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## Calendar

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**Weekly bulletin deadline is Tuesday noon.** Please email me if you prefer your newsletter emailed to you. Thanks!



## Divine Worship Services

St. Paul 8:30 a.m. Sunday  
Trinity 10:30 a.m. Sunday

**Bible Study** Book of Revelation — St. Paul 10 a.m. Monday

## Sunday School

St. Paul 9:30 a.m.

## Wednesday School

Trinity 5:30 p.m.

## Youth Confirmation Class

St. Paul 1 p.m. Sunday

## Release-Time Class

Trinity 3:30 p.m. Wednesday

## Lent, Holy Week, and Easter Schedule (also on page 3)

**Wednesday Services — March 3, 10, 17, 24**

**Maundy Thursday — April 1 and Good Friday — April 2**

5:30 p.m. Trinity and 7 p.m. St. Paul

**Easter — April 4**

7 a.m. St. Paul and 9 a.m. Trinity

## Lutheran Women's Missionary League

Trinity Hope Circle – March 2, 2021 2 p.m.

Trinity Ruth Circle – March 2, 2021 6:30 p.m.

St. Paul Dorcas Circle – March 9, 2021 7 p.m.

## Serving the Lord's Church in March

### TRINITY

**Elder** Dan Guericke

**Ushers** John Geyer

Ron Steffen

**Acolytes** Daytona Geyer

Joshua Doering

### ST. PAUL

**Elder**

**Ushers** Curt Guindon, Merlyn

Haak, Marv Jira

**Acolyte** Alyssa Johnson

**Altar** Marlene Johnson

## Scripture Readings

Mar 3 Exodus 20:1–17; 1 Corinthians 1:18–31; John 2:13–22

Mar 14 Numbers 21:4–9; Ephesians 2:1–10; John 3:14–21

Mar 21 Jeremiah 31:31–34; Hebrews 5:1–10; Mark 10:35–45

Mar 28 Zechariah 9:9–12; Philippians 2:5–11; Mark 14:1–15:47



**If you have PRAYER CONCERNS or would like a PASTORAL VISIT,** please contact Pastor Lessman at 605-641-8501.



# LENT



**Q: What is the significance of Lent?**

**A:** Early in the Church’s history, the major events in Christ’s life were observed with special observances, such as His birth, baptism, death, resurrection and ascension. As these observances developed, a period of time was set aside prior to the major events of Jesus’ birth and resurrection as a time of preparation.

During Lent, the Church’s worship assumes a more penitential character. The color for the season is purple, a color often associated with penitence. The “Hymn of Praise” is omitted from the liturgy. The word “Alleluia” is usually omitted as well. By not using the alleluia—a joyful expression meaning “Praise the Lord”—until Easter, the Lenten season is clearly set apart as a distinct time from the rest of the year. Additionally, it forms a powerful contrast with the festive celebration of Jesus’ resurrection when our alleluias ring loud and clear.

Finally, the penitential character of Lent is not its sole purpose. In the ancient Church, the weeks leading up to Easter were a time of intensive preparation of the candidates who were to be baptized at the Easter vigil on Holy Saturday. This time in the Church’s calendar was seen as an especially appropriate time for Baptism because of the relationship between Christ’s death and resurrection and our own in Holy Baptism (see Romans 6:1-11). This focus would suggest that the season of Lent serves not only as a time to meditate on the suffering that Christ endured on our behalf but also as an opportunity to reflect upon our own Baptism and what it means to live as a child of God.

**Q: Do Lutherans have to give up something for Lent as some other denominations require?**

**A:** From the perspective of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS), “giving something up for Lent” is entirely a matter of Christian freedom. It would be wrong, from our perspective, for the church to make some sort of “law” requiring its members to “give something up for Lent,” since the Scriptures

themselves do not require this. If, on the other hand, a Christian wants to give something up for Lent as a way of remembering and personalizing the great sacrifice that Christ made on the cross for our sins, then that Christian is certainly free to do so — as long as he or she does not “judge” or “look down on” other Christians who do not choose to do this.

**Q: What is the significance of Ash Wednesday and ashes on the forehead?**

**A:** *Lutheran Worship: History and Practice*, a commentary on *Lutheran Worship*, one of our Synod’s hymnals, says this about ashes on Ash Wednesday:

*“Other customs may be used, particularly the imposition of ashes on those who wish it. This ancient act is a gesture of repentance and a powerful reminder about the meaning of the day. Ashes can symbolize dust-to-dustness and remind worshipers of the need for cleansing, scrubbing and purifying. If they are applied during an act of kneeling, the very posture of defeat and submission expresses humility before God.”*

The use of ashes on Ash Wednesday is a more recent custom among most LCMS congregations, although some have done it for decades. The ashes are usually derived from the burned palms from the previous Palm Sunday. Experience will show, however, that in obtaining ashes this way, it doesn’t take many ashes to “ash” a whole congregation. Like sin, they are very dirty and go a long way. One palm leaf will produce enough ashes for several years.

Usually, the pastor takes the ashes on the end of his thumb and makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of each worshiper, saying these words: *“Remember: you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”* This follows most effectively prior (or as part of) the Service Corporate Confession and Absolution on pp. 290-291 of *Lutheran Service Book*.

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*Hymn of the Month*

**436 Go to Dark Gethsemane**



1 Go to dark Geth - sem - a - ne, All who feel the  
 2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall, View the Lord of  
 3 Cal - v'ry's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; There, a - dor - ing  
 4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb Where they laid His



tempt - er's pow'r; Your Re - deem - er's con - flict see,  
 life ar-raigned; Oh, the worm - wood and the gall!  
 at His feet, Mark that mir - a - cle of time,  
 breath - less clay; All is sol - i - tude and gloom.



Watch with Him one bit - ter hour; Turn not from His  
 Oh, the pangs His soul sus-tained! Shun not suf - f'ring,  
 God's own sac - ri - fice com-plete. "It is fin - ished!"  
 Who has tak - en Him a - way? Christ is ris'n! He



griefs a - way; Learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.  
 shame, or loss; Learn from Him to bear the cross.  
 hear Him cry; Learn from Je - sus Christ to die.  
 meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

Text and tune: Public domain

*Note that this hymn is based on each of the four Gospels.  
 Mark 14:32-38; 15:1-20; Luke 23:33-46; Matthew 27:33-50; John 20:1-18*

The text exhorts us to follow Christ as we meditate on his sorrow in the Garden of Gethsemane (st. 1), on his suffering on the cross (st. 2), and on his sacrificial death (st. 3); each stanza ends with a corresponding petition.

[https://hymnary.org/text/go\\_to\\_dark\\_gethsemane](https://hymnary.org/text/go_to_dark_gethsemane)



**Maundy Thursday, April 1**, with communion  
 5:30 p.m. Trinity; 7 p.m. St. Paul

**Good Friday, April 2**  
 5:30 p.m. Trinity; 7 p.m. St. Paul

**Easter Services** will be 7 a.m. at St. Paul and 9 a.m. at Trinity.



## St. Paul Members Tie Blankets

Thirteen members from St. Paul met January 30, 2021 to tie blankets. These blankets will be shared with St. Paul confirmands, graduates, and members who are sick.

Materials were purchased with a Thrivent Action Team. More than a dozen blankets were completed.

Good work, ladies!



## Trinity Release-Time Students and Youth Sing

Thirteen Release-Time students and youth went Winter Caroling to Trinity and St. Paul members at the Aurora Brule Care & Rehab February 3, 2021. Led by their teachers and Pastor Lessman, they sang:

- “I Am A C”
- “This Is the Day”
- “If I Were a Butterfly”
- “The B-I-B-L-E”
- “Jesus Loves Me”

They plan to share some of these songs during a Divine Service at Trinity in March. Thank you for spreading the joy of Jesus!



## LWML Reaches 2019–2021 Mission Goal!

Sing the Doxology, “Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!” The LWML, by God’s grace, has reached the mission goal of \$2.1 million set for the 2019–2021 biennium.






This means that all mission grants selected for this biennium can be funded! God has great plans for spreading His Gospel story through those ministries. He has great plans for the 2021–2023 mission grants as well. Of the 65 completed mission grant submissions, 34 were selected for the 2021 LWML Convention ballot and approved by the LWML Board of Directors (BOD) and Presidents Assembly in January.

The LWML BOD and Presidents Assembly will meet in March to approve the 2021–2023 mission goal – and after the end of the biennium (March 31, 2021) – any surplus mite offerings not given to mission grant recipients in this biennium will be added *on top* of the allocation for the 2021–2023 mission grants. What a joy and privilege it will be to pray, consider, discuss, and vote for those recipients!

LWML Treasurer Karla Koehler wrote, “We thank God for the many women and men who have generously shared their material blessings so that the LWML can share the love and forgiveness of Christ!” Let the trumpets sound and the cymbals crash, in praise to the Lord!



# MARCH 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	<b>1</b> <b>10 a.m.</b> SP Revelation Bible Study	<b>2</b> <b>2 p.m.</b>  TR Hope Circle <b>6:30 p.m.</b> TR Ruth Circle	<b>3</b>  <b>3:30 p.m.</b> TR Release-Time <b>5:30 p.m.</b> TR Lent 3 Service <b>7 p.m.</b> SP Lent 3 Service	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>  Third Sunday in Lent <b>8:30 a.m.</b> SP Comm. <b>9:30 a.m.</b> SP Sun Sch <b>10:30 a.m.</b> TR Comm. <b>1 p.m.</b> SP Youth Confirm. Class	<b>8</b> <b>10 a.m.</b> SP Revelation Bible Study	<b>9</b>  <b>7 p.m.</b> SP Dorcas Circle	<b>10</b>  <b>3:30 p.m.</b> TR Release-Time <b>5:30 p.m.</b> TR Lent 4 Service <b>7 p.m.</b> SP Lent 4 Service	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>  Fourth Sunday in Lent <b>8:30 a.m.</b> SP Service <b>9:30 a.m.</b> SP Sun Sch <b>10:30 a.m.</b> TR Comm. <b>1 p.m.</b> SP Youth Confirm. Class	<b>15</b> <b>10 a.m.</b> SP Revelation Bible Study	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>  <b>3:30 p.m.</b> TR Release-Time <b>5:30 p.m.</b> TR Lent 5 Service <b>7 p.m.</b> SP Lent 5 Service	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>  Fifth Sunday in Lent <b>8:30 a.m.</b> SP Comm. <b>9:30 a.m.</b> SP Sun Sch <b>10:30 a.m.</b> TR Comm. <b>1 p.m.</b> SP Youth Confirm. Class	<b>22</b> <b>10 a.m.</b> SP Revelation Bible Study	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>  <b>3:30 p.m.</b> TR Release-Time <b>5:30 p.m.</b> TR Lent 6 Service <b>7 p.m.</b> SP Lent 6 Service	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>  Palm Sunday <b>8:30 a.m.</b> SP Service <b>9:30 a.m.</b> SP Sun Sch <b>10:30 a.m.</b> TR Comm. <b>1 p.m.</b> SP Youth Confirm. Class	<b>29</b> <b>10 a.m.</b> SP Revelation Bible Study	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>  <b>3:30 p.m.</b> TR Release-Time	<b>April 1</b> <b>Maundy Thu.</b> <b>5:30 p.m.</b> TR Service <b>7 p.m.</b> SP Service	<b>2</b> <b>Good Friday</b> <b>5:30 p.m.</b> TR Service <b>7 p.m.</b> SP Service	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>  <b>EASTER</b> <b>7 a.m</b> SP   <b>9 a.m.</b> TR						