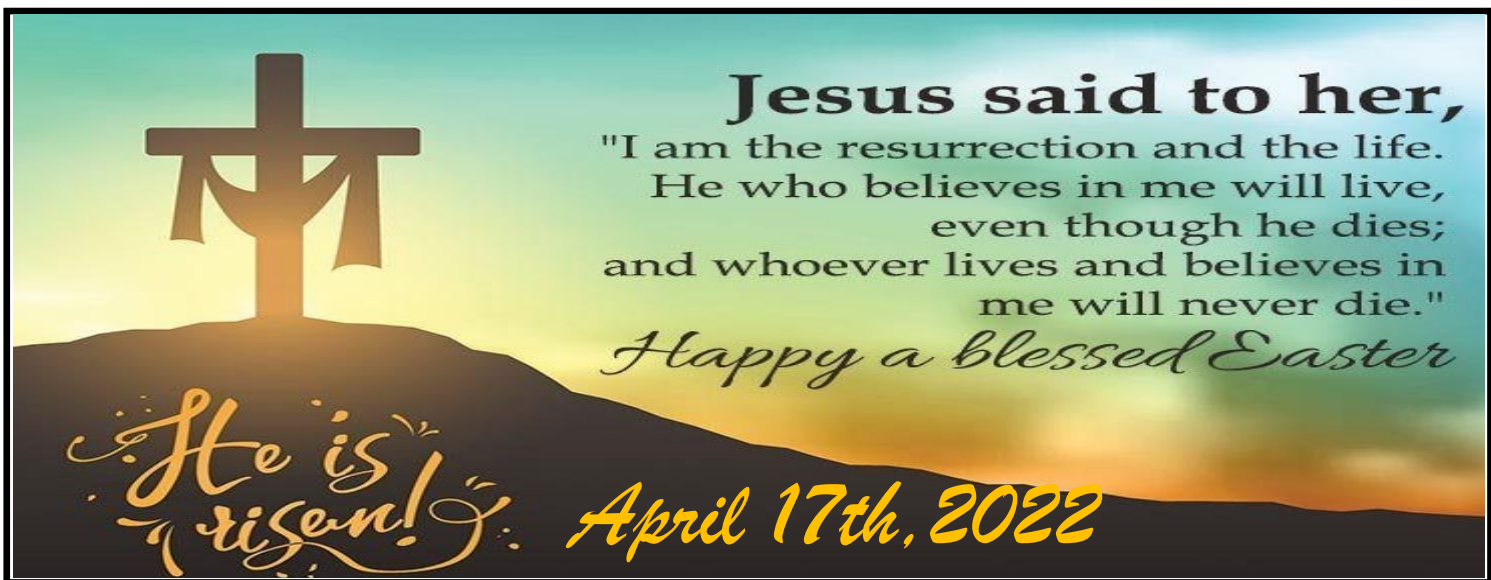
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APOSTLES
 BETRAYAL
 CAVE
 CHURCH
 CROSS
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 CRUCIFIXION
 DISCIPLES
 FAITH
 GOOD FRIDAY

JESUS CHRIST
 JUDAS
 LAMB
 LAST SUPPER
 LENT
 MARY
 MIRACLE
 PASSOVER
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PRAYER
 REDEMPTION
 REJOICE
 RESURRECTION
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 SAVIOR
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Jesus said to her,
 "I am the resurrection and the life.
 He who believes in me will live,
 even though he dies;
 and whoever lives and believes in
 me will never die."
Happy a blessed Easter



He is risen! **April 17th, 2022**



Grace Meals
At Trinity Lutheran Church
April 19th at 11:30
In the Social Hall
All Seniors welcome

Trinity Needs Volunteer's
Still need 2 people for the Synod Assembly.
June 17th and 18th
 (in person at Augustana College) registration open
 NOW and closes April 15

MID WEEK SERVICES
will be on Thursdays
 March 31 at 6:30 @ Trinity
 April 4th @ 6:30 Trinity

Holy Week

Palm Sunday April 10th
1st West Jordon @ 8:30
Trinity Milledgeville @ 10:15

Maundy Thursday @ Trinity
April 14th @ 6:30p.m.

Good Friday @ Trinity
April 15th at NOON

Easter Sunday April 17th
1st West Jordon @ 8:30
Trinity Milledgeville @ 10:15

April 5th, 2022
 9:00 to 11:00 AM
 6:00 to 7:30 PM



Food Pantry

Trinity Lutheran Web Page & Facebook Service

The web page has the most current Newsletter plus the last 10 years of annual reports. Web Page is found at www.trinitymilledgeville.com

Facebook where all the Sunday Services can be viewed if you can't make it to church. You would have to have Facebook account on your computer, laptop, tablet or phone. Just "Like" *Trinity Lutheran Church Milledgeville*, to view the church's Facebook page and you can view the service. And get other post from Trinity Facebook page.

April Daily Prayer

Apr 1st—Loving God, from the seeds of past blessings bring new hope alive in us. In Jesus' name. Amen
Apr 2nd—Lord Jesus, thank you for making me your own. May my confidence be found in you. Amen
Apr 3rd—Generous God, show me each day what to hold on to and what to let go. In Jesus' name. Amen
Apr 4th—Thank you, God, for all the creatures of the earth. Teach us to trust your steadfast love for the whole creation. Amen
Apr 5th—Loving Christ, fill us with compassion and courage to accompany those who seek to know you. Amen
Apr 6th—We pray in the name of Jesus that our eyes will always be on him. Amen
Apr 7th—Holy One, open our ears to listen deeply even to our enemies, trusting you as our defender. Amen
Apr 8th—Hold my fears and anxieties in your hands, God, and reshape them into praise. In Jesus' name. Amen
Apr 9th—Lord Jesus, as we seek your presence, open to us your path of humility and service. Amen
Apr 10th—God, open my mouth to tell of your faithfulness. Amen
Apr 11th—As your body on earth, loving Christ, make us your arms of welcome. Amen
Apr 12th—Thank you, God, for your people worshipping at church or in their homes. Be with them in all places. Amen
Apr 13th—Dear Jesus, through your body and blood shared by all, bring us together in purpose and mission. Amen.
Apr 14th—Holy Christ, as you live within us, lead us in your way of love. Amen
Apr 15th—Holy One, your suffering draws you close to ours. Make us certain of your power to bring life from death. Amen
Apr 16th—Faithful God, you are the beginning and the end; from Genesis to Revelations, you are with us. Amen
Apr 17th—God of new life, thank you for this joyous day and the promise of resurrection. Alleluia! Amen
Apr 18th—Saving God, you promise to hear us when we call and help us when we need you—and even before! Thank you. Amen.
Apr 19th—O God, you know our grief and pain. Be especially close on tough days. In Jesus' name. Amen
Apr 20th—Abundant God, new life blooms, grace fills our hearts, and we trust the resurrection promise! Amen.
Apr 21st—God of inclusive grace and love, fill us with boldness as we live out your gospel in daily life. Amen
Apr 22nd—Give us your awareness, Jesus, of those on the margins, and your heart to go to them where they are. Amen.
Apr 23rd—Thank you, God, for holding us all and the world in your hands, from the beginning to the end. Amen.
Apr 24th—Risen Christ, bring your peace to our hearts. Amen
Apr 25th—Jesus Christ, Son of God, open our hearts to your good news all around us. In your name we pray. Amen.
Apr 26th—Thank you, God, for your mighty deeds! We join the joyfull praise all around us, through Christ. Amen.
Apr 27th—God, you are our help, salvation, comfort, and defense. Help us to trust you. In Jesus' name. Amen
Apr 28th—Open our hearts to your call, O God, and help us to follow you in faith, for Jesus' sake. Amen
Apr 29th—“O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me” (v. 2). In Jesus' name I thank you. Amen
Apr 30th—Jesus, our lamb, we give you all blessing, honor, and glory, forever and ever. Amen



Daily Devotions

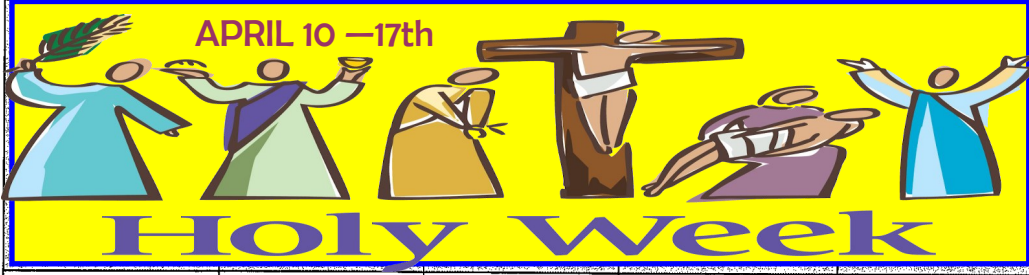


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| Apr 1st | Psalm 126 |
| Apr 2nd | Philippians 3:4b-14 |
| Apr 3rd | John 12:1-8 |
| Apr 4th | Psalm 36:5-11 |
| Apr 5th | John 12:20-36 |
| Apr 6th | Hebrews 12:1-3 |
| Apr 7th | Isaiah 50: 4-9 |
| Apr 8th | Psalm 31:9-16 |
| Apr 9th | Philippians 2:5-11 |
| Apr 10th | Luke 19:28-40 |
| Apr 11th | Exodus 12:1-4 [5-10] 11-14 |
| Apr 12th | Psalm 116:1-2,12-19 |
| Apr 13th | 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 |
| Apr 14th | John 13:1-17, 31b-35 |
| Apr 15th | Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9 |
| Apr 16th | Romans 6:3-11 |
| Apr 17th | John 20:1-18 |
| Apr 18th | Isaiah 65:17-25 |
| Apr 19th | Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 |
| Apr 20th | 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 |
| Apr 21st | Acts 5:27-32 |
| Apr 22nd | Psalm 118:14-29 |
| Apr 23rd | Revelation 1:4-8 |
| Apr 24th | John 20:19-31 |
| Apr 25th | Mark 1:1-15 |
| Apr 26th | Psalm 150 |
| Apr 27th | Luke 12:4-12 |
| Apr 28th | Acts 9:1-6[7-20] |
| Apr 29th | Psalm 30 |
| Apr 30th | Revelations 5:11-14 |



April



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | |
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|  <p>HOLY WEEK</p> | | | | | | 1 Allen Chronister's birthday | 2 Linda Folkers's birthday |
| 3 Worship & Communion FWJ 8:30; Trinity 10:15 | 4 Donald Janssen's birthday | 5 Jenna Green's birthday | 6 Kim Stewart's birthday Linda Peterson's birthday | 7 Ken and Lynn Kaufman's 55th anniversary | 8 | 9 Curt and Pam Eubanks's anniversary | |
| 10 Worship FWJ 8:30; Trinity 10:15 PALM SUNDAY | 11 Mike and Tammy Miller's anniversary | 12 | 13 | Maundy Thursday 14 Service 6:30pm | 15 Amy Strehlow's birthday Jarod Nye's birthday GOOD FRIDAY Service NOON | 16 Karter Livengood's birthday | |
| EASTER 17 Clayton Simpson's birthday Rick and Connie Brockhouse's anniversary Worship & Communion FWJ 8:30; Trinity 10:15 | 18 Ronald Lartz's birthday | Grace 19 Meals at Trinity Lutheran 11:30 | 20 | 21 | 22 Janet Barkley's birthday | 23 | |
| 24 Worship FWJ 8:30; Trinity 10:15 | 25 | 26 | 27 Caden VanDyke's birthday Duane Landers's birthday | 28 | 29 | 30 | |

LUTHERANS DELIVER MEALS THIS WEEK

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH Of West Jordan
20314 Hickory Hills Road
Sterling, IL 61081
815-225-7410
Worship: Sundays 8:30 AM

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
717 Stover Ave, PO Box 637
Milledgeville, IL 61051
815-225-7410; telcsecretary@mediacombb.net
Worship: Sundays 10:15 AM
trinitymville.360unite.com



Pastor Pen

“Paul went to see [Aquila and Priscilla],³ and, because he was of the same trade, he stayed with them, and they worked together—by trade they were tentmakers.” Acts 18: 2

“[Many women] provided support for Jesus and his disciples out of their resources.” Luke 8: 3b

For most of the past century, mainline denomination churches in the US have had the resources to fully support a pastor [and other staff] with tangible things like salary, parsonage or housing allowance, retirement plan and health benefits. Since I was ordained (almost 30 years ago now) I have seen the church’s resources shrink and congregations struggle to pay the ever-rising costs of fully supporting a professional pastor.

Considering that reality, four years ago I began employment as a part-time Victim’s Assistant in the State’s Attorney’s office of Whiteside County. I continue to work that job, alongside of my work as the pastor of the Faith on 40 parish. In 2018 when I interviewed for this position, I was assured it could be “flexible” and my hours can be adjusted for things that come up in the church. I will generally not work at all, for instance, on Thursdays, or ever on Saturdays or Sundays.

I never thought I would want or be qualified to do work outside of pastoral work. But when this job came up and I had the opportunity to interview, the pieces fell into place for both forms of service to be part of one larger calling.

Luke, the author of Acts, writes how the Spirit empowers Christians to use their resources and their gifts for the sake of the whole community. There is little room to draw distinctions between “professional ministry” and other forms of witness. According to Acts, Christians actually have only one vocation—witnessing to the gospel. We can do that in whatever job we do, as Luther wrote, from changing a diaper to washing a dish to taking out the trash.

When I read an article about “bi-vocational ministry” there was a line about it that impressed me: “a Christian who engages in a . . . profession, in order to support a spiritual profession such as preaching and teaching about Jesus, would be more accurately described as “dual service” rather than “bi-vocational”—one calling, two forms of service.

I have been so happy to serve as your pastor as well as working among civil servants who help to maintain the public order. These two things seem to “mesh” into one faithful ministry. Please feel free to ask me any questions you have about this and thank you for love and support.

Peace,

Pastor Susan