

**Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church**

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**Partner in Cooperative Ministry**

First Lutheran West Jordan

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**N. IL. Synod of the ELCA**

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**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**



# Palm Sunday

They took palm branches and  
went out to meet him, shouting,

“Hosanna!”

“Blessed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord!”

“Blessed is the king of Israel!”

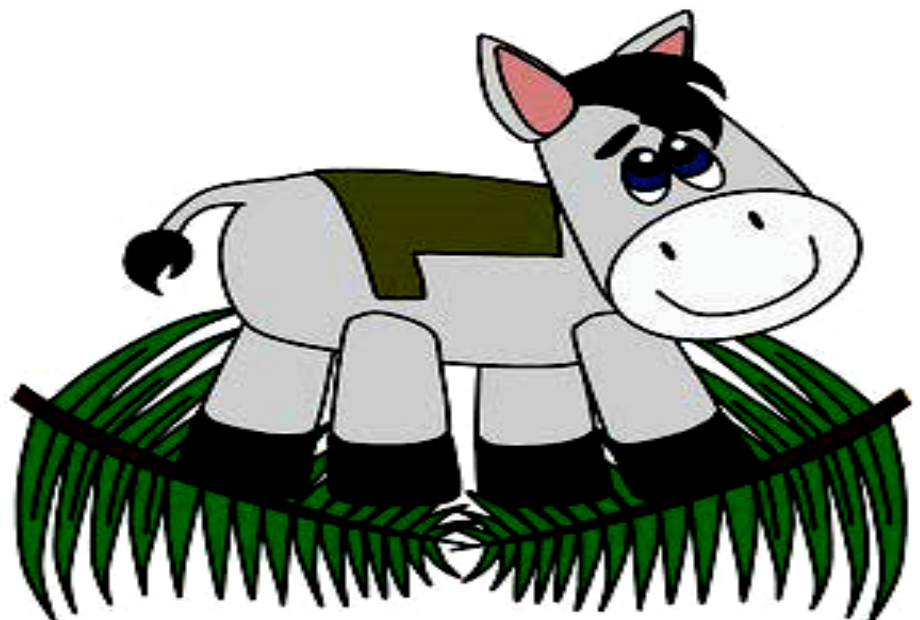
John 12:13

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## People Wave Palms to Jesus

S D A N Y C O W Q D R S I B C V  
B E M R X O M R E E D K M R A A  
Y R H F A A C F G S J O O L N Y  
J T G C H T G J L S Q W N N A R  
Z H N J N S I G V E D U A K E P  
X V I L L A G E T L W S U S E J  
M E L A S U R E J B O Q P M H Y  
T C N V J U E B Z H B Q D V P C

blessed  
branches  
coats  
crowd  
donkey  
Hosanna  
Jerusalem  
Jesus  
palms  
village





## West Jordan

### Worship Helpers

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

Apr 2nd & 9th	Mia & Jon Meyer
Lector	Jon Meyer
Apr. 16th, 23rd & 30th	Jim & Jan Wetzell
Lector	Jan Wetzell



**Grace Meals**  
**At Trinity Lutheran Church**  
**Will be April 18th at 11:30**  
**Come and enjoy.**



**MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
**April 6, 6:00 PM @ Jordan**  
**Good Friday Community**  
**Service**

**April 7th at 7:00 pm**  
**United Methodist**  
**Milledgeville**

**Easter Sunday April 9th Jordan @ 8:30**  
**Trinity @ 10:15**



**WELCA Circle will**  
 Have a Bible study on  
 April 10th at 1:30p.m.  
 On Hannah, one of the  
 women in the bible. All are  
 welcome.

### **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,  
 Betty Dettman, Chet Gerdes,  
 Larry & Mary Gerdes,  
 Jane Hines, Roger Hinrichs, Dick Janssen,  
 Joyce Lancaster, Mikey Remmers,  
 Sandy Skinner, Shirley & Bob Woessner.  
 Pam LaBarron, Roberta Moseley, Gary Sibley.

### **Our Southtown Ministry**

Will be Tuesday, April 18th. at 4:30

Lynn Kaufman, Jodi Woessner &  
 Greg Kruse, leaders

**If you have News or a An-**  
**ouncement for the April news-**  
**letter please email, or call me**  
**before April 24th**

### 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



## Happy Easter

*May your Easter be happy,  
May your day be bright,  
May you enjoy the treats,  
And sweet delights.*

*But remember the meaning,  
Remember God's gift,  
Remember the resurrection,  
May your soul uplift.*



# Easter Bible Word Find



Bible  
Church  
Triumph  
Messiah  
Gospels  
Alleluia

Resurrection  
Jesus Christ  
Sunrise Service  
Lamb of God  
Everlasting Life  
Light of the World

New Life  
Cross  
Joy  
Celebration  
Easter Bells  
Candles

Glorious King  
Redemption  
Sunday  
Third Day  
Easter Lily  
Empty Tomb

## 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, 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@mediacommbb.net](mailto:telcsecretary@mediacommbb.net)

Contact a council member



## Food Pantry

April 4th, , 2023

9:00 to 11:00 AM

6:00 to 8:00 pm

## THE SEWERS

We will be sewing on Mondays at 10:30.

There will be a lite potluck lunch . They are working  
on tying quilts And sewing for singles bed. Come and  
enjoy some social time.

## Northern Illinois Synod Assembly

Will be held June 16-17th 2023 at Augustana College  
in Rock Island. Assembly begins mid-morning Fri-  
day, 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.

## Voices of Praise Spring Cantata

Invites you to experience

### "Tribute"

Friday, April 21 @ 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 22 @ 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 23 @ 7:00 p.m.

Join us for moving evenings of Worship that  
celebrate our victory in Christ!

A cantata like you have never heard before  
celebrating the powerful music  
of Geron Davis!

Emmanuel Church  
202 E Morris Street  
Morrison, IL 61270



*Come to me, all who are weary and are heavy laden,  
and I will give you rest.*

*Matthew 11: 28*

March 2023

We invite you to join us in worship this Easter Season:

Sundays in person OR live-stream  
on Facebook (*Trinity Lutheran Church  
Milledgeville IL*)

Palm Sunday, April 2, 2023 at 10:15 AM

Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023 at 10:15 AM

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## 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.trinitymville.com](http://www.trinitymville.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 comput-  
er, 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

**Apr 1st**—Triune God, you call us to community. Unite us in love for one another and for you. Amen

**Apr 2nd**—Sovereign God, with your life you save us. Bless the gifts we offer in response to your love. Amen

**Apr 3rd**— God of heaven and earth, may our memories today lead us to praise you for Jesus' sake. Amen

**Apr 4th**— Jesus, you share our humanity. Thank you for assuring us we can be human too. Amen

**Apr 5th**— God of grace, turn our hearts toward all who hunger for forgiveness, for the sake of Jesus. Amen

**Apr 6th**—God, thank you for remembering us at your table of grace and sending us out forgiven and renewed.. Amen

**Apr 7th** - God, you know our grief. Abide with us for Jesus' sake. Amen

**Apr 8th**— God of power and might, in our waiting fill us with your peace for the sake of Christ. Amen

**Apr 9th**— God of life, you call us by name and free us from fear. Surprise us with joy this day. Amen

**Apr 10th**— Transforming God, let your words wash over us like spring rain. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen

**Apr 11th**—God of mercy, in the waters of baptism you clothe us with grace. Daily, renew our life in you. Amen

**Apr 12th**—Creator God, you know our joys and fears. In all things, remind us of your abiding love. Amen

**Apr 13th** —Thank you for raising us up, God, to live in hope. Make us witnesses to your love. In Jesus' name. Amen.

**Apr 14th**—Abiding God, you are always near. Awaken our hearts to joy in this Easter season. Amen

**Apr 15th**— God, you give us a living, transforming hope. Make us messengers of life in the name of Jesus. Amen

**Apr 16th**— Holy God, thank you for giving us what we need in our moments of doubt. Amen

**Apr 17th**— Awesome God, we are humbled that you love us. May we always tremble with gratitude for you grace. Amen

**Apr 18th**—Eternal God, thank you for the gift of forever life through you Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Apr 19th** Holy God, the splendor and majesty of creation reveal you! Help us to see you at work everywhere. Amen

**Apr 20th**—Merciful God, thank you for helping us, through Jesus, to repent and become who you want us to be. Amen.

**Apr 21st**—Holy God, save our lives from death of despair, that we may rejoice in every moment. Amen

**Apr 22nd**—God of life, teach us your truth, that we may develop hearts of genuine love. In Jesus we pray. Amen.

**Apr 23rd**—Loving Jesus, thank you for revealing yourself in the breaking of the bread. Amen.

**Apr 24th**— God of life, help us be open and attentive to your voice that talks to us even through silence. Amen

**Apr 25th**— Jesus, help us see your presence here and now in neighbors, creation, worship, justice, love, and life. Amen

**Apr 26th**—Dear God, when we are discouraged, help us listen to your voice giving us fresh ideas. Amen.

**Apr 27th**— O Divine One, help us always to work for understanding and fellowship with one another. In Jesus' name. Amen

**Apr 28th**— God of providence, help us to find sufficiency in the good things you provide and share them. Amen

**Apr 29th**— Shepperd of our souls, we rejoice that you seek us when we stray, and welcome us back into your flock. Amen

**Apr 30th**— Lavish God, teach us always to appreciate the life abundant you give us every day. Amen



## Daily Devotions



<b>Apr 1st</b>	Philippians 2:5-11
<b>Apr 2nd</b>	Matthew 21:1-11
<b>Apr 3rd</b>	John 12:1-11
<b>Apr 4th</b>	John 12:20-36
<b>Apr 5th</b>	John 13:21-32
<b>Apr 6th</b>	1 Corinthians 11:23-26
<b>Apr 7th</b>	Isaiah 52:13—53:12
<b>Apr 8th</b>	Romans 6:3-11
<b>Apr 9th</b>	John 20:1-18
<b>Apr 10th</b>	Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
<b>Apr 11th</b>	Colossians 3: 12-17
<b>Apr 12th</b>	Matthew 28:1-10
<b>Apr 13th</b>	Acts 2:14a, 22-32
<b>Apr 14th</b>	Psalm 16
<b>Apr 15th</b>	1 Peter 1:3-9
<b>Apr 16th</b>	John 20:19-31
<b>Apr 17th</b>	Psalm 114
<b>Apr 18th</b>	1 Corinthians 15:19-28
<b>Apr 19th</b>	Matthew 12:38-42
<b>Apr 20th</b>	Acts 2:14a, 36-41
<b>Apr 21st</b>	Psalm 116:1-4,12-19
<b>Apr 22nd</b>	1 Peter 1:17-23
<b>Apr 23rd</b>	Luke 324:13-35
<b>Apr 24th</b>	Psalm 134
<b>Apr 25th</b>	Mark 1:1-15
<b>Apr 26th</b>	John 21:1-14
<b>Apr 27th</b>	Acts 2:42-47
<b>Apr 28th</b>	Psalm 23
<b>Apr 29th</b>	1 Peter 2:19-23
<b>Apr 30th</b>	John 10:1-10



THE POWER OF  
**PRAY**

# April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p><b>April 2nd</b> <i>Palm Sunday</i></p>			 <p>APRIL 7TH, 7:00 PM Methodist Church <i>Good Friday</i></p>			<p>1 Allen Chronister's birthday</p>
<p>2 Worship &amp; Communion FWJ 8:30; Trinity 10:15</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 Donald Janssen's birthday  Anita Gilbert birthday</p>	<p>5 Jenna Green's birthday</p>	<p>6 Kim Stewart's birthday Linda Peterson's birthday</p>	<p>7 Ken and Lynn Kaufman's anniversary</p>	<p>8</p>
<p>9 Curt and Pam Eubanks's anniversary Worship FWJ 8:30; Trinity 10:15</p>	<p>10 Trace Gallagher's birthday</p>	<p>11 Mike and Tammy Miller's anniversary</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 Jim Wetzell birthday</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 Amy Strehlow's birthday Jarod Nye's birthday</p>
<p>16 Karter Livengood's birthday Worship &amp; Communion FWJ 8:30; Trinity 10:15</p>	<p>17 Clayton Simpson's birthday Rick and Connie Brockhouse's anniversary</p>	<p>18 GRACE MEAL  11:30 AT TRINITY</p>	<p>19 Kevin and Debra Judas's anniversary</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 Janet Barkley's birthday   Earth Day April 22</p>
<p>23 Worship FWJ 8:30; Trinity 10:15</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 Dan Woessner birthday</p>	<p>27 Caden VanDyke's birthday Duane Landers's birthday</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30 Worship FWJ 8:30; Trinity 10:15</p>	<p>1 Robert Woessner's birthday</p>	 <p>April 9th Easter Sunday <i>He is Risen</i></p>				

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*“This is the reason why our theology is certain: because it seizes us from ourselves and places us outside ourselves.” — Martin Luther*

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

It is fitting that I write about the Seventh (and last!) Mark of the Church—“The Sacred Cross,” — as we approach Holy Week.

Christians are not recognized through acts of glory or by exaltation of themselves. Luther writes how the church is truly recognized, “by the holy possession of the sacred cross. [Christians] must endure every misfortune and persecution, all kinds of trials and evil from the devil, the world, and the flesh (as the Lord’s Prayer indicates) by inward sadness, timidity, fear, outward poverty, contempt, illness, and weakness, in order to become like their head, Christ...”

Luther continues, “Wherever you see or hear this, you may know that the holy Christian church is there, as Christ says in Matthew 5 [:11–12], “Blessed are you when [others] revile you and utter all kinds of evil against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.” This too is a holy possession whereby the Holy Spirit not only sanctifies [God’s] people, but also blesses them.”

The way of Christ is suffering, not as a doormat, but by freely giving of oneself for others. The church is that body of people who pours itself out for the world. We do this knowing that, in Christ’s death there is victory over death.

Martin Luther called this self-emptying done by the church *theologia crucis*, or “Theology of the Cross,” that God works in ways that to the naked eye seem foolish (see I Corinthians 1:17-25). The church then, at its “best” looks like a gathering of sinners rejected by God and the world, whereas it is in truth the beloved people of God. The church cannot be judged by its appearance, but only by whether it has the Word of Christ crucified.

To summarize: these are Luther’s 7 marks of the Church:

- The Holy Word of God
- The Sacrament of Holy Baptism
- The Sacrament of the Altar (Communion)
- The Office of the Keys Exercised Publicly (Confession & Absolution)
- The Calling, Consecrating and Ordaining of Ministers
- Prayer, Public Praise and Thanksgiving to God (Liturgy/Public Worship)
- The Sacred Cross

In Christ, Crucified and Risen,

Pastor Susan