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March 1, 2026 — Second Sunday in Lent

The Word of the Gospel Opens the Eyes of Faith

The Lord called Abram (Abraham) to leave his home and go to a land that God would show him. He also promised to make of Abram “a great nation,” to bless him and make his name great as a blessing to “all the families of the earth” (Gen. 12:2–3). “Abram went, as the LORD had told him” (Gen. 12:4), and in Canaan “he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD” (Gen. 12:8). He “believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness” (Rom. 4:3). Here the grace of God is manifested, that He “justifies the ungodly” (Rom. 4:5), not by works of the Law, but through faith in His promises. He removes all of our sins and lawless deeds through Jesus Christ, the offspring of Abraham in whom all the Lord’s promises are realized. This forgiveness of sins is the Word of the Gospel, the voice of the Holy Spirit, which “gives life to the dead” (Rom. 4:17). It opens the eyes of faith to behold Christ Jesus, the Son of Man lifted up on the cross, “that whoever believes in him may have eternal life” (John 3:14–15).

DIVINE SERVICE

ORDER OF SERVICE

Divine Service Setting Four, *LSB* 203

CREED: Nicene

HYMNS

Opening Hymn:

LSB 712 “Seek Ye First”

Sermon Hymn:

LSB 710 “The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want”

Offering Hymn:

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

Distribution Hymn:

LSB 703 “How Can I Thank You, Lord”

Closing Hymn:

LSB 702 “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

SERMON TEXT AND THEME

John 3:16

“God So Loved the World”

IN OUR PRAYERS **

FOR HEALTH AND HEALING

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TRINITY BIRTHDAYS: Lindsey Thompson 03/03; Rhonda Peters 03/03; Ethan Byrd 03/04

TRINITY ANNIVERSARIES: none

ST. PAUL’S BIRTHDAYS: Kyanna Huff 03/07; Lilyanna Huff 03/07

ST. PAUL’S ANNIVERSARY: Mike & Sandy Tuschen 03/07

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LUTHERANS FOR LIFE THOUGHT

Salvation comes only through faith in Christ, who was “lifted up” on the cross as the payment for the world’s sins (John 3:14-15). Not even Abraham our forefather was saved by his works or inner worth (Romans 4:2-3). In choosing to redeem us by His own grace apart from our works, God shows us that our value is not found in a person’s own qualities. Instead, every person is precious to God and worthy of dignity because “God so loved the world that He gave His only Son” (John 3:16). • lutheransforlife.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Lent Schedule (see *March Newsletter* for full schedule)

- March 4, 2026. Joint Midweek Service at St. Paul’s, 7 p.m.
- March 11, 2026. Joint Midweek Service at Trinity, 7 p.m.

Lenten Meals – Everyone is welcome!

- St. Paul’s Dorcas Circle will be serving Lenten suppers at 6 p.m. March 4 and March 18, 2026, prior to each Lenten service.

Dorcas Circle will be handing out LWML **Mite Boxes** following church for all St. Paul’s members to fill **for missions during the Lenten season**. Please return the box after Easter to the large Mite Box in the back of the church.

Trinity LWML will be taking a **free-will collection** March 1, 2026, for the **Rosebud Ministry** “Cookies for Utecht’s”.

The **March newsletter** is available this morning.

Daylight Savings Time begins March 8, 2026, at 2 a.m. Set your clocks ahead!

2026-03-01 Second Sunday in Lent

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

Sun. Mar 1	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
Mon. Mar. 2	7 p.m.	Catechism Class at St. Paul's
Tues. Mar. 3	1 p.m.	LWML Trinity Hope Circle
	6:30 p.m.	LWML Trinity Ruth Circle
Wed. Mar. 4	2:15 p.m.	Release-Time Class at Trinity
	6 p.m.	Lenten Meal at St. Paul's
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Greeters: SP: 03/01 Curt & Kathy G.; 03/08 Lennis & Sandy T.

February 22 Attendance and Offering: SP: 24, \$875; TR: 22, \$1009

February 25 Midweek Lent Attendance: SP:3. TR: 14

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March 8, 2026 — Third Sunday in Lent

We Worship the Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Though the Lord had brought them out of Egypt, *“all the congregation of the people of Israel”* grumbled against Him because *“there was no water for the people to drink”* (Ex. 17:1). Despite their quarreling, the Lord graciously provided for them. He did not strike the people for their sins, but by the hand of Moses He struck the rock instead and brought forth water for the people. In the same way, living water flows from the pierced side of Christ at *“about the sixth hour”* (John 4:6; 19:14), when He is lifted up on the cross for the sins of the world. He is *“the gift of God”* (John 4:10), the well from which the Holy Spirit is poured out and becomes in His people *“a spring of water welling up to eternal life”* (John 4:14). By this grace in which we stand, being at peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, we *“worship the Father in spirit and truth”* (John 4:23). *“We rejoice in hope of the glory of God”* because *“God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us”* (Rom. 5:2, 5).

DIVINE SERVICE

ORDER OF SERVICE

Divine Service Setting Four, *LSB* 203

CREED: Apostle’s

HYMNS

Opening Hymn:

LSB 527 “O Savior, Precious Savior”

Sermon Hymn:

LSB 548 “Thanks to Thee, O Christ, Victorious”

Offering Hymn:

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

Distribution/Third Hymn:

LSB 549 “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

Closing Hymn:

LSB 554 “O Jesus, King Most Wonderful”

SERMON TEXT AND THEME

John 4:5–26

“Christ, the Living Water”

IN OUR PRAYERS **

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TRINITY BIRTHDAYS: Ariel Glissendorf 03/14; Rick Markhardt 03/14; Ryan Everson 03/14

TRINITY ANNIVERSARIES: none

ST. PAUL’S BIRTHDAYS: Jenalee Huff 03/10; Kelli Weber 03/11; Karter Weber 03/13

ST. PAUL’S ANNIVERSARY: none

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LUTHERANS FOR LIFE THOUGHT

The world tells us to avoid suffering at all costs, even justifying murder (abortion, suicide, assisted suicide) on the grounds that death can be used to avoid further suffering. However, St. Paul reminds us that instead of trying to avoid suffering through death, we “can rejoice in our sufferings” (Romans 5:3), knowing that God uses our suffering to increase our hope in Him and bring us to everlasting glory. Therefore, when suffering comes, “let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker (Psalm 95:6), entrusting ourselves into the hands of the One who “died for us” (Romans 5:8). • *lutheransforlife.org*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- March 18, 2026. Joint Midweek Service at St. Paul’s, 7 p.m.

Lenten Meals – Everyone is welcome!

- St. Paul’s Dorcas Circle will be serving a Lenten supper at 6 p.m., March 18, 2026, prior to the Lenten service.

Trinity LWML thanks everyone who contributed to the \$318 collected for the **Rosebud Ministry** “Cookies for Utech’s”.

2026-03-08 Third Sunday in Lent

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

Sun. Mar 8	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
Mon. Mar. 9	7 p.m.	Catechism Class at St. Paul's
Tues. Mar. 10	2 p.m.	LWML St. Paul's Dorcas Circle
Wed. Mar. 11	2:15 p.m.	Release-Time Class at Trinity
	7 p.m.	Joint Lent Midweek Service at Trinity

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March 1 Attendance and Offering: SP: 25, \$890; TR: 24, \$1951 (2-25 & 3-1)

March 4 Midweek Lent Attendance: SP:13. TR: 12

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March 15, 2026 — Fourth Sunday in Lent

By His Word of the Gospel, Jesus Calls Us Out of the Darkness

The Lord is grieved by the spiritual blindness of His people, yet in mercy He does not forsake them. He restrains His anger and keeps His peace, until He opens their ears and eyes to hear and see Him. *“For his righteousness’ sake,”* He magnifies His Word and makes it glorious in the coming of Christ Jesus (Is. 42:21). Jesus turns *“the darkness before them into light”* (Is. 42:16) because He is *“the light of the world”* (John 9:5). The incarnate Son of God does the works of His Father and displays the divine glory in His own flesh *“while it is day,”* until that night *“when no one can work”* (John 9:4). By the washing of water with His Word, He opens the eyes of the blind and grants rest to the weary. Therefore, though *“at one time you were darkness,”* now *“you are light in the Lord”* (Eph. 5:8). By our Baptism into Christ, we live in the eternal day of His resurrection, wherein He shines upon us. As often as we fall back into the darkness of sin, He calls us by the Gospel to *“awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead”* (Eph. 5:14).

DIVINE SERVICE

ORDER OF SERVICE

Divine Service Setting Four, *LSB 203*

CREED: Nicene

HYMNS

Opening Hymn:

LSB 832 “Jesus Shall Reign”

Sermon Hymn:

LSB 770 “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

Offering Hymn:

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

Distribution/Third Hymn:

LSB 618 “I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table”

Closing Hymn:

LSB 761 “Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

SERMON TEXT AND THEME

Luke 8:22–25

“Where Is Your Faith?”

IN OUR PRAYERS **

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TRINITY BIRTHDAY: Travis Geyer 03/18

TRINITY ANNIVERSARY: Dan & Pam Hallman 03/17

ST. PAUL’S BIRTHDAYS: Destiny Haak 03/16; Vicki Gerlach 03/16; Peg Hoffman 03/18

ST. PAUL’S ANNIVERSARY: none

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LUTHERANS FOR LIFE THOUGHT

Sin makes us blind to the things of God (Isaiah 42:16, 18). Not only do we often fail to recognize our neighbors and the many needs they have, but we also have a hard time seeing our own lack of love (John 9:41) and need for salvation. Thankfully, Jesus has come to open our blind eyes and turn our darkness into light (John 9:6, Isaiah 42:16). The Lord not only grants us faith to see Him and know His salvation, He also empowers us to “walk as children of light” (Ephesians 5:8) to better see and serve our neighbors in need, from the least of them to the greatest. • *lutheransforlife.org*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- March 18, 2026. Joint Midweek Service at St. Paul’s, 7 p.m.
- March 25, 2026. Joint Midweek Service at Trinity, 7 p.m.

Lenten Meal – Everyone is welcome!

- St. Paul’s Dorcas Circle will be serving a Lenten supper at 6 p.m., March 18, 2026, prior to the Lenten service.

2026-03-15 Fourth Sunday in Lent

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Sun. Mar 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
Mon. Mar. 16	7 p.m.	Catechism Class at St. Paul's
Wed. Mar. 18	2:15 p.m.	Release-Time Class at Trinity
	6 p.m.	Lenten Meal at St. Paul's
	7 p.m.	Joint Lent Midweek Service at St. Paul's

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March 11 Midweek Lent Attendance: SP:3. TR: 17

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March 22, 2026 — Fifth Sunday in Lent

Jesus Christ Is the Resurrection and the Life

The illness and death of Lazarus happened *“that the Son of God may be glorified through it”* (John 11:4). Jesus’ miracle of raising Lazarus prompted His arrest and crucifixion, whereby He would die *“for the nation”* and gather *“into one the children of God who are scattered abroad”* (John 11:51–52). As He called Lazarus from the tomb and commanded others to *“unbind him, and let him go”* (John 11:44), Jesus also calls us and releases us from the bondage of sin and death. We would not *“submit to God’s law,”* nor could we *“please God”* (Rom. 8:7–8), but *“he condemned sin”* in His own flesh so *“that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us”* (Rom. 8:3–4). Now through the Gospel, *“the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells”* in us (Rom. 8:11). His Word breathes His Spirit into our mortal flesh, animating us with His own life. As His ministers preach according to His divine command, the Lord Jesus calls us from the grave into the good land that He gives us (Ezek. 37:12, 14).

DIVINE SERVICE

ORDER OF SERVICE

Divine Service Setting Four, *LSB* 203

CREED: Nicene

HYMNS

Opening Hymn:

LSB 907 “God Himself Is Present”

Sermon Hymn:

LSB 728 “How Firm a Foundation”

Offering Hymn:

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

Distribution/Third Hymn:

LSB 729 “On Eagles’ Wings”

Closing Hymn:

LSB 917 “Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise”

SERMON TEXT AND THEME

Ezekiel 37:1–14

“Can These Bones Live?”

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CHRISTIAN LOVE AND CONDOLENCES to the family and friends of Neil Peters (TR) who passed away last week. The funeral service was held at Trinity March 21, 2026. May God bless Neil’s family and friends with the hope of the resurrection on the last day.

TRINITY BIRTHDAY: Janice Thiry 03/25

TRINITY ANNIVERSARIES: none

ST. PAUL’S BIRTHDAY: Peg Hoffman 03/18

ST. PAUL’S ANNIVERSARY: none

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LUTHERANS FOR LIFE THOUGHT

Jesus is the “resurrection and the life” (John 11:25), the one true God who raises the dead from their graves and gives them new life (Ezekiel 37:5-6). Everything Jesus has said and done testifies that He gives, sustains, and loves life. It is inconceivable to think that Jesus, who raised Lazarus from the tomb and who died to “give life to our mortal bodies” (Romans 8:11), would approve of the murder of any innocent person, regardless of their size or condition. • lutheransforlife.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Lent/Holy Week Schedule

- March 25, 2026. Joint Midweek Service at Trinity, 7 p.m.
- April 2, 2026. Joint Maundy Thursday at Trinity, 7 p.m., w/comm.
- April 3, 2026. Joint Good Friday at St. Paul’s, 7 p.m.
- April 5, 2026. Easter Sunday. Regular service times: 8:30 a.m. Trinity; 10:30 a.m. St. Paul’s.

The April newsletter will be available March 29, 2026. Please submit news or articles by Tuesday, March 24, 2026, to trinitywlsd@gmail.com. Thank you.

2026-03-22 Fifth Sunday in Lent

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

Sun. Mar 15		Services canceled; blizzard conditions.
Sun. Mar 22	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
Mon. Mar. 23	7 p.m.	Catechism Class at St. Paul's
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March 18 Midweek Lent Attendance: SP 12; TR: 10

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March 29, 2026 — Palm Sunday

Now Is the Hour When the Son of Man Is Glorified

“Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming.” He comes in gentle humility, *“sitting on a donkey’s colt,”* yet also as the King of Israel *“in the name of the Lord”* (John 12:13, 15). His royal glory is faithful obedience and self-sacrificing service *“to the point of death, even death on a cross”* (Phil. 2:8). The love of God is manifested in the cross and Passion of His Son for the salvation of sinners. Since He has borne our sins and suffered our death, *“God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name”* (Phil. 2:9), and He exalts us in His resurrection. Our Lord did not hide His face *“from disgrace and spitting”* (Is. 50:6), but He trusted His God and Father, who raised Him from death and the grave and exalted Him to His right hand. This same King Jesus now comes to us in gentle humility in His Supper, where He feeds us with His body and cleanses and covers us with His blood, so that *“after his resurrection”* we also shall rise and enter the holy city (Matt. 27:52–53).

DIVINE SERVICE

ORDER OF SERVICE

Divine Service Setting Four, *LSB* 203

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HYMNS

Opening Hymn:

LSB 442 “All Glory, Laud and Honor”

Sermon Hymn:

LSB 441 “Ride On, Ride On in Majesty”

Offering Hymn:

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

Distribution Hymn:

LSB 619 “Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior”

Closing Hymn:

LSB 443 “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

SERMON TEXT AND THEME

Luke 19:37–38

“Hosanna in the Highest”

IN OUR PRAYERS **

FOR HEALTH AND HEALING

TRINITY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS: Pam Hallman, Deb Pope, Marlene Henthorn, Florence Meier, Linda Smith, and Barb Gilbertz. Mike Gilbertz, Reiko Pope, Earl Tripp, and Richard Kieffer.

ST. PAUL’S MEMBERS AND FRIENDS: Chris Heismeyer, Kendra Will, and Bernice Kollman. Lynn Anderson, Tina Gerlach, Lenora Hoffman, Rocky Hauge, and David.

Mary Milbrandt, Darryn, Jane, Nadine Larson, Keith Wallin, and Zoe Jones.

TRINITY BIRTHDAYS: Zander Clark 03/30; Heidi Geyer 04/01

TRINITY ANNIVERSARIES: none

ST. PAUL’S BIRTHDAY: Stanlee Johnson 03/31; Kitti DeGeest 04/03

ST. PAUL’S ANNIVERSARY: none

** Please contact Nancy at *trinitywlsd@gmail.com* or 605-249-2570 for any updates to this bulletin prayer list. Thank you.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE THOUGHT

When Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, he gave up, washed his hands, called himself innocent, and let the Innocent One, our Lord Jesus Christ, be taken away and crucified (Matthew 27:24-26). As the world around us continues to call for the death of the innocent, it may seem that we are gaining nothing, and we will be tempted to wash our hands and give up like Pilate did. But the Lord, in His mercy, has given you a tongue to speak that you may sustain with His Word those who are weary (Isaiah 50:4). God grant us the strength to speak up on behalf of the innocent ones and let “every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father” (Philippians 2:11). • *lutheransforlife.org*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Lent/Holy Week Schedule

- April 2, 2026. Joint Maundy Thursday at Trinity, 7 p.m., w/comm.
- April 3, 2026. Joint Good Friday at St. Paul’s, 7 p.m.
- April 5, 2026. Easter Sunday. Regular service times: 8:30 a.m. Trinity; 10:30 a.m. St. Paul’s.

The **April newsletter** is available this morning.

Trinity Quarterly Voters Meeting will be Tuesday, April 14, 2026, 7 p.m.

2026-03-29 Palm Sunday

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

Sun. Mar 29	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
Mon. Mar. 30	7 p.m.	Catechism Class at St. Paul's
Wed. Apr. 1	2:15 p.m.	Release-Time Class at Trinity
Thur. Apr. 2	7 p.m.	Joint Maundy Thursday Service at TR
Fri. Apr. 3	7 p.m.	Joint Good Friday Service at SP

MARCH 2026

Elders: TR: Ben Bogenhagen SP: Mike Tuschen
Ushers: TR: Dan M., John G. SP: Curt G., Merlyn H.
Acolytes: TR: Blake Bogenhagen SP: Jenna Haak
Altar: TR: Barb Gilbertz SP: Marlene Johnson
Greeters: SP: 03/29 Marv J; 04/05 Bernice K and Larry G

March 22 Attendance and Offering: SP: 18, \$1275; TR: 14, \$1327

March 25 Midweek Lent Attendance: SP 0; TR: 18

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.