



NEWSLETTER



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APRIL 2022

Joint Divine Worship Services

Saturday, April 2, 2022 — 6 p.m. at St. Paul's
Saturday, April 9, 2022 — Palm Saturday, 6 p.m. at Trinity
Thursday, April 14, 2022 — Maundy Thursday, 12 noon at St. Paul's
Friday, April 15, 2022 — Good Friday, 12 noon at Trinity
Sat, April 16, 2022 — Holy Sat/Easter celebrated, 6 p.m. at St. Paul's
Saturday, April 23, 2022 — 6 p.m. at Trinity
Saturday, April 30, 2022 — 6 p.m. at St. Paul's
Saturday, May 7, 2022 — 6 p.m. at Trinity

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. No classes April 16.

Bible Study – Book of Daniel

Saturday, April 2, 2022 — 7–7:45 p.m. at St. Paul's
Saturday, April 9, 2022 — 7–7:45 p.m. at Trinity

Release-Time Class

Trinity 2:15 p.m. Wednesdays

Lutheran Women's Missionary League

Trinity Hope Circle – April 5, 2022, 2 p.m.
Trinity Ruth Circle – April 5, 2022, 6:30 p.m.
St. Paul's Dorcas Circle – April 11, 2022, 2 p.m.

Quarterly Voters Meetings

Trinity — April 23, 2022, 7 p.m.
St. Paul's — April 30, 2022, 7 p.m.

Serving the Lord's Church in APRIL

TRINITY

Elder Dan Guericke
Ushers Scott Meier
Ben Bogenhagen
Acolytes Madison Meier
Karter Clark
Altar Jane Guericke

ST. PAUL'S

Elder Justin Everson
Ushers Mike Tuschen
Brent Morenz
Howard Weischedel
Acolyte Jaylin Johnson
Altar Marlene Johnson

Scripture Readings

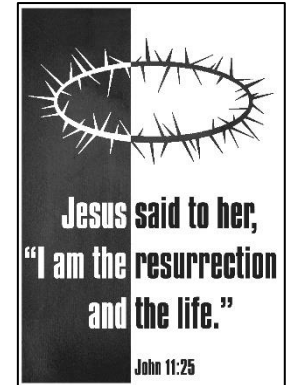
Apr. 2 Isaiah 43:16–21; Philippians 3:8–14; Luke 20:9–20
Apr. 9 Deuteronomy 32:36–39; Philippians 2:5–11; Luke 23:1–56
Apr. 16 Isaiah 65:17–25; 1 Corinthians 15:19–26; Luke 24:1–12
April 23 Acts 5:12–20; Revelation 1:4–18; John 20:19–31
April 30 Acts 9:1–22; Revelation 5:8–14; John 21:1–14
May 7 Acts 20:17–35; Revelation 7:9–17; John 10:22–30

Websites – Visit the Services option on www.stpaulplankinton.com and www.trinitywhitelake.com for the weekly service information.

The **May 2022 newsletter** will be available on/after April 30, 2022. Articles are due April 26, 2022.

FROM PASTOR JENS JENSON

¹⁷When Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. ²⁰So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." ²³Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world." (John 11:17–27)



Dear Saints of the Lord,

We are nearing the day of Easter, the day that Christ rose triumphantly over the grave. Jesus' words to Martha are more precious than gold. They are more comforting than anything in this world. Jesus is the resurrection and the life. Our God and Brother, Jesus, has overcome sin, death, and the devil for us. Because of Jesus we are a people filled with supreme joy, hope, and confidence. Sin and death are not the end for us. We need not fear the grave nor what comes after the grave because Jesus has gone before us and turned the grave into a portal to life everlasting.

This world is perishing. Covid, disease, wars, disastrous weather, and the like bear witness to the fact that the world is under God's curse because of sin. The only escape and place of hope is the Gospel where God freely gives sinners His grace which wipes away our sins and gives us eternal life. Jesus alone is the resurrection and the life.

Remember and speak these words of Jesus in the face of death, disaster, war, etc.: Jesus is the resurrection and the life! There are no other words that can save or bring us comfort and confidence. Jesus' words break through the darkness of our fallen world and bring warmth, cheer, peace, and confidence. Be at peace, dear Saints. No matter what, Christ is risen, He reigns now and forever, and soon we will all live with Him on the new earth where good will build upon good forever and where our joy will know no end. God's peace be with you now and all your days.

In Christ, Pastor Jenson

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

Email

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- Submit newsletter and bulletin articles.
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Recordings of Divine Services

Available on the **YouTube** channel, **Trinity White Lake**.



What God Sees

Devotion for Lent

The Christian song, “I Am Covered Over” says:

I am covered over with the robe of righteousness that Jesus gives to me; I am covered over with the precious blood of Jesus, and He lives in me.

Oh, what a joy it is to know my heav’nly Father loves me so,

He gives to me my Jesus, When He looks at me,

He sees not what I used to be, but He sees ... Jesus.

Words and Music by David Peacock. Arrangement copyright David Peacock/ The Jubilate Group. JesusPraise #187.

Can you picture what these words are saying? He is perfect; we are imperfect. St. Paul equates all his highly regarded Jewish credentials with rubbish (Philippians 3:8). Isaiah says *our righteous acts are like filthy rags* (64:6) and promises *The Lord will wash away the filth* (4:4). No matter how many baths we take, we can do nothing to become clean. Only Jesus can do that. His blood washes us clean. We deserve the punishment for our sins, but instead, Jesus stepped in as our “whipping boy.” He took our place on the cross and suffered for our sins. When we are baptized, the Lord clothes us with His white robe of righteousness (Revelation 7:9) which totally covers our sin. Because of Jesus’ saving actions on our behalf, the Father no longer sees our sinfulness. Instead, in us, He only sees the purity of Jesus.

God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God (2 Corinthians 5:21).

During Lent, we contemplate Jesus’ Passion. We thank Him for His indescribable gift of salvation. By the power of the Holy Spirit, we focus on the eternal importance Jesus’ sinpayment has on our lives. When we reflect on our Savior’s sacrifices on our behalf, His resurrection on Easter brings us even greater joy.

Prayer: Loving Lord Jesus, we can never thank You enough for Your boundless love to us. You freely gave Yourself in our stead and clothed us with Your righteousness. Cleanse us, precious Savior, that we may be suited for service, and to draw others to faith in You. In Your holy name we pray. Amen.

Scripture references are from the NIV.

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Main Street Living April 2022

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

April 3, 2022

10 a.m. **"Holy Land Tour pt. 1"** — A video tour of locations in Jesus' earthly ministry, led by South Dakota pastor Nabil Nour who grew up in Israel.

10:30 a.m. — Rev. Adam Welton, pastor at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Wentworth, SD presents a message titled "Conscience Cleaned." This sermon is based on Hebrews 9:13-14.

April 10, 2022

10 a.m. **"Holy Land Tour pt. 2"** — A video tour of locations in Jesus' earthly ministry, led by South Dakota pastor Nabil Nour who grew up in Israel.

10:30 a.m. — Rev. Alex Slotter, pastor at Peace Lutheran Church in Rock Rapids, IA presents a message titled "A White Buffalo Story." This sermon is based on John 12:12-19.

April 17, 2022

10 a.m. **"Three Days"** — The disciples' reactions and interaction in the days between Jesus' death and resurrection.

10:30 a.m. — Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, Speaker of the Lutheran Hour, presents an Easter message titled "With." This sermon is based on John 20:1-18.

April 24, 2022

10 a.m. **"Gates of Glory"** — Thomas recounts his experience with doubt and belief as he meets the risen Jesus.

10:30 a.m. — Rev. Matthew Harrison, president of the Lutheran Church Missouri - Synod, presents a message celebrating the 175th anniversary of the LCMS.



Almighty and eternal God, who through the death of Your Son has destroyed sin and death, and by His rising to life again restored innocence and everlasting life, that being delivered from the power of the devil, I might live under You in Your kingdom, grant that I may be forever comforted by true faith in the resurrection of Your dear Son. Do not let the thought of death fill my heart with terror, but give me the blessed assurance that, just as You raised Christ from the dead, I will not remain in the grave but will rise again at the end of days. And when, by Your grace, I have finished my course, let Christ's resurrection be for me a sure pledge that an inheritance that does not fade is reserved for me in heaven. While I live, guide me with Your holy counsel, and when I die, give me the crown of life, that with all the holy angels and the elect I may praise and glorify You, world without end. Amen.

— *Lutheran Book of Prayer*: Fifth Edition by Scot Kinnaman.



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
May Joint Service Schedule: May 7 Trinity May 14 St. Paul's May 21 Trinity May 28 St. Paul's					April 1	2 Fifth 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
3 1st Sunday of April	4	5 2 p.m.  TR Hope Circle 6:30 p.m. TR Ruth Circle	6 2:15 p.m. TR Release-Time	7	8	9 Palm Saturday  4:45 p.m. Trinity Confirmation/Sat. School 6 p.m. Trinity Joint Divine Service 7 p.m. Bible Study
10 Palm Sunday 2nd Sunday of April	11 2 p.m.  SP Dorcas Circle	12	13 2:15 p.m. TR Release-Time	14 Maundy Thur. 12 Noon Maundy Thursday Service at St. Paul's	15 Good Friday 12 Noon Good Friday Service at Trinity	16 Holy Sat./Easter celebrated  6 p.m. St. Paul's Joint Divine Service
17 EASTER 3rd Sunday of April	18	19	20 2:15 p.m. TR Release-Time	21	22	23 Second Saturday of Easter  4:45 p.m. Trinity Confirmation/Sat. School 6 p.m. Trinity Joint Divine Service 7 p.m. TR Voters Meeting
24 4th Sunday in April	25	26	27 2:15 p.m. TR Release-Time	28	29	30 Third Saturday in Easter  4:45 p.m. St. Paul's Confirmation/Sat. School 6 p.m. St. Paul's Joint Divine Service 7 p.m. SP Voters Meeting

April 30, cont. LWML Mitchell Zone Spring Christian Life Workshop, St. Paul's, 9 a.m.–12 Noon