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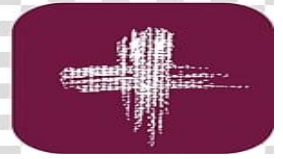
**Trinity Lutheran Church  
Milledgeville, IL**



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



# Lent



Have you ever wondered what people are talking about when they say they're giving something up for Lent? Do you want to understand what Lent is and how it relates to Easter?

Lent is the 40 days (not including Sundays) from Ash Wednesday to the Saturday before Easter. Lent is often described as a time of preparation and an opportunity to go deeper with God. This means that it's a time for personal reflection that prepares people's hearts and minds for Good Friday and Easter.

## What Are the Key Days During Lent?

Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent. You may have noticed people with a smudged, black cross on their foreheads. Those are ashes from the Ash Wednesday service. The ashes symbolize our grief for the things we've done wrong and the resulting division of imperfect people from a perfect God.

Maundy Thursday is the day before Good Friday. It commemorates the night before Jesus died, when He shared the Passover meal with His closest friends and followers.

Good Friday is the day Christians remember Jesus' death. The "Good" reflects how Jesus' death was a sacrifice on our behalf so we can receive God's forgiveness for our wrongs, or sins.

Easter Sunday is the joyful celebration of Jesus rising from the dead to give us the opportunity of eternal life. While people still die, Jesus made the way for people to have a relationship with God in this life and to spend eternity with Him in heaven.

## What Happens During Lent and Why?

The three main things people focus on during Lent are prayer, [fasting](#) (abstaining from something to reduce distractions and focus more on God) and giving, or charity.

[Prayer](#) during Lent focuses on our need for God's forgiveness. It's also about repenting (turning away from our sins) and receiving God's mercy and love.

[Fasting](#), or giving something up, is a very common practice during Lent. The idea is that giving up something that's a regular part of life, like eating dessert or scrolling through Facebook, can be a reminder of Jesus' sacrifice. That time can also be replaced with more time connecting with God.

Giving money or doing something good for others is a way to respond to [God's grace](#), generosity and love. For example, some people spend time volunteering or donate money they would normally use to buy something, like their morning coffee.

It's important to note that doing these things can never make us earn or deserve Jesus' sacrifice or a relationship with God. People are flawed and will never be good enough for a perfect God. Only Jesus has the power to [rescue us](#) from ourselves.

Jesus sacrificed Himself on Good Friday to bear the punishment for all our wrongdoings and offer us forgiveness. He was raised from the dead on Easter Sunday to give us an opportunity to have a relationship with God for eternity.

Spending time during Lent praying, fasting and giving can make [Jesus' sacrifice on Good Friday and His resurrection on Easter](#) even more meaningful.



## West Jordan

### Worship Helpers

#### **Alter care, communion assistant, Ushers/greeters**

Mar 5th & 12th	OPEN
Lector	OPEN
Mar. 19th & 26	OPEN
Lector	Greg Kruse



**Grace Meals**  
**At Trinity Lutheran Church**  
**Will be March 21st at 11:30**  
**Come and enjoy.**

### **LENT MIDWEEK 2023: Soup & Study on Thursdays (see schedule below) @ 4:00 PM**

The study will be on Matthew's Sermon on the Mount using the resource, "Sermon on the Mount: A Beginner's Guide to the Kingdom of Heaven" by Amy-Jill Levine. Participants MAY purchase the book (available on Amazon) but such is not necessary. Let us use sign-up sheets for those willing to bring soup & bread or crackers and to take a tentative count for those providing food.

#### **LENT LOCATION SCHEDULE:**

THURSDAY, March 2, 4:00 PM @ Trinity  
 THURSDAY, March 9, 4:00 PM @ Trinity  
 THURSDAY, March 16, 4:00 PM @ Trinity  
 THURSDAY, March 23, 4:00 PM @ Jordan  
 THURSDAY, March 30, 4:00 PM @ Jordan  
 MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 6, 6:00 PM @ Jordan

### **In our prayers:**

#### **From First:**

Roger Hinrichs, Scotty Powell, Ramon Woessner, Dodie Whitmer, Elena Vassallo, Rhonda Ramirez, Debbie Howlett, Dick Bushman, Olivia Crossman, Bob Woessner, Polly Adams, Charlene Lane, Myron Deets, Jared, Seantae, Josie, & Noah Wetzell, Sye Dodson, Landon Frederick, Frank Lazansky, Roxanne Klein, Gary Sibley, and Al Vickers

#### **From Trinity:**

Lori Anderson, Bill Borth, Jim Brubaker, Dick Bushman, Shirley Cheeseman, Tom Cleary, Chet Gerdes, Larry & Mary Gerdes, Sharon Hammer, Jane Hines, Roger Hinrichs, Dick Janssen, Joyce Lancaster, Roberta Moseley, Mikey Remmers, Sandy Skinner, Bob Woessner, Pam LaBarron,

### **Our Southtown Ministry**

Will be Tuesday, March 21st. at 4:30

Lynn Kaufman, Jodi Woessner & Greg Kruse, leaders

**If you have News or a Announcement for the April newsletter please email, or call me before March 20th**

### Church Leaders Directory

#### **Trinity Lutheran Church**

President Tammy Miller  
 Vice-President Kevin Anderson  
 Secretary Sharon Woodard  
 Treasurer Donna Landis  
 At-Large Ken Peterson  
 Lori Oncken  
 Jim Brubaker  
 Custodian Lynn Kaufman  
 Musician Nancy Janssen  
 Financial Secretary Ken Peterson

#### **First Lutheran West Jordan**

President Jan Wetzel (631-9353)  
 Secretary Jodi Woessner

Pastor, Rev. Susan Davenport  
 563-613-3892

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



# LENT

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Soul			

## 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](mailto:pastorsusan678@gmail.com)

### Questions about

#### Administrative stuff?

Announcements for the bulletin, questions about schedules, Financial questions, 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@mediacommb.net](mailto:telcsecretary@mediacommb.net)

Contact a council member



March 7th, 2023

9:00 to 11:00 AM

6:00 to 8:00 pm

to 7:30 PM

### THE SEWERS ARE BACK

We will be sewing again on Mondays at 10:30.

There will be a lite lunch of what ever dish you bring. They are working on tying quilts And sewing for singles bed. Come and enjoy some social time.



WELCA Circle will

Have a Bible study on

March 13th at 2:00p.m.

On one of the women in the bible. All welcome.

### Northern Illinois Synod Assembly

Will be held June 16-17th 2023 at Augustana College in Rock Island. Assembly begins mid-morning Friday, June 16th and ends by noon on Saturday, June 17th. Trinity needs 2 lay voting members, to attend.

If interested please contact Pastor or the office and you can get more information.



NORTHERN ILLINOIS SYNOD  
CRE MARCH 4, 2023

Join us at Sauk Valley Community College in Dixon on March 4, 2023

We will gather under the theme of **Be the Body**.

Registration is now open and will close on February 24th!

Cost per participant is \$25 and includes lunch, coffee and morning treats

#### SCHEDULE

- 8:30 – Registration Opens
- 9:15 – 9:45 – Gathering Together in Prayer
- 9:45 – 10:15 – Keynote with Bishop Stacie Fidler
- 10:30 – 11:30 – Breakout Groups
- 11:45 – 12:45 – Lunch
- 1:00 – 1:45 – Workshop A
- 2:00 – 2:45 – Workshop B
- 3:00 – 3:30 – Sending Out to Be the Body of Christ

**Breakout Groups** will be pre-assigned groups that will help imagine what it means to be the body of Christ.

**Workshop A** will include examples of creative ways to rethink ministry and tools for serving God.

**Workshop B** will be led by synodical ministries, including committees and other groups, in which you can learn how to participate in the larger Church.

You are invited to join us at CRE!

### Trinity Lutheran Council Highlights

Next council meeting will be the Joint council meeting in April. After joint meeting Trinity will have a council meeting.

The work on the outside stair wall to the kitchen will begin in the spring.

A request was made by Pastor to transfer from previous church membership for Carl and Greg to Trinity.

Kevin will be switching the church's gas service back to Nicor.

Election of officers: President Tammy Miller

Vice President Kevin Anderson; Secretary Sharon Woodard; Treasurer Donna Landis; Financial Secretary Kenny Peterson.

### EASTER FLOWER

Trinity is taking orders for Easter flowers, signup sheet on narthex table

Lily's, Daffodil's, Hyacinth, & Tulips. They are in a 6 1/2 in pot with decorative foil and protective sleeves. Orders need to in by the **19th of March**. Cost is \$14.00



### 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.trinityville.com](http://www.trinityville.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.

## March Daily Prayer

**Mar 1st**—Shepherd of our souls, show us the path to walk with others who listen to your voice. Amen  
**Mar 2nd**—God, help us in our uncertainty to move at the impulse of your love. In the name of Jesus. Amen  
**Mar 3rd**— Never-slumbering God, grant us the peaceful rest we need each day, under your watchful eye. Amen  
**Mar 4th**— Lord, I believe. Help me in my unbelief, for the sake of your dear Son. Amen  
**Mar 5th**— Holy Spirit, enter in. Open our eyes, that we may see the truth of God in Jesus, our Lord. Amen  
**Mar 6th**—God, forgive us for forgetting your provision and care. Lift our heads to gaze on you as you look on us in love. Amen  
**Mar 7th** - Creator God, fill us with a joy that overflows, and make us instruments of your love. Amen  
**Mar 8th**— Condemned to the cross, dear Savior, you have taken away our shame. Thank you, Jesus. Amen  
**Mar 9th**— God of creation, we need you every hour—whether we know it or not. Keep us, in Jesus' sake. Amen  
**Mar 10th**— O Rock of our salvation, receive our songs of praise for all your mighty deeds. Amen  
**Mar 11th**—Gracious God, continue to be the Love that will not let us go. Forgive and renew us, in Jesus. Amen  
**Mar 12th**—I'm not in this ministry alone, God. Thank you for the diversity of those who labor for you. Amen  
**Mar 13th**—O Lord, at the close of each day, help me see where you have been at work. In Jesus' name. Amen.  
**Mar 14th**—You are mighty to save, God! Help us allow you to help us in our need. Amen  
**Mar 15th**— Teach me your ways, O God. Let me see the truth in your Son Jesus. Amen  
**Mar 16th**— Grant me a willingness to look on the hearts of my neighbors, O God, and see Christ in them. Amen  
**Mar 17th**— Gracious God, today and always, work through me to show others your love and care. Amen  
**Mar 18th**—Lord of light, I'm grateful for the “aha moments you give me. Let my life be the light for others. Amen.  
**Mar 19th** Lord, help me to no longer fear change. Let me welcome your transforming power. Amen  
**Mar 20th**—Good and gracious God, let me be open to your call and rejoice in the opportunity to serve you. Amen.  
**Mar 21st**—Lord of light and promise strengthen my faith when I fail to see your hand protecting me. Amen  
**Mar 22nd**—Ever-patient Lord, thank you for your persistence, your difficult questions, and your patience. Amen.  
**Mar 23rd**—God, my restorer, thank you for new breath in the morning and for speaking through others. Amen.  
**Mar 24th**— Gracious God, grant me strength to be still and patience to fine peace. Amen  
**Mar 25th**— Omnipotent God, I will welcome your messages and say, “Here I am,” trusting your voice. Amen  
**Mar 26th**—Ever-present God, you are with me in joy and in misery. You understand. Your presence comforts me. Amen.  
**Mar 27th**— Patient Spirit of God, I hear your voice. I am grateful. Help me follow your path. Amen  
**Mar 28th**— Glorious God, your grace empowers me, and I am so thankful for your gift. Amen  
**Mar 29th**— Dear God, I am awed by scripture's relevance. May I share this good news in my own story. Amen  
**Mar 30th**— Good morning, God. Thank you for the gift of today and for what you are about to teach me. Amen  
**Mar 31st**— Loving God, may I feel your presence, see your guiding light, and be transformed by your love. Amen



# MARCH



## Daily Devotions



<b>Mar 1st</b>	Matthew 18:10-14
<b>Mar 2nd</b>	Genesis 12:1-4a
<b>Mar 3rd</b>	Psalms 121
<b>Mar 4th</b>	Romans 4:1-5, 13-17]
<b>Mar 5th</b>	John 3:1-17
<b>Mar 6th</b>	Numbers 21:4-9
<b>Mar 7th</b>	Isaiah 65:17-25
<b>Mar 8th</b>	John 7:53—8:11
<b>Mar 9th</b>	Exodus 17:1-7
<b>Mar 10th</b>	Psalms 95
<b>Mar 11th</b>	Romans 5:1-11
<b>Mar 12th</b>	John 4:5-42
<b>Mar 13th</b>	Genesis 24:1-27
<b>Mar 14th</b>	Psalms 81
<b>Mar 15th</b>	John 7:14-31, 37-39
<b>Mar 16th</b>	1 Samuel 16:1-13
<b>Mar 17th</b>	Psalms 23
<b>Mar 18th</b>	Ephesians 5:8-14
<b>Mar 19th</b>	John 9:1-41
<b>Mar 20th</b>	Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a
<b>Mar 21st</b>	Isaiah 42:14-21
<b>Mar 22nd</b>	Matthew 9:27-34
<b>Mar 23rd</b>	Ezekiel 1:1-4
<b>Mar 24th</b>	Romans 8:6-11
<b>Mar 25th</b>	Luke 1:26-38
<b>Mar 26th</b>	John 11:1-45
<b>Mar 27th</b>	Psalms 143
<b>Mar 28th</b>	Ephesians 2:1-10
<b>Mar 29th</b>	Matthew 22:23-33
<b>Mar 30th</b>	Isaiah 50:4-9a
<b>Mar 31st</b>	Psalms 31:9-16



THE POWER OF  
**PRAY**

# MARCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p><b>MARCH 12th</b> <b>Daylight Saving Time Begins</b></p>			<p>1 Wayne Moore's Birthday</p>	<p>2 Shirley Cheeseman's birthday Lenten Bible study &amp; soup 4:00pm Trinity</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 Cherrie Simpson's birthday Duane and Karen Landers's anniversary Sharon Judd's birthday</p>
<p>5 Worship &amp; Communion FWJ 8:30; Trinity 10:15</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 Haley Hughes birthday</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9 Lenten Bible study &amp; soup <b>4:00pm Trinity</b></p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12 Daylight Savings begins Worship FWJ 8:30; Trinity 10:15</p>	<p>13 WELCA Circle Bible study at 1:30 p.m. Women of the Bible at Trinity</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 Joseph Green's birthday Tammy Miller's birthday</p>	<p>16 Lenten Bible study &amp; soup 4:00pm Trinity  Gary Nye's birthday</p>	<p>17 Kaye Strehlow's birthday </p>	<p>18 Taylor Battles's birthday</p>
<p>19 Sharon Woodard's birthday Worship &amp; Communion FWJ 8:30; Trinity 10:15</p>	<p>20 SPRING BEGINS  Molly Anderson's birthday</p>	<p>21 GRACE MEAL  11:30 AT TRINITY</p>	<p>22 Avery Schildgen's birthday</p>	<p>23 Lenten Bible study &amp; soup 4:00pm Jordon</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
<b>TRINITY DELIVERS MEALS THIS WEEK</b>						
<p>26 Worship FWJ 8:30; Trinity 10:15</p>	<p>27 Kara Wade's birthday  Tina from Southtown birthday</p>	<p>28 Freeman Schluter's birthday Sidney Chapman's birthday</p>	<p>29 Alec Schmidt's birthday</p>	<p>30 Lenten Bible study &amp; soup <b>4:00pm Jordon</b>  Doug Strehlow's birthday Laurie R. Byvick's birthday</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>March 20th  Spring begins</p>

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

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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815-225-7410; telcsecretary@mediacombb.net  
Worship: Sundays 10:15 AM



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*“Anyone who is to find Christ must first find the church.” - Martin Luther*

(Note: this is the Sixth in a series of seven on Martin Luther’s “7 Marks of the Church”)

The Sixth Mark of the Church says Luther, is **“The Liturgy/Public Worship,”** also including prayer, Public Praise, and thanksgiving to God.

Luther writes, “Sixth, the holy Christian people are externally recognized by prayer, public praise, and thanksgiving to God. Where you see and hear the Lord’s Prayer prayed and taught; or psalms or other spiritual songs sung, in accordance with the word of God and the true faith; also the creed, the Ten Commandments, and the catechism used in public, you may rest assured that a holy Christian people of God are present. For prayer, too, is one of the precious holy possessions whereby everything is sanctified, as St. Paul says [I Tim. 4:5]. The psalms too are nothing but prayers in which we praise, thank, and glorify God. The creed and the Ten Commandments are also God’s word and belong to the holy possession, whereby the Holy Spirit sanctifies the holy people of Christ.”

When a child is baptized, parents promise to teach their child these very things. The best way of teaching them is by doing them. Luther could not advocate more strongly for regular *congregational* worship conducted in the language of the people who assemble in which all who gather may participate and learn. From the very youngest to the most aged among us, all have something to contribute in the worship of God.

During Lent we have extra opportunities for worship with Midweek Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services and for Soup and [Bible] Study in-between these dates. Our Bible study schedule is as follows:

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Peace,

Pastor Susan