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December 7, 2025 — Second Sunday in Advent

By the Preaching of Repentance, We Are Prepared for the Coming of the Lord

"John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, 'Repent'" (Matt. 3:1–2). His preaching of repentance for the forgiveness of sins prepared people for the coming of Christ into the world. St. John's work was historically complete with the incarnate advent of Jesus, but his vital ministry continues in preaching Law and Gospel. The Son of God has come in the flesh, *"a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots"* (Is. 11:1), and continues to bear the fruits of righteousness. His good tree of the cross is *"a signal for the peoples"* (Is. 11:10), by which He calls the nations to repentance. *"With the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips"* (Is. 11:4), He slays the wicked and brings the dead to life, making sons of Abraham out of lifeless stones. So also the *"root of Jesse"* comes to us, *"even he who arises to rule the Gentiles"* (Rom. 15:12), that *"we might have hope"* and be filled *"with all joy and peace in believing"* (Rom. 15:4, 13).

DIVINE SERVICE

ORDER OF SERVICE

Divine Service, Setting Four, *LSB* 203

CREED: Apostle's

HYMNS

Opening Hymn:

LSB 346 "When All the World Was Cursed"

Sermon Hymn:

LSB 344 "On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry"

Offering Hymn:

LSB 781 vv. 1–2 "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

Distribution/Third Hymn:

LSB 606 "I Lay My Sins on Jesus"

Closing Hymn:

LSB 352 "Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord"

SERMON TEXT AND THEME

Matthew 3:1–12

"The Preaching of John"

IN OUR PRAYERS **

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TRINITY BIRTHDAYS:

Ann Borgmann 12/10

Marilyn Markhardt 12/12

TRINITY ANNIVERSARY:

Collin & Anastasia Borgmann 12/12

ST. PAUL'S BIRTHDAYS:

Andrea Morenz 12/10; Larry Hoffman 12/12

Kristofer Guindon 12/13; Billie Madsen 12/13

ST. PAUL'S ANNIVERSARIES:

none

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LUTHERANS FOR LIFE THOUGHT

We rejoice that God Himself defends the cause of the poor and needy (Psalm 72:4) and that He does this primarily through us, His saints. We must be careful, however, that we don't fall into self-righteousness and become a pharisaical "brood of vipers" (Matthew 3:7), always pointing out the sins of others while neglecting our own. Instead, as children of Abraham, we are all to "bear fruit in keeping with repentance" (Matthew 3:8), remembering that the things of God's Word were "written for our instruction" (Romans 15:4), as well as for the instruction of others. • lutheransforlife.org



ANNOUNCEMENTS

The December 2025 **District News** is available this morning.

LWML Trinity December 9, 2025. Ruth Circle will meet at 1 p.m. for their regular business. At 2 p.m., Hope and Ruth Circle will celebrate Christmas with the "Circle of Light" devotion and refreshments. At 3 p.m. Hope Circle will meet for their regular business.

The Plankinton Catholic Daughters are hosting **Christmas Caroling** and would love for any of our adult parishioners -- male or female -- to join them. They will meet at the Plankinton Catholic Church Sunday December 14, 2025, at 5 p.m. They plan to use a small wagon with seating for 10–12 and other vehicles as needed. Please contact Mary Mayclin (605-630-9286) for more information.

2025-12-07 Second Sunday in Advent

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH † TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH CALENDAR AND INFORMATION

Sun. Dec. 7	8:30 a.m.	Divine Service at St. Paul's
	9:15 a.m.	Trinity Children's Christmas practice
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School at St. Paul's
	10:30 a.m.	Divine Service at Trinity
Mon. Dec. 8	7 p.m.	St. Paul's Catechism Class
Tues. Dec. 9	1 p.m.	LWML Trinity (see Announcements)
Wed. Dec. 10	2:15 p.m.	Release-Time at Trinity
	6:15 p.m.	Trinity's Catechism Class
	7 p.m.	Joint Advent Service at Trinity

Elders: SP: Mike Tuschen; TR: Ben Bogenhagen

Ushers: SP: Lennis T., Howard W.; TR: Ron S., Dan G.

Acolytes: SP: Blake Everson; TR: Blake Bogenhagen

Altar: SP: Deb Haak; TR: Barb Gilbertz

Greeters: 12/07 Howard & Sharon W.; 12/14 Merlyn & Deb H.

November 30 Attendance and Offering: SP: 25, \$755; TR: 26, \$633.95

December 3 First Wed Joint Advent at SP Attendance: SP: 8; TR: 10

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December 14, 2025 — Third Sunday in Advent

The Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ Brings True Rejoicing, Even Under the Cross

Sometimes life requires the astonishing patience of Job. Like him, we are to rejoice in the midst of affliction, be grounded in repentance under the cross of Christ, and hope relentlessly in His resurrection, that we might see *“the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful”* (James 5:11). In the promise of the Gospel, therefore, *“be patient”* and *“establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand”* (James 5:7, 8). Like St. John the Baptist, whatever your own kind of prison or suffering may be, call upon Jesus and receive the strength of His Word from those He sends to you. For as *“the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up,”* so is the Good News of Jesus preached to you also (Matt. 11:5). He comes and restores the fortunes of Zion, His Holy Church, so that *“sorrow and sighing shall flee away”* (Is. 35:10).

DIVINE SERVICE

ORDER OF SERVICE

Divine Service, Setting Four, *LSB* 203

CREED: Nicene

HYMNS

Opening Hymn:

LSB 332 “Savior of the Nations, Come” st. 1–4, 8

Sermon Hymn:

LSB 347 “Comfort, Comfort Ye My People”

Offering Hymn:

LSB 781 vv. 1–2 “We Give Thee But Thine Own”

Distribution Hymn:

LSB 335 “O Bride of Christ, Rejoice”

Closing Hymn:

LSB 386 “Now Sing We, Now Rejoice”

SERMON TEXT AND THEME

Matthew 11:2–11

“The Message of Advent”

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TRINITY BIRTHDAYS: none

TRINITY ANNIVERSARY: none

ST. PAUL'S BIRTHDAYS: Tessa Overweg 12/17; Robert Fink 12/17
Carol Schaefer 12/18

ST. PAUL'S ANNIVERSARIES: none

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LUTHERANS FOR LIFE THOUGHT

God sends us, like John, to be His messengers and share His Gospel with the world before He comes (Matthew 11:10). Instead of grumbling against one another (James 5:9), we have the privilege of sharing Christ's forgiveness, comfort, and encouragement with those having feeble knees and anxious hearts (Isaiah 35:3-4), especially with those frightened women facing surprise pregnancies, women enduring the cross of barrenness, and those carrying the guilt of abortion.. • lutheransforlife.org



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The **Third Wednesday Joint Advent Service** will be held at St. Paul's this Wednesday at 7 p.m. The third week of Advent is the week of Joy.

White Lake Dakota Senior Meals Christmas dinner fundraiser will be Thursday, December 18, 2025, at the White Lake Senior Center from 11:30 a.m. to 12 Noon. All White Lake Area Seniors are invited to attend this meal. There will be a free-will donation. Thrivent Financial will be serving desserts and providing door prizes. **Please RSVP to Bev by Monday morning, December 16** at 605-249-2367 if you plan to attend.

2025-12-14 Third Sunday in Advent

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH † TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH CALENDAR AND INFORMATION

Sun. Dec. 14 8:30 a.m. Divine Service at St. Paul's
 9:15 a.m. Trinity Children's Christmas practice
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School at St. Paul's
 10:30 a.m. Divine Service at Trinity
Mon. Dec. 15 7 p.m. St. Paul's Catechism Class
Wed. Dec. 17 2:15 p.m. Release-Time at Trinity
 TBD Trinity's Catechism Class
 7 p.m. Joint Advent Service at St. Paul's

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Altar: SP: Deb Haak; TR: Barb Gilbertz

Greeters: 12/14 Merlyn & Deb H.; 12/21 Carol S.

December 7 Attendance and Offering: SP: 20, \$870; TR: 30, \$2146

December 10 Second Wed Joint Advent at TR Attendance: SP: 0; TR: 12

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December 21, 2025 — Fourth Sunday in Advent

God's Word Is Fulfilled for Us in the Flesh and Blood of Jesus

The Fourth Sunday in Advent turns our attention toward the Nativity of Our Lord. With the blessed Virgin Mary, we await the coming of the Christ, her Son, conceived in her womb by the Word and Spirit of God. This fulfillment of the sign once given to the house of David, that *"the virgin shall conceive and bear a son"* (Is. 7:14), is now given to us in the Gospel. It is the way and means by which the Lord our God is Immanuel, "God with us." The almighty and eternal Son of God is conceived and born of Mary, and is thus *"descended from David according to the flesh"* (Rom. 1:3–4). He comes in this way to save us with His own flesh and blood; wherefore, He is called *"Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins"* (Matt. 1:21). As Joseph received this sign in faith and immediately *"did as the angel of the Lord commanded him"* (Matt. 1:24), we also live by faith in this Holy Gospel.

DIVINE SERVICE

ORDER OF SERVICE

Divine Service, Setting Four, *LSB* 203

CREED: Nicene

HYMNS

Opening Hymn:

LSB 359 "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

Sermon Hymn:

LSB 383 "A Great and Mighty Wonder"

Offering Hymn:

LSB 781 vv. 1–2 "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

Distribution Hymn:

LSB 623 "Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray"

Closing Hymn:

LSB 384 "Of the Father's Love Begotten"

SERMON TEXT AND THEME

John 8:12: *"Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.'"*

"Jesus, the Light of the World"

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TRINITY BIRTHDAYS: Lindsay Zobrist 12/22; Rachal Byrd 12/25
Blake Bogenhagen 12/26

TRINITY ANNIVERSARIES: none

ST. PAUL'S BIRTHDAYS: Brent Morenz 12/21; Sandy Tuschen 12/22;
Ruth Merrill 12/23

ST. PAUL'S ANNIVERSARIES: none

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LUTHERANS FOR LIFE THOUGHT

The birth of the King of Glory (Psalm 24:7) is surrounded by the messiness of human sin and intrigue (Matthew 1:18-25). As we rejoice that our Lord has taken on our human likeness with all its sin and pain, being "descended from David according to the flesh" (Romans 1:3), we can also rejoice that Jesus has sanctified every human life, even those born in circumstances which are surrounded by sin and pain. • lutheransforlife.org



ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Children's Christmas Eve Service

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Wed, December 24, 2025, 5 p.m., at Trinity

Christmas Day Service

Thu, December 25, 2025, 10:30 a.m., at St. Paul's



Thank you to Farmers & Merchants State Bank of Plankinton and White Lake for the monetary gift to each congregation.

Trinity Annual Voters Meeting will be Tuesday, January 20, 2026, 7 p.m.

2025-12-21 Fourth Sunday in Advent

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH † TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH CALENDAR AND INFORMATION

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	9:30 a.m.	Trinity Children's Christmas practice
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School at St. Paul's
	10:30 a.m.	Divine Service at Trinity
	11:30 a.m.	Trinity's Catechism Class
Mon. Dec. 22	7 p.m.	St. Paul's Catechism Class
Tues. Dec. 23	2 p.m.	Trinity Children's Christmas practice
Wed. Dec. 24	5 p.m.	Children's Christmas Eve Service, TR
Thu. Dec. 25	10:30 a.m.	Joint Christmas Day Service at SP

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Ushers: SP: Lennis T., Howard W.; TR: Ron S., Dan G.

Acolytes: SP: Blake Everson; TR: Blake Bogenhagen

Altar: SP: Deb Haak; TR: Barb Gilbertz

Greeters: 12/21 Carol S.; 12/28 Kieth & Cathy A.

December 14 Attendance and Offering: SP: 19, \$600; TR: 24, \$1142

December 17 Third Wed Joint Advent at SP: Attendance: SP: 5; TR: 12

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December 28, 2025 — First Sunday after Christmas

The Lord Jesus Undergoes a New Exodus to Save His People

Herod's efforts to destroy the little Lord Jesus anticipate the cross for which He was born. In response to Herod's edict, Joseph must *"take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt"* (Matt. 2:13). But the Lord does not abandon the Holy Family there. He brings about salvation for all people, just as He *"had spoken by the prophet, 'Out of Egypt I called my son'"* (Matt. 2:15). With might and strength, God accompanies His people, causing *"his glorious arm to go at the right hand of Moses"* (Is. 63:12). Now through Jesus, even our afflictions are borne by Christ on the cross. *"He redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them"* (Is. 63:9). All of this is accomplished by God's might so that we, too, are claimed as members of His family. Thus redeemed by Christ, no longer slaves of sin and death but beloved children and heirs of God, we pray in Jesus' name: *"Abba! Father!"* (Gal. 4:4–6).

DIVINE SERVICE

ORDER OF SERVICE

Divine Service, Setting Four, *LSB* 203

CREED: Apostle's

HYMNS

Opening Hymn:

LSB 366 "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

Sermon Hymn:

LSB 374 "Gentle Mary Laid Her Child"

Offering Hymn:

LSB 781 vv. 1–2 "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

Distribution/Third Hymn:

LSB 385 "From East to West"

Closing Hymn:

LSB 387 "Joy to the World"

SERMON THEME AND TEXT

"Paul's Christmas Carol"

1 Timothy 3:16 *Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness: He was manifested in the flesh, vindicated by the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory.*

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 David Bogenhagen 12/30; Josiah Stotts 1/3
TRINITY ANNIVERSARY: Richard & Diana Kieffer 12/30

ST. PAUL'S BIRTHDAYS: none

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LUTHERANS FOR LIFE THOUGHT

"The Word became flesh and dwelt among us" (John 1:14), and in Him is life (John 1:4)! By His holy incarnation, being conceived in the Virgin Mary, growing in her womb, and being born as an ordinary man in Bethlehem (Luke 2:4-6), our Lord Christ has sanctified our human nature, along with every stage of human life and development from the womb to forever. • lutheransforlife.org



ANNOUNCEMENTS

2026 Worship Schedule beginning January 4, 2026

8:30 a.m. Divine Service at Trinity White Lake
9:30 a.m. Sunday School at St. Paul's
10:30 a.m. Divine Service at St. Paul's Plankinton

St. Paul's Council will meet Tuesday, January 13, 2026, 7 p.m.

Trinity Annual Voters Meeting will be Tuesday, January 20, 2026, 7 p.m.

St. Paul's Annual Voters Meeting will be Sunday, January 25, 2026, following the Divine Service.

January 2026 newsletter will be available January 4, 2026. Articles are due Tuesday, December 30, 2025.

2025-12-28 First Sunday after Christmas

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH † TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH CALENDAR AND INFORMATION

Sun. Dec. 28 8:30 a.m. Divine Service at St. Paul's
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School at St. Paul's
 10:30 a.m. Divine Service at Trinity
 11:30 a.m. Trinity's Catechism Class
Mon. Dec. 29 7 p.m. St. Paul's Catechism Class

JANUARY 2026

Elders: SP: Curt Guindon; TR: Scott Meier
Ushers: SP: Kieth Albrecht, Josh Kemp; TR: Dan Meier, Dean Suelflow
Acolytes: SP: Jett Kemp; TR: Blake Bogenhagen
Altar: SP: Sandy Tuschen; TR: Jane Guericke

December 21 Attendance and Offering: SP: 19, \$1147; TR: 31, \$1420
Children's Christmas Eve Attendance at TR: 104

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