

# NEWSLETTER



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President ...... Dean Suelflow
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Ruth Circle



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# FEBRUARY 2022

#### **Joint Divine Worship Services**

Saturday, February 5, 2022 — 6 p.m. at St. Paul's Saturday, February 12, 2022 — 6 p.m. at Trinity Saturday, February 19, 2022 — 6 p.m. at St. Paul's Saturday, February 26, 2022 — 6 p.m. at Trinity Saturday, March 5, 2022 — 6 p.m. at St. Paul's

#### Joint Youth Confirmation and Saturday School Classes

4:45 p.m. on the same dates and in the same locations as the Saturday Divine Worship Services listed above.

#### **Bible Study**

7–7:45 p.m. on the same dates and in the same locations as the Saturday Divine Worship Services listed above.

#### **Release-Time Class**

Trinity 2:15 p.m. Wednesdays

#### **Lutheran Women's Missionary League**

Trinity Hope Circle – February 1, 2022, 2 p.m.

Trinity Ruth Circle – February 1, 2022, 6:30 p.m.

St. Paul's Dorcas Circle – February 14, 2022, 2 p.m.

#### Serving the Lord's Church in FEBRUARY

TRINITY
Elder David Bogenhagen
Ushers Ben Bogenhagen
Ron Steffen
Acolytes Mataya Kahler
Taelyn Clark

ST. PAUL'S
Elder Curt Guindon
Ushers Marv Jira
Jeremy Johnson,
Larry Gerlach
Altar Sandy Tuschen

### **Scripture Readings**

Feb. 5 Isaiah 6:1–8; 1 Corinthians 14:12b–20; Luke 5:1–11 Feb. 12 Jeremiah 17:5–8; 1 Corinthians 15:12–20; Luke 6:17–26 Feb. 19 Genesis 45:3–15; 1 Corinthians 15:21–26, 30–42; Luke 6:27–38 Feb. 26 Deuteronomy 34:1–12; Hebrews 3:1–6; Luke 9:28–36 Mar. 5 Deuteronomy 26:1–11; Romans 10:8b–13; Luke 4:1–13

**Websites** – Visit the Services option on *www.stpaulplankinton.com* and *www.trinitywhitelake.com* for the weekly bulletin. Trinity's website also offers links for the live stream of weekly worship and the printed service that goes with each service. See the News link on both websites for archived newsletters and bulletins.

The **March 2022 newsletter** will be available on/after February 26, 2022. Articles are due February 21, 2022.

## FROM PASTOR JENS JENSON

# A Kingdom That Cannot Be Destroyed and Never Comes to an End?

In Adult Bible Study we will be going through the book of Daniel. What is the book of Daniel about? Like every book in Scripture, Daniel is all about Jesus and His saving work for sinners. The events in Daniel took place during the Babylonian Captivity which began in 605 BC and ended 70 years later.

In Daniel 2 the prophet Daniel records that King Nebuchadnezzar (the first king of Babylon) had a dream and wanted to know its interpretation. Nebuchadnezzar demanded that his wise men tell him the dream and then interpret it, but they were unable to. The wise men told the king that no man could possibly do what he requested. Because of this the king was angry and very furious, and commanded that all the wise men of Babylon be destroyed. So the decree went out, and the wise men were about to be killed; and they sought Daniel and his companions, to kill them (Daniel 2:12–13).

Daniel and his companions sought mercy from the Lord and prayed to the Lord concerning the mystery of Nebuchadnezzar's dream. God, in His grace and mercy, revealed the dream and its interpretation to Daniel. In the dream Nebuchadnezzar saw a statue made of various metals and each metal represented the nations that would come after Babylon. The head of gold is Babylon. The chest and arms of silver is the Medo-Persian **Empire** which conquered Babylon. The middle and thighs of bronze is the Greek Empire which conquered the Persians (remember Alexander the Great?). The legs of iron and feet partly of iron and clay is the Roman Empire which absorbed everything.

**BUT THEN:** a stone, cut by no human hand, struck the image at its feet, became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth. What does this mean? Daniel interpreted it saying, *And in the days of those kings* [namely, the rulers of the

Roman Empire] the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed, nor shall the kingdom be left to another people. It shall break in pieces all these kingdoms and bring them to an end, and it shall stand forever, **just** as you saw that a stone was cut from a mountain by no human hand, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold (Daniel 2:44–45a).

This is the Kingdom of God which comes in Christ. This vision speaks of the coming Messiah and when He would come, namely, at the time of the fourth kingdom, the Roman Empire. John the Baptist and Jesus proclaimed that the Kingdom of God/Heaven was at hand (See Matt 4:17 for example).

How does God's Kingdom extend over the whole earth? If we look at the earth we see many different nations, so where is this great mountain that fills the whole earth? The Kingdom of God extends over the whole earth in the Gospel which has gone out into all the world. There are Christians in every nation because of the Gospel which works faith and brings sinners into this everlasting kingdom.

Remember God's promise to Abraham that in his Offspring (Christ) all the nations of the earth would be blessed. Remember the words of Isaiah 2 which speaks of all nations entering the Kingdom of God, It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, and many peoples shall come, and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem (Isaiah 2:2–3).

The *latter days* refer to the days of the New Testament. Notice that all nations flow to the

Kingdom of God. How do they do that? Because out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the Word of the Lord from Jerusalem (Isaiah 2:3). The Kingdom of God comes to us in the Gospel. We do not have to travel to Jerusalem, but God's Word and Sacraments come to us. Jesus sent His disciples out into all nations to baptize and preach the Gospel. The Word of God went <u>out</u> from Jerusalem.

You, dear Saints, are members of God's kingdom by the Gospel through faith. When you die you do not cease to be in God's Kingdom, but you are transferred into the Kingdom of Glory. Even death cannot tear us away from Christ and His Kingdom. There is much turmoil in this fallen world (COVID, politics, conflicts between nations, persecution), but we do not despair because we are members of God's Kingdom which cannot be destroyed. It endures for all eternity. Daniel 7:14, And to Him (the Son of Man) was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him; His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.





## **Main Street Living February 2022**

All programs are interpreted and closed-captioned for the hearing impaired. For more information visit: www.mainstreetliving.com

#### February 6, 2022

10 a.m. "Finders Keepers" A man finds a large sum of money and struggles with the consequences of keeping it.

10:30 a.m. — Rev. Robert Moeller, Jr., pastor at Three Strands Lutheran Parish in Pipestone, MN, presents a message titled "Sinners in the Presence of a Holy God." The sermon is based on Isaiah 6:1–8.

#### February 13, 2022

10 a.m. "Girl's Best Friend" Focusing on the here and now creates problems for a mother and her daughter and prompts spiritual questions for all.

10:30 a.m. — Rev. Doug Slavens, pastor at Memorial Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls, presents a message titled "Blessings For Life." The sermon is based on Luke 6:17–26.

#### February 20, 2022

10 a.m. "Song of the Night" A son's accident causes his family to question everything.

10:30 a.m. - Rev. Clint Thorson, pastor at Our Savior-St. John Lutheran Church in Madison and Howard, SD presents a message titled "Resurrection Reality." This sermon is based on 1 Corinthians 15.

#### February 27, 2022

10 a.m. "Hope Enough to Live By" A medical research scientist falls into despair after an accident and subsequent events.

10:30 a.m. - Rev. Chris Nitzel, pastor at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Hartley, IA, presents a message titled "None Like Jesus." The sermon is based on Luke 9:28–36.

# ST. PAUL'S/TRINITY NEWS

### **Trinity Officers 2022**

President: Dean Suelflow

Vice President: Ben Bogenhagen

Secretary: Kris Kieffer Treasurer: Diana Kieffer

Board of Elders:

1. Dan Guericke

2. David Bogenhagen

3. Brian Hall

**Board of Trustees** 

1. Ron Steffen

2. Dan Meier

Finance Committee:

1. Brianna Bogenhagen

2. Karen Meier

#### St. Paul's Officers 2022

President: Marv Jira

Vice President: Rodney Weber

Secretary: Judy Jira Treasurer: Mike Tuschen

Board of Elders:

1. Mike Tuschen

2. Curt Guindon

3. Justin Everson

#### Board of Trustees:

1. Jeremy Johnson

2. Lennis Titze

3. Howard Weischedel

#### Board of Finance:

1. Josh Kemp

2. Blanche Johnson

3. Kieth Albrecht

Sunday School Supt: Ferra Kemp Head Usher: Howard Weischedel

### **Upcoming 2022 Special Services**

- No midweek Lent services this year.
- Ash Wednesday, March 2, 12 Noon at Trinity, White Lake.
- o Maundy Thursday, April 14, 12 Noon at St. Paul's Plankinton.
- Good Friday, April 15, 12 Noon at Trinity, White Lake.
- o Easter, Saturday, April 16, 6 p.m. at St. Paul's, Plankinton

### Live and Archived Recordings of **Divine Services**

Trinity's tech man, Brian Hall, has been working to steadily improve the quality of the video recordings of our Divine Services. This is a great resource for those who are unable to attend inperson. With the current arrangement for joint services, he has started streaming from St. Paul's, as well. Thank you, Brian!

We offer several options for watching live or at a time that works best for you.

1. The fastest way is to go directly to our YouTube channel, Trinity White Lake. If you haven't subscribed, you might consider doing so\*, as that will then give you easy access. That is, the subscribed YouTube channel will appear in the SUBSCRIPTIONS area on the left side of your YouTube home page.

\*You do need to have a YouTube account to be able to subscribe. How to get an account if you wish to do so:

- a. Go to youtube.com.
- b. In the top right, click Sign in.
- c. Click Create Account.
- d. Choose For myself.

Once you have an account, you can easily subscribe by clicking on the red

SUBSCRIBE button on our YouTube channel. You can also scan the QR code on the right to take you to our YouTube channel.



2. Trinity's Facebook page shares a post each Saturday for the current link to the streamed service.

www.facebook.com/trinitywhitelake

#### 3. Trinity website:

www.trinitywhitelake.com/services

#### St. Paul's website:

www.stpaulplankinton.com/services Under Services, you will find a link to Watch the Service. You may be directed to watch the video on YouTube.

#### **Trinity Lutherans For Life**

Annual Meeting will be Wednesday, February 2, 2022 at 3:30 p.m. All are welcome to join as we make plans for 2022 and equipping Lutherans to be Gospel-motivated voices for life!

The congregation is invited to enjoy refreshments following the February 12, 2022 Divine Service as part of Trinity Lutherans for Life's observance of Life Sunday 2022.

49th Annual Hour of Reflection. January 30, 2022. A Walk for Life will begin at 12 p.m.; meet outside the Capitol building in Pierre, SD. The Hour of Reflection will be at 2 p.m. in the Capitol Rotunda.

www.sdrighttolife.org/events/hour-of-reflection-2022

# SONGS OF THANKFULNESS AND PRAISE

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WATER PROPHET GRACE **POWER** BRANCH **EPIPHANY** LORD WINE CANA **BETHLEHEM** PRIEST **JESUS** STAR TRUMPET PURE JUDGE ANTHEMS DAVID KING SAGES DIVINE GOD **JORDAN** 

Play this puzzle online at : https://thewordsearch.com/puzzle/3242813/ © thewordsearch.com

If we look in the dictionary for the meaning of "epiphany," one meaning is "a sudden realization or intuitive leap of understanding," another is "a manifestation of a god or divine being in human form." That's fine if we know what a "manifestation" is. The word "manifest" is very important in this hymn, used again and again in every stanza.

The Epiphany Season starts with the leading of the Magi (sages) to see in the infant Jesus the revelation of God in human flesh and blood. It goes on to unfold the whole story of God become man in Christ through the actions and events of the life and ministry of our Lord. Each Gospel reading of the Sundays after the Epiphany is a new revelation, a manifestation of God in Christ. Each of them shows Him as the one and only Son of the living God. Each of the Gospel miracles of the season shows us God-inspired evidence of this truth.

"Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" (*LSB* 394) is a very good hymn to sing toward the end of the Epiphany Season. It reminds us of many of the ways God is manifest — plain, obvious, evident — in Jesus through the things He did and said in His earthly ministry. It brings the season together and sums it up.

—LCMS Hymn of the Day Studies for Epiphany

# 2022 Elders, Ushers, Acolytes, and Altar Committees

	JANUARY 2022				
St. Paul's		Trinity			
Elder:	Justin Everson	Elder:	Dan Guericke		
Ushers:	Kieth Albrecht	Ushers:	Dan Meier		
	Jaylen Kemp		Dean Suelflow		
	Josh Kemp	Acolytes	: Madison Meier		
Altar:	Sandy Tuschen				
Acolyte:		Altar:	Nancy Bogenhagen		

FEBRUARY 2022				
St. Paul'	S	Trinity		
Elder:	Curt Guindon	Elder:	David Bogenhagen	
Ushers:	Marv Jira	Ushers:	Ben Bogenhagen	
	Jeremy Johnson		Ron Steffen	
	Larry Gerlach	Acolytes	: Mataya Kahler	
Altar:	Sandy Tuschen		Taelyn Clark	
Acolyte:		Altar:		

March 2022					
St. Paul's		Trinity			
Elder:	Mike Tuschen	Elder:	Brian Hall		
Ushers:	Curt Guindon	Ushers:	Dan Meier		
	Merlyn Haak		Dean Suelflow		
	Marv Jira	Acolytes	: Jacob Doering		
Altar:	Marlene Johnson		Joshua Doering		
Acolyte:		Altar:			

<b>APRIL 2022</b>				
St. Paul	's	Trinity		
Elder:	Justin Everson	Elder:	Dan Guericke	
Ushers:	Brent Morenz	Ushers:	Scott Meier	
	Mike Tuschen		Ben Bogenhagen	
	Howard Weischedel	Acolytes	: Madison Meier	
Altar:	Marlene Johnson		Karter Clark	
Acolyte:		Altar:		

May 2022				
St. Paul'	S	Trinity		
Elder:	Curt Guindon	Elder:	David Bogenhagen	
Ushers:	Justin Everson	Ushers:	Dean Suelflow	
	Rod Weber		Ben Bogenhagen	
	Lane Wessling	Acolytes	: Jacob Doering	
Altar:	Sharon Boyd		Joshua Doering	
Acolyte:	•	Altar:	<u>-</u>	

	June 2022					
St. Paul'	S	Trinity				
Elder:	Mike Tuschen	Elder:	Brian Hall			
Ushers:	Kurt Fink	Ushers:	Ron Steffen			
	Stan Johnson		Scott Meier			
	Lennis Titze	Acolytes	: Madison Meier			
Altar:	Sharon Boyd		Joshua Doering			
Acolyte:		Altar:				

	July 2022				
St. Paul	's	Trinity			
Elder:	Justin Everson	Elder:	Dan Guericke		
Ushers:	Kieth Albrecht	Ushers:	Dan Meier		
	Jaylen Kemp		Dean Suelflow		
	Josh Kemp	Acolytes	: Jacob Doering		
Altar:	Deb Haak		Mataya Kahler		
Acolyte:		Altar:			

August 2022				
St. Paul'	S	Trinity		
Elder:	Curt Guindon	Elder:	David Bogenhagen	
Ushers:	Marv Jira	Ushers:	Ben Bogenhagen	
	Jeremy Johnson		Ron Steffen	
	Larry Gerlach	Acolytes	: Madison Meier	
Altar:	Cathy Albrecht		Brant Bogenhagen	
Acolyte:	·	Altar:	<u>-</u>	

	SEPTEMBER 2022				
St. Paul'	St. Paul's				
Elder:	Mike Tuschen	Elder:	Brian Hall		
Ushers:	Curt Guindon	Ushers:	Scott Meier		
	Merlyn Haak		Dan Meier		
	Marv Jira	Acolytes	: Jacob Doering		
Altar:	Cathy Albrecht		Taelyn Clark		
Acolyte:	•	Altar:	•		

OCTOBER 2022				
St. Paul	's	Trinity		
Elder:	Justin Everson	Elder:	Dan Guericke	
Ushers:	Brent Morenz	Ushers:	Dean Suelflow	
	Mike Tuschen		Ben Bogenhagen	
	Howard Weischedel	Acolytes	: Joshua Doering	
Altar:	Marlene Johnson		Brant Bogenhagen	
Acolyte:		Altar:		

November 2022								
St. Paul's		Trinity						
Elder:	Curt Guindon	Elder:	David Bogenhagen					
Ushers:	Justin Everson	Ushers:	Ron Steffen					
	Rod Weber		Dan Meier					
	Lane Wessling	Acolytes	: Madison Meier					
Altar:	Deb Haak		Karter Clark					
Acolyte:		Altar:						

DECEMBER 2022								
St. Paul's		Trinity						
Elder:	Mike Tuschen	Elder:	Brian Hall					
Ushers:	Kurt Fink	Ushers:	Ben Bogenhagen					
	Stan Johnson		Scott Meier					
	Lennis Titze	Acolytes: Jacob Doering						
Altar:	Deb Haak		Taelyn Clark					
Acolyte:		Altar:						



# FEBRUARY 2022



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 + 2 p.m. TR Hope Circle 6:30 p.m. TR Ruth Circle	2 2:30 p.m. TR Release-Time 3:30 p.m. TR Lutherans For Life Ann. Mtg.	3	4	5 Fifth Sunday Epiphany 4:45 p.m. St. Paul's Confirmation/Sat. School 6 p.m. St. Paul's Joint Divine Service 7 p.m. Bible Study
<b>6</b> Fifth Sunday Epiphany 1st Sunday of February	7	8	9 2:30 p.m. TR Release-Time	10	11	12 Sixth Sunday Epiphany 4:45 p.m. Trinity Confirmation/Sat. School 6 p.m. Trinity Joint Divine Service 7 p.m. Bible Study
13 Sixth Sunday Epiphany 2nd Sunday of February	2 p.m. SP Dorcas Circle	15	16 2:30 p.m. TR Release-Time	17	18	19 Seventh Sunday Epiphany 4:45 p.m. St. Paul's Confirmation/Sat. School 6 p.m. St. Paul's Joint Divine Service 7 p.m. Bible Study
<b>20</b> Seventh Sunday Epiphany 3rd Sunday of February	21	22	23 2:30 p.m. TR Release-Time	24	25	<ul> <li>Transfiguration</li> <li>4:45 p.m. Trinity</li> <li>Confirmation/Sat. School</li> <li>6 p.m. Trinity</li> <li>Joint Divine Service</li> <li>7 p.m. Bible Study</li> </ul>
<b>27</b> Transfiguration 4th Sunday of February	28	March 1	2 Ash Wednesday 12 p.m. @ Trinity	3	4	5 St. Paul's
6 1st Sunday March	7	8	9	10	11	12 Trinity
13 2nd Sunday March	14	15	16	17	18	19 St. Paul's
20 3rd Sunday March	21	22	23	24	25	<b>26</b> Trinity
27 4th Sunday March	28	29	30	31	1-Apr	2 St. Paul's