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

The Righteousness of Christ

Jesus warns that *"unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven"* (Matt. 5:20), but He also calls His imperfect people *"the salt of the earth"* and *"the light of the world"* (Matt. 5:13, 14). That's because the Lord Jesus came not to abolish the Law or the prophets, *"but to fulfill them"* (Matt. 5:17) in perfect faith and love. Since He does and teaches all of God's commandments, He is *"called great in the kingdom of heaven"* (Matt. 5:19). God manifests His *"demonstration of the Spirit and of power"* in *"Jesus Christ and him crucified"* (1 Cor. 2:2-4), and through the preaching of the Gospel He gives His *"secret and hidden wisdom"* (1 Cor. 2:7). Christ gives this perfect righteousness to His people, and it leads them to true fasting, which is *"to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free"* (Is. 58:6) and *"to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house"* (Is. 58:7).

ORDER OF SERVICE

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

HYMNS

Opening Hymn:
 LSB 398 "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"
 Sermon Hymn:
 LSB 579 "The Law of God Is Good and Wise"
 Offering Hymn:
 LSB 781 vv. 1-2 "We Give Thee But Thine Own"
 Distribution Hymns:
 LSB 578 "Thy Strong Word"
 LSB 563 "Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness"
 Closing Hymn:
 LSB 580 "The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace"

SERMON TITLE AND TEXT

Jesus Fulfills the Law and the Prophets for Us
 Matthew 5:13-20

IN OUR PRAYERS **

FOR HEALTH AND HEALING OF OUR MEMBERS: SP: Justin Everson, Jean Gerlach, Jerry Boyd, David Merrill, Chris Heismeyer, Jean and Hazel Kern, Merlyn Haak, and Kendra Will.

TR: Pam Hallman, Eleanor Gieseeman, Diana Kieffer, and Alice Johnson.

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TRINITY BIRTHDAYS: Brant Bogenhagen 02/06; Ashley Geyer 02/07

TRINITY ANNIVERSARIES: none

ST. PAUL'S BIRTHDAYS: Haleigh Haiar 02/08; Bernice Kolmann 02/09; Blanche Johnson 02/10; Lane Wesseling 02/10

ST. PAUL'S ANNIVERSARIES: none

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LUTHERANS FOR LIFE THOUGHT

February 5, Epiphany V: Do abortion and physician-assisted suicide rest our faith in God's power or men's wisdom (1 Corinthians 2:5)? Has not Christ crucified proved the beauty of being with one another even in weakness and trembling (1 Corinthians 2:3) rather than hiding from our own flesh (Isaiah 58:7)? And will not what God has prepared for those who love Him (1 Corinthians 2:9) ease fears about surprise pregnancy or terminal diagnosis (Psalm 112:7)?

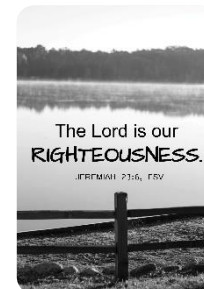
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Voters Meeting

Trinity: Monday, February 6, 2023, at 7 p.m.

St. Paul's officers will be installed today, February 5, 2023, during the Divine Service, after the Offering.

Correction: There are no scheduled Lutherans For Life meetings in February. They were mistakenly copied onto the February calendar.



2023-02-05 Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

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

- Sun. Feb. 5 3:45 p.m. Joint Confirmation Class at St. Paul's
Sunday School at St. Paul's
5 p.m. Joint Divine Service at St. Paul's
6 p.m. Bible Class at St. Paul's
- Wed. Feb. 8 2:15 p.m. TR Release-Time
- Sun. Feb. 12 3:30 p.m. TR Lutherans For Life meet to assemble
ABCR flowers
3:45 p.m. Joint Confirmation Class at Trinity
5 p.m. Joint Divine Service at Trinity
6 p.m. Bible Class at Trinity

SERVING THE LORD'S CHURCH FEBRUARY 2023

St. Paul's	Trinity
Elder: Curt Guindon	Elder:
Ushers: Marv Jira Larry Gerlach	Ushers: Ben Bogenhagen Ron Steffen
Acolyte: Jett Kemp	Acolytes: Joshua Doering
Altar: Sandy Tuschen	Altar: Jane Guericke
Greeters:	

LAST SERVICES' NUMBERS	St. Paul's	Trinity
Attendance January 29 at SP	17	14
Offering January 29 at SP	\$1165	

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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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February 12, 2023, 5 p.m. at Trinity

Christ Sets Life Before Us so that We Can Walk in His Ways

The God who reveals Himself in His incarnate Son promises life and blessing to all who obey His commandments *“by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules”* (Deut. 30:16). However, we are *“people of the flesh”* and *“infants in Christ”* (1 Cor. 3:1), among whom *“there is jealousy and strife”* (1 Cor. 3:3). **Jesus must instruct us against the human ways of anger, adultery, divorce and false witness** (Matt. 5:21–37), because all who live in these ways *“shall surely perish”* (Deut. 30:18). On the cross, He died to forgive our sins and free us from the ways of curse and death. Since Jesus Christ is our *“life and length of days”* (Deut. 30:20), we can be reconciled to our brother, live in chastity and marital faithfulness, and speak with honesty. **He who serves from His cross also offers His gift of reconciliation at His altar, and we can be at peace with our brothers and sisters in Christ who are “God’s field, God’s building”** (1 Cor. 3:9).

ORDER OF SERVICE

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

HYMNS

Opening Hymn:
LSB 581 “These Are the Holy Ten Commands” vs. 1–6
 Sermon Hymn:
LSB 581 “These Are the Holy Ten Commands” vs. 7–12
 Offering Hymn:
LSB 781 vv. 1–2 “We Give Thee But Thine Own”
 Distribution Hymns:
LSB 394 “Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”
LSB 627 “Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior”
 Closing Hymn:
LSB 704 “Renew Me, O Eternal Light”

SERMON TITLE AND TEXT

Jesus Cleanses the Teaching of the Law from Corruption
 Matthew 5:21–37

IN OUR PRAYERS **

FOR HEALTH AND HEALING OF OUR MEMBERS: SP: Justin Everson, Jean Gerlach, Jerry Boyd, David Merrill, Chris Heismeyer, Jean and Hazel Kern, Merlyn Haak, and Kendra Will.
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CHRISTIAN LOVE AND CONDOLENCES to the family and friends of Billie Madsen, whose husband Richard died February 2, 2023. Also to the family and friends of Mike (Sandy) Tuschen whose mother Joyce died February 2, 2023. May our heavenly Father grant comfort and peace in the blessed assurance of eternal life for His children.

TRINITY BIRTHDAYS: John Geyer 02/13; Deb Pope 02/15

TRINITY ANNIVERSARIES: none

ST. PAUL’S BIRTHDAYS: Rebecca H. Haiar 02/14; Kristin Heismeyer 02/18

ST. PAUL’S ANNIVERSARIES: Brent & Andrea Morenz 02/14; Jean & Hazel Kern 02/18

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LUTHERANS FOR LIFE THOUGHT

February 12, Epiphany VI: Jesus affirms that God forbids both murder and adultery (Matthew 5:21, 27). The Lord categorically says, “No!” to abortion because He emphatically says, “Yes!” to marriage, family, and community. His “Yes!” even extends forgiveness and salvation to those who have aborted their own children. We may advocate the sanctity of human life with the same courage and compassion (Matthew 5:37)—no matter who calls us a fool (Matthew 5:22).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trinity Officers will be installed during this evening’s Divine Service. Officers, please come forward after the offering is brought forward.

Annual Pancake Supper at the United Methodist Church in White Lake will be Sunday, February 19, 2023, from 5–7 p.m., serving pancakes, eggs, link sausage, coffee, and juice for a free-will donation. All proceeds will be used for the youth camping program.

Pastor Jenson will be at Offutt February 27–March 1, 2023. Pastor Loeslie (Cell: 605-630-1896) will be on call for him during those days.

No Bible Class the rest of February. We will resume in March.

2023-02-12 Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH † TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

CALENDAR

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

SERVING THE LORD'S CHURCH FEBRUARY 2023

St. Paul's

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Altar: Sandy Tuschen
Greeters:

Trinity



Elder: David Bogenhagen
Ushers: Ben Bogenhagen
 Ron Steffen
Acolytes: Brant Bogenhagen
Altar: Janice Thiry

LAST SERVICES' NUMBERS

	St. Paul's	Trinity
Attendance February 5 at SP	34	7
Offering February 5 at SP	\$1155	

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

God Manifests His Glory in the Body of Christ Jesus

The divine glory of Jesus is manifested in the word of His apostles, who were “*eyewitnesses of his majesty*” (2 Peter 1:16). “*He was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun*” (Matt. 17:2). Moses and Elijah witnessed the fulfillment of the Old Testament in this Lord Jesus, and the Father testified concerning Him: “*This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased*” (Matt. 17:5). By His own blood, shed on the cross, Jesus makes and seals the new covenant with us. Hence, “*the appearance of the glory of the LORD*” is no longer “*like a devouring fire*” (Ex. 24:17), but it is graciously revealed in His own body. As “*Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel*” went up the mountain with Moses and “*beheld God, and ate and drank*” (Ex. 24:9, 11), **we also behold the Lord our God in Christ Jesus, and we abide with Him as we eat and drink His body and blood at the altar.**

ORDER OF SERVICE

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

HYMNS

Opening Hymn:
LSB 346 “When All the World Was Cursed”
 Sermon Hymn:
LSB 413 “What Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair”
 Offering Hymn:
LSB 781 vv. 1–2 “We Give Thee But Thine Own”
 Distribution Hymns:
LSB 585 “Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide”
LSB 389 “Let All Together Praise Our God”
 Closing Hymn:
LSB 402 “The Only Son from Heaven”

SERMON TITLE AND TEXT

The Gospel is the Message of Scripture
 Matthew 17:1–9

IN OUR PRAYERS **

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TRINITY BIRTHDAYS: none

TRINITY ANNIVERSARIES: none

ST. PAUL'S BIRTHDAYS: Hadley Tobin 02/19; Griffin Tobin 02/19

ST. PAUL'S ANNIVERSARIES: none

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LUTHERANS FOR LIFE QUOTE

February 19: “*You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit* (John 15:16).

Those words are meant for every one of us. We should never cease to be amazed at God's gifts and timing to bear the fruit of God's love.” *Lynette Auch, former President of Lutherans For Life.*

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Upcoming Special Services

Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2023, 12 Noon at St. Paul's Plankinton

Maundy Thursday, April 6, 2023, 4:30 p.m. at Trinity White Lake

Good Friday, April 7, 2023, 4:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Plankinton

Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023, 9:30 a.m. at Trinity White Lake

2023-02-19 The Transfiguration of Our Lord

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

Sun. Feb. 19 3:45 p.m. Joint Confirmation Class at St. Paul's
 Sunday School at St. Paul's
 5 p.m. Joint Divine Service at St. Paul's
Wed. Feb. 22 2:15 p.m. TR Release-Time
Sun. Feb. 26 3:45 p.m. Joint Confirmation Class at Trinity
 5 p.m. Joint Divine Service at Trinity

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Ushers: Ben Bogenhagen

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Altar: Janice Thiry

LAST SERVICES' NUMBERS

Attendance February 12 at TR

St. Paul's

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Offering February 12 at TR

\$4657

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

Following His Baptism, Jesus is *“led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil”* (Matt. 4:1). As He takes upon Himself the curse of our sin and sets Himself against our enemy, He trusts His Father’s voice and waits upon His Father’s hand for all things. The devil questions His sonship, but the beloved and well-pleasing Son remains faithful and lives *“by every word that comes from the mouth of God”* (Matt. 4:4). Jesus patiently suffers hunger in His mortal flesh and returns to the dust whence man was taken, and by His pain He brings forth food for all the children of men (Gen. 3:18–19). Although all people live in bondage to death through the trespass of the first man, Adam, all the more *“have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many”* (Rom. 5:15). His righteous obedience *“leads to justification and life for all men”* (Rom. 5:18).

ORDER OF SERVICE

Divine Service, Setting Three, *LSB* 184,
without Gloria In Excelsis p. 187 and Alleluia p. 190

Creed: Nicene

HYMNS

Opening Hymn:

LSB 718 “Jesus, Lead Thou On”

Sermon Hymn:

LSB 656 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Offering Hymn:

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

Distribution Hymns:

LSB 562 “All Mankind Fell in Adam’s Fall”

LSB 521 “Christ, the Lord of Hosts Unshaken”

Closing Hymn:

LSB 544 “O Love, How Deep”

SERMON TITLE AND TEXT

Jesus Overcomes the Devil for Us
 Matthew 4:1–11

IN OUR PRAYERS **

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TRINITY BIRTHDAYS: Eleanor Gieseeman (93) 02/27; Lindsay Thompson 03/03; Rhonda Peters 03/03; Ethan Byrd 03/04

TRINITY ANNIVERSARIES: none

ST. PAUL’S BIRTHDAY: Makenzie Anthony 02/27

ST. PAUL’S ANNIVERSARIES: none

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LUTHERANS FOR LIFE THOUGHT

February 26, Lent I: The devil suggested Jesus attempt death as a solution (Matthew 4:6). Our Savior rejected the deception and rested Himself in the hands of the Heavenly Father. Death only delivers oppression because it serves sinfulness (Romans 5:14). But the victory Jesus gives over our ultimate enemies—Satan and the grave—frees us to leave life-and-death decisions to the Lord our God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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March Newsletters are available this evening.

LWML Trinity Ruth Circle will be serving a **Lenten meal** following the Joint Divine Services **March 12 and 26, 2023**. Free-offerings will be gathered. All are welcome!

+ The Imposition of Ashes +

Those who wish to receive ashes are invited to come forward. If you have bangs, please lift them up so the cross can be applied. The pastor will apply ashes to the forehead of each person with the words: **“Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”** For those unable to come forward, but would like the imposition of ashes, raise your hand after pastor has completed the imposition of ashes for those who came forward and pastor will come to you.

There will be a brief **Joint Voters Meeting** following the service this evening.

2023-02-26 First Sunday in Lent

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

Sun. Feb. 26 3:45 p.m. Joint Confirmation Class at Trinity
 5 p.m. Joint Divine Service at Trinity
Wed. Mar. 1 2:15 p.m. TR Release-Time
 6 p.m. LWML TR Ruth Circle
Sun. Mar. 5 3:45 p.m. Joint Confirmation Class at St. Paul's
 Sunday School at St. Paul's
 5 p.m. Joint Divine Service at St. Paul's
 6 p.m. Joint Bible Class on 2 Peter

April 6	4:30 p.m. Joint Maundy Thursday Service at Trinity
April 7	4:30 p.m. Joint Good Friday Service at St. Paul's
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Offering February 19 at SP	\$1190	

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