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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

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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”

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 and Reiko Pope. SP: Lynn Anderson, Tina Gerlach, Lenora Hoffman, Ron Tobin, Rocky Hauge, and David. SP/TR: Mary Milbrandt. Friends of Pastor McKillop: Darryn, Jane, DJ, Rhonda, Grayson, Nadine Larson, and Keith Wallin. Zoe Jones, daughter of Rev. Dr. Joshua & Jamie Jones, Bethlehem, RC.

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

** 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

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Plankinton Catholic Daughters are hosting **Christmas Caroling** and would love for any of our adult parishioners to join them. Meet at the Plankinton Catholic Church Sunday December 14, 2025, at 5 p.m. **Please contact Mary Mayclin (605-630-9286) for more information.**

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

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: 12/14 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

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.