

St. Paul's Lutheran
Church
Plankinton, SD

NOVEMBER 2025

NEWSLETTER

Trinity Lutheran
Church
White Lake, SD

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Mike Tuschen

President Rodney Weber

LWML President ... Marlene Johnson

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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 – Joint at Trinity, Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m.

Catechism Classes – Mondays, 7 p.m. at St. Paul's
Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. at Trinity

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

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

Lutheran Women's Missionary League

Trinity Hope Circle – Tuesday, November 4, 2025, 1 p.m.

Trinity Ruth Circle – Tuesday, November 4, 2025, 6:30 p.m.

St. Paul's Dorcas Circle – Tuesday, November 11, 2025, 2 p.m.

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

December 7, 14, 21, 28

TRINITY

Elder Ben Bogenhagen
Ushers Ron Steffen
Dan Guericke

Acolyte Blake Bogenhagen
Altar Barb Gilbertz

ST. PAUL'S

Elder Mike Tuschen
Ushers Lennis Titze
Howard Weischedel

Acolyte Blake Everson
Altar Deb Haak

Scripture Readings for Sundays in November

Nov. 2 Revelation 7:9–17; 1 John 3:1–3; Matthew 5:1–12

Nov. 9 Exodus 3:1–15; 2 Thes. 2:1–8, 13–17; Luke 20:27–40

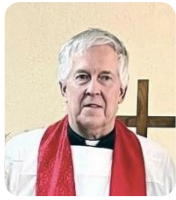
Nov. 16 Malachi 4:1–6; 2 Thes. 3:6–13; Luke 21:5–28

Nov. 23 Malachi 3:13–18; Colossians 1:13–20; Luke 23:27–43

Nov. 30 Isaiah 2:1–5; Romans 13:11–14; Matthew 21:1–11

The **December 2025 newsletter** will be available on or after
November 30, 2025. *Articles are due Tuesday, November 25, 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!



SAVED BY GRACE THROUGH FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST

Dear Members of Trinity and St. Paul's,

On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther nailed the 95 theses to the church door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. Many think of that as the beginning of the Lutheran Reformation. The Church had many false teachings. The Church taught that we are saved by our good works instead of God's grace in Jesus Christ. The righteousness that we have comes through faith in Jesus, and not our own righteousness. Jesus lived the perfect life that we could not live. Salvation is God's gift to us. When we repent of our sins and put all of our trust in Jesus alone, we have forgiveness of all sins and eternal life.

But good works are important. We pray that God would help us to live a life of faith which brings glory to God the Father. Matthew 5:16 says, "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in Heaven." James 2:20 says that faith without works is dead. A true believer will want to live for God according to His Word. Romans 6:1-2 says, "What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?" A believer has great joy and is filled with thankfulness in knowing that Jesus has saved us. A believer will want to live a life that glorifies God. Paul continues in Romans 6:4, "That just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life."

We are thankful for Luther's rediscovery of the true Gospel. He also exposed many other false teachings in the church, but knowing we are saved by grace alone through faith in Jesus is the doctrine upon which the church stands or falls. How wonderful that we can celebrate God's greatest gift to us in our church!

Pastor McKillop

STAY IN TOUCH

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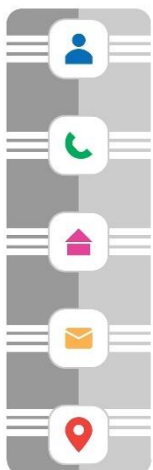
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YouTube channel: Trinity White Lake (recordings of Divine Services)





MAIN STREET LIVING NOVEMBER 2025

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

Broadcast on KDLT (NBC) channels 5.1 / 46.1

November 2, 2025

10 a.m. "Run Away Home" Roads often lead back to where we started from.

10:30 a.m. Rev. Sam Handschke, pastor at Faith Lutheran Church in Pierre, SD, presents a message titled "We Are, We Shall". The sermon is based on Matthew 5:1–12.

November 9, 2025

10 a.m. "The Sin of Sue Bradley" Misguided meddling leads to jealousy and threatens a loving relationship.

10:30 a.m. Rev. Gregory Hinners, pastor at St. John Lutheran Church in Norris, SD, presents a message titled "They, Too, Are God's Children". The sermon is based on Luke 20:27–40.

November 16, 2025

10 a.m. "Old Smiley" Charlie learns that his "Happiness God" from the Orient is not what it seems to be.

10:30 a.m. Rev. Gary Schulte, pastor at Zion Lutheran Church in Rapid City, SD, presents a message titled "What the Sun Will Have Done When the Son is Done". The sermon is based on Malachi 4:1–6 & Luke 21.

November 23, 2025

10 a.m. "To Take a Life" A devoted son's loving father is terminally ill, suffering severely and pleading to die.

10:30 a.m. Rev. David Lindenberg, pastor at Peace Lutheran Church in Rapid City, SD, presents a message titled "Delivered From Darkness". The sermon is based on Colossians 1:13–20.

November 30, 2025

10 a.m. "Puzzle Club Christmas" The Puzzle Club must solve a missing person mystery before Christmas.

10:30 a.m. Rev. Bryan Meadows, pastor at Zion Lutheran Church in Rapid City, SD, presents a message titled "Flowing Uphill". The sermon is based on Isaiah 2:1–5.



NOVEMBER 2025

Lori Haak, SP	Nov. 1
Angela Hempel, TR	Nov. 2
Kurt Fink, SP	Nov. 3
<i>Dean & Susan Suelflow, TR</i>	<i>Nov. 7</i>
<i>Ron & Dona Steffen, TR</i>	<i>Nov. 7</i>
Larry Gerlach, SP	Nov. 8
Aalyah Contreras, TR	Nov. 8
Whitney Hinker, TR	Nov. 11
Ryan Huff, SP	Nov. 13
Brittney Greene, SP	Nov. 13
Pam Hallman, TR	Nov. 14
Jeremy Haak, SP	Nov. 16
Denner Vandenhoeck, TR	Nov. 17
Ben Bogenhagen, TR	Nov. 20
Curt Guindon, SP	Nov. 24
Chris Heismeyer, SP	Nov. 25
Jeanette Fink, SP	Nov. 27



Happy Thanksgiving



Let us give thanks!





WORD FROM THE CENTER

ORDINARY HEROES

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way (1 Timothy 2:1-2).

The “shot heard ’round the world,” fired in 1775 at Concord, may have ignited the war for liberty — but it was the concept of religious liberty that unified the colonies into one force. Though the colonies differed in theology and practice, their shared yearning for religious freedom helped bridge divides. It offered a moral foundation for independence and a vision of unity that transcended sectarian lines.

Liberty was defined as self-governance, an inalienable right, religious freedom, economic opportunity, and a communal duty. Liberty in 1775 was not yet the fully formed democratic ideal we know today — but it was a powerful rallying cry that united farmers, merchants, ministers, and radicals in a common cause.

These ordinary people were willing to risk their lives and livelihoods to ensure liberty for themselves and their posterity. These ordinary heroes performed extraordinary deeds — and created America.

America — a limited constitutional republic, never before seen on the face of the earth.

America — founded on the principle of liberty.

America — with the first right guaranteed in the Bill of Rights being freedom of religion.

From its inception, there have been those who opposed America and its liberties. Some have

waged war to defeat her. Each time American liberty was attacked, ordinary men and women stepped up—leaving jobs, family, and home to take up arms and defend this country. These ordinary heroes performed extraordinary deeds and protected America. Each time America was tested, it grew stronger in its commitment to liberty.

It is fitting and proper that every November we pause to thank those who have worn the uniform of military service for our country. Without these ordinary heroes, the sacrifices of 1775 would have been in vain. Thank you.

From the beginning, there have been those who sought to destroy liberty from within. They have waged war against the Constitution, seeking to weaken or dismantle its protections. Each time the Constitution was attacked, ordinary men and women stepped up to defend liberty. These ordinary heroes endured persecution, ridicule, unemployment, and worse — to protect America.

It is fitting and proper that we pause to remember and thank those who have fought for liberty and defended the Constitution. Thank you. advocates for religious liberty.

Pray: Dear Lord, we pray that You will keep these, our nation’s defenders and their families, physically safe and mentally sound. We also pray that You, who gave Your life upon the cross so that we might be forgiven and saved, will protect them from the spiritual enemies of evil they cannot see. Send Your holy angels to watch over them so that the wicked foe will have no power over them. In Your name. Amen.

NEWS

From Our Parish

Mites for Missions Breakfast. St. Paul's LWML Dorcas Circle will be hosting an egg bake, etc. breakfast after church Sunday November 9, 2025. Donations will go to LWML Mites for Missions.

LFL Ultrasound Fund. Trinity Lutherans For Life will be gathering a free-will offering November 16, 2025. This offering will go to the Lutherans For Life Southeastern Chapter's Ultrasound Fund which supports the Alpha Center's limited ultrasound service.

Christmas Aid. Trinity Lutherans for Life, White Lake, would like to help families within our area this Christmas season by purchasing clothing, toys, diapers, or other items that may be needed. This project is being supported by a Thrivent Action Team.

If you would like to participate, we encourage you to fill out the form on Trinity's website, trinitywhitelake.com/lutherans-for-life. Please return the form by Friday, **November 21, 2025** to: Trinity Lutheran Church, PO Box 6, White Lake, SD 57383. For additional information, feel free to contact us at trinitywhitelake@gmail.com.

Lutheran Witness Update. The modes of communication are quickly changing. Our District and Synod communications are no exception to this. Just a couple of years ago, rising costs of print publications moved Synod to significantly increase the publication costs of the *Lutheran Witness*. Our District and her congregations then moved from mandatory *LW* subscriptions for all members to allow congregations to determine for themselves how they wished to approach distribution of the *Witness*.

Recently Synod has signaled that they will no longer be publishing the District news inserts. We will discontinue publication of the printed insert after the December 2025 edition. While the insert was a valuable tool for a very long time, timeliness of the information was becoming a challenge. The publication timeframe worked such

that news and information in the insert was always two months behind. By the time the issue hit mailboxes much of the information was long past being fresh.

To be clear: the *Lutheran Witness* will continue to be printed, published and mailed, however the District news insert will be no more. What does this mean for District communications?

The good news is that **the District will continue to provide information** and is striving to improve our means and method of communication with our people and congregations. The District Board of Directors has agreed to establish a part-time Communications Coordinator to work on providing timely, easily accessible, and attractive news and information. **Highlights of this new communication will include:**

- Continued distribution of the District e-newsletter with some changes and additions to "flesh out" this newsletter with more news, features, and profiles.
 - Production of a once-monthly printable piece that will approximate the *Lutheran Witness* insert. This piece will be delivered to congregations electronically, allowing everyone to disseminate it in their preferred ways to those who don't use email or the internet.
 - Increased communication and presence in the area of social media.
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Upcoming Special Services

- **Thanksgiving Eve** Joint Service: Wednesday, November 26, 2025, 6:30 p.m., at Trinity.
- **Advent** Joint Services – Wednesdays 7 p.m. Dec. 3 and 17 at St. Paul's. Dec. 10 at Trinity.
- **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.

The Fourth Commandment

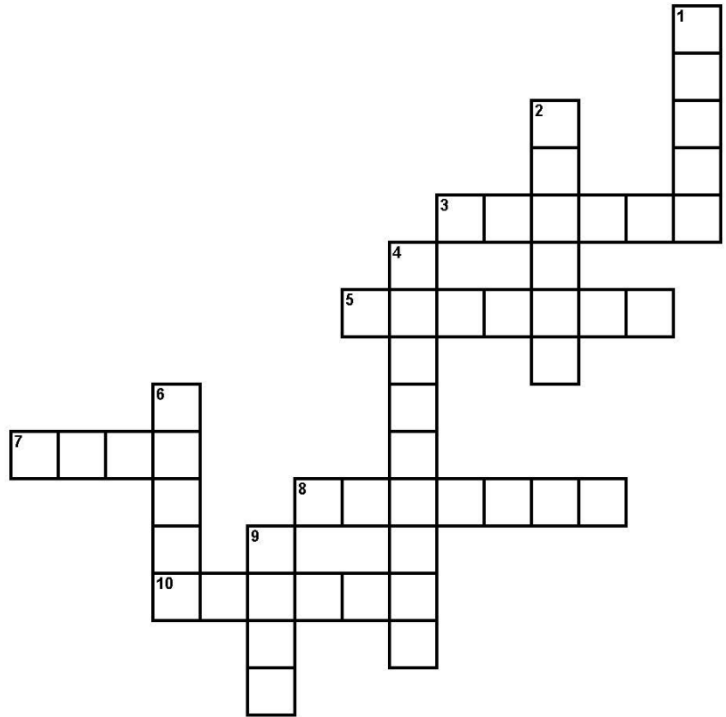
Find the bold words of the 4th Commandment and its meaning in the puzzle below.

Honor your father and your mother.

What does this mean?

We should **fear** and **love** God so that we do not (**don't**) **despise** or **anger** our **parents** and other **authorities**, but honor **them**, **serve** and **obey** them, love and **cherish** them.

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Across

- 3 A wise son makes a glad ____, but a foolish man despises his mother. Prov. 15:20
- 5 Let every person be ____ to the governing authorities. Romans 13:1a
- 7 That it may go well with you and that you may ____ long in the land. Eph. 6:3
- 8 Children, obey your ____ in the Lord, for this is right. Eph. 6:1
- 10 Obey your leaders and ____ to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Heb 13:17

Down

- 1 ____ your father and mother (this is the first commandment with a promise.) Eph. 6:2
- 2 Listen to your father who gave you life, and do not despise your ____ when she is old. Prov. 23:22
- 4 For there is no ____ except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. Rom 13:1b
- 6 And ____ went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And His mother treasured up all these things in her heart. Luke 2:51
- 9 We must ____ God rather than men. Acts. 5:29

November 2025

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2 All Saint's Day (Observed)  Divine Services 8:30 a.m. St. Paul's 10:30 a.m. Trinity Sunday School 9:30 a.m. St. Paul's	3 SP Catechism 7 p.m.	4 TR Hope Circle 1 p.m. TR Ruth Circle 6:30 p.m.	5 TR Release-Time 2:15 p.m. Joint Bible Class @TR TR Wed. School 5:30 p.m. TR Ctchsm 6:30 p.m.	6	7	8
9 Twenty-second Sunday Pentecost  Divine Services 8:30 a.m. St. Paul's 10:30 a.m. Trinity Sunday School 9:30 a.m. St. Paul's	10 SP Catechism 7 p.m.	11 SP Dorcas Circle 2 p.m.	12 TR Release-Time 2:15 p.m. Joint Bible Class @TR TR Wed. School 5:30 p.m. TR Ctchsm 6:30 p.m.	13	14	15
16 Twenty-third Sunday Pentecost  Divine Services 8:30 a.m. St. Paul's 10:30 a.m. Trinity Sunday School 9:30 a.m. St. Paul's	17 SP Catechism 7 p.m.	18	19 TR Release-Time 2:15 p.m. Joint Bible Class @TR TR Wed. School 5:30 p.m. TR Ctchsm 6:30 p.m.	20	21	22
23 Last Sunday of the Church Year  Divine Services 8:30 a.m. St. Paul's 10:30 a.m. Trinity Sunday School 9:30 St. Paul's	24 SP Catechism 7 p.m.	25	26 Joint Thanksgiving Eve Service @ TR 6:30 p.m.	27 Thanksgiving	28	29
30 First Sunday in Advent  Divine Services 8:30 a.m. St. Paul's 10:30 a.m. Trinity Sunday School 9:30 St. Paul's	 <i>O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good!</i> 					