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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

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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"

IN OUR PRAYERS **

FOR HEALTH AND HEALING OF OUR MEMBERS: SP: Chris Heismeyer and Kendra Will. TR: Pam Hallman, Deb Pope, Diana Kieffer, Barb Gilbertz, and Marlene Henthorn.

FOR HEALTH AND HEALING OF OUR MEMBERS IN A NURSING HOME:

TR: Florence Meier in White Lake and Linda Smith in Marion, SD.

FOR HEALTH AND HEALING OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS: TR: Neil Peters, Reiko Pope, and Earl Tripp. SP: Lynn Anderson, Tina Gerlach, Lenora Hoffman, Ron Tobin, Rocky Hauge, and David. SP/TR: Mary Milbrandt. Friends of Pastor McKillop: Darryn, Jane, Nadine Larson, and Keith Wallin. Zoe Jones, daughter of Rev. Dr. Joshua & Jamie Jones, Bethlehem, RC.

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

** Please contact Nancy at trinitywlsd@gmail.com or 605-249-2570 for any updates to this bulletin prayer list. Thank you.

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

Sun. Dec. 21	8:30 a.m.	Divine Service at St. Paul's
	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

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: 12/21 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

THE LORD'S SUPPER is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another.

Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until he comes. We do this because as members of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod we take very seriously the advice of St. Paul in 1 Corinthians 11:28–29, *A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself.*

Self-Examination. 1. Do I believe that I am a sinner? 2. Do I believe and trust in Jesus Christ as my personal Lord and Savior, from sin, death, and the power of the devil? 3. Do I believe that I receive forgiveness for all of my sins through Christ's true body and blood, present in the Sacrament? (Real presence of Christ's body.) 4. Do I promise to amend (or change) my sinful life with the help of the Holy Spirit?

If you have so examined yourself and are in full agreement with us, and have been instructed, you are welcome to receive the Lord's Supper. If you desire to learn more about these beliefs or are interested in learning how to become a member, please talk to Pastor McKillop or one of the elders. Thank you.