



In Western Christianity, Ash Wednesday, (February 14, 2018) marks the first day, or the start of the season of Lent, which begins 40 days prior to Easter (Sundays are not included in the count). Lent is a time when many Christians prepare for Easter by observing a period of fasting, repentance, moderation and prayer. The date is different every year because it is dependent upon the Date of Easter. Accordingly Ash Wednesday derives its name from the practice of placing ashes on the foreheads of adherents as a sign of mourning and repentance to God. The ashes used are typically gathered after the palms from the previous year's Palm Sunday are burned.

The 40 day period is derived from the canonical gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke; Jesus spent 40 days fasting in the desert before the beginning of his public ministry, during which time he endured temptation by Satan.

Not all Christian churches observe Ash Wednesday or Lent. They are mostly observed by the Lutheran, Methodist, Presbyterian and Anglican denominations, and also by Roman Catholics.

Trinity Lutheran Church will offer a traditional **Ash Wednesday service, February 14, at 7:00pm**. The Lenten season will be under way and TLC will offer an **additional five mid-week services beginning at 5:30pm, February 21 through March 21, to observe the 6 weeks of Lent leading up to Holy Week (March 25, Palm Sunday, through to Easter, April 1)**. During Holy Week TLC will also observe a traditional **Maundy Thursday and Good Friday Service on March 29 & March 30, respectively**. **These two special services will begin at 7pm**.

All mid-week Wednesday services are preceded by a light supper in the Fellowship Hall, with the exception of Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. If you would like to experience a traditional Lenten Season and special services please join us during this Holy season as we prepare for the celebration of the resurrection of Christ on Easter.

Please scroll down for more details on our Lenten Services.



Ash Wednesday 7:00pm	2/14/18	A traditional service including the disposition of ashes. No meal to follow.
1 st Lenten Wed. 5:30pm	2/21/18	<div style="border: 1px solid purple; padding: 10px;"> <p>Join TLC each Wednesday evening at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall for a light meal. The Lenten service will follow, also in the Fellowship Hall with a special Lenten message. TLC will offer five mid-week services to enhance this most holy season and carry us into Holy Week which begins with Palm Sunday and culminates with Easter.</p> <hr/> <p>Join us as we anticipate the death and resurrection of Christ Jesus!</p> </div>
2 nd Lenten Wed. 5:30pm	2/28/18	
3 rd Lenten Wed. 5:30pm	3/07/18	
4 th Lenten Wed. 5:30pm	3/14/18	
5 th Lenten Wed. 5:30pm	3/21/18	
Palm Sunday	3/25/18	
Maundy Thursday 7:00pm	3/29/18	
Good Friday 7:00pm	3/30/18	
Easter!	4/01/18	TLC will celebrate the resurrection of Christ in both the 8:00am service and the 10:30am service.

He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!