



NEWSLETTER



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JUNE 2022

Joint Divine Worship Services

Saturday, June 4, 2022 — 6 p.m. at St. Paul's, with Confirmation
Saturday, June 11, 2022 — 6 p.m. at Trinity
Saturday, June 18, 2022 — 6 p.m. at St. Paul's
Saturday, June 25, 2022 — 6 p.m. at Trinity
Saturday, July 2, 2022 — 6 p.m. at St. Paul's

Bible Study – Book of Daniel

7–7:45 p.m. at the same dates and in the same locations as the Saturday Divine Worship Services listed at the top of the page.

Lutheran Women's Missionary League

South Dakota District Convention – June 3–4, 2022

“Walk in Love”, St. John's Lutheran Church, Yankton, SD

Trinity Hope Circle – June 7, 2022, 2 p.m.

Trinity Ruth Circle – June 7, 2022, 6:30 p.m.

St. Paul's Dorcas Circle – June 13, 2022, 2 p.m.

Rite of Confirmation

God's blessings to St. Paul's Confirmands: Jenna Haak, Jett Kemp, and Karter Weber. *We rejoice with thankful hearts that you have been baptized and have received the teaching of the Lord. You have confessed the faith and been absolved of your sins. As you continue to hear the Lord's Word and receive His blessed Sacrament, He who has begun a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.*

Serving the Lord's Church in JUNE

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Elder Brian Hall

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Scott Meier

Acolytes Madison Meier

Joshua Doering

Altar Barb Gilbertz

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Elder Mike Tuschen

Ushers Kurt Fink

Stan Johnson

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Altar Sharon Boyd

Scripture Readings

June 4 Genesis 11:1–9; Acts 2:1–21; John 14:23–31

June 11 Proverbs 8:1–4, 22–31; Acts 2:14a, 22–36; John 8:48–59

June 18 Isaiah 65:1–9; Galatians 3:23–4:7; Luke 8:26–39

June 25 1 Kings 19:9b–21; Galatians 5:1, 13–25; Luke 9:51–62

July 2 Isaiah 66:10–14; Galatians 6:1–10, 14–18; Luke 10:1–20

The July 2022 newsletter will be available on/after June 25, 2022. Articles are due June 21, 2022.

WHAT ABOUT ALIENS AND UFOs?

There is always much talk about UFOs (unidentified flying objects) sightings and even aliens. UFO sightings are nothing new. Many people (including military pilots) have witnessed strange things in the air. Sometimes there is a natural explanation for it, sometimes it's been a hoax, and other times there is no natural explanation (Luke 7:11). Such phenomena serve as signs of the Last Days. There have also been accounts of people being approached by aliens. What does Scripture have to say about such things? First, Scripture does not speak about alien lifeforms from other planets. However, Scripture does speak about spiritual creatures (angels and demons).



This picture is drawn by a Satanist named Aleister Crowley of a spiritual creature that approached him. The creature's name was Lam. Now, you may have thought that this was simply a photo of the common notion of an alien, but this was drawn by Crowley well before our common image of an alien. It is quite a coincidence that this spiritual creature that approached the Satanist Crowley appears like our common notion of an alien from outer space. Any guesses on what spiritual creature visited the occultist Crowley? If you said "demon", then you are correct.

What do demons do? They deceive. They seek to lead people away from God and to dehumanize man. They hate God and man. Many accounts of "alien" encounters were also harmful which coincides with what Scripture says about demons afflicting people. Many of the demons/ "aliens" that have appeared to people beckoned them to follow them in order to receive "secret knowledge." They do not call people to repent and believe in Christ. St John writes in Revelation 12:9, *And the great dragon (the devil) was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world...*

Jesus says in John 8:44, *You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and has nothing to do with the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.*

It is important for Christians to remember that the devil and demons are real and that they are active in deceiving the world and trying to lead people away from the Truth into myths (the most dangerous work of the devil is false doctrine which undermines faith in God). They can also take many forms. However, **we Christians are safe in Christ who is the stronger one. We find our refuge in Him in Word and Sacrament.** *Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To Him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.* (1 Peter 5:8–11)

In Christ,
Pastor Jenson

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- Submit newsletter and bulletin articles.
- Update a prayer request.
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Recordings of Divine Services

Available on the YouTube channel,
Trinity White Lake.



Main Street Living June 2022

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

June 5, 2022 KDLT (NBC) channels 5.1 / 46.1

10 a.m. **"A Will to Live"** A man leaves a large portion of his money to the church and hospital, then has his will contested by relatives.

10:30 a.m. **Rev. Dr. Brent Smith** from Lutheran Bible Translators presents a message based on John 14:23-31.

June 12, 2022 KDLT (NBC) channels 5.1 / 46.1

10 a.m. **"Interlude"** - A husband and wife struggle with marital issues.

10:30 a.m. **Rev. Samuel Bobby**, pastor at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Aberdeen, SD, presents a message titled "The Importance of Names." This sermon is based on John 8:48-51.

June 19, 2022 KDLT (NBC) channels 5.1 / 46.1

10 a.m. **"Man in the Middle"** Two men are left with a "secret" when one tells he has terminal cancer.

10:30 a.m. **Rev. Jordon Andreasen**, pastor at Our Savior & St. John's Lutheran Churches in Aberdeen, SD, presents a message titled "The Fear of the Lord." This sermon is based on Luke 8:26-39.

June 26, 2022 KDLT (NBC) channels 5.1 / 46.1

10 a.m. **"Return Trip"** The modern-day story of a prodigal daughter.

10:30 a.m. **Rev. Scott Spiehs**, pastor at St. Johns, Zion, & Mt. Olive Lutheran Churches by Wolsey, SD, presents a message titled "The Gospel of God." This sermon is based on Luke 9:51-62

Annual Diaper Drive



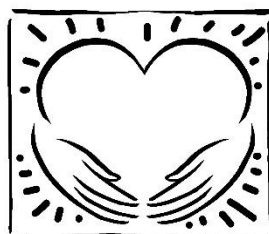
Trinity Lutheran Church
Lutherans For Life
Annual Diaper Drive
Collecting diapers and wipes from
Mother's Day to Father's Day, 2022.

Trinity Lutherans for Life of White Lake continues their annual diaper drive through Father's Day. For your convenience, we have collection totes at both St. Paul's and Trinity.

Members of Trinity Lutherans for Life are excited that the donations will go directly to help those in our community. Diaper distributions are to be held Friday, August 5th, from 5 to 7 p.m. and Saturday, August 6th, from 10 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Members of the community may come to Trinity Lutheran Church during these set times and pick up what size(s) they need for their child(ren).

Trinity Lutherans for Life is striving to share the message that life should be supported at all stages, from conception to natural death. Each phase of life comes with its own challenges and expenses for parents and caregivers. The community diaper drive and distribution help show our love and support for the smallest community members and to help alleviate the expense on those that care for them.

Please consider donating diapers and/or wipes and then encourage community members to pick up a donation for their family in August.



See what love the
Father has given us,
that we should be
called children of God.
1 John 3:1, NRSV



WORD FROM THE CENTER – May 23, 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 John 16:31–33. It begins with a question Jesus asks His disciples on the night he was betrayed. ³¹“Do you now believe?” Jesus replied. ³²“A time is coming and in fact has come when you will be scattered, each to your own home. You will leave me all alone. Yet I am not alone, for my

Father is with me. ³³“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”

CALM IN THE MIDDLE OF THE STORM!

Jesus here declares, “I have told you these things ... take heart.” When a person lives life within Christ’s promises and from the perspective of faith, one can have calm in the midst of any storm. Why? Because Jesus literally shares God’s perspective on life with you and speaks God’s promises to you amidst the storms, and that makes all the difference.

To that end, I was reminded of a story. If you’ve ever flown through thunderstorms, it can be nerve racking to say the least. The clouds are ominous. The winds are dangerous. There’s even the chance of the plane being struck by lightning. I’ve had a few travel experiences when the turbulence shook me physically and emotionally. But, very often, right in the middle of the chaos, there was also that amazing moment, that incredible feeling when the plane breaks through that last cloud and the sun shines forth for as far as the eyes can see. Sunshine in the midst of the storm. Relief amidst fear.

A pastor shared a harrowing experience that happened to him and his daughter. They were flying through a severe thunderstorm in the Midwest and, just as things couldn’t seem to get worse, the pilot’s voice came over the intercom assuring the passengers that everything would be alright. Just then, the plane not only broke through the clouds, the plane hit calm air and every passenger was privileged to see a beautiful rainbow that extended from horizon to horizon in the sun-drenched skies. That’s when the man’s four-year-old daughter put everything in perspective and excitedly said, “Daddy! Daddy! Look, it’s a rainbow and we’re seeing it from the same side that God sees it!”

Seeing things from God’s perspective makes all the difference in our lives. In our lesson for today, Jesus speaks of troublesome “storm clouds”

caused by the brokenness of the world all around us. Left to our own devices, all we would see are those thunderclouds, lightning strikes, wind, and rain, and we would be overwhelmed by them. But, even then, God is in our midst and God is at work to preserve this world and to save it, our very lives included. Jesus makes a bold promise amidst the storm clouds of life. In our reading, He says, “In me, you may have peace.” He provides peace amidst the storms, as well as the “rainbow promise” of His grace amidst the terrors of the moment.

So, as you dwell on your challenges and problems, take time this week to see your life from God’s perspective. Revel in His promise of life eternal for those who put their trust in Him. See your life as He sees it with sins forgiven by the blood of Christ. And then look for other “rainbows promises” of God as well. Jesus gives all of these:

- “Because I live, you will live also” (John 14:19).
- “I am the resurrection and the life; HE WHO BELIEVES IN ME SHALL LIVE EVEN IF HE DIES, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die” (John 11:25-26a).
- “Come to Me, all you who are weary and heavy-laden, AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST” (Matthew 12:27).
- “Ask and IT SHALL BE GIVEN TO YOU; seek and YOU SHALL FIND; knock, AND IT SHALL BE OPENED TO YOU” (Matthew 7:8).
- “I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS, even to the end of the age” (Matthew 28:20).

That last one may be the greatest promise of all! In the middle of any of our storms, there can be real calm, real assurance, and real strength. Why? Because for the believer, Jesus Christ is there with you always.

PRAYER: Dear Lord Jesus, help us to see the uniqueness of Your love and the power of Your promises for every day of our lives. AMEN.

How the Season after Pentecost Illustrates the Life of the Church



After the festivals of Pentecost and the Holy Trinity, the Church begins its longest yet perhaps least-celebrated season of the Church Year: the season after Pentecost. What comes at the end of the post-Pentecost calendar is not one of the Church's grand festivals, but rather, a reminder that the end times are near. In this way, the season after Pentecost reflects the Church's life as faithful members in Christ.

That "Other Half" of the Church Year

The season after Pentecost presents a degree of normalcy in the Church Year. Whereas the first half of the calendar began with the exhilaration of Advent and Christmas, continued through Epiphany and Lent, and culminated in the high point of the Church Year—the death and resurrection of Christ—the second half of the Church Year is that "season after" the joyous feasts and festivals.

After Pentecost, the red garments are tucked away with the palate of blue, white, purple, black, and gold, and the altar, pulpit, and pastor's vestments are adorned with a familiar green that will stay in the sanctuary throughout the second half of the Church calendar. Festival days are few and far between, and the Church settles into a faithful rhythm of hearing God's Word, receiving forgiveness from Christ, and partaking of His Sacraments.

After celebrating Jesus' nativity, Baptism, transfiguration, death, and resurrection, the season after Pentecost allows the Church to experience the life of Jesus in a different way. The Church steps directly into the story of Jesus, patiently walking alongside Him as He teaches, preaches, gives, and forgives. In walking with Christ, the Church is conformed to His image.

blog.cph.org/worship/how-the-season-after-pentecost-illustrates-the-life-of-the-church

Father's Day Prayer and Humor

God, our Heavenly Father, in Your wisdom and love, You have made all things. **On Father's Day we worship You** as our Great Provider of everything, including the best gift of all—Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, as our Savior. **We thank You** for giving the gift of earthly fathers to us, who are called on to pattern their love for their children and their families after Your sacrificial love for us. Make all of us thankful and supportive of this gift of fatherhood that You have given the human race; in the name of Jesus. Amen.



2022 Divine Services with Vacancy Pastor Rev. Jens Jenson

July–December

Services will be held jointly on Saturday evenings at 6 p.m. Worship will be held at **St. Paul's** prior to the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays of the month.

Trinity will host prior to the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.

SUN	M	T	W	Th	F	SAT
					JULY 1	2 St. Paul's
3 1st S July	4	5	6	7	8	9 Trinity
10 2nd S July	11	12	13	14	15	16 St. Paul's
17 3rd S July	18	19	20	21	22	23 Trinity
24 4th S July	25	26	27	28	29	30 St. Paul's
31 5th S July	AUG 1	2	3	4	5	6 St. Paul's
7 1st S Aug	8	9	10	11	12	13 Trinity
14 2nd S Aug	15	16	17	18	19	20 St. Paul's
21 3rd S Aug	22	23	24	25	26	27 Trinity
28 4th S Aug	29	30	31	SEPT 1	2	3 St. Paul's
4 1st S Sept	5	6	7	8	9	10 Trinity
11 2nd S Sept	12	13	14	15	16	17 St. Paul's
18 3rd S Sept	19	20	21	22	23	24 Trinity
25 4th S Sept	26	27	28	29	30	OCT 1 St. Paul's
2 1st S Oct	3	4	5	6	7	8 Trinity
9 2nd S Oct	10	11	12	13	14	15 St. Paul's
16 3rd S Oct	17	18	19	20	21	22 Trinity
23 4th S Oct	24	25	26	27	28	29 St. Paul's
30 5th S Oct	31	NOV 1	2	3	4	5 St. Paul's
6 1st S Nov	7	8	9	10	11	12 Trinity
13 2nd S Nov	14	15	16	17	18	19 St. Paul's
20 3rd S Nov	21	22	23	24	25	26 Trinity
27 4th S Nov	28	29	30	DEC 1	2	3 St. Paul's
4 1st S Dec	5	6	7	8	9	10 Trinity
11 2nd S Dec	12	13	14	15	16	17 St. Paul's
18 3rd S Dec	19	20	21	22	23	24 Trinity
25 4th S Dec	26	27	28	29	30	31 St. Paul's



JUNE 2022



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3  June 3-4, 2022 LWML South Dakota District Convention	4 Pentecost Events at St. Paul's 5 p.m. Confirmands Exam 6 p.m. Joint Divine Service Rite of Confirmation 7 p.m. Bible Study
5 1st Sunday of June	6	7 2 p.m.  TR Hope Circle 6:30 p.m. TR Ruth Circle	8	9	10	11  The Holy Trinity Events at Trinity 6 p.m. Joint Divine Service 7 p.m. Bible Study
12 2nd Sunday in June	13 2 p.m.  SP Dorcas Circle	14	15 7 p.m. St. Paul's Council	16	17	18  Second Sunday Pentecost Events at St. Paul's 6 p.m. Joint Divine Service
June 12-24 Pastor Jenson out of town.						
19 Father's Day 3rd Sunday of June	20	21	22	23	24	25  Third Sunday Pentecost Events at Trinity 6 p.m. Joint Divine Service 7 p.m. Bible Study
June 12-24 Pastor Jenson out of town.						
26 4th Sunday in June	27	28	29	30	July Joint Service Schedule July 2 St. Paul's July 9 Trinity July 16 St. Paul's July 23 Trinity July 30 St. Paul's	