



NEWSLETTER



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MARCH 2022

Joint Divine Worship Services

Saturday, March 5, 2022 — 6 p.m. at St. Paul's
 Saturday, March 12, 2022 — 6 p.m. at Trinity
 Saturday, March 19, 2022 — 6 p.m. at St. Paul's
 Saturday, March 26, 2022 — 6 p.m. at Trinity
 Saturday, April 2, 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 – Book of Daniel

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

2022 Lent/Holy Week Services (No midweek Lent services this year.)

Ash Wednesday, Mar. 2, 12 noon at Trinity.
 Maundy Thursday, Apr. 14, 12 noon at St. Paul's.
 Good Friday, Apr. 15, 12 noon at Trinity.
 Easter, Saturday Apr. 16, 6 p.m. at St. Paul's.

Lutheran Women's Missionary League

Trinity Hope Circle – March 1, 2022, 2 p.m.
 Trinity Ruth Circle – March 1, 2022, 6:30 p.m.
 St. Paul's Dorcas Circle – March 14, 2022, 2 p.m.

Serving the Lord's Church in MARCH

TRINITY

Elder Brian Hall
Ushers Dan Meier
 Dean Suelflow
Acolytes Jacob Doering
 Joshua Doering

ST. PAUL'S

Elder Mike Tuschen
Ushers Curt Guindon, Merlyn
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Acolyte Alyssa Johnson
Altar Marlene Johnson

Scripture Readings

Mar. 5 Deuteronomy 26:1–11; Romans 10:8b–13; Luke 4:1–13
 Mar. 12 Jeremiah 26:8–15; Philippians 3:17–4:1; Luke 13:31–35
 Mar. 19 Ezekiel 33:7–20; 1 Corinthians 10:1–13; Luke 13:1–9
 Mar. 26 Isaiah 12:1–6; 2 Corinthians 5:16–21; Luke 15:1–3, 11–32
 Apr. 2 Isaiah 43:16–21; Philippians 3:8–14; Luke 20:9–20

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 **April 2022 newsletter** will be available on/after April 2, 2022. Articles are due March 28, 2022.

FROM PASTOR JENS JENSON



And to Adam He said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return." (Gen 3:17–19).

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Lent (which is 40 days long). It's important to remember that the imposition of ashes is not a Sacrament (like Baptism and the Lord's Supper). Therefore, it is not necessary for Christians to do this. The imposition of ashes is optional. It is not commanded by God nor is there a

promise attached to it like Baptism and the Lord's Supper. The church has long practiced the imposition of ashes as an outward symbol of repentance. We have documentation that it was universally practiced in the church in the late 7th century.

The imposition of ashes can be likened to the Advent Wreath which can help us focus on God's Word. Ashes were used in Biblical times to signify sorrow and repentance. Luke 10:13, Jesus said, "Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes." The ash is a confession that sin has reduced us to dust and ashes. Christians make this confession whether they put ashes on their heads or not.

In Christ,
Pastor Jenson

Websites

www.stpaulplankinton.com
www.trinitywhitelake.com

Links for the bulletin, printed service, and link for the YouTube recording are updated weekly under the Services tab!

Live and Archived Recordings of Divine Services

Available on the **YouTube** channel, **Trinity White Lake**, as well as our websites and Trinity Facebook pages.

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- Submit newsletter and bulletin articles.
- Update a prayer request.
- Request a digital copy of the newsletter.

Lenten Devotions

Copies of the 2022 Lenten devotions from Concordia Publishing House, "**Witnesses To Christ**" will be available at either congregation soon.

A source for a free downloadable Lenten devotion booklet is the website steadfastlutherans.org/. The title for their 2022 devotions is "**As if Christ Our Dear Lord Dealt with Us Himself**". Pastor Joshua Scheer writes, "Of particular note are the Saturday devotions on topics/common questions and objections to Confession and Absolution written by Rev. Ryan Loeslie, one of the finest pastoral theologians I know." Rev. Loeslie serves Immanuel Dimock and is our circuit visitor.

If you would prefer a printed copy of the above devotions, contact Nancy at trinitywlsd@gmail.com or call 605-249-2570.



WORD FROM THE CENTER – February 21, 2022

Welcome to “Word from The Center” MONDAY, a devotional word from the Center of our faith, Jesus Christ, with reflections on His Word. I’m Gregory Seltz. Today’s reading is Genesis 45:3-7, where the Bible tells us of this event toward the end of Joseph’s life:

³Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph! Is my father still living?” But his brothers were not able to answer him, because they were terrified at his presence. ⁴Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come close to me.” When they had done so, he said, “I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt! ⁵And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you. ⁶For two years now there has been famine in the land, and for the next five years there will be no plowing and reaping. ⁷But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance.

WHAT OTHERS MEANT FOR EVIL!

I’ve been in Washington, D.C., for almost 5 years now and I often say, “What I know now, sometimes I wish I didn’t know.” I never believed that government was the source of the needed solutions for the big problems in life, and now I’m sure of it. The kinds of solutions that we need today are those which are resourced in the things of God and of faith, things rooted in and resourced by God’s love for us to be shared with all on His terms alone. Unfortunately, even in the freest country in the world, thanks to the providence of God, I now see that more and more people DON’T believe that, especially amidst the powers that be in places like Washington where they often socially and politically sneer at those who do. That’s why this lesson in Genesis is so important. The story of Joseph is one that reminds us that God’s love and faithfulness are always to be counted on, even in the midst of the transient trials of the day or the disfavor of the fleeting political powers that be. We, as people of God, need to be reminded of St. Paul’s words in Romans 8:28, “We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him,” even when people mean evil towards us.

The story of Joseph is an example of the power of faith in God’s love and providence. Even amidst unjust, unfair, or seemingly hopeless circumstances, such a faith moves us to ask the question, “Could this end up being a blessing in disguise?” The story of Joseph ends in blessing,

but from the beginning it looked more like calamity upon calamity, and catastrophe upon catastrophe. Even his blessings from God and his faithfulness to God at times got him into big trouble. His own brothers despised their father’s favor toward him so they faked his death and sold him into slavery. Even as a slave in Potiphar’s house, God still blessed Joseph. Unfortunately, amidst such favor, treachery found Joseph again. Potiphar’s wife noticed the successful and handsome manager of the house and wanted to lure him to sleep with her (Genesis 39). Joseph’s faithfulness to God and to his master, Potiphar, led to false charges from Potiphar’s wife and an unjust imprisonment for crimes he didn’t commit. Throughout the narrative, we are reminded that God is always faithful to His people, even in a faithless world. Throughout the narrative we also see Joseph demonstrate the power of faith to view one’s struggles and trials through the eyes of faith, asking even then, “Could this somehow end up being a blessing in disguise?”

Joseph’s trials and tribulations were ultimately God’s way of placing him in a position of power in Egypt to save his family and many others, and even to protect the promise that God made to bring a Savior for all through the lineage of Israel. In fact, the story of Joseph foreshadowed God’s ultimate work for us all in Jesus Christ. In the fullness of time, the destructive powers of this fallen world, which are often used for evil,

accomplish our salvation through the unlikely means of the cross. Though unjustly accused and wrongly executed, the just penalty for our sins was laid on Jesus there so that we might be saved; the eternal damnation our sins deserve was endured by Him so that we might have eternal life as a gift of God's grace, the ultimate good.

Throughout His life, death, and resurrection, Jesus Christ focused His attention on God's Word; He focused His efforts on the saving mission of the Father; He took His trials and temptations to God the Father in prayer; and He demonstrated a "not my will but thine be done" love so that we might be saved (see Matthew 26:39). Surely, in view of the certainty of God's love and providence for us, the voice of faith can ask this question in the midst of our own trials and tribulations: "Could God work this out toward good for myself and others?"

So, take that to heart amidst the down days, the dog days of life in this sinful world. Put to work the power of faith that trusts in God's grace and God's wisdom in all things, knowing that even that which others mean for evil, God can work out toward good. The events of Joseph's life remind us that, even in the midst of real challenges, God can use them to eventually deliver a blessing to us and others.

PRAYER: Dear Lord Jesus, strengthen our faith amidst the trials of the world so that we might forever be confident in Your love and grace to see us through to the blessed end You have promised to us and are preparing for us. AMEN.

Condolences

Rev. Milbrandt's stepfather, Donald H. Dennert, died January 24, 2022. Condolences may be sent to:

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Main Street Living March 2022

All 10:30 a.m. programs are interpreted and closed-captioned for the hearing impaired. For more information visit: www.mainstreetliving.com

March 6, 2022

10 a.m. **"The Now Crowd"** — A soldier on leave helps his brother work through struggles in his life.

10:30 a.m. — Rev. Brent Keller, pastor at Peace Lutheran Church in Alcester, SD, presents a message titled "On Our Lord's Temptation." This sermon is based on Matthew 4:1–11.

March 13, 2022

10 a.m. **"The Poisoned Banquet"** — Vicious rumors look to ruin a nurse's career and marriage.

10:30 a.m. — Rev. Nabil Nour, pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church in Hartford, SD, presents a message titled "Lift Up Your Head." This sermon is based on Psalm 121.

March 20, 2022

10 a.m. **"Smash Up"** — A group of friends struggle with lingering guilt after an accident.

10:30 a.m. — Rev. Samuel Thole, pastor at Peace Lutheran Church in Brookings, SD, presents a message titled "Time to Repent." This sermon is based on Luke 13:1–9.

March 27, 2022

10 a.m. **"Awake with a Stranger"** — A guilt-ridden man is confronted and haunted by a lapse in judgment.

10:30 a.m. — (TBA; will be recorded Feb. 26th.)

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"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"
From an LWML* Lenten devotion based on *LSB* 425.



425 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross On which the
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the
3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet Sor - row and
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, That were a



Prince of Glo - ry died, My rich - est gain I
death of Christ, my God; All the vain things that
love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and
trib - ute far too small; Love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss And pour con - tempt on all my pride.
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.
sor - row meet Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
so di - vine, De - mands my soul, my life, my all!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748 | Tune: Lowell Mason, 1792–1872 | Text and tune: Public domain

Sing/Read Stanza 1. Look to the cross! The Lenten season again is with us. It brings us humbly before our Savior. Truly we have been made rich through the forgiveness of our sins, which we gained through Jesus' death. Jesus, the Prince, dying in a horrible way for the paupers' sin.

Sing/Read Stanza 2. We owe everything to Jesus. We are saved by His grace, not of our own merit. It is a gift given to us by God. We, in gratitude, want to live for Him. The earthly things seem unimportant now. These we can sacrifice, give up. He gave His life—His sacrifice.

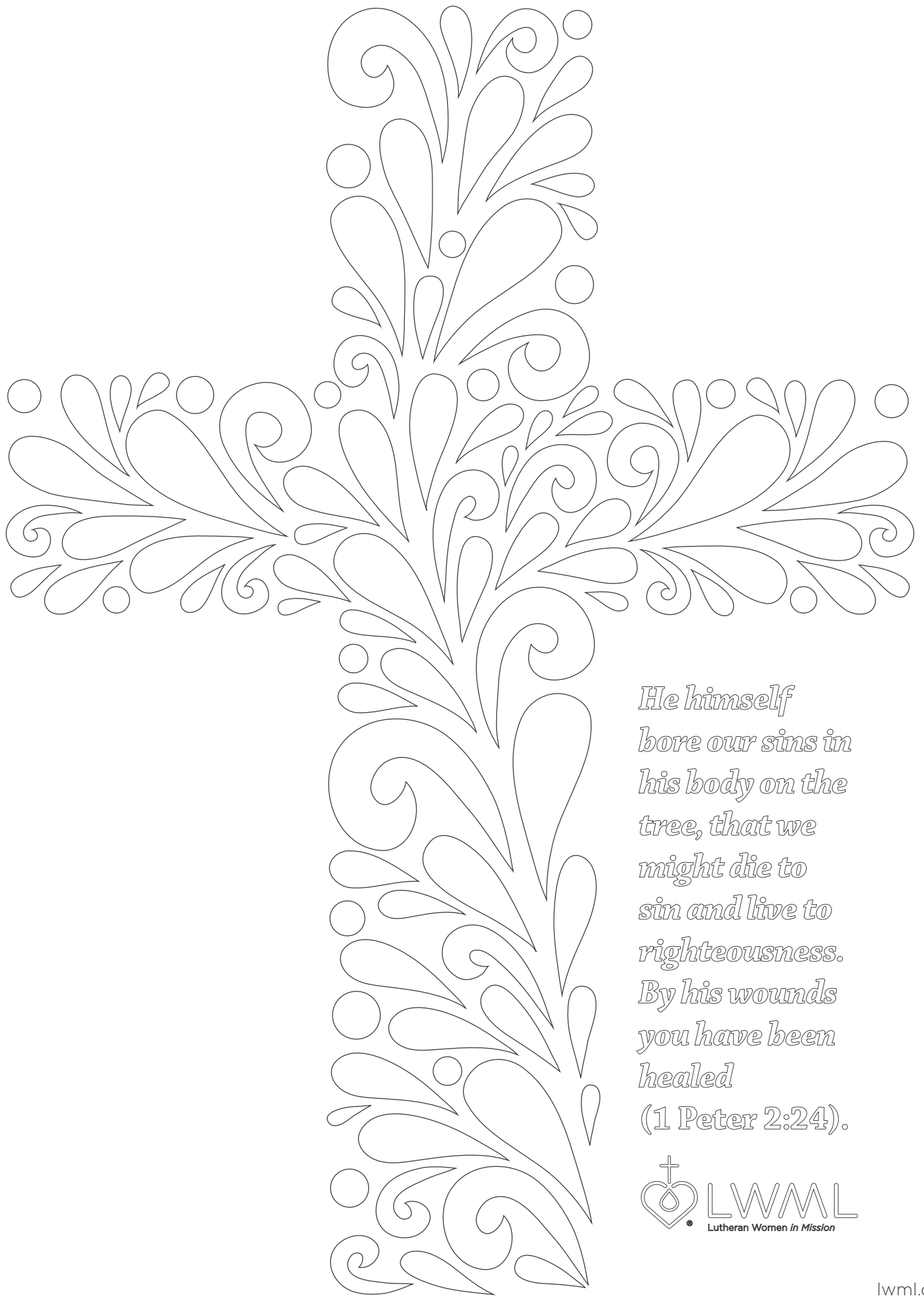
Sing/Read Stanza 3. His life! That's a lot! We look at His suffering, the pain of the crown of thorns on His brow, the beating, the nails through His hands and feet. The sorrow of our sins was truly His greatest pain. How could He do all this for us? Surely, we don't deserve it. But He loved us, very deeply does He love us, and this love was so great that He could do this for us!

Sing/Read Stanza 4. All the things of this world, the riches, the jewels, nothing could repay Jesus for this act of love. Love so great can only be returned by our total dedication to Him. As the hymn says, "my soul, my life, my all." To do this, we need to be repentant. We express repentance not only during Lent, but throughout the year.

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross by Carol Draube, Sioux City, Iowa

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*The complete devotion is available at: <https://www.lwml.org/posts/devotion/when-i-survey-the-wondrous-cross>









*He himself
bore our sins in
his body on the
tree, that we
might die to
sin and live to
righteousness.
By his wounds
you have been
healed
(1 Peter 2:24).*





MARCH 2022



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 2 p.m.  TR Hope Circle 6:30 p.m. TR Ruth Circle	2 Ash Wednesday 12 Noon Ash Wed Service at Trinity 2:15 p.m. TR Release-Time	3	4	5 First Saturday in Lent  4:45 p.m. St. Paul's Confirmation/Sat. School 6 p.m. St. Paul's Joint Divine Service 7 p.m. Bible Study
6 First Sunday in Lent 1st Sunday of March	7	8	9 2:15 p.m. TR Release-Time 7 p.m. SP Council Mtg.	10	11	12 Second Saturday in Lent  4:45 p.m. Trinity Confirmation/Sat. School 6 p.m. Trinity Joint Divine Service 7 p.m. Bible Study
13 Second Sunday in Lent 2nd Sunday of March	14 2 p.m.  SP Dorcas Circle	15	16 2:15 p.m. TR Release-Time	17	18	19 Third Saturday in Lent  4:45 p.m. St. Paul's Confirmation/Sat. School 6 p.m. St. Paul's Joint Divine Service 7 p.m. Bible Study
20 Third Sunday in Lent 3rd Sunday of March	21	22	23 2:15 p.m. TR Release-Time	24	25	26 Fourth Saturday in Lent  4:45 p.m. Trinity Confirmation/Sat. School 6 p.m. Trinity Joint Divine Service 7 p.m. Bible Study
27 Fourth Sunday in Lent 4th Sunday of March	28	29	30 2:15 p.m. TR Release-Time	31	April 1	2 St. Paul's
3 1st Sunday April	4	5	6	7	8	9 Trinity
10 2nd Sunday April	11	12	13	14 MaundyThurs SP	15 GoodFriday TR	16 St. Paul's HolySat/Easter Serv
17 3rd Sun April EASTER	18	19	20	21	22	23 Trinity
24 4th Sunday April	25	26	27	28	29	30 St. Paul's