



TRINITY HIGHLIGHTS

MARCH 2025

*The monthly newsletter of
Trinity Lutheran Church
Greencastle, PA*

Family in Christ,

I was born a Lutheran. Many of you were also, others not. My father was born Episcopalian but became Lutheran when he married my mom. Mom was born Roman Catholic, but with Lutheran roots. Upon the death of her one grandfather the whole of her family became Lutheran. I like being Lutheran. From the time that I was a child I loved the stories of the Bible that we were taught in Sunday School. I also loved the stories about great Christians, including the one about Martin Luther. I have read many books about Luther and Lutheranism.

I attended not one, but two Lutheran Seminaries and I am proud of our Lutheran heritage. Lutherans for centuries have been concerned with the care of the sick and vulnerable, with eldercare, with orphans and the like. I grew up in a congregation that supported the Lutheran Home in Southbury, CT. My 42 years in Pennsylvania has taught me to be aware of the good care that folks receive through Lutheran Social Services in the different regions. I have served on boards and committees of Lutheran Social Services, now SpiriTrust Lutheran Services. I visited with church members in both Buffalo Valley Lutheran Home in Lewisburg PA as well as the Gettysburg Lutheran Home, Shrewsbury Lutheran Home and especially in our own Luther Ridge Retirement Community. I have seen the excellent care the residents receive firsthand. I have also seen the excellent care given those nearing death by Lutheran Homecare and Hospice.

In Lutheranism there is a long history of social justice, of loving and caring for others as Christ has commanded. Started by our forefathers and mothers in the faith, people like Theodore Fliedner, William Passavant, Elizabeth Fedde, Clara Maas, Florence Nightingale who cared for people in society in need. Lutheran Social Services, Lutheran World Relief, Lutheran Disaster Response and other agencies in the church have been well regarded for their fine care, for their prudent use of resources, and for caring not only for those in need but also for those employed by them. As charities they rate well by rating services.

As Lutherans we can be proud of our Lutheran Heritage and the work of faith done by the agencies of the church. The work cannot stop here, because, to quote the book of James, "Faith without works is dead." Be proud of our heritage of helping and help the work of Christ here on earth to continue.

*In Christ,
Pastor Denise*

MARCH 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Lutheran Men ELC 7PM
2 Transfiguration Sunday School 9AM Worship in Sanctuary and Facebook Live 10:15 AM	3 Scouts 6:30PM AA 7PM	4	5 Ash Wednesday Ash Wednesday Worship at ELC 7PM Scout Mtg 7:30PM	6	7 Scout Mtg 6PM AA 7PM	8 
9 Lent 1 Sunday School 9AM Worship in Sanctuary and Facebook Live	10 AA 7PM	11	12 Lent Meal 6PM Worship 6:45 PM @TLC Council Mtg	13	14 AA 7PM	15
16 Lent 2 Sunday School 9AM Worship in Sanctuary and Facebook Live Conference Ass @ TLC 2PM	17 Scouts 6:30PM AA 7PM	18	19 Lent Meal 6PM Worship 6:45 PM @ Salem Worship & Music	20	21 Scout Mtg 6PM AA 7PM	22
23 Lent 3 Sunday School 9AM Worship in Sanctuary and Facebook Live	24 Scouts 6:30PM AA 7PM	25	26 Lent Meal 6PM Worship 6:45 PM @ ELC	27	28 AA 7PM	29
30 Lent 4 Sunday School 9AM Worship in Sanctuary and Facebook Live	31 Scouts 6:30PM AA 7PM					

March Worship Assistants

	MARCH 2	MARCH 9	MARCH 16	MARCH 23	MARCH 30
Assisting Minister	Don Swart	Charlie Ford	Ella Swart	Ella Swart	Scott Valentine
Communion Assistants	Sue Wunderlich Mary Thomas	Wendy Hall Carol Swart	Mary Thomas Donna Wolfe	Darrell Swart Wendy Hall	Sue Wunderlich Mary Thomas
Communion Cups	Josie Thomas	Josie Thomas	Josie Thomas	Josie Thomas	Josie Thomas
Greeters	Sally Funk	Shirley Freeman	Sue Wunderlich	Norra Swart	Alice Marsh
Ushers	Darrell Swart	Donna Wolfe	Alan Shank	Norra Swart	Rob Marsh
Singer	Ella Swart	Hannah Ford	The Choir	Phyllis McCullough	Matt Cessna Hannah Ford
IT Ministry	IT Team	IT Team	IT Team	IT Team	IT Team
Communion Preparers	Charlie and Beth Ford	Alice Marsh	Donna Wolfe Sue Wunderlich	Charlie and Beth Ford	Alice Marsh
Media Shout	Scott Valentine	Ivan Wingert	James Thomas	Ivan Wingert	James Thomas



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Barbara Grane at the Greencastle Food Pantry is asking for our help to stock the shelves. To help us focus our efforts, each week we'll assign a food item. Please bring the assigned item when you come to worship to place in the box in the Narthex or to the church on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday mornings.

- March 2 Salad dressing
- March 9 Cereal
- March 16 Peanut butter
- March 23 Rice or pasta mixes
- March 30 Soup

MEN IN MISSION

The ELC Men in Mission (MIM) Group will be meeting on March 1 at 6 PM in the Hospitality Room at ELC. We invite men from Trinity to join us for prayer, fellowship, and Bible study. Refreshments will be served and we will adjourn no later than 7:30. All are welcome!



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Women's Bible Study is taking a look at The Books of Revelation. We meet on Tuesdays, from 1-2PM in the Adult Sunday School Room. Plan to join us and feel free to bring a friend. If you have any questions please speak with Phyllis McCullough.

MARCH SPECIAL APPEAL

The special appeal for March is Waynesboro Area Community and Human Services. This agency serves people who live in the Waynesboro Area and Greencastle-Antrim School Districts. They have funds to help people with utility, housing and other kinds of bills. They also have large, free food and clothing banks. If you desire to make a monetary donation, please mark your envelope for "Special Appeal".



2025
LENTEN MIDWEEK and HOLY WEEK SERVICES
Evangelical, Greencastle
Salem, Marion
Trinity, Greencastle

A Simple Soup Supper AT 6PM Followed by Worship at 6:45 PM on the Wednesdays in Lent

Lenten Hymns: Their History and Meaning

DATE	TOPIC	LOCATION	TIME
March 5	<i>Ash Wednesday Worship</i>	Evangelical	7:00 PM
March 12	<i>Beneath the Cross of Jesus</i>	Trinity	6:45 PM
March 19	<i>I Want Jesus to Walk With Me</i>	Salem	6:45 PM
March 26	<i>There in God's Garden</i>	Evangelical	6:45PM
April 2	<i>Were You There</i>	Evangelical	6:45 PM
April 9	<i>I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say</i>	Trinity	6:45 PM
April 17	<i>Maundy Thursday Worship</i>	Trinity	7:00 PM
April 18	<i>Good Friday Worship</i>	Salem	7:00 PM



Easter Flowers

EASTER FLOWERS

We will be decorating the sanctuary for Easter with tulips, hyacinths, mums and daffodils. Lilies will be used to decorate the narthex. If you would like to order one of these plants, please fill out a form and return it by **March 25**. The form and money can be brought to worship on Sunday or dropped off at the Church Office by March 25. You may also either call or email the Church Office (717-597-9348 or tlcsecoffice@gmail.com) with your order. Forms are available on the table in the Lobby. The plants can be placed in memory or in honor of someone and taken home following the service on Easter Sunday.



HELP NEEDED

Trinity will be hosting the Wednesday Lenten Soup Suppers on March 12 and April 9. People are needed who would be willing to donate soup, bread or dessert for those two weeks. It does not need to be homemade. If you can provide something, please sign up on the bulletin board in the Lobby or contact the Church Office at 717-597-9348.

COMMUNITY PALM SUNDAY SERVICE

The Greencastle Ministerium will hold a Community Palm Sunday service at the Assembly of God on Sunday, April 13 at 6:00 PM. Please plan to attend.



THE LARGE CATECHISM

When you are forcibly volunteered to teach a Sunday School Class, one of the things you hope will be included in the deal is a teacher's edition of the material. A teacher's edition should give greater depth and information on the subject the students are studying, helping you avoid being asked a question on the topic that is beyond you.

Last time, looking at the Lutheran Confessions, we looked at the Small Catechism, written by Martin Luther as a brief guide to the faith in a form that can be memorized by laity unable to read. I mentioned that some people think it is a joke to ask, "Is there a big catechism, too?" Yes, enter the work known as the Large Catechism.

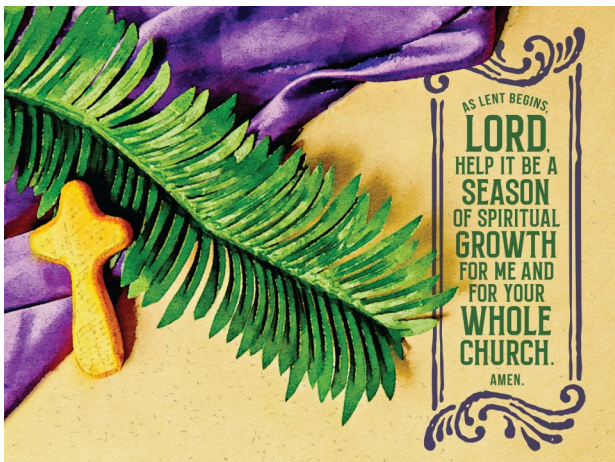
The Large Catechism was written by Luther for a different audience than the Small Catechism. It was written for clergy who could read. It is essentially the teacher's edition of the catechism. It has the same topics – 10 Commandments, Creed, Lord's Prayer, ... However, it takes each subject and fills in in much greater detail. For instance, in the Small Catechism, the first commandment, "Have no other Gods" is dealt with in the space of this paragraph. In the Large Catechism, Luther expands this, talking about what having another God means and looks like. It fills a number of pages and would fill this newsletter. It is a big aid to anyone who feels the explanations in the Small Catechism are too brief and want more to go on.

The Large Catechism is large because it does not have to be able to be memorized by those unable to read. It is not written in particularly difficult language (other than the original was in German). Luther is famous for his dismay at the educational level of the clergy of the day. He writes partly as an aid to teaching but also that the clergy become educated themselves on these very topics. So, it does not demand prior theological education. As such, it is a great read for anyone interested in adding a bit of depth to their understanding of the faith. Unfortunately, it is too large to fit in booklet form, like the Small Catechism, but not really large enough to form a bestselling book and so is not easy to find in a cheap form. There are, however, a few such editions out there. It would be a good thing to read if you find yourself forcibly volunteered to teach the Small Catechism to a group.

- Martin Horn

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP MEETING

The March meeting of the Greencastle-Antrim Christian Women's Fellowship will be held at 9:30 AM on March 25 in Memorial Fellowship Hall of Evangelical Lutheran, Greencastle. The speaker for March will be Pastor Mike Carey. His topic will be *I Am What I Am Because of Christ*.



CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL



Members of the Congregational Council for 2025 are:

Darrell Swart
Beth Ford
Wendy Hall
Sue Snyder
Mary Thomas
Don Swart
Ella Swart (Youth Representative)

Non-Voting Members:

Pam Arnold - Financial Secretary
Carol Swart - Treasurer