

OUR RESPONSE TO CHRIST'S LOVE

Attendance: Saturday: 34
Sunday: 121
Total: 155 Average: 157
Wednesday - 54

ACOLYTES SERVING THE LORD

Saturday, 7:00pm Aleah Frahm & Aubrey Kottke
Sunday, 9:00am Colton Frandsen & Alex LaVake
Wednesday, 7:00pm Michael Meyer & Nick Pittman

This Week's Calendar March 20 - 28

Saturday, March 20

7:00pm Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday, March 21

9:00am Worship with Holy Communion / Live-Streamed
10:00am Bible Study / Live-Streamed
7:00pm Evening LWML / Live-Streamed

Monday, March 22

Tuesday, March 23

Wednesday, March 24

8:15am School Chapel / Live Streamed
9:00am Child Care Chapel
9:00am – 12:00pm Quilting
5:00pm – 6:30pm Lenten Meal – Bulk Chili Sale
6:00pm Confirmation Class
7:00pm Mid-Week Lent Worship / Live-Streamed
7:45pm Confirmation Planning Meeting

Thursday, March 25

10:00am Chapel at Athenian (Residents Only)

Friday, March 26

Saturday, March 27

3:15pm Baptism of Willow Lee Roesler
4:00pm Worship (**NOTE TIME CHANGE**)
Baptism of Jazzalyn Grace Hardin
Door Offering for the Bill Blake Family

Sunday, March 28

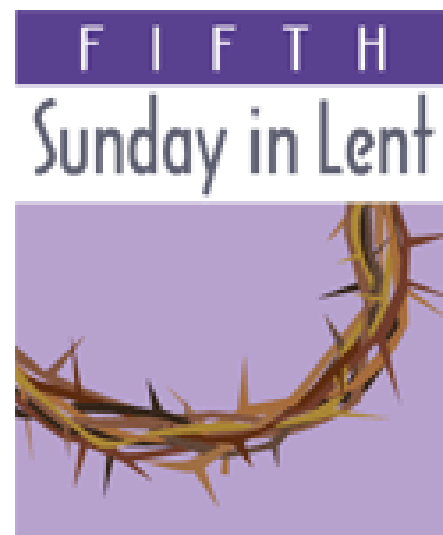
9:00am Worship / Live-Streamed
Door Offering for the Bill Blake Family
NO SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, SCHOOL & CHILD CARE

Athens, Wisconsin

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD

*Our Mission – "Know Christ personally
and make Him known."*



Fifth Sunday in Lent

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March 20 & 21, 2021

Saturday Worship – 7:00pm

Sunday Worship – 9:00am

In-House / Live-Stream / Drive-Up

Bible Study after Sunday Morning Worship

PRAYER BEFORE DIVINE WORSHIP

Heavenly Father, You sent Your Son as the ultimate revelation of Your will for all people, send us now, by the power of Your Holy Spirit, to reveal Him to those around us. May our words point to our Savior's cross. May our actions be ways to witness how You have changed us and how You work in us. May all that we do and say be to Your glory. Through Jesus Christ our Lord . . .

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Holy Communion and Examination for Members & Guests: We believe that the Sacrament of Holy Communion is a gift of Christ to His Church. However, all who receive this gift must first examine themselves concerning matters of Biblical faith and Godly living, as St. Paul instructs us: "A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup." (1 Corinthians 11:28) Therefore, prior to celebrating Holy Communion, we ask that we prayerfully consider the following: • Do I humbly acknowledge that I am a sinner and am I heartily sorry for my sins? • Do I believe in Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior? Do I believe Jesus died on the cross to take away my sins and the sins of the whole world? • Do I believe that in the Lord's Supper, I receive the true Body and true Blood of my Savior, Jesus Christ, in, with and under the bread and the wine? • Do I believe that God, my merciful Father, forgives me all my sins for Jesus' sake? • Do I desire by the power of the Holy Spirit and the instruction of God's Word to live a life pleasing to Him? We believe your "Yes!" to these questions affirms a common faith with confirmed Lutheran Christians and is your invitation to our Lord's Table of Holy Communion.

If you have any questions or doubts about what we teach and believe concerning the Lord's Supper, please visit with an Elder or Pastor prior to communing.

2021 Lent Theme: What one shape most defines Christianity? The Cross, but why? The cross is a symbol of love because Jesus took our place on the cross. Why are there so many different shapes for crosses? Do these shapes have meaning? Why do some crosses have Jesus on them, and others not? During Lent and Holy Week, we are talking about the history and meaning of many of the shapes of the cross, and the special blessings that are to be found in these shapes. Join us in this educational sermon series that will help us all grow in our love for our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Mid-Week Lenten Worship Services will wrap up this week with Wednesday evening Worship at 7:00pm. Please join us!

Worship Time Change: Please note that Saturday Worship next weekend, March 27th, has been changed to **4:00pm**. This change was made because of a request by our high school students. The Athens High School Prom / Homecoming is that day, and this time change will make it easier for students to join us for worship before taking part in the evening activities.

Reminder... The last Mid-Week Lent Meal on March 24th will be a **Bulk Chili Sale** (pre-orders only) to benefit the Church Worker Scholarship Fund. Call with your **Pre-Order** by Monday, March 22nd. Call your order in to either Kaye (715-218-1663) or the church office (257-7526).

Door Offering: Most of us know Bill & Lori Blake and are aware of the struggles they are facing. At our Council Meeting this past week it was decided to have a door offering to help the family. The door offering will be next weekend, Saturday, March 27th and again on Sunday, March 28th. Please keep Bill & Lori in your prayers. Thank you.

Important Dates to Note: Budget Committee Meeting will be Thursday, April 15th; Church Council will meet a week later than normal, Wednesday, April 21st; and Voter's Assembly will be after Worship on Sunday, April 25th.

Nominations for Office are to be turned in to the church office before Monday, April 5th. With Trinity changing from a Calendar Year to a Fiscal Year, terms of office will begin July 1st. Nominations are being accepted for the following positions – Church Secretary, Youth Coordinator, Board of Elders, Board of Christian Education, Board of Trustees and Board of Stewardship. If you would like to run for any of these positions, or have someone you wish to nominate, please call the church office before April 5th. Voting will take place during our April Voter's Assembly after Worship on the 25th. Thank you.

Matching Funds Reminder: Donations to the Major Building Repair Fund through Easter will be matched, up to \$40,000. *Thank you!* Donations are to be above and beyond our regular giving.

School Choice Application Period is open through April 15th. Go online at www.dpi.wi.gov/choice to begin the application process. Questions? Please contact either Mr. Frick or Sara Paul.

Gently Used Office Supply Donations will be accepted through March 28th. Donations go to the Open Door of Marathon County, which is dedicated to providing service, support and a helping hand to currently released inmates. They also provide Life Skills classes.