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December 5, 2021

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

***The Preaching of Repentance Prepares Us
for the Coming of the Lord***



WELCOME!! Welcome to all who worship here this morning. We pray this service is a blessing to you. Visitors, please sign our guest book located in the entrance area of our church. If we can be of help to you, please let us know.

PRAYER OF THE DAY O God, who established Your Son as the Righteous Branch by which You would save Your people, grant that we who have been grafted into Christ through the waters of Holy Baptism may be preserved from every sin and evil and be borne secure in the ark of Your Church until we join the angels and the whole company of heaven to sing eternal praises to You, who with Jesus Christ, our Lord, and the Holy Spirit, is one God, now and forever. Amen.

ORDER OF SERVICE

8:30 a.m. SP, Divine Service, Setting One, *LSB* 151
10:30 a.m. TR, Divine Service, Setting One, *LSB* 151

PRAYER RESPONSE

 Lord, in Your mercy,
 **hear our prayer.**

HYMNS

LSB 344 "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"
LSB 354 "Arise, O Christian People"
LSB 781 vv. 1-2 "We Give Thee But Thine Own"
LSB 334 "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You"
LSB 346 "When All the World Was Cursed"

SERMON TITLE AND TEXT

"Prepare the Way"
Luke 3:1-14

IN OUR PRAYERS *

FOR HEALTH AND HEALING OF OUR MEMBERS: SP: Justin Everson, Doug Gerlach, Jean Gerlach, Elmer Sorensen, Jerry Boyd, David Merrill, and Chris Heismeyer. TR: Pam Hallman, Eleanor Gieseman, and Deb Pope. SP/TR: Rev. Charles Adams.

FOR HEALTH AND HEALING OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS: SP: Lynn Anderson, brother-in-law of Marlene Johnson and cousin of Peggy Hoffman.

TRINITY BIRTHDAYS: Ann Borgmann 12-10; Logan Hall 12-10

TRINITY ANNIVERSARIES: none

ST. PAUL'S BIRTHDAYS: Jenna Haak 12-05; Andrea Morenz 12-10

ST. PAUL'S ANNIVERSARIES: none

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WELCOME!

Trinity members rejoice today with Aeron Clark and Nicole Mohnen on the baptism of their infant son, Zander Alan Clark.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- No Advent nor Christmas Day Services this year. Confirmation classes are pending.
- **Here We Come A-Caroling!** LWML Trinity Ruth Circle invites everyone to join us Sunday, December 12, 2021, as we sing Christmas carols to the residents at Aurora-Brule Care & Rehab, West Lane apartments, and other folks in the community. We will meet at Trinity at 4 p.m. Carolers will carpool in personal vehicles. We will sing for about an hour then return to the church for a free meal of BBQs, chips, bars, hot chocolate, and coffee.
- **Pastoral Care.** Rev. Mark Mischnick will provide pastoral care for those in the Mitchell hospital while Pastor Adams is recovering. You may contact him via email or cellphone: themischnicks@midco.net, 605-730-0340 (mobile). For other hospitals contact Rev. Ry
- an Loeslie at 605-630-1896 (mobile).
- **Pulpit Supply.** Thank you to Pastor Mischnick for leading our worship services today. Rev. Dale Sattgast will fill our pulpit supply December 12, 19, 24, and 26, 2021. Rev. Mark Mischnick will lead our services January 2, 2022.
- **Trinity Annual Cleaning Fund Drive:** We are thankful for the service of our custodian! Please support this service by helping replenish the cleaning fund. Please mark your donation "Trinity Cleaning Fund" and place it in the offering plate or in the provided envelopes and mail to:

Trinity Cleaning Fund, PO Box 6, White Lake, SD 57383. Thank you!

2021-12-05 Second Sunday in Advent

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH † TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH CALENDAR — DECEMBER 5–12, 2021

Today Dec. 5	8:30 a.m. St. Paul's Divine Service
	9:30 a.m. St. Paul's Sunday School
	10:30 a.m. Trinity Divine Service
Dec. 5–7	LCMS South Dakota District Convention
Tues. Dec. 6	2 p.m. LWML Trinity Hope Circle
	6:30 p.m. LWML Trinity Ruth Circle
Wed. Dec. 8	2:15 p.m. Trinity Release-Time/Christmas practice
	5:30 p.m. Trinity Wednesday School
	5:30 p.m. Trinity Bible Study "No Stranger in the Manger"
Sun. Dec. 12	8:30 a.m. St. Paul's Divine Service
	9:30 a.m. St. Paul's Sunday School
	10:30 a.m. Trinity Divine Service
	4 p.m. Trinity Caroling
Sun. Dec. 19	8:30 a.m. St. Paul's Children's Service
	5:30 p.m. Trinity Children's Service
Fri. Dec 24	4 p.m. St. Paul's Christmas Eve Service
	5:30 p.m. Trinity Christmas Eve Service

SERVING THE LORD'S CHURCH DECEMBER 2021

Elder: Mike Tuschen	Elder: Scott Meier
Ushers: Kurt Fink, Stan Johnson	Ushers: Ben Bogenhagen
Lennis Titze	John Geyer
Acolyte:	Acolytes: Jayden Kahler
Altar: Deb Haak	Jacob Doering

LAST SUNDAY'S NUMBERS (Nov 28)	St. Paul's	Trinity
Attendance	18	26
Offering	\$390	\$1310

NEXT SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Dec. 12 Zephaniah 3:14–20; Philippians 4:4–7; Luke 7:18–28

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

(05 December 2021)

Malachi 3:1–7b; Philippians 1:2–11; Luke 3:1–14 (15–20)

The Preaching of Repentance Prepares Us for the Coming of the Lord

The preaching and Baptism "*of repentance for the forgiveness of sins*" (Luke 3:3) prepare us for the coming of the Lord, Jesus Christ. The historic work of John the Baptist was completed with the first advent of our Lord Jesus in the flesh, but the ministry of the forerunner continues in the preaching of Law and Gospel and in Holy Baptism. Through His messengers, the Lord calls people of all nations to "*see the salvation of God*" (Luke 3:6). Our haughtiness is removed and our mountains of pride are brought low, but the Lord humbles us in order to exalt us in His mercy. As the Lord has begun this good work of repentance in us, so also does He perfect it by His Word and Holy Spirit, and He "*will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ*" (Phil. 1:6). He purifies us to be His priestly people, precious in His sight and abounding in faith and love, so that we offer our very lives in righteousness to the Lord (Mal. 3:3–4).

LIFE QUOTE — LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

Sunday, December 5: "When we have eyes of faith, eyes that recognize these delights are gifts from God, then we realize that what we're missing, what we should be longing for, what we cannot live without, isn't Amazon or Starbucks or McDonalds. It's Him. And when we have Him, every other gift makes sense. Every other gift falls into its proper place." *Michelle Bauman, Director of Y4Life for Lutherans For Life.*

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT



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. 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 our pastor or an usher.



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December 12, 2021

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

The Coming of Jesus Enables Us to Rejoice

WELCOME!! Welcome to all who worship here this morning. We pray this service is a blessing to you. Visitors, please sign our guest book located in the entrance area of our church. If we can be of help to you, please let us know.

PRAYER OF THE DAY Lord, we implore You, grant Your people grace to withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds to follow You, the only God; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

ORDER OF SERVICE

8:30 a.m. SP, Divine Service, Setting Three, *LSB* 184 w/o communion
10:30 a.m. TR, Divine Service, Setting Three, *LSB* 184

PRAYER RESPONSE

[P] Lord, in Your mercy,
[C] hear our prayer.

HYMNS

LSB 331 "The Advent of Our King"
LSB 349 "Hark the Glad Sound"
LSB 781 vv. 1-2 "We Give Thee But Thine Own"
TR only: *LSB* 620 "Jesus Comes Today with Healing"
TR only: *LSB* 737 "Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing"
SP only: *LSB* 387 "Joy to the World"

SERMON TITLE AND TEXT

"Rejoice with All Your Heart"
Zephaniah 3:14-20

IN OUR PRAYERS *

FOR HEALTH AND HEALING OF OUR MEMBERS: SP: Justin Everson, Doug Gerlach, Jean Gerlach, Elmer Sorensen, Jerry Boyd, David Merrill, and Chris Heismeyer. TR: Pam Hallman, Eleanor Gieseeman, and Deb Pope. SP/TR: Rev. Charles Adams.

FOR HEALTH AND HEALING OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS: SP: Lynn Anderson, brother-in-law of Marlene Johnson and cousin of Peggy Hoffman.

TRINITY BIRTHDAY: Marilyn Markhardt 12-12

TRINITY ANNIVERSARY: Collin & Anastasia Borgmann 12-12

ST. PAUL'S BIRTHDAYS: Larry Hoffman 12-12; Judy Jira 12-12; Addisyn Everson 12-13; Kristofer Guindon 12-13; Billie Madsen 12-13; Tessa Overweg 12-17; Robert Rink 12-17; Carol Schaeffer 12-18

ST. PAUL'S ANNIVERSARY: Mike & Jean Johnson 12-14

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **St. Paul's Sunday School** children will share the Nativity Story at the end of the Divine Service today instead of December 19, 2021.
- **Here We Come A-Caroling!** LWML Trinity Ruth Circle invites everyone to join us this afternoon, as we sing Christmas carols to the residents at Aurora-Brule Care & Rehab, West Lane apartments, and other folks in the community. We will meet at Trinity at 4 p.m. Carolers will carpool in personal vehicles. We will sing for about an hour then return to the church for a free meal of BBQs, chips, bars, hot chocolate, and coffee.
- **White Lake Dakota Senior Meals Christmas dinner fundraiser** will be Thursday, December 16, 2021, 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 Tuesday morning, December 14, 2021**, at 249-2367 if you plan to attend.
- **Poinsettia list.** Please contact Nancy by **December 16, 2021**, at trinitywlsd@gmail.com or 605-249-2570 if you are providing a poinsettia plant in memory or in honor of someone.
- **Pastoral Care.** Rev. Mark Mischnick will provide pastoral care for those in the Mitchell hospital while Pastor Adams is recovering. You may contact him via email or cellphone: themischnicks@midco.net; 605-730-0340 (mobile). For other hospitals contact Rev. Ryan Loeslie at 605-630-1896 (mobile).
- **Pulpit Supply.** Thank you to Rev. Dale Sattgast for leading our worship services today. Pastor Sattgast will also fill our pulpit supply December 19, 24, and 26, 2021. Rev. Mark Mischnick will lead our services January 2, 2022.

2021-12-12 Third Sunday in Advent

**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH † TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
CALENDAR — DECEMBER 12–19, 2021**

Today Dec. 12	8:30 a.m.	St. Paul's Divine Service with Nativity Story by the Sunday School children.
	9:30 a.m.	St. Paul's Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Trinity Divine Service
Wed. Dec. 15	4 p.m.	Trinity Caroling
	2:15 p.m.	Trinity Release-Time/Christmas practice
	5:30 p.m.	Trinity Wednesday School
Sun. Dec. 19	5:30 p.m.	Trinity Bible Study "No Stranger in the Manger"
	8:30 a.m.	St. Paul's Divine Service
	9:30 a.m.	St. Paul's Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Trinity Divine Service
Fri. Dec 24	5:30 p.m.	Trinity Children's Service
	4 p.m.	St. Paul's Christmas Eve Service
	5:30 p.m.	Trinity Christmas Eve Service

SERVING THE LORD'S CHURCH DECEMBER 2021

Elder: Mike Tuschen	Elder: Scott Meier
Ushers: Kurt Fink, Stan Johnson Lennis Titze	Ushers: Ben Bogenhagen John Geyer
Acolyte:	Acolytes: Jayden Kahler
Altar: Deb Haak	Jacob Doering

LAST SUNDAY'S NUMBERS (Dec 5)	St. Paul's	Trinity
Attendance	38	35
Offering	\$585	\$2498.50

NEXT SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

December 19: Micah 5:2–5a; Hebrews 10:5–10; Luke 1:39–45

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

(12 December 2021)

Zephaniah 3:14–20; Philippians 4:4–7; Luke 7:18–28 (29–35)

The Coming of Jesus Enables Us to Rejoice

The Third Sunday in Advent has traditionally been called by the Latin word *Gaudete*, meaning "Rejoice!" For as you are called to repentance, so also are you urged to rejoice in the coming of the Lord, Jesus Christ. By His own cross, He has accomplished salvation for you; "*he has cleared away your enemies,*" "*taken away the judgments against you*" and come to reign in your midst. Indeed, He rejoices over you with gladness and song (Zeph. 3:15–17)! Therefore, even from prison St. Paul encourages us to "*rejoice in the Lord always,*" knowing that the peace of God will guard and keep us in Christ Jesus (Phil. 4:4, 7). We find an example and encouragement in the case of John the Baptist. As he languishes in prison, he calls upon Jesus and is strengthened by the Word of the Gospel that he receives. The same good news is preached to you, by which all things are made new and even "*the dead are raised up*" (Luke 7:22). Do not be offended by the cross, therefore, but let your life be one of prayer and thanksgiving (Luke 7:23; Phil. 4:6).

LIFE THOUGHT — LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

December 12 – Advent III: Our Savior embodies a God who does not just tolerate us in our physical weaknesses. He favors those who need Him the most (Luke 7:22), and that makes the Gospel the opposite of abortion and physician-assisted suicide. Is there any reality in which we may rejoice more than this (Philippians 4:4)? Why would we find this message offensive (Luke 7:23)? And why should we deny anyone else the delight by staying silent about it?

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT



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. 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 our pastor or an usher.



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December 19, 2021

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

The Lord Comes to Visit Us in Peace

WELCOME!! Welcome to all who worship here this morning. We pray this service is a blessing to you. Visitors, please sign our guest book located in the entrance area of our church. If we can be of help to you, please let us know.

PRAYER OF THE DAY Lord God, heavenly Father, You created Adam in Your image and gave him Eve as his helpmate, and after their fall into sin, You promised them a Savior who would crush the devil's might. By Your mercy, number us among those who have come out of the great tribulation with the seal of the living God on our foreheads and whose robes have been made white in the blood of the Lamb; through Jesus Christ, our Lord Amen.

ORDER OF SERVICE

8:30 a.m. SP, Divine Service, Setting One, *LSB* 151
10:30 a.m. TR, Divine Service, Setting One, *LSB* 151

PRAYER RESPONSE

Lord, in Your mercy,
 hear our prayer.

HYMNS

LSB 357 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" vs. 1-4
LSB 350 "Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come"
LSB 781 vv. 1-2 "We Give Thee But Thine Own"
LSB 352 "Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord"
LSB 357 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" vs. 5-7

SERMON TITLE AND TEXT

"Once For All"
Hebrews 10: 5-10

IN OUR PRAYERS *

FOR HEALTH AND HEALING OF OUR MEMBERS: SP: Justin Everson, Doug Gerlach, Jean Gerlach, Elmer Sorensen, Jerry Boyd, David Merrill, and Chris Heismeyer. TR: Pam Hallman, Eleanor Gieseeman, Deb Pope, and Rocky Hauge. SP/TR: Rev. Charles Adams.

FOR HEALTH AND HEALING OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS: SP: Lynn Anderson, brother-in-law of Marlene Johnson and cousin of Peggy Hoffman. Also, for LCMS South Dakota District President Rev. Scott Sailer. He was supposed to have hip replacement surgery this past week, but they discovered that he has SVT (supraventricular tachycardia), consequently delaying the surgery and necessitating more tests and treatment for the SVT.

TRINITY BIRTHDAYS: Lindsay Borgmann 12-22; Rachal Byrd 12-25

TRINITY ANNIVERSARIES: none

ST. PAUL'S BIRTHDAYS: Brent Morenz 12-21; Alexandra Heismeyer 12-21; Sandy Tuschen 12-22; Elmer Sorensen 12-23; Ruth Merrill 12-23

ST. PAUL'S ANNIVERSARY: none

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St. Paul's: St Paul Dorcas Circle in memory of Maxine Hohbach and Donna Fett; Stan & Marlene Johnson in memory of Dean & Donna Johnson; Keith & Cathy Albrecht in memory of Fred & Luella Cozad and C.O. & Doris Albrecht; Jerry & Sharon Boyd in memory of Charles & Rose Hohbach; and Cheryl Miller in memory of Camey Miller.

Trinity: Marlene Henthorn, in memory of William Henthorn and Michael Henthorn; John/Kris Kieffer & Family, in memory of Anker Sorensen and Lawrence Kieffer; David/Nancy Bogenhagen in memory of loved ones.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Trinity's Children's Christmas Service.** "Silent Night, Holy Night", is this evening at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome!
- **Christmas Eve Services.** St. Paul's 4 p.m. | Trinity 5:30 p.m.
- **Pastor Adams's contact.** If you would like to remember Pastor and Laura with a Christmas card or get-well wishes, here is their home address: Rev. Charlie & Laura Adams, 1430 S. Cedar Street, Ottawa, KS 66067
- **Pastoral Care.** Rev. Mark Mischnick will continue to provide pastoral care for those in the Mitchell hospital. You may contact him via email or cellphone: themischnicks@midco.net, 605-730-0340 (mobile).
- **Pulpit Supply.** Thank you to Rev. Dale Sattgast for leading our worship services today. Pastor Sattgast will also fill our pulpit supply December 24 and 26, 2021. Rev. Mark Mischnick will lead our services January 2, 2022.

2021-12-19 Fourth Sunday in Advent

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH † TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH CALENDAR — DECEMBER 19–26, 2021

Today Dec. 19	8:30 a.m. St. Paul's Divine Service 9:30 a.m. St. Paul's Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Trinity Divine Service 5:30 p.m. Trinity Children's Christmas Service
Wed. Dec. 22	No midweek activities this week.
Fri. Dec 24	4 p.m. St. Paul's Christmas Eve Service 5:30 p.m. Trinity Christmas Eve Service
Sun. Dec. 26	8:30 a.m. St. Paul's Divine Service 10:30 a.m. Trinity Divine Service

SERVING THE LORD'S CHURCH DECEMBER 2021

Elder: Mike Tuschen	Elder: Scott Meier
Ushers: Kurt Fink, Stan Johnson Lennis Titze	Ushers: Ben Bogenhagen John Geyer
Acolyte: Altar: Deb Haak	Acolytes: Jayden Kahler Jacob Doering

LAST SUNDAY'S NUMBERS (Dec 12)	St. Paul's	Trinity
Attendance	52	37
Offering	\$1825	\$890

NEXT SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

December 26: Exodus 13:1–3a, 11–15; Colossians 3:12–17; Luke 2:22–40

*O Come, O Come,
Emmanuel!*



LECTIONARY SUMMARY FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT (19 December 2021)

Micah 5:2–5a; Hebrews 10:5–10; Luke 1:39–45 (46–56)

The Lord Comes to Visit Us in Peace

The Fourth Sunday in Advent turns our attention toward the nativity of our Lord. With Mary, we await the coming of the Christ, her Son, conceived in her womb by the Spirit of God. As the Lord dealt graciously with her and did great things for her (Luke 1:48–49), so also He manifests Himself and His glory to us in mercy and gentleness. He comes to rule His people in peace, to “*shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD.*” He comes forth not from the great capital city of Rome or Jerusalem, but from lowly little Bethlehem (Micah 5:2, 4). He comes to sacrifice Himself, in fulfillment of His Father’s will, for the salvation and sanctification of His people (Heb. 10:10). He who once visited Elizabeth while hidden in the womb of Mary (Luke 1:39–45) now comes to visit us today, hidden in the lowliness of simple water, bread and wine.

LIFE THOUGHT — LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

Life Thought in the Church Year for December 19 – Advent IV: The Scriptures clearly declare the liveliness our Lord brings even when unborn (Luke 1:41). Not only does He bestow this love explicitly upon every embryo, but He makes it a reason for rejoicing (Luke 1:44). Let the whole world think us fools (Psalm 80:6) – only let us still leap, delight, and speak loudly in celebration of the sanctity of life!



THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

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December 26, 2021

St. Stephen, Martyr

WELCOME!! Welcome to all who worship here this morning. We pray this service is a blessing to you. Visitors, please sign our guest book located in the entrance area of our church. If we can be of help to you, please let us know.

PRAYER OF THE DAY Heavenly Father, in the midst of our sufferings for the sake of Christ grant us grace to follow the example of the first martyr, Stephen, that we also may look to the One who suffered and was crucified on our behalf and pray for those who do us wrong; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

ORDER OF SERVICE

8:30 a.m. SP, Divine Service, Setting Three, *LSB* 184, w/o communion
10:30 a.m. TR, Divine Service, Setting Three, *LSB* 184

PRAYER RESPONSE

Lord, in Your mercy,
 hear our prayer.

HYMNS

LSB 383 "A Great and Mighty Wonder"
LSB 517 "By All Your Saints in Warfare" vs. 1, 7, 3
LSB 781 vv. 1-2 "We Give Thee But Thine Own"
LSB 375 "Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising"
LSB 661 "The Son of God Goes Forth to War"

SERMON TITLE AND TEXT

"Filled with Grace to Bear God's Word"
Acts 6:8-7a, 51-60

IN OUR PRAYERS *

FOR HEALTH AND HEALING OF OUR MEMBERS: SP: Justin Everson, Doug Gerlach, Jean Gerlach, Elmer Sorensen, Jerry Boyd, David Merrill, and Chris Heismeyer. TR: Pam Hallman, Eleanor Gieseeman, Deb Pope, and Rocky Hauge. SP/TR: Rev. Charles Adams.

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TRINITY BIRTHDAYS: Blake Bogenhagen 12-26; Katina Keultjes 12-28; Doug VandenHoek 12-29; David Bogenhagen 12-30

TRINITY ANNIVERSARIES: Richard & Diana Kieffer 12-30

ST. PAUL'S BIRTHDAYS: none

ST. PAUL'S ANNIVERSARIES: none

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Charlie Adams. Due to health and family issues, Rev. Adams has resigned his call to be our resident vacancy pastor. He sends these greetings:

Dear friends in Christ,

We are extremely humbled and grateful as we celebrate the Lord's birth. Your kindness, caring and generosity fill us with joy by God's grace. Thank you for the many kind cards, calls, and gifts. Thank you for receiving us so warmly during the brief time I was able to be with you. Thanks for your prayers during my health crisis. Thanks most of all to God for His mercy and miracles, especially the miracle of the manger and empty tomb.

Cardiac rehab is going well. I'm getting stronger each week. We plan to come sometime in January to retrieve my belongings and hope to see many of you then.

My God bless and keep us all in His grace!

Pastor Charlie Adams

cell: 785-893-4387

- **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING.** Everyone is welcome to attend a Joint Congregational Meeting Wednesday, December 29, 2021, 7 p.m., at St. Paul's. Circuit Visitor Rev. Loeslie will lead this meeting to discuss our vacancy.
- **Pastoral Care.** Rev. Mark Mischnick will continue to provide pastoral care for those in the Mitchell hospital. You may contact him via email or cellphone: themischnicks@midco.net, 605-730-0340 (mobile).
- **Pulpit Supply.** Thank you to Rev. Dale Sattgast for leading our worship services today. Rev. Mark Mischnick will lead our services January 2, 2022. **Note: We will switch service times next Sunday.**
8:30 a.m. Trinity
10:30 a.m. St. Paul's

2021-12-26 St. Stephen, Martyr

**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH † TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
CALENDAR — DECEMBER 26, 2021—JANUARY 2, 2022**

Today Dec. 26 8:30 a.m. St. Paul's Divine Service
10:30 a.m. Trinity Divine Service
Wed. Dec. 29 7 p.m. Joint Congregational Meeting, St. Paul's
Sun. Jan. 2 8:30 a.m. Trinity Divine Service
10:30 a.m. St. Paul Divine Service

SERVING THE LORD'S CHURCH DECEMBER 2021

Elder: Mike Tuschen Elder: Scott Meier
Ushers: Kurt Fink, Stan Johnson Ushers: Ben Bogenhagen
Lennis Titze John Geyer
Acolyte: Acolytes: Jayden Kahler
Altar: Deb Haak Jacob Doering

LAST SUNDAY'S NUMBERS (Dec 19)	St. Paul's	Trinity
Attendance	28	32
Offering	\$746	\$1173.50

NEXT SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

January 2: 1 Kings 3:4–15; Ephesians 1:3–14; Luke 2:40–52

Thank You. St. Paul's Lutheran Church would like to thank the members of both congregations from Plankinton St. Paul's and White Lake Trinity for all their help and support to repair the church parsonage. Also, thank you to Peace Lutheran Church of Brookings for their anonymous grant given to help pay for repairs to the parsonage. The support from all congregations has been greatly appreciated!



**LECTIONARY SUMMARY
FOR ST. STEPHEN, MARTYR
(26 DECEMBER 2021)**

2 Chronicles 24:17–22; Acts 6:8–7:2a, 51–60; Matthew 23:34–39

St. Stephen, Martyr

The Christ is born in the land of Judah, but His own people will not receive Him. As it was in the days of Joash, so it is also in the days of Herod and Pilate. The Lord *“sent prophets among them to bring them back to the LORD ... but they would not pay attention”* (2 Chron. 24:19). As Zechariah was being stoned, he cried out, *“May the LORD see and avenge!”* (2 Chron. 24:22). But the infant Jesus has come to save and to forgive. Today, the Church remembers St. Stephen, the first martyr after Christ's ascension. His confession recalled the stiff-necked, uncircumcised hearts and ears of Judah that would not receive the Righteous One (Acts 7:51–52). But as his body was being stoned and his spirit received by the Lord Jesus, Stephen cried, *“Lord, do not hold this sin against them”* (Acts 7:59–60), bearing witness to the One who also said, *“Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do”* (Luke 23:34). On the second day of Christmas, our thoughts are already directed to Christ's atoning death to save rebels like us, and to the vision Stephen saw: Heaven is open to us; Christ is reigning at God's right hand; and no sin, death or foe can stop Him.

LIFE QUOTE — LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

Sunday, December 26: “Where are your eyes today? ... Gaze at the baby Jesus in the manger—born into humanity for you. Watch as Jesus teaches, heals, comforts, and calls lost people to Himself. Fix your eyes on Him as He hangs on that cross for you. And look joyfully at Him as He meets you after the resurrection—loving you, forgiving you, and sending you out into His world to share His love with others ... Let's fix our eyes on Jesus!” *Dr. Kari Vo, Lutheran Hour Ministries*



THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

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. 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 our pastor or an usher.