

St. Paul's Lutheran
Church
Plankinton, SD

OCTOBER 2025

NEWSLETTER

Trinity Lutheran
Church
White Lake, SD

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St. Paul's, Tuesdays, 9–11:30 a.m.
Trinity, Wednesdays, 9–11:30 a.m.

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Elders Curt Guindon
Mike Tuschen

President Rodney Weber
LWML President ... Marlene Johnson

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Elders Scott Meier
David Bogenhagen
Ben Bogenhagen

President Dan Guericke
LWML Presidents Diana Kieffer
Hope Circle
Brianna Bogenhagen
Ruth Circle



St. Paul's Lutheran Church and
Trinity Lutheran Church are
members of the South Dakota
District of The Lutheran Church—
Missouri Synod.

This Month's Events

Divine Worship Service Schedule 2025

Divine Services at St. Paul's 8:30 a.m.
Divine Services at Trinity 10:30 a.m.

Christian Education

Bible Study – Trinity, Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m.

St. Paul's, Thursdays, 10 a.m. resuming Oct. 16

St. Paul's Sunday School – Sundays, 9:30 a.m.

Trinity Release-Time – Wednesdays, 2:15–3:15 p.m.

No class October 15

Lutheran Women's Missionary League

Trinity Hope Circle – Tuesday, October 7, 2025, 1 p.m.

Trinity Ruth Circle – Tuesday, October 7, 2025, 6:30 p.m.

St. Paul's Dorcas Circle – Tuesday, October 14, 2025, 2 p.m.

Voters Meeting

Trinity – Tuesday, October 14, 2025, 7 p.m.

October 5, 12, 19, 26

TRINITY

Elder Scott Meier

Ushers Ron Steffen
Dan Guericke

Acolyte Dayton Simpson

Altar Jane Guericke

ST. PAUL'S

Elder Mike Tuschen/Curt Guindon

Ushers Dan Gerlach
Mike Tuschen

Acolyte Addisyn Everson

Altar Marlene Johnson

November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

TRINITY

Elder David Bogenhagen

Ushers Dan Meier
Dean Suelflow

Acolyte Brant Bogenhagen

Altar Janice Thiry

ST. PAUL'S

Elder Curt Guindon

Ushers Rodney Weber

Acolyte Karter Weber

Altar Deb Haak

Scripture Readings for Sundays in September

Oct. 5 Isaiah 63:1–7; Romans 10:11–17; Luke 24:44–53

Oct. 12 Ruth 1:1–19a; 2 Timothy 2:1–13; Luke 17:11–19

Oct. 19 Genesis 32:22–30; 2 Timothy 3:14–4:5; Luke 18:1–8

Oct. 26 Revelation 14:6–7; Romans 3:19–28; John 8:31–36

The **November 2025 newsletter** will be available on or after
November 2, 2025. *Articles are due Tuesday, October 28, 2025.*

Please send newsletter/bulletin items to Nancy Bogenhagen at
trinitywlsd@gmail.com. **Weekly bulletin deadline is Thursday noon.**
Please email me if you prefer your newsletter emailed to you. Thank you!



THANK GOD FOR HIS INDESCRIBABLE GIFT

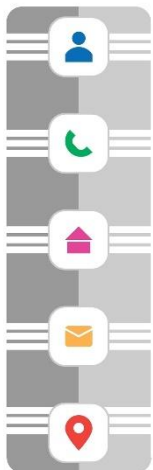
Dear Members of Trinity and St. Paul's,

Psalm 7:11 says, *God is a just judge, and God is angry with the wicked every day.* And we see how true that is in that so many times when people rejected God and worshiped false gods, and refused to repent and turn from their sins, that God brought judgment down on them. God destroyed many nations and cities in Old Testament times because they refused to turn from their sins and live by faith in Him. In Matthew 11:21, Jesus warned the cities of His day. He said, *Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you Bethsaida! For if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes.* And people who die without faith in Jesus will be forever lost in Hell.

But the good news of the Gospel is that those who repent of their sins and trust in Jesus for forgiveness have complete and full forgiveness of all sins. And Romans 8:1 says that there is now therefore no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. God took out His anger for sin on Jesus who died in our place. In our worship services, we pray, "O Almighty God, I a poor miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserve Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them ... " God is angry about our sins and iniquities, and He took out all of His anger on Jesus who died in our place. Romans 5:1 says, *Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

And those who have peace with God will thank Him by living for Him according to His Word. Jesus said, *"If you love Me, you will keep My commandments."* Our good works do nothing to earn God's favor. They do nothing to get us to Heaven, but our good works show our love for God for all He has done for us. 2 Cor. 9:15 says, *Thank God for His indescribable gift.*

Pastor McKillop



STAY IN TOUCH

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YouTube channel: Trinity White Lake (recordings of Divine Services)



MAIN STREET LIVING OCTOBER 2025

All programs are interpreted and closed-captioned for the hearing impaired.
www.mainstreetliving.com

Broadcast on KDLT (NBC) channels 5.1 / 46.1

October 5, 2025

10 a.m. "One Hour to Live" Divine forgiveness for the truly penitent assures a man ... and in the nick of time.

10:30 a.m. Rev. Ray Greenseth, pastor at Zion, St. Paul's, and Messiah Lutheran Churches in Presho, Draper, and Murdo, SD, presents a message titled "Faith for Living". The sermon is based on Luke 17:1–10.

October 12, 2025

10 a.m. "Trial by Fire" When an unexpected tragedy strikes ... pray, forgive and move forward. When one door closes, another will open.

10:30 a.m. Rev. David G Otten, pastor at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Gettysburg, SD, presents a message titled "Unbounded Word". The sermon is based on 2 Timothy 2:8–9.

October 19, 2025

10 a.m. "Red Trap" A loving father's son became conflicted and lost. Fortunately, he was surrounded by people who cared.

10:30 a.m. Rev. Tom Penrod, pastor at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Gettysburg SD, presents a message titled "The Power of Persistent Prayer". The sermon is based on Luke 18:1–8.

October 26, 2025

10 a.m. "The Sexton" A pastor and a sexton (church caretaker) with magical powers fight an eerie duel in a church.

10:30 a.m. Rev. Mark Moss, from Lutheran Heritage Foundation, presents a Reformation message titled "Hang in There Baby!". This sermon is based on John 8:31–36.



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Cathy Albrecht, SP	Oct. 4
Olivia Hanten, TR	Oct. 6
<i>Nick & Jill Rolfsmeier, TR</i>	<i>Oct. 6</i>
Austin Hauge, TR	Oct. 7
Jane Guericke, TR	Oct. 10
Taelyn Clark, TR	Oct. 10
Howard Weischedel, SP	Oct. 12
Randa Vandenhoeck, TR	Oct. 12
Jenny Gilbertz, TR	Oct. 12
Drew Gerlach, SP	Oct. 14
Kayden Rose, TR	Oct. 16
James Will, SP	Oct. 17
Sawyer Swindell, TR	Oct. 18
Connie Knigge, TR	Oct. 20
Michelle Everson, TR	Oct. 20
Tyson Huff, SP	Oct. 20
<i>Wayne & Susan Tatro, TR</i>	<i>Oct. 20</i>
Terri Thompson, TR	Oct. 21
Dan Guericke, TR	Oct. 22
<i>Michael & Barbara Gilbertz, TR</i>	<i>Oct. 22</i>
<i>Dan & Tina Gerlach, SP</i>	<i>Oct. 22</i>
Susan Tatro, TR	Oct. 26
Sharon Boyd, SP	Oct. 26
Donna Fink, SP	Oct. 26
Charlee Byrd, TR	Oct. 27
<i>Dan & Jane Guericke, TR</i>	<i>Oct. 27</i>
Terry Anthony, SP	Oct. 28
Tara Thomas, SP	Oct. 29
<i>Tige & Michelle Everson, TR</i>	<i>Oct. 30</i>
Lorraine Mosemann, TR	Oct. 31
Wayne Tatro, TR	Oct. 31

WORD FROM THE CENTER

LOST AND FOUND — IT REALLY MATTERS!

⁸*“What woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? ⁹And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”* (Luke 15:8–10).

If I could define the essence of the Gospel message from God’s perspective, it most certainly would have to include Jesus’ teaching in Luke 15. Three stories speak about the joy that comes when a precious, lost thing is found. That “finding joy” is a centerpiece of the Gospel message of the Bible. There is no joy when things are lost. However, the Bible talks about God as the One who actively seeks to find rebellious, sinful, lost ones like you and me. God the Father sent His Son Jesus so that sinners like you and me could be saved. As Jesus says, *“There is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents”* (v. 10; see also 15:7, 32).

In the lesson for today, Jesus tells a story about a woman who loses one of her silver coins. When Jesus speaks this parable, silver coins were precious. These parables are hard for us to really grasp because we live in a time and in a country where we have so much. But try to think of a time when that one coin mattered, when you didn’t have enough for what you needed. Think of that time and then try to imagine losing what you already had. It’s important to realize that each one of these coins was precious to her, each one mattered. She could not afford for any of them to be lost. She turned the house upside down looking for the lost one.

That’s merely a picture of what God was and is willing to do so that you might be found and receive His forgiveness and love. He turned the world upside down when He sent His Son to live your life under the Law, to die your eternal death on the cross, and to give you Christ’s blood-bought eternal life as a gift. That’s not what any other “gods” do for people, let alone sinful, rebellious people. But that’s just what Jesus, the Son of God, did. **The most shocking message in all the world is that the One with eternal power and authority over all things would be so willing to be a servant, to even suffer and to die, for those who deserved it least.**

These parables ramp up the value of the “lost and found” perspective. First, there’s a lost sheep and the shepherd goes looking. Then there’s a lost coin, and the woman turns the house inside out to find it. Finally, there are two lost sons, and a father who rejoices when the prodigal one returns home and who then goes out to invite the older brother in as well. The point? It’s a lost world, but one in which God engages in order to save. Lost, then found, which leads to joy! That tells you about the God who created and redeemed you. That’s an eternal perspective too. It’s one that can comfort you amidst the challenges of the day; it’s a picture of God’s very own heart for you right now, one that He never wants you to forget.

PRAYER: Dear Heavenly Father, give me a real sense of how I was lost and vulnerable, so that I might appreciate even more being found by You that I might live in and with You forever, for Jesus’ sake. AMEN.

Rev. Gregory Seltz

LWML SOUTH DAKOTA DISTRICT
Christian Life Workshop
Saturday, October 4, 2025
St. John Lutheran Church, 211 Church
Avenue, Gregory, SD 57533

"Living God's Commandments"

Faith is based on God's word and promises.
Rev. Bill Serr (Grace Lutheran, Burton NE
and Immanuel Lutheran, Jamison NE) will
teach, remind, and show how important the
commandments are and break down how and
why we study them as Lutherans in the Small
Catechism.

Registration: 9:30 to 10 a.m.

Workshop: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Morning offering for mites.

Noon freewill donation to help cover lunch
expenses.

MITCHELL ZONE Fall Rally
Sunday, October 5, 2025
Immanuel Lutheran Church, Dimock, SD,
beginning at 1:30 p.m.

"A Faith Brewed Bold — Like Katie Luther"
presented by Gina Bialas, LWML Mitchell Zone
Vice President.

Gifts from the Heart will be cash and gift cards for
the Deaconess Ministry at Ft. Wayne and St.
Louis.

LWML South Dakota District President, Mary Jo
Stier, will bring greetings from the District.

Meeting highlights:

- Election of Officers
Vice President and Secretary
- Vote on Proposed Bylaws
- LWML Omaha Convention
Mitchell Zone Delegate Report
- 2026 Events

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR ST. PAUL'S AND TRINITY

As determined at the Joint Voters Meeting September 23, 2025

Thanksgiving Eve Joint Service

Wednesday, November 26, 2025, 6:30 p.m., at Trinity.

Advent Joint Services

Wednesday, December 3, 2025, 7 p.m., at St. Paul's.

Wednesday, December 10, 2025, 7 p.m., at Trinity.

Wednesday, December 17, 2025, 7 p.m., at St. Paul's.

Christmas Eve Children's Service

Wednesday, December 24, 2025, 5 p.m., at Trinity.

Christmas Day Joint Service

Thursday, December 25, 2025, 10:30 p.m., at St. Paul's.

2026 Divine Worship Services

Trinity, 8:30 a.m. | St. Paul's, 10:30 a.m.

Lent — Holy Week — Easter

Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2026, 5 p.m., at Trinity | 7 p.m., at St. Paul's.

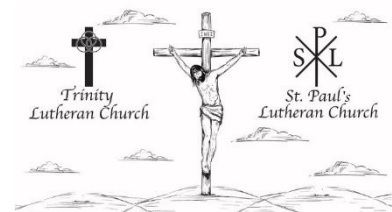
Wednesdays, February 25, March 11, and March 25, 2026, 7 p.m., at Trinity.

Wednesdays, March 4 and 18, 2026, 7 p.m., at St. Paul's.

Maundy Thursday, April 2, 2026, 7 p.m., at Trinity, w/communion.

Good Friday, April 3, 2026, 7 p.m., at St. Paul's.

Easter Sunday April 5, 2026, (regular service times) 8:30 a.m., at Trinity | 10:30 a.m. at St. Paul's.



The Third Commandment

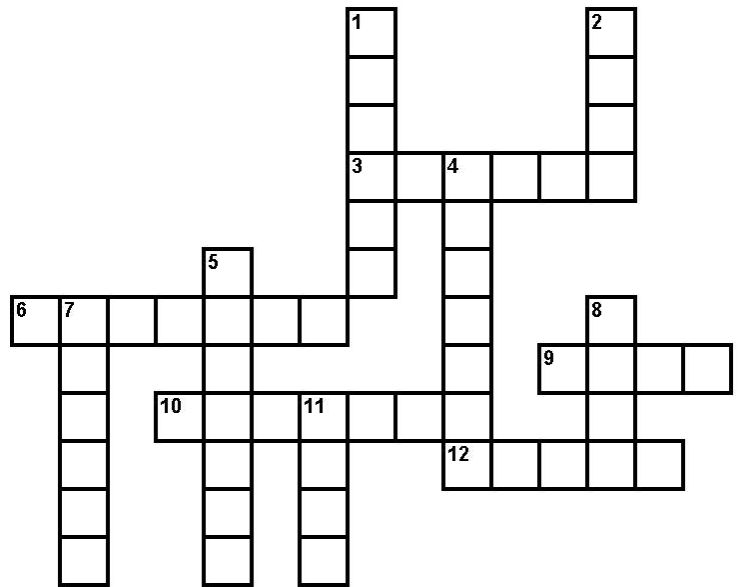
Find the bold words of the 3rd Commandment and its meaning in the puzzle below.

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

What does this mean?

We should **fear** and **love God** so that we do **not despise preaching** and **His Word**, but **hold** it **sacred** and **gladly hear** and **learn** it.

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Across

- 3 For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and ___ on the seventh day. Ex 20:11
- 6 And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the ___. Acts 2:42
- 9 Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you ___. Mt 11:28
- 10 Do not ___ to meet together, as is the habit of some. Heb 10:25a
- 12 The one who hears you ___ Me. Luke 10:16a

Down

- 1 Teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your ___ to God. Col. 3:16b
- 2 For everything created by God is ___. 1 Tim 4:4a
- 4 Remember the ___ day, to keep it holy. Ex 20:8
- 5 And the one who ___ Me rejects Him who sent me. Luke 10:16c
- 7 Let the word of Christ dwell in you ___. Co 3:16a
- 8 Encourage one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing ___. Heb. 10:25b
- 11 Your word is a ___ to my feet and a light to my path. Ps 119:105



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
October 5, 2025 1:30 p.m. Mitchell Zone Fall Rally, Immanuel Lutheran, Dimock SD October 6–8, 2025 Monday Noon–12:30 p.m. Wednesday LCMS South Dakota District Fall Pastors Conference Zion Lutheran, Rapid City, SD			1 TR Release-Time 2:15 p.m. TR Bible Class Wed. School 5:30 p.m. TR Ctchsm 6:30 p.m.	2	3	4 LWML SD Christian Life Workshop 9:30 a.m.–3 p.m. St. John, Gregory
5 Seventeenth Sunday Pentecost  Divine Services 8:30 a.m. St. Paul's 10:30 a.m. Trinity LWML Sunday 	6	7 TR Hope Circle 2 p.m. TR Ruth Circle 6:30 p.m.	8 TR Release-Time 2:15 p.m.	9	10	11
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26 Reformation (observed)  Divine Services 8:30 a.m. St. Paul's 10:30 a.m. Trinity	27	28	29 TR Release-Time 2:15 p.m. TR Bible Class Wed. School 5:30 p.m. TR Ctchsm 6:30 p.m.	30 SP Bible Class 10 a.m.	31	<i>Professional Church Workers Appreciation Month</i>