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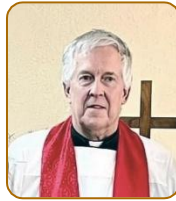
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### EASTER JOY AND HOPE!

Dear Members of Trinity and St. Paul's,

During Lent, we especially think of our sins, and we remember Jesus saying, "Unless you repent, you will all likewise perish." The Lenten hymns that we sing at this time of the year remind us of the horrible suffering and death that Jesus endured for us because of our sins. In the Lenten hymns we sing about guilt for sin, blood, death, bitter pains, sinners ruined by the fall, despair, leprosy of sin, and so many other words and phrases of darkness and death. All of this calls us to see our sins and know how they have separated us from God.

But then we look to Easter when the great joy of the resurrection reminds us that Jesus overcame the darkness of death and gives us a wonderful hope. Just think of the joyful words of the Easter hymns that we will be singing Easter morning. They focus on Christ and all He has done for us to give us a free gift; forgiveness of sins and eternal life with God in Heaven.

The first verse of hymn number 467 says it so well; "Awake, my heart, with gladness, See what today is done; Now, after gloom and sadness, Comes forth the glorious sun. My Savior there was laid Where our bed must be made When to the realms of light Our spirit wings its flight." The resurrection takes us from total darkness and hopelessness to light and assurance of a wonderful eternity with God. And we thank God that we have so many opportunities to hear God's Word and read God's Word which tells of this wonderful hope.

I hope to see you in church!

*Pastor McKillop*

# APRIL 2026

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

## Serving the Lord during April 2026

### Trinity

**Elder** Scott Meier  
**Ushers** Ron Steffen  
Dan Guericke  
**Acolyte** Dayton Simpson  
**Altar** Jane Guericke

### St. Paul's

**Elder** Curt Guindon  
**Ushers** Dan Gerlach  
Mike Tuschen  
**Acolyte** Addisyn Everson  
**Altar** Marlene Johnson  
**Greeters** Apr. 5 Bernice Kollman, Larry Gerlach  
Apr. 12 Merlyn & Deb Haak  
Apr. 19 Peg Hoffman  
Apr. 26 Kieth & Cathy Albrecht

## Scripture Readings for Sundays in April

Apr. 5 Easter Sunday ..... Acts 10:34–43; Colossians 3:1–4; Matthew 28:1–10  
Apr. 12 Second Sunday Easter ..... Acts 5:29–42; 1 Peter 1:3–9; John 20:19–31  
Apr. 19 Third Sunday Easter ..... Acts 2:14a, 36–41; 1 Peter 1:17–25; Luke 24:13–35  
Apr. 26 Fourth Sunday Easter ..... Acts 2:42–47; 1 Peter 2:19–25; John 10:1–10

## Council and Voters Meetings

Trinity Quarterly Voters Meeting ... Tuesday, April 14, 2026, 7 p.m.  
St. Paul's Council and Voters Meetings ... TBD

## Newsletter

The **May newsletter** will be available on/after May 3, 2026. Please submit news/articles to the parish secretary at [trinitywlsd@gmail.com](mailto:trinitywlsd@gmail.com) by Tuesday, April 28, 2026. If you would prefer an emailed digital newsletter instead of a printed copy, please contact Nancy at the same email address. *Thank you!*



## Holy Week Devotions



“Go and tell” are the instructions given by the angel at Christ’s empty tomb, and Christians likewise should tell and instruct our children of Christ’s glorious passion and resurrection (Mark 16:7).

This Holy Week, follow Jesus with your family every day on His journey to the cross and ending at the empty tomb.

Designed to be used even with small children, this series of short devotionals offers brief Bible readings, conversation starters and prayers for every day from Palm to Easter Sunday, allowing your family to put focus on what matters this Holy Week, and every week: Jesus and what He has done for us. **See more at <https://resources.lcms.org/reading-study/holy-week-devotions/>**



## MAIN STREET LIVING APRIL 2026

All programs are interpreted and closed-captioned for the hearing impaired.  
[www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com)

**Broadcast on KDLT (NBC) channels 5.1 / 46.1**

### April 5, 2026

**10 a.m. "A Child's Easter Sermon"** A child shares the joy of Easter with an old shoemaker.

**10:30 a.m.**

**Rev. Randy Sturzenbecher**, President of the South Dakota District LCMS in Sioux Falls, SD, presents a message titled "Helpless, fearful, and hopeless no more, Christ is risen!".

### April 12, 2026

**10 a.m. "Finders Keepers"** A man finds a large sum of money and struggles with the consequences of keeping it.

**10:30 a.m. Rev. Timothy Schleusener**, pastor at Zion Lutheran & St. John's Lutheran Churches in Canistota & Montrose, SD, presents a message titled "But these are written ...". The sermon is based on John 20:19-31.

### April 19, 2026

**10 a.m. "A Girl's Best Friend"** Focusing on the here and now creates problems for a mother and her daughter and prompts spiritual questions for all.

**10:30 a.m. Rev. Joseph Greenmyer**, pastor at Faith & St. Peter's Lutheran Churches in Parkston & Emery, SD, presents a message titled "Where can Jesus be Found?". The sermon is based on Luke 24:13-35.

### April 26, 2026

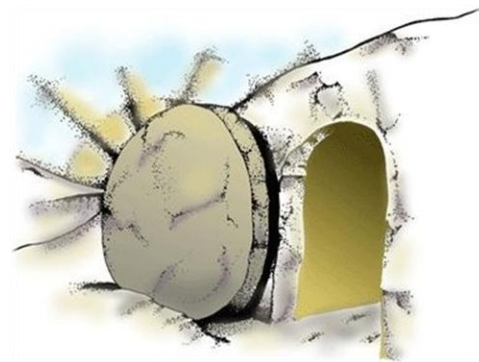
**10 a.m. "Song of the Night"** A son's accident causes his family to question everything.

**10:30 a.m. Rev. Daniel Grimmer**, pastor at Zion Lutheran Church in Mitchell, SD, presents a message titled "Are You Prepared?". The sermon is based on John 10:11-16.



## APRIL 2026

Heidi Geyer, TR .....	Apr. 1
Kitti DeGeest, SP .....	Apr. 3
Lennis Titze, SP .....	Apr. 7
Derik Guindon, SP .....	Apr. 8
Jacey Kemp, SP .....	Apr. 8
<i>Tom &amp; Janice Thiry, TR</i> .....	<i>Apr. 9</i>
Blake Everson, SP .....	Apr. 18
Taylor Morenz, SP .....	Apr. 19
Lola Rana, TR .....	Apr. 19
Ashley Everson, TR .....	Apr. 19
Josh Kemp, SP .....	Apr. 25
Jaylen Kemp, SP .....	Apr. 26
Jose Contreras III, TR .....	Apr. 26
Erin Walti, TR .....	Apr. 27
Melayna Thomas, SP .....	Apr. 27
Jessica Olson, TR .....	Apr. 29





## WORD FROM THE CENTER

For What Really Matters — Look Here!



*<sup>5</sup>Why do you look for the living among the dead? <sup>6</sup>He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee, <sup>7</sup>“The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.”* (Luke 24:5–7).

There are days when we are reminded that many things matter, but that certain things matter the most! Maybe this is one of those days for you. When it comes to finding a good place to “get your act together” or “get your life together,” it may be profitable to look at a healthy eating guide; it may be profitable to look to the latest personal planner; it may be profitable to read some self-motivating books or novels. But none of those places can truly deal with the issues that ail us. On Easter Sunday, God calls all of humanity to look into the empty tomb of Jesus to see their need and also to see His answer to all of their needs. Human beings are sinful, broken, and incapable of their own rescue. **God the Father sent His Son Jesus to live our life, to die our death, and, by His resurrection, to give us eternal life as a gift. So, look into His empty tomb today. It matters for you!**

First, it’s important to realize why it’s important to look into this particular tomb, the empty tomb of Jesus the Christ. In his book, *Therefore Stand*, Wilbur M. Smith notes that “of the four great religions of the world resting directly upon personalities rather than upon some philosophical system, the Christian FAITH is the only one that even talks about an empty tomb in relation to its founder. JESUS.”<sup>1</sup> He adds,

Buddha is dead, Mohammed is dead, Confucius is dead, BUT CHRIST IS ALIVE! But there is even more ... of all the great leaders of the world ... THE PHAROAHS, THE GENERALS, THE WARRIORS, THE EMPERORS, THE KINGS, EVEN THE PRESIDENTS ... You can visit THEM

AT THEIR IMPRESSIVE TOMBS! BUT THEY’RE STILL DEAD.

But the One born of a virgin, who suffered under Pontius Pilate, the One who was crucified, died, and buried, the one with nail marks in His hands and His feet, THIS JESUS, THIS ONE ALONE IS ARISEN AND LIVES AND REIGNS TO ALL ETERNITY.

And, most importantly, the empty tomb of Jesus demonstrates the success of His mission as this world’s Messiah, this world’s Savior. The CROSS PROCLAIMS OUR NEED FOR A SAVIOR, AND THE EMPTY TOMB PROCLAIMS THAT there is only one SAVIOR FOR THE WORLD, one Lord, crucified and risen, WHO, AS THE BIBLE SAYS, “has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel” (2 Tim. 1:10).

Several years ago, I was privileged to lead a group of people to the traditional site of the empty tomb of Jesus. It was an awesome experience. When we stood there together, we were invited to believe and proclaim THAT HE DID ALL OF THIS FOR THE WHOLE WORLD, and He did this FOR EACH OF US as well! Today, by faith, I pray that you can say that too. Don’t look for answers to the ultimate questions of life in people or places that will only disappoint. Look to Christ’s cross and empty tomb as the place where God fulfills His promise of life and salvation for you, both now and forever.

**PRAYER:** Dear Lord Jesus, your cross and resurrection are public displays of the uniqueness of Your mission and ministry. Help me to realize the awesome truth that You did all of that for each and every one of us because You love us. AMEN  
*Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz*

<sup>1</sup> Wilbur W. Smith, *Therefore Stand: A Plea for a Vigorous Apologetic in This Critical Hour of the Christian Faith* (Moody Press, 1945).

# I Know That My Redeemer Lives

LSB 461



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com - fort  
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -  
6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'n - ly friend; He lives and



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who  
ter - nal - ly to save; He lives all - glo - rious  
loves me to the end; He lives, and while He



once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.  
in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.  
lives, I'll sing; He lives, my Proph - et, Priest, and King.

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3 He lives to bless me with His love;  
**He lives to plead for me above;**  
He lives my hungry soul to feed;  
He lives to help in time of need.

*Christ Jesus is the one who died — more than that, who was raised — who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us (Romans 8:34).*

4 He lives to grant me rich supply;  
He lives to **guide me with His eye;**  
He lives to comfort me when faint;  
He lives to **hear my soul's complaint.**

*For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin (Hebrews 4:15).*

5 He lives to **silence all my fears;**  
He lives to **wipe away my tears;**  
He lives to **calm my troubled heart;**  
He lives all blessings to impart.

7 He lives and grants me daily breath;  
**He lives, and I shall conquer death;**  
**He lives my mansion to prepare;**  
**He lives to bring me safely there.**

*But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 15:57).*

8 He lives, all glory to His name!  
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;  
**Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:**  
**I know that my Redeemer lives!**

*Because I live, you also will live (John 14:19).*

*I go to prepare a place for you (John 14:2).*

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Portals of Prayer | March 27, 2026



Mitchell Zone  
South Dakota District

Mitchell Zone  
Spring Christian Life Workshop

# "How to Handle the Sword!"

Ephesians 6:11, 17

**Presentation by Rev. Dr. Brian Mosemann**

**April 25, 2026  
Zion Lutheran Church  
Delmont, SD**

- 9:30 a.m. Registration**
- 10 a.m. Opening Devotion-Rev. McKillop/Mites Offering**
- 10:15 a.m. Presentation by Rev. Dr. Brian Mosemann**
- 11 a.m. Coffee Break**
- 11:15 a.m. Presentation Resumes**
- 12 Noon Closing by Rev. McKillop/Announcements from  
Zone President Diana Kieffer**
- 12:15 p.m. Lunch**

**Gifts from the Heart:  
Cash donations will go to  
Lutheran Braille Workers**

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
			<b>1</b> TR Release-Time 2:15 p.m.	<b>2</b> Maundy Thursday Joint Service at Trinity 7 p.m.	<b>3</b> Good Friday Joint Service at St. Paul's 7 p.m.	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> EASTER Divine Services 8:30 a.m. Trinity 10:30 a.m. St. Paul's	<b>6</b> SP Catechism 7 p.m.	<b>7</b> TR Hope Circle 1 p.m. TR Ruth Circle 6:30 p.m.	<b>8</b> TR Release-Time 2:15 p.m. Joint Bible Class @TR TR Wed. School 5:30 p.m. TR Ctchsm 6:30 p.m.	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> Second Sunday Easter Divine Services 8:30 a.m. Trinity 10:30 a.m. St. Paul's Sunday School 9:30 a.m. St. Paul's	<b>13</b> SP Catechism 7 p.m.	<b>14</b> SP Dorcas Circle 2 p.m. Trinity Voters 7 p.m.	<b>15</b> TR Release-Time 2:15 p.m. Joint Bible Class @TR TR Wed. School 5:30 p.m. TR Ctchsm 6:30 p.m.	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
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