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November 15, 2026 — 25th Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Zephaniah 1:7-16, 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11, Matthew 25:14-30



The parable of the talents is often preached as a test of whether you have done enough for God. But Christ did not come to see whether sinners could save themselves. He came to save them. The Gifts entrusted by the Master are His own saving Gifts — His Word and Sacraments — which create and strengthen faith. Use them. Those who have Christ now will be given even more on the Last Day, when they hear, "Well done, good and faithful servant," because He has already borne their sin and won their salvation.

Divine Service

Order of Service

Divine Service Setting Four, *LSB* 203
Creed: Nicene

Hymns

Opening Hymn:
LSB 727 "On Eagles' Wings"
Sermon Hymn:
LSB 514 "The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us"
Offering Hymn:
LSB 781 vv. 1–2 "We Give Thee But Thine Own"
Distribution Hymn:
LSB 566 "By Grace I'm Saved"
Closing Hymn:
LSB 837 "Lift High the Cross"

Sermon Text and Theme

Matthew 25:14–30
"Working while Waiting"

In Our Prayers **

For Health and Healing

Trinity members and friends: Pam Hallman, Deb Pope, Marlene Henthorn, Florence Meier, Marcella Thompson, Linda Smith, and Barb Gilbertz. Reiko Pope, Brian Ruden, and Earl Tripp.

St. Paul's members and friends: Cathy Albrecht, Chris Heismeyer, Kendra Will, Bernice Kollman, Marv Jira, Carol Schaeffer, and Curt Guindon. Deb Marette, Lynn Anderson, Tina Gerlach, Lenora Hoffman, and David.

Jason Alberts, Mary Milbrandt, Darryn, Jane, Nadine Larson, Keith Wallin, Zoe Jones, and Wendy Ramberg.

Trinity Birthday:	Denner VendenHoek 11/17; Ben Bogenhagen 11/20
Trinity Anniversaries:	none
St. Paul's Birthdays:	Jeremy Haak 11/16
St. Paul's Anniversaries:	none

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Lutherans For Life Thought



The end of the Church year reminds us that there is an urgency to sharing the Gospel and God's Word about life. Naturally, when Christ returns, we want Him to find us as "good and faithful servants" (Matthew 25:21), using the talents and resources He's given us to glorify Him and love and serve every one of our neighbors. And, because the Lord "has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation" (1 Thessalonians 5:9), we share God's Word with eager anticipation that every life God has created may escape the day of wrath (Zephaniah 1:15) and live eternally with Him. • *lutheransforlife.org*

Announcements

White Lake Dakota Senior Meals Thanksgiving dinner will be Thursday, November 19, 2026, 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 the trimmings will be served. Thrivent Financial members will be serving desserts and providing door prizes. **Please RSVP to Bev by Tuesday morning, November 17** at 249-2367 if you plan to attend.

CHRISTMAS AID. Trinity Lutherans for Life, White Lake, would like to help families within our area this Christmas season by purchasing clothing, toys, diapers, or other items that may be needed. This project is being supported by a Thrivent Action Team. If you would like to participate, we encourage you to fill out the form on Trinity's website, *trinitywhitelake.com/lutherans-for-life*. Please return the form by Friday, **November 20, 2026.** For more information contact us at *trinitywhitelake@gmail.com*.

2026-11-15 Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Sun. Nov. 15	8:30 a.m.	Divine Service at Trinity
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School at St. Paul's
	10:30 a.m.	Divine Service at St. Paul's
	4 p.m.	Catechism Class, Trinity
Mon. Nov. 16	7 p.m.	Catechism Class, St. Paul's
Tues. Nov. 17	6:30 p.m.	LWML Trinity Ruth Circle
Wed. Nov. 18	2:15 p.m.	Trinity Release-Time
	5:30 p.m.	Joint Bible Class at Trinity
		Wednesday School at Trinity

NOVEMBER 2026

Elders:	TR: David Bogenhagen	SP: Mike Tuschen
Ushers:	TR: John G., Ron S.	SP: Nathan D., Rodney W.
Acolytes:	TR: Blake Bogenhagen	SP: Karter Weber
Altar:	TR: Janice Thiry	SP: Deb Haak

Greeters: 11/15 Merlyn & Deb H.; 11/22 Kieth & Cathy A.

November 8 Attendance and Offering: SP: 19, $635; TR: 19, $2997

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.