

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Partner in Cooperative Ministry

First Lutheran West Jordan

N. IL. Synod of the ELCA

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The People of God

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**Trinity Lutheran Church
Milledgeville, IL**



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





- Children
- Flowers
- Caring
- Mother
- Kisses
- Family
- Dinner
- Friend
- Parent
- Travel
- Heart
- Home
- Shop
- Birth
- Love
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West Jordan

Worship Helpers

Alter care, communion assistant, Ushers

May 1st & 8th Carol & Gary Sibley

Lector Carol Sibley

May 15th, 22rd & 29th LaVerne & Carol Woessner

Lector LaVerne Woessner



Grace Meals

**At Trinity Lutheran Church
Will be May 16th at 11:30
Come and enjoy.**

Chadwick/Milledgeville Graduation

Scholarship Night is Wed, May 3rd

At Milledgeville High School at 7:00 pm

Baccalaureate will be May 7th at 4:00pm

At Dutchtown Church

Graduation Will be at the Milledgeville High School on May 20th at 2:00pm



WELCA Circle

Will have a Bible study on
May 8th at 1:30p.m.

On Naomie & Ruth women in
the bible. All are welcome.

In our prayers:

From First:

Roger Hinrichs, Ramon Woessner,
Dodie Whitmer, Elena Vassallo,
Rhonda Ramirez, Debbie Howlett,
Dick Bushman, Olivia Crossman,
Bob Woessner, Polly Adams, Charlene Lane,
Myron Deets, Frank Lazansky,
Roxanne Klein, and Lloyd Mull

From Trinity:

Lori Anderson, Bill Borth,
Jim Brubaker, Dick Bushman,
Shirley Cheeseman, Tom Cleary,
Betty Dettman, Chet Gerdes,
Larry & Mary Gerdes, Amanda Smith
Roger Hinrichs, Dick Janssen,
Joyce Lancaster, Mikey Remmers,
Sandy Skinner, Shirley & Bob Woessner.
Pam LaBarron, Roberta Moseley, Gary Sibley.
Bishop Stacie Fidler, had surgery in broken wrist on April 21st.
Keep in your prayers the family of Shay Goellner
Passed away this past week

Our Southtown Ministry

Will be Tuesday, May 16th. at 4:30

Lynn Kaufman, Jodi Woessner &
Greg Kruse, leaders

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

Church Leaders Directory

Trinity Lutheran Church

President Tammy Miller
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Lori Oncken
Jim Brubaker
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First Lutheran West Jordan

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Ascension Day May 18th



What Do People Do?

Ascension Day is officially celebrated on a Thursday on the 40th day of Easter (or 39 days after Easter Sunday). In countries where it is a public holiday, Ascension Day is a free day for many workers. Many people take a long weekend off because the day falls on a Thursday. The Friday in between is usually quiet, particularly in shops and offices. Despite Christianity being a minority religion in Indonesia, Ascension Day is a public holiday and special services take place at churches throughout the country.

Ascension Day is sometimes called Father's Day in Germany because many Protestant men have *herrenpartien* "outings" on this day. In Sweden, many people go out to the woods at 3 am or 4 am to hear the birds at sunrise. It is good luck if a cuckoo is heard from the east or west. These jaunts are called *gökotta*, or "early cuckoo morning".

In England, Ascension Day is associated with various water festivals ranging from Well Dressing in Derbyshire to the Planting of the "Penny Hedge" at Whitby, a small town in Yorkshire. Other customs may include "beating the bounds". In the old days, it involved beating boys with willow branches as they were driven along parish boundaries, not only to purify them of evil but to teach them the limits of their parish. In modern times, it involves people in the locality walking around their farm, manorial, church or civil boundaries pausing as they pass certain trees, walls and hedges that denote the extent of the boundary to exclaim, pray and ritually 'beat' particular landmarks with sticks.

Background

Ascension Day is one of the earliest Christian festivals, dating back to the year 68. According to the New Testament in the Bible, Jesus Christ met several times with his disciples during the 40 days after his resurrection to instruct them on how to carry out his teachings. It is believed that on the 40th day he took them to the Mount of Olives, where they watched as he ascended to heaven.

Ascension Day marks the end of the Easter season and occurs ten days before Pentecost. Depending upon the phases of the Moon in a particular year, Ascension Day is celebrated on a Thursday. However, some churches, particularly in the United States, celebrate it on the following Sunday.

Many Eastern Orthodox churches [calculate the date](#) of *Pascha* (Easter) according to the Julian calendar, rather than the Gregorian calendar used by many western churches, so their Ascension Day usually occurs after the western observance.

Symbols

Ascension Day celebrations include processions symbolizing Christ's entry into heaven and, in some countries, chasing a "devil" through the streets and dunking it in a pond or burning it in effigy – symbolic of the Messiah's triumph over the devil when he opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

In England, eggs laid on Ascension Day are said to never go bad and will guarantee good luck for a household if placed in the roof. In Devon, it was an ancient belief that the clouds always formed into the familiar Christian image of a lamb on Ascension Day. If the weather is sunny on Ascension Day, the summer will be long and hot. If it rains on the day, crops will do badly and livestock will suffer from disease. According to Welsh superstition, it is unlucky to do any work on Ascension Day.

In Portugal, Ascension Day is associated with wishes for peace and prosperity. Traditionally, in rural communities, people make bouquets from olive branches and sheaves of wheat with poppies and daisies. The olive and wheat are symbolic of abundant harvest; the poppy stands for peace and the daisy for money. Wheat is kept in the house throughout the coming year as a symbol of prosperity.

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@mediacommbb.net

Contact a council member



Food
Pantry

May 2nd, 2023

9:00 to 11:00 AM

6:00 to 8:00 pm

**Milledgeville Fire Protection District
Invite everyone the Spring Fireman's
Breakfast**

Sunday May, 7th from 7:00 am to 1:00 pm

**Sausage, Pancakes, Scrambled eggs
French toast , Coffee, Juices & Milk**

 **LAST
DAY OF
SCHOOL**

**Is May 25th at 2:05 pm. Have a fun and
safe summer holiday.**

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

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](https://www.facebook.com/TrinityLutheranChurchMilledgeville). to view the church's Facebook page and you can view the
service. And get other post from Trinity Facebook page .

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.
There is one signed up could have one more.

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

Trinity Lutheran Church Member

JOCELYN GREEN



Jocelyn Green is the daughter of Joe and Rebecca
Green. She is a 2023 Eastland High School graduate.
She will be attending Highland Community College in
the fall to get her associate of arts. While at Highland
Jocelyn plans to play volleyball. After Highland she
plans to get her bachelors degree in music education.

May Daily Prayer

May 1st—Thank you, God, that you make your home with us so that we may forever dwell in you. Amen

May 2nd—Thank you, loving God, for providing for us today and the end of time. In Jesus' name. Amen

May 3rd— We give you thanks, gracious God, for your steadfast love for all generations. Amen

May 4th— Dear Jesus, give us courage for faithful witness, and comfort us in our suffering. In Jesus' name. Amen

May 5th— Thank you for being my shelter throughout life, gracious God. Amen

May 6th—Jesus, help us remember who we are -- your beloved people and your loving church. Amen

May 7th - Help us remember, Jesus, that amid doubts and distractions, you are our constant compass. Amen

May 8th— Help us realize, gracious God, that we can rest in the promise that you go with us throughout live. Amen

May 9th— Gracious God, especially in times of transition, remind us to rely on you. In Jesus' name. Amen

May 10th— When problems overwhelm us or our community, our hope is found in you, merciful God. Amen

May 11th—In our fumbling and our finding, remind us, gentle God, that you are only a breath away. Amen

May 12th—With gratitude and hope, we offer our alms and our hearts to you, God of steadfast love. Amen

May 13th—Dear Jesus, when we feel hopeless, stir in us the hope of your resurrection. Amen.

May 14th—God of comfort, thank you for both your Spirit and the people you've put in our lives. In Jesus' name. Amen

May 15th— Thank you, gracious God, for calling me to be part of this always-changing church. In Jesus' name. Amen

May 16th— Lord, stir up in us a sense of awe and wonder for un-failing love. In Christ we pray. Amen

May 17th— Giver of life, help us to put you first and to grow in the wisdom that comes from you. Amen

May 18th—Jesus, help us recognize your presence in our lives and grow in your love as we do so. Amen.

May 19th God, it is hard to wait, even when we know you are with us. Give us patience. In Jesus' name. Amen

May 20th—Lord, we breathe in your Spirit today, praying for a release of stress, worry, and anxiety. Amen.

May 21st—Multiply your love through us, God, and may it be you whom others see reflected in our lives. Amen

May 22nd—God, thank you for caring for the welfare of all your people. Help us join you in that work. Amen.

May 23rd—Lord, thank you for all who serves faithfully and diligently without recognition or reward. Amen.

May 24th— Lord, we ask for your blessing today. Use us to bless others. In Jesus' name. Amen

May 25th— Lord, your ways are not our ways and your thoughts are not our thoughts. Thank you. Amen

May 26th—Lord, your created world is filled with wonder. Help us respect and care for it well. Amen.

May 27th— Spirit of God, speak to our hearts today and open us to all you have for us, through Christ. Amen

May 28th— Forgiveness in both hard and needed, God. Give us your strength to forgive. Amen

May 29th— Lord, as we wait for your promises to be more fully revealed, pour out your Spirit upon us. Amen

May 30th— Lord, help us take time to be still and know that are God. In Jesus' name. Amen

May 31st— Lord, thank you for people in our lives who welcome and affirm us. In Jesus' name. Amen



Daily Devotions



May 1st	John 14:8-14
May 2nd	Ezekiel 34:23-31
May 3rd	Psalms 100
May 4th	Acts 7:55-60
May 5th	Psalms 31:1-5, 15-16
May 6th	1 Peter 2:2-10
May 7th	John 14:1-14
May 8th	Exodus 13:17-22
May 9th	Proverbs 3:5-12
May 10th	Psalms 102:1-17
May 11th	Acts 17:22-31
May 12th	Psalms 66:8-20
May 13th	1 Peter 3:13-22
May 14th	John 14:15-21
May 15th	Luke 6:12-16
May 16th	Psalms 93
May 17th	Deuteronomy 31:1-13
May 18th	Luke 24:44-53
May 19th	Acts 1:6-14
May 20th	1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11
May 21st	John 17:1-11
May 22nd	Psalms 99
May 23rd	1 Peter 4:7-11
May 24th	1 Kings 8:54-65
May 25th	Numbers 11:24-30
May 26th	Psalms 104:24-34, 35b
May 27th	Acts 2:1-21
May 28th	John 20:19-23
May 29th	Joel 2:18-29
May 30th	Romans 8:26-27
May 31st	Luke 1:39-56



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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 Happy ASCENSION DAY MAY 18TH	1 Robert Woessner's birthday  <i>May Day</i>	2	3	4 Madilyn Todd's birthday Al Vickers birthday	5 Keith and Amy Eye's anniversary Payton Harris's birthday	6 Curt Eubanks's birthday
7 Karl Kruse's birthday Worship & Communion FWJ 8:30; Trinity 10:15	8 Jim Brubaker's birthday	9 Keagan Livengood's birthday Pam Eubanks's birthday	10	11 Patty Murray's birthday Shirley Woessner's birthday	12 Kaitlin Dettman's birthday	13 Opal Kleckler's birthday
14 Le-Anne Nye's birthday Worship FWJ 8:30; Trinity 10:15  HAPPY Mother's DAY	15 Mia Meyer Birthday TRINITY	16 Amanda Schildgen's birthday GRACE MEAL 11:30 AT TRINITY DELIVERS	17 MEALS	18 Donna Landis's birthday THIS WEEK	19	20 Ramona Koett's birthday
21 Alayna Chapman's birthday Worship & Communion FWJ 8:30; Trinity 10:15	22	23	24	25  LAST DAY OF SCHOOL	26	27 Kennedy Livengood's birthday Teresa Wagenknecht's birthday Violet Ohlwine's birthday
28 Worship FWJ 8:30; Trinity 10:15	29  In Memory Of Our Fallen Heroes	30	31 Otto Wagenknecht's birthday	Early Spring 		

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Worship: Sundays 10:15 AM

“And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” -Matthew 28: 20

I AM is God’s name as given to Moses and the Israelites. I AM is the name of the one who brought all things into being.

I AM is the name of God whose name the Israelites dared not speak aloud out of awe and reverence for that God. From the time of Moses, the people knew God as the One Who Is, the One Who Always Was, and the One Who Always Will Be—I AM.

How significant that Jesus should use that very term, “I am,” so often in speaking of himself and in describing his ministry. “I am the bread of life,” he says. “I am the good shepherd,” “I am the vine,” “I am the gate,” and so on. In the “I am” sayings of Jesus, believers continue to hear echoes of the burning bush, God’s revelation to Moses and to all people.

Jesus, a particular person who was born, lived, died and was raised (!) in a particular time and place, links himself to the God that is timeless. And the eternal God, in Jesus Christ, becomes linked for us to the particular experience of human beings, to yours and to mine!

For it was our Lord Jesus, who went the way of the cross for our salvation—that Lord Jesus, who was raised from the dead on Easter, who we follow day by day, throughout our whole lives. Our creator God is not far off, removed from our daily lives. But our God is as close to us as our very own heartbeat, as close to us as a prayer, as close to us as a breath.

Poet Mary Oliver says that prayer is the act of paying attention . . . “It doesn’t have to be the blue iris, it could be weeds in a vacant lot, or a few small stones; just pay attention, then patch a few words together and don’t try to make them elaborate, [prayer] isn’t a contest but the doorway into thanks, and a silence in which another voice may speak (“Praying,” Thirst, c. 2006),

What wondrous Love! Who is leading us? The savior says, “I AM.”

Peace,

Pastor Susan