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Feb 22, 2026 — First Sunday in Lent

Jesus' Righteous Obedience to the Father = Justification of All

Following His Baptism, Jesus is *"led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil"* (Matt. 4:1). As He takes upon Himself the curse of our sin and sets Himself against our enemy, He trusts His Father's voice and waits upon His Father's hand for all things. The devil questions His sonship, but the beloved and well-pleasing Son remains faithful and lives *"by every word that comes from the mouth of God"* (Matt. 4:4). Jesus patiently suffers hunger in His mortal flesh and returns to the dust whence man was taken, and by His pain He brings forth food for all the children of men (Gen. 3:18–19). By the sweat of His brow, we eat the fruit of His cross, even as our nakedness is covered by His righteousness. Although all people live in bondage to death through the trespass of the first man, Adam, all the more *"have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many"* (Rom. 5:15). His righteous obedience *"leads to justification and life for all men"* (Rom. 5:18)

DIVINE SERVICE

ORDER OF SERVICE

Divine Service Setting Four, *LSB* 203

CREED: Apostle's

HYMNS

Opening Hymn:

LSB 666 "O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe"

Sermon Hymn:

LSB 668 "Rise! To Arm! With Prayer Employ You"

Offering Hymn:

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

Distribution/Third Hymn:

LSB 429 "We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died"

Closing Hymn:

LSB 657 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

SERMON TEXT AND THEME

Matthew 4:1–11

"Jesus Overcomes the Devil's Temptations"

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, Neil Peters, 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, Alissa Wieman, Zoe Jones, and Greyson.

TRINITY BIRTHDAYS: none

TRINITY ANNIVERSARIES: none

ST. PAUL'S BIRTHDAYS: none

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** 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

Satan tempts us to turn away from God by appealing to the desires of our flesh and our egos. The devil twists God's Word to make us think that things like abortion, sex without marriage, suicide, and assisted suicide will give us pleasure, self-fulfillment, and an end to our suffering. But, like our first parents did, those who give in quickly find that the devil's words are nothing but empty promises which end in pain and suffering. Thankfully, by withstanding the devil's temptations, Jesus both defeats that old Satanic foe for all sinners and reminds us that the way to true joy and happiness is found in trusting the unfailing promises of our Heavenly Father. • *lutheransforlife.org*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- February 25, 2026. Joint Midweek Service at Trinity, 7 p.m.
- March 4, 2026. Joint Midweek Service at St. Paul's, 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 **free-will collections** February 22 and March 1, 2026, for the **Rosebud Ministry** "Cookies for Utech's".

The March newsletter will be available next Sunday. Articles are due Tuesday, February 24, 2026.

2026-02-22 First Sunday in Lent

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

Sun. Feb. 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. Feb. 23 7 p.m. Catechism Class at St. Paul's
Wed. Feb. 25 2:15 p.m. Release-Time Class at Trinity
7 p.m. Joint Lent Midweek Service at Trinity

FEBRUARY 2026

Elders: TR: David Bogenhagen SP: Curt Guindon
Ushers: TR: Dan G, Dean S SP: Jett K, Larry G
Acolytes: TR: Brant Bogenhagen SP: Tayven Weber
Altar: TR: Janice Thiry SP: Sandy Tuschen
Greeters: SP: 02/22 Rodney & Kelli Weber

February 15 Attendance and Offering: SP: 24, \$1285; TR: 25, \$1292

February 18 Ash Wednesday: SP attend.18. TR: 21, \$946

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.