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November 5, 2023, 5 p.m. at St. Paul's

Saints Are Blessed in the Eternal Presence of Christ

"A great multitude ... from all tribes and peoples and languages" cry out, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne" (Rev. 7:9-10). Faith-filled saints from every place and time with unified voices eternally magnify the Lamb of God. As His beloved children, we, too, "shall see him as he is" (1 John 3:2). Joined with the throng of angels and myriad saints, we shall "serve him day and night in his temple" (Rev. 7:15). In our earthly tension vacillating between saint and sinner, faith and doubt, sacred and profane, we earnestly seek Jesus to calm our fears, comfort our spirits, and forgive our sins. **The Holy Spirit, through faith in Christ, propels us forward to our eternal home, fortifying us in Word and Sacrament.** In the midst of our constant struggle as believers, we need to be blessed. And so we are. The poor in spirit, the meek, the hungry, the thirsty, the merciful, the pure and the persecuted are all blessed, and we will most certainly inherit the kingdom of heaven (Matt. 5:1-12).

ORDER OF SERVICE

Divine Service, Setting Three, *LSB* 184
 Creed: Apostle's

HYMNS

Opening Hymn:
LSB 904 "Blessed Jesus, at Your Word"
 Sermon Hymn:
LSB 672 "Jerusalem, the Golden"
 Offering Hymn:
LSB 781 vv. 1-2 "We Give Thee But Thine Own"
 Distribution Hymns:
LSB 677 "For All the Saints"
LSB 676 "Behold a Host, Arrayed in White"
 Closing Hymn:
LSB 563 "Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness"

SERMON TEXT AND THEME

Matthew 5:1-12
 The Gospel Makes Sinners Saints



IN OUR PRAYERS **

FOR HEALTH AND HEALING OF OUR MEMBERS: SP: Justin Everson, Jean Gerlach, Jerry Boyd, David Merrill, Chris Heismeyer, Kendra Will, and Cheryl Miller. TR: Pam Hallman, Deb Pope, Diana Kieffer, Alice Johnson, and Dona Steffen.

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CHRISTIAN LOVE AND CONDOLENCES for the Bogenhagen family at the death of Nancy's brother, Neil Schochenmaier. We grieve not as those who have no hope (1 Thess 4:13-18). He is now numbered with the saints in heaven.

TRINITY BIRTHDAYS: Aalyah Contreras 11/08; Whitney Hinker 11/11

TRINITY ANNIVERSARIES: Dean & Susan Suelflow 11/07; Ron & Dona Steffen 11/07

ST. PAUL'S BIRTHDAYS: Justin Everson 11/05; Larry Gerlach 11/08; Tyler Anthony 11/10

ST. PAUL'S ANNIVERSARIES: none

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LUTHERANS FOR LIFE QUOTE



November 5, All Saints' Day (Observed): "Our comfort and motivation do not derive from laws. We neither live only according to the body nor labor for this world alone. No matter who holds office or how they decide and lead, the Lord our God reigns." *Pastor Michael Salemink, Lutherans For Life.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

On this All Saints' Day, we remember those who have gone before us in the past year to be joined with the saints in the Church Triumphant in heaven.

SP: Elmer Sorensen, December 23, 1925-December 26, 2022.

Jean Kern, March 30, 1927-March 30, 2023.

TR: Phyllis Sorensen, July 19, 1924-June 1, 2023.

Eleanor Gieseman, February 27, 1930-July 22, 2023.

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2023-11-05 All Saints' Day (Observed)

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH † TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

CALENDAR

Sun. November 5 3:45 p.m. Joint Confirmation at St. Paul's
 SP Sunday School
 5 p.m. Joint Divine Service at St. Paul's
Tues. November 7 2 p.m. LWML TR Hope Circle
Wed. November 8 2:15 p.m. TR Release-Time
 6:30 p.m. LWML TR Ruth Circle
Sun. November 12 3:45 p.m. Joint Confirmation at Trinity
 5 p.m. Joint Divine Service at Trinity
 6 p.m. Bible Class at Trinity

SERVING THE LORD'S CHURCH NOVEMBER 2023

St. Paul's

Elder: Mike Tuschen
Ushers: Lennis Titze
 Howard Weischedel
Acolyte: Jacey Kemp
Altar: Deb Haak

Trinity



Elder: David Bogenhagen
Ushers: Ron Steffen
 Dan Meier
Acolyte: Karter Clark
Altar: Janice Thiry

LAST SERVICES' NUMBERS

	St. Paul's	Trinity
Attendance October 29 at SP	9	20
Offering October 29 at SP	\$1130	

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November 12, 2023, 5 p.m. at St. Paul's

The Gospel Prepares Us for Our Heavenly Bridegroom's Coming

The Day of the Lord is *"darkness, and not light"* (Amos 5:18, 20) for all who trust in their own righteousness and piety. The Lord will not accept their *"burnt offerings and grain offerings,"* nor will He look upon their *"peace offerings"* (Amos 5:22). Instead, He desires a heart of faith that trusts in Him, which lets *"justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream"* (Amos 5:24) in love for the neighbor. In order for the "lamps" of our lives to burn brightly with such love, we must be filled with the "oil" of forgiveness through faith in our Bridegroom, Jesus Christ (Matt. 25:1-4). Therefore, as we await His coming, wisdom directs us *"to the dealers"* (Matt. 25:9), that is, to the ministers of His Gospel. Thus we wait upon the Lord, and we *"encourage one another with these words"* (1 Thess. 4:18). Waking or sleeping, we are prepared to meet Him when He comes *"with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God,"* and *"we will always be with the Lord"* (1 Thess. 4:16, 17).

ORDER OF SERVICE

Divine Service, Setting Three, LSB 184 with Holy Baptism, LSB 268
 Creed: Apostle's

HYMNS

Opening Hymn:
 LSB 596 "All Christians Who Have Been Baptized"
 Sermon Hymn:
 LSB 516 "Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying"
 Offering Hymn:
 LSB 781 vv. 1-2 "We Give Thee But Thine Own"
 Distribution Hymns:
 LSB 514 "The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us"
 LSB 636 "Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness"
 Closing Hymn:
 LSB 663 "Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray"

SERMON TEXT AND THEME

Matthew 25:1-13
 Keep Watch, for You Don't Know the Day nor the Hour

IN OUR PRAYERS **

FOR HEALTH AND HEALING OF OUR MEMBERS: SP: Justin Everson, Jean Gerlach, Jerry Boyd, David Merrill, Chris Heismeyer, Kendra Will, and Cheryl Miller. TR: Pam Hallman, Deb Pope, Diana Kieffer, Alice Johnson, and Dona Steffen.

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TRINITY BIRTHDAYS: Pam Hallman 11/14; Denner Vanden Hoek 11/17

TRINITY ANNIVERSARIES: none

ST. PAUL'S BIRTHDAYS: Ryan Huff 11/13; Jeremy Haak 11/16; Robert Fink 11/17

ST. PAUL'S ANNIVERSARIES: none

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BAPTISM



We rejoice with the Tucker and Brittney Greene family at the baptism of their infant son, Daniel Shad Greene. Sponsors are Trent Greene and Bryan Nau. Daniel will be baptized following the opening hymn this evening.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

White Lake Dakota Senior Meals Thanksgiving dinner will be Thursday, November 16, 2023, 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. A free-will offering will be taken for the meal. A delicious turkey dinner with all of the trimmings will be served. Thrivent Financial will be serving desserts and providing door prizes. **Please RSVP to Bev by Tuesday morning, November 14 at 249-2367** if you plan to attend.

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2023-11-12 Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH † TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

CALENDAR

Sun. November 12 3:45 p.m. Joint Confirmation at Trinity
 5 p.m. Joint Divine Service at Trinity
 6 p.m. Bible Class at Trinity
Mon. November 13 2 p.m. LWML SP Dorcas Circle
Wed. November 15 2:15 p.m. TR Release-Time
Sun. November 19 3:45 p.m. Joint Confirmation at St. Paul's
 SP Sunday School
 5 p.m. Joint Divine Service at St. Paul's

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Trinity



Elder: David Bogenhagen
Ushers: Ron Steffen
 Dan Meier
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Altar: Janice Thiry

LAST SERVICES' NUMBERS

	St. Paul's	Trinity
Attendance November 5 at SP	31	6
Offering November 5 at SP	\$1246	

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Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or elder.

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November 19, 2023, 5 p.m. at St. Paul's

God's Gift of Forgiveness Engenders Our Forgiveness of Others

The Day of the Lord is *"near and hastening fast,"* and it will be *"a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation"* (Zeph. 1:14, 15). The Lord will search out and punish *"the men who are complacent"* concerning His Word, *"who fill their master's house with violence and fraud"* (Zeph. 1:9, 12). Then all their works and efforts will be for nothing: *"Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them"* (Zeph. 1:13). But those who fear, love and trust in the Lord are *"good and faithful"* stewards of His property (Matt. 25:21). They live by faith in His free gift of forgiveness, and they multiply His goods in the loving forgiveness of their neighbor, and *"the master of those servants"* settles His accounts with them by the gracious reckoning of His Gospel (Matt. 25:19). Likewise, *"God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ"* (1 Thess. 5:9). Therefore, let us also *"put on the breastplate of faith and love"* in our dealings with one another (1 Thess. 5:8).

ORDER OF SERVICE

Divine Service, Setting Three, *LSB* 184
 Creed: Apostle's

HYMNS

Opening Hymn:
LSB 608 "Lord, to You I Make Confession"
 Sermon Hymn:
LSB 508 "The Day Is Surely Drawing Near"
 Offering Hymn:
LSB 781 vv. 1–2 "We Give Thee But Thine Own"
 Distribution Hymns:
LSB 667 "Saints, See the Cloud of Witnesses"
LSB 659 "Lord of Our Life"
 Closing Hymn:
LSB 536 "One Thing's Needful"

SERMON TEXT AND THEME

Matthew 25:14–30
 We Use God's Gifts to Spread His Word

IN OUR PRAYERS **

FOR HEALTH AND HEALING OF OUR MEMBERS: SP: Justin Everson, Jean Gerlach, Jerry Boyd, David Merrill, Chris Heismeyer, Kendra Will, and Cheryl Miller. TR: Pam Hallman, Deb Pope, Diana Kieffer, Alice Johnson, and Dona Steffen.

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TRINITY BIRTHDAY: Ben Bogenhagen 11/20

TRINITY ANNIVERSARIES: none

ST. PAUL'S BIRTHDAYS: Curt Guindon 11/24; Chris Heismeyer 11/25

ST. PAUL'S ANNIVERSARIES: none

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LUTHERANS FOR LIFE QUOTE



November 19: "For it can be easy on Thanksgiving to be thankful for the things, thankful for what we are and have, but thankfulness in faith cries out to God, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on me!' and falls on its face at Jesus' feet, giving thanks to Christ." *Rev. Cody Cooper, Guest Speaker on "The Lutheran Hour"*.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

"Thank You to all who remembered me on my birthday with cards and phone calls. Your greetings were wonderful!" —Lorraine Mosemann

St Paul's LWML Dorcas Circle will have a **Soup/Sandwich Supper Sunday December 3, 2023**, following the Divine Service in the church basement. A free-will offering will be taken for the Air Conditioner Fund at St Paul's.

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The **Joint Thanksgiving Eve Service** will be held at Trinity Wednesday, November 22, 2023, 5 p.m.



2023-11-19 Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH † TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
CALENDAR**

Sun. November 19 3:45 p.m. Joint Confirmation at St. Paul's
SP Sunday School
5 p.m. Joint Divine Service at St. Paul's
Wed. November 22 5 p.m. Joint Thanksgiving Eve Service at Trinity
Sun. November 26 3:45 p.m. Joint Confirmation at Trinity
Joint Christmas Eve Practice at Trinity
5 p.m. Joint Divine Service at Trinity

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LAST SERVICES' NUMBERS

	St. Paul's	Trinity
Attendance November 12 at TR	23	17
Offering November 12 at TR		\$2315

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November 26, 2023, 5 p.m. at Trinity

We Enter the Kingdom of Our God and Father

When the crucified and risen Lord Jesus comes to judge the living and the dead, *“he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats”* (Matt. 25:32). *“To those on his right,”* who have been crucified and raised with Him through repentance and faith in His Gospel, He will grant the blessed kingdom of His Father (Matt. 25:34). But *“those on his left,”* who trust in themselves and despise their neighbor, will depart *“into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels”* (Matt. 25:41). Until that day, the Lord searches for His sheep *“as a shepherd seeks out his flock”* (Ezek. 34:11–12). Through His preaching of repentance, He disciplines the proud sheep and goats, *“the fat and the strong,”* but through the preaching of forgiveness He rescues the lost, binds up the injured, strengthens the weak and feeds *“the lean sheep”* (Ezek. 34:16, 20). In this way, He destroys the power of death in the children of Adam by His cross, so that *“in Christ shall all be made alive”* by His resurrection (1 Cor. 15:20–26).

ORDER OF SERVICE

Divine Service, Setting Three, *LSB 184*
 Creed: Nicene

HYMNS

Opening Hymn:
LSB 705 “The Man Is Ever Blessed”
 Sermon Hymn:
LSB 540 “Christ, the Word of God Incarnate”
 Offering Hymn:
LSB 781 vv. 1–2 “We Give Thee But Thine Own”
 Distribution Hymns:
LSB 845 “Where Charity and Love Prevail”
LSB 851 “Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us”
 Closing Hymn:
LSB 348 “The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns”

SERMON TEXT AND THEME

Matthew 25:31–46
 Come, Inherit the Kingdom Prepared for You

IN OUR PRAYERS **

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TRINITY BIRTHDAY: Nehvin Rana 12/02

TRINITY ANNIVERSARIES: none

ST. PAUL'S BIRTHDAY: Jeanette Fink 11/27

ST. PAUL'S ANNIVERSARIES: none

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LUTHERANS FOR LIFE THOUGHT



November 26: Guilt and grief can devastate those who abort their own children (Matthew 25:37-38). The Lord God longs to relieve their wounds with His forgiveness (Ezekiel 34:16). If Jesus overcomes death for us, He can also subdue it for them (1 Corinthians 15:25-26). May our mouths make the joyful noise (Psalm 95:2) of explicitly applying His atoning grace to every sin!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trinity LWML **Ruth Circle** will hold their November meeting following the Divine Service this evening.

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The December 2023 Newsletter will be available December 3, 2023. Articles are due Tuesday, November 28, 2023.

2023-11-26 Last Sunday of the Church Year

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CALENDAR

Sun. November 26 3:45 p.m. Joint Christmas Eve Practice at Trinity
 5 p.m. Joint Divine Service at Trinity
Wed. November 29 2:15 p.m. Trinity Release-Time Class
Sun. December 3 3:45 p.m. Joint Confirmation at St. Paul's
 Joint Christmas Eve Practice at St. Paul's
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 6 p.m. Soup/Sandwich Supper at St. Paul's

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	St. Paul's	Trinity
Attendance November 19 at SP	27	12
Offering November 19 at SP	\$1320	
Attendance Thanksgiving Eve at TR	2	26

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