

**Trinity News and Notes**  
**Fourth Sunday in Lent ~ Laetare**  
**March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**SUNDAY, 30<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. Choir practice in Fellowship Hall  
9:00 a.m. Divine Service  
10:30 a.m. Bible Study  
3:30 p.m. Liturgical Living

**MONDAY, 31<sup>st</sup>**

*Commemoration of Joseph, Patriarch*  
8:00 a.m. Matins at Immanuel  
Pastor at SSP Retreat

**TUESDAY, APRIL 1<sup>st</sup>**

8:00 a.m. Matins at Immanuel  
Pastor at SSP Retreat

**WEDNESDAY, 2<sup>nd</sup>**

8:00 a.m. Matins at Immanuel  
Pastor at SSP Retreat  
*No Bible Study - Pastor at SSP Retreat*  
11:00 a.m. Divine Service  
5:30 p.m. Private Confession  
5:45 p.m. Lenten meal  
6:30 p.m. Choir practice  
7:00 p.m. Vespers

**THURSDAY, 3<sup>rd</sup>**

8:30 a.m. Matins  
4:30 p.m. Private Confession  
7:00 p.m. Trustees' meeting

**FRIDAY, 4<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. Matins

**SUNDAY, 6<sup>th</sup>**

*Commemoration of  
Lucas Cranach and Albrecht Dürer, Artists*  
8:30 a.m. Choir practice in Fellowship Hall  
9:00 a.m. Divine Service  
10:30 a.m. Bible Study  
3:00 p.m. Concordia Academy's  
Afternoon of Music and the Arts

***Looking Ahead...***

- April 8, Council meeting, 6:00 p.m.
- April 12, Church Clean-up Day, 9:00 a.m.

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**Our Sister Church:** Lutheran Church of Uganda

**Missionaries:** Rev. Daniel & Kathryn Conrad and  
Rev. Dr. Quintin & Lindsay Cundiff

**Pastors:** Rev. Aaron Filipek and Rev. Daniel Metzger

**Circuit Visitor:** Rev. Mark Lovett

**Circuit Visitor-Elect:** Rev. Michael Brockman

**District President:** Rev. Justin Panzer

**Synod President:** Rev. Matthew Harrison

**Baptismal Anniversaries:** Simon Stone, Patricia Sites, Ron  
Rooker, Olivia Schneider, Michael Unruh, and Jim Hubbard

**Training/Deployed in Our Armed Forces:** Caleb Bartel,  
Dawson Bromlow, Keaton Wellner, Tori Myers

**Our Schools:** Concordia Academy, Euraquilo Christian  
Academy (VanSant Homeschool), Luther Classical College,  
Concordia University Chicago, CSL and CTSFW (LCMS  
seminaries)

**Prayer Petitions:** The Thompson Family, (*Amy Filipek's  
cousin's husband passed away*), Sharon Hastings, (*health*),  
David Van Sant, (*health*), D. P. Fahrenthold, (*health*),  
Malachi Mapleswright, (*Herbert Family friend*), Karla  
Atkinson, (*Ashley and Jennifer's mother*), Gregg Goscha,  
(*health*), Mary Kay Larson, (*friend of Hannah Magill*), Tracie  
Stephenson, (*Sheryl Anderson's cousin*), Rachel Lewis,  
(*Godchild of the Wortz's*), Stephanie Gilmore, (*Kirsten  
Bartel's mother*), Gayla Taylor, (*Wife of Joel Taylor*), Evie  
Meyers, (*Miriam Nickel's Daughter*), Rachel Brewer, (*friend  
of Christie and Dick Lewallen*), Matthew Hastings, Julia  
Lessman, (*granddaughter of the Lessmans*), Gary, (*brother of  
Angie Patterson*)

**Birthdays:** Barbara Withrow, Gary Wortz, Florence Lavery,  
Gladys Heitzman, and Jake Kuhlman

**Shut-ins:** Amy Fox, Gil Holstein, Florence Lavery, Judy  
Rollins, Louise Smith, Mary Tomlinson

**READINGS for next Sunday**

~Fifth Sunday in Lent ~

**OLD TESTAMENT READING:** Genesis 22:1-14

**EPISTLE:** Hebrews 9:11-15

**GOSPEL:** John 8:42-59

**ORATIO MEDITATIO TENTATIO:** Our theological reading group meets next on **April 22, as follows: 8:30a.m. Matins; 9:15a.m. Reading Discussion; 11:15a.m. Prayer; 11:30a.m. lunch.** We will discuss *Behold the Thief with the Eyes of Faith: Greek and Latin Sermons on the Good Thief.* St. Vladimir's Seminary Press, 2024.

**YOUR COMPREHENSIVE SOURCE FOR NEWS, INFORMATION & TRUTH...** Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. Recent teachings include: Christians & Public Schools; God Promises in Isaiah; A Pro-Family Housing Agenda; The Effect of Same-Sex Marriage on Children; "The Day of the Lord" in the Bible and more. You can listen at your convenience at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn, the LPR mobile app and a podcast provider.

**LITURGICAL LIVING** We will meet at Trudy's house March 30<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 p.m. We will discuss faithful mothers Perpetua and Felicitas and share in fellowship. Questions about the group? Contact Trudy Unruh for more details.

**AFTERNOON OF MUSIC AND THE ARTS** Please join the Students of Concordia Academy on Sunday, April 6 at 3pm for their Afternoon of Music and the Arts. The students will present a brief musical program beginning at 3 in the Sanctuary at Immanuel followed by a display of their art and written papers along with treats in the Fellowship Hall. Sunday, April 6 at 3pm, 909 S Market St. All are welcome!

**FAITH AT WORK** On April 26<sup>th</sup>, volunteers are invited to help the Orphan Grain Train at 9 a.m. This includes warehouse work, but those with light lifting restrictions or need to sit while working will be accommodated. Sign up in the church basement or email Keith Buhr. A yellow "Faith at Work" shirt will be provided if you do not already have one.

**LENTEN MEALS** A simple soup meal will be served before Wednesday services during lent. The meals will be served from 5:45-6:30 p.m. and you can come anytime during that time to eat. Service will start at 7 p.m. There is a signup sheet in the narthex if you'd like to help bring food. If you have any questions, please contact Patricia VanSant.

**PHOENIX RISING BENEFIT GALA**

Don't miss our annual Phoenix Rising Benefit Gala on Friday, April 25, 2025. This year we are pleased to host Prof. Louis Markos as our keynote speaker. Tickets available now.

**SAFETY NOTE:** For your safety and the safety of your belongings, please lock your vehicle before entering the Church. Don't leave valuables (cell phones, purses) in car.

**TRINITY POSITIONS OPEN:** Please prayerfully consider offering a bit of your time to volunteer for one of the following positions: Board of Trustees, Board of Evangelism, Hospitality Committee, **Usher**, Altar Guild, and Offering Counter. Call the church office to volunteer, 316-685-1571

<b><u>Trinity Financial Status</u></b> <i>Through February 2025</i>			
	<b><u>Actual</u></b>	<b><u>Budgeted</u></b>	<b><u>Variance</u></b>
Contributions	\$ 44,078	\$ 49,592	\$ (5,515)
Expenditures	\$ 46,083	\$ 49,592	\$ 3,509
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ (2,006)	\$ 0	\$ (2,006)

**DONATE ONLINE!** PayPal is set up for donations on our website. Questions? See Sheryl or Dick.

**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS:**

**National Synod Officer, Board, and Commission Positions**

The Committee for Convention Nominations requests nominations of qualified members of Synod member congregations for positions to be filled by the Synod convention meeting July 18-23, 2026. Officers, agencies, ordained and commissioned ministers, and members congregations and their lay members are all invited to submit nominations, to be received preferably before Aug. 18, 2025 and no later than Oct. 18, 2025. For more information, please go to [lcms.org/nominate](http://lcms.org/nominate). Any member of a congregation with a valid e-mail address will be able to establish an account and submit a nomination.

**FAIRMOUNT MINISTRIES**

- **6:47 Tuesdays @Fairmount!** College Age/Young Adult Fellowship/Bible Group. Bible Study  
Topic: Faith Foundations.  
E-mail [hannah@fairmountministries.org](mailto:hannah@fairmountministries.org) for more info.
- **Faith on Tap April 27th, 2025** - Old School Tap House 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in Kechi. Presentation by Pastor Michael Brockman.

**Those Serving at Trinity in March ...**

***Greeters:*** Tom N. & Allen B.      ***Altar Guild:*** The Wortzes  
***Usher:*** David Kettelman            ***Organist:*** Amy Haist  
***Counter:*** The Wortzes                ***Elder:*** Keith Buhr  
***Acolyte:*** Kane VanSant                ***Crucifer:*** Andrew Filipek