

# MARCH NEWSLETTER for LOC and Trinity

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## BOTH CHURCHES

### SCRIPTURE READINGS:

DATE	1 <sup>ST</sup> LESSON	PSALM	2 <sup>ND</sup> LESSON	GOSPEL
Mar 1st	Gen 12:1-9	Psa 121	Rom 4:1-8,13-17	John 3:1-17
Mar 8th	Exo 17:1-7	Psa 95:1-9	Rom 5:1-8	John 4:5-26 (27-30,39-42)
Mar 15th	Isa 42:14-21	Psa 142	Eph 5:8-14	John 9:1-41
Mar 22nd	Ezk 37:1-14	Psa 130	Rom 8:1-11	John 11:1-45 (46-53)
Mar 29th	Isa 50:4-9a	Psa 118:19-29	Php 2:5-11	Matt 26:1—27.66

**IT IS IMPORTANT** that the church has your correct contact information, cell phone numbers, home phone, email addresses, birthdays, and anniversary, etc.

**MEMBERSHIP** – Talk to Pastor Kevin if you are interested in becoming a member of our church. Remember to invite your friends and neighbors to “come and see”.

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

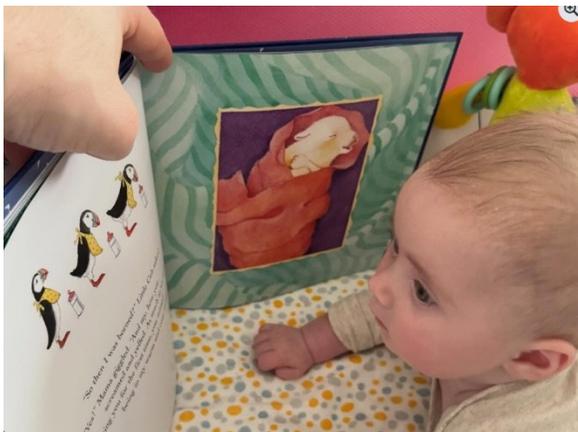
Prayers for this country, our leaders, law enforcement, fire departments, and EMT’s around the country. Prayers for our family, friends, and community.

Pray for persecuted Christians in all places.

Prayers for nursing home and assisted living residents as well as shut-ins.



### PASTOR SCOTT YOUNT



(02/06/26) Guess who’s 4 months old today?! Sofia, Scott and Lena’s child, celebrates 4 months in her loving home in the Ukraine.

If you would like to support Pastor Scott and Lena and their ministry to the handicapped in Ukraine, you can give online by going to the following link.

<https://SONetwork.org/give/>

# BOTH CHURCHES

## OUR LUTHERAN LITURGY

[www.lcms.org/worship/liturgy-parts](http://www.lcms.org/worship/liturgy-parts)

### Confession and Absolution

We can indeed approach God with confidence. And yet, because we stand on this side of our Lord's final return, we still have with us the devil, the world, and our sinful flesh. We have not yet faced the final judgment.

And so, with sin still working in us, the condemnation of God's Law must still confront us, lest we have any delusions that we might have something to boast of before our mighty Judge.

Above all else, Confession and Absolution keep us honest — honest with ourselves and honest before God. The act of confession is not some work that we lay before the Father's throne; rather, it is the simple acknowledgment that God's Word is true and right and that when we measure ourselves against its demands, we come up short.

God's Word says "you shall not give false testimony," but in truth we have lied and gossiped and slandered. And so, the Christian confesses: "Lord, Your Word is true; I have sinned."

There are three basic ways to handle sin and guilt. One is to ignore or minimize them. We've all been tempted in that direction more than a few times. Isn't that, after all, what our sinful human nature is all about?

Another way is to institutionalize them, especially the guilt part. After all, if you can keep people feeling just guilty enough, you will keep them coming back for more.

The third way is to give sin and guilt their proper due, and then to silence them. That is the way of God's absolution. With his forgiveness, our sin is removed from us as far as the east is from the west.

Christians know that, but they also need to hear it often. We need to be reminded that those familiar words, "I forgive you all your sins," are not just some impersonal announcement. They say what they mean and accomplish what they promise. Jesus himself said to his disciples that the sins they forgive are forgiven (John 20:23).

The last and greatest absolution that will ever be spoken to us will be at the last judgment.

In the Confession and Absolution we are being readied for our appearance before Christ on the Last Day. And hidden behind those comforting words that our sins are forgiven is the invitation, "Come, you who are blessed by my father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world" (Matt. 25:34).

When our Lord speaks those words to us at the Last Day, Confession and Absolution as we know it will cease, for we will then bask in the eternal absolution of the Lamb.

## OUR LUTHERAN LITURGY

### GATHERING:

Prelude Music  
Greeting  
Announcements  
Invocation  
Confession and Absolution  
Introit  
Opening Hymn  
Greeting  
Kyrie Eleison  
Gloria In Excelsis  
Salutation  
Prayer of the Day

### GOD'S WORD:

First Reading  
Psalm  
Second Reading  
Hallelujah  
The Creed  
Sermon

### RESPONSE:

Hymn of the Day:  
Prayers of the Church  
Offering and Prayer

### COMMUNION:

Preface to Communion  
Propers  
Sanctus  
Lord's Prayer  
Words of Institution  
Agnus Dei  
Distribution  
Nunc Dimittis  
Thanksgiving

### SENDING:

Benediction  
Sending Hymn

## BIBLE STUDY

**NO WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDIES during Lent.** People are invited to attend the “Lutheranism 101” classes in Williston during Lent.

**LUTHERANISM 101 CLASS at LOC** – Mon, **Mar 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>** from 6:30 to 7:30 pm.  
See the schedule posted on the church bulletin board.

**BRIARWOOD BIBLE STUDY** – Thur, **Mar 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>** at 2 pm.

## CONFIRMATION

Trinity Lutheran (Wed, **4:00** – 5:30 pm) – **Mar 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>** *(Please note the time change!)*

Light of Christ (Thu, 6:30 – 8:00 pm) – **Mar 26<sup>th</sup>**

## COMMUNION SERVICES

**Both Churches – Mar 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>**

No Communion on Palm Sunday

Arbor House (1 pm) & Briarwood (2 pm) - Mon, **Mar 2<sup>nd</sup>**

## BOTH CHURCHES

**LENTEN SCHEDULE:** Suppers at 6 pm.  
**03/04** - Lent 2 ..... Trinity at 7 pm  
**03/11** - Lent 3 ..... LOC at 7 pm  
**03/18** - Lent 4 ..... Trinity at 7 pm  
**03/25** - Lent 5 ..... LOC at 7 pm



**EASTER LILY DONATIONS** – Please purchase lilies on your own and bring them to the church on **Easter morning, April 5<sup>th</sup>.**

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME!** Sat, **Mar 7<sup>th</sup>.**

Remember to set your clocks ahead before bed on Saturday...

**2<sup>nd</sup> GRADER BIBLES** will be distributed on **Palm Sunday, Mar 29<sup>th</sup>.** If you know of any 2<sup>nd</sup> graders or any child that needs a Bible, let the pastor know.

**SEMINARY SUPPORT** - American Lutheran Theological Seminary (ALTS) is the seminary for the AALC. **SOLA 500** is a fundraising campaign to support their work of training up future pastors. You can support them at [www.alts.edu/sola\\_500](http://www.alts.edu/sola_500)



**RECIPE - EASTER NESTS** – from Peggy Bearce’s Files...

### Ingredients:

15oz marshmallows	1/2 cup chocolate chips
4 cups chow mein noodles	(semisweet or milk chocolate)
1/3 cup peanut butter	Almond M&M's, jelly beans,
3 tablespoons butter	or mini cadbury eggs.

### Directions:

1. Cook marshmallows in microwave for approximately 3-4 minutes on high until melted.
2. Add peanut butter, butter, and chocolate chips.
3. Stir until well combined.
4. Add chow mein noodles, Grease fingers and form into small nests.
5. Fill with egg shaped candy.

**EASTER FESTIVAL – Mar 28th** at Light of Christ Lutheran from 9:30 am to Noon. Food, Cakewalk, fun and games. Small bite-sized candy will be needed for plastic eggs. Thank you!



## TRINITY LUTHERAN

**Worship Services, Bible Studies, and Newsletters are online!**

TRINITY's Facebook Page: [www.facebook.com/trinitylcalex](http://www.facebook.com/trinitylcalex)

### **BIRTHDAYS**

Lisa Nelson ..... 3/01  
 Brian Aamodt ..... 3/05  
 Glenn Aamodt ..... 3/17



### **ANNIVERSARIES**

Darrel & Leigh Ann Kirkland ..... 3/08

If we don't have your birthday or anniversary, let the pastor know.



## LIGHT OF CHRIST LUTHERAN

**Worship Services, Bible Studies, and Newsletters are online!**

Light Of Christ Website: [locw.org](http://locw.org)

Facebook Page: [www.facebook.com/lightofchristwilliston](http://www.facebook.com/lightofchristwilliston)



### **BIRTHDAYS**

Jody Bearce ..... 3/04  
 Breanna Ginther ..... 3/15  
 Faye Horn ..... 3/18  
 Ann Ginther ..... 3/20  
 Rylee Quale ..... 3/22

Dwight Ebel ..... 3/23  
 Brie Olson ..... 3/27  
 Roger Bearce ..... 3/28  
 David Oyloe ..... 3/30  
 Luane Ebel ..... 3/30

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

Gary & Bev Quale ..... 3/27

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### **COFFEE WITH PASTOR - Something New!**

Pastor will be at the church every Monday from 10 am to noon. (Schedule permitting)  
 Come for coffee, bring your joys, your troubles, or just to visit...

**WOMEN OF L.I.F.E. Wed, Mar 4th at 2 pm.** Mtg & Bible Study. All women are invited.

We will be planning for the Annual Easter Festival on Mar 28<sup>th</sup>. *(Please note the time change!)*

**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL** on Sunday School on **Mar 8<sup>th</sup>** because of Spring Break.

**LOC CHURCH COUNCIL** meets Tues, **Mar 10<sup>th</sup>** at 5:30 pm. We start with a light meal followed by our meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**LOC CHURCH BREAKFAST – Sat, Mar 14<sup>th</sup>!**

Please come and invite a friend or two!

**PILL BOTTLE DONATION UPDATE** - The empty plastic pill bottles we collect are used in shipments of medical supplies to disaster and less developed parts of the world. Thank you all who have made this LOC church ministry possible!

**LOC SOUP MINISTRY!**



You are invited to take a quart of soup to someone you think may need it. The soup is located in the kitchen freezers. THANK YOU to the Women of LIFE for this ministry!

**BLUE SERVICE GROUP (Mar, Jun, Sep, Dec)**

Kevin and Marilee Beard  
Marilyn Bell  
Dwight and Luane Ebel  
Gary Hansen  
Wendy Hansen  
Matt and Amy Haugen  
Holter Family

Mayo Miller  
Dwight and Shelli Patch  
Kim Oyloe  
Tex Alton  
Steve and Lisa Peterson  
Jerry and Sharon Gardner  
Roger and Jody Bearce





**LUTHERAN HOUR  
MINISTRIES**  
DEVOTION from  
LHM.ORG



*Six days before the Passover, Jesus therefore came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. So they gave a dinner for Him there.*

*Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those reclining with Him at table. Mary therefore took a pound of expensive ointment made from pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped His feet with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. (John 12:1-3)*

*Have you ever smelt pure nard? It has a strong, penetrating smell—the kind of smell that sticks to your skin for days afterward. No wonder the house was filled with the fragrance!*

*Mary's hair must have smelled of it for quite a while. Jesus' feet as well—maybe even to the cross. If so, then she was able to give Him one gift of love that would go with Him all the way to His death—where she herself could not go.*

*Because where Jesus was going, none of His disciples could go—not even those who loved Him most. John and Mary stood under His cross watching. But they could not help Him as He carried the burden of human sin and shame—as He faced temptations to come down from the cross, as His enemies dared Him—as He fought the powers of evil, and won. Jesus did that alone, because He loved us. And He rose from the dead three days later, to come back to us triumphant—sharing with us the gift of His own everlasting life.*

**WE PRAY:** Lord, stay with me always. Amen.

**Reflection Questions:**

- *When you suffer, do you want company or not?*
- *How is Jesus with you to help when you suffer?*
- *Are you glad that He has promised always to be with you? (See Matthew 28:20.)*

*Lenten Devotions were written by Dr. Kari Vo.*

## You Must Be Born Again

Find the 30 **bold** words from John 3:1-8 (ESV)

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

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named **Nicodemus**, a ruler of the **Jews**. This man came to **Jesus** by **night** and said to him, "**Rabbi**, we know that you are a **teacher** come from **God**, for no one can do these **signs** that you do unless **God** is with him." **Jesus** answered him, "**Truly**, I say to you, **unless** one is **born again** he cannot **see** the **kingdom** of **God**." **Nicodemus** said to him, "How can a man be born when he is **old**? Can he **enter** a **second time** into his mother's **womb** and be born?" **Jesus** answered, "**Truly**, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of **water** and the **Spirit**, he cannot enter the kingdom of **God**. That which is born of the flesh is **flesh**, and that which is born of the **Spirit** is **spirit**. Do not **marvel** that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' The **wind** **blows** where it **wishes**, and you **hear** its **sound**, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the **Spirit**."

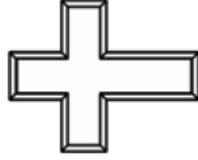
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## Today's Gospel Lesson

Second Sunday in Lent

March 1, 2026



Jesus talked about being born of water and the Spirit.  
This happens to us at baptism!