

NEWSLETTER



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# **SEPTEMBER 2022**

#### **Joint Divine Worship Services**

Saturday, September 3, 2022 — 6 p.m. at St. Paul's Saturday, September 10, 2022 — 6 p.m. at Trinity Saturday, September 17, 2022 — 6 p.m. at St. Paul's Saturday, September 24, 2022 — 6 p.m. at Trinity Saturday, October 1, 2022 — 6 p.m. at St. Paul's

#### Bible Study – Book of Daniel

Bible Study will resume September 10, 7 p.m. at the same locations as the Joint Divine Service.

**Confirmation Classes** will resume September 10, 4:45 p.m. at the same locations as the Joint Divine Service.

#### Lutheran Women's Missionary League

Trinity Annual Joint Meeting – September 6, 2022, 6:30 p.m. Hope Circle hosts.

St. Paul's Dorcas Circle - September 12, 2022, 2 p.m.

St. Paul's Council Meeting – September 14, 2022, 7 p.m.

#### Serving the Lord's Church in SEPTEMBER

TRINITY Elder David Bogenhagen Ushers Scott Meier Dan Meier Acolytes Jacob Doering Taelyn Clark Altar Barb Gilbertz ST. PAUL'S Elder Mike Tuschen Ushers Curt Guindon Merlyn Haak Marv Jira Acolyte Altar Cathy Albrecht

#### Serving the Lord's Church in OCTOBER

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#### **Scripture Readings**

Sept. 3 Deuteronomy 30:15–20; Philemon 1–21; Luke 14:25–35 Sept. 10 Ezekiel 34:11–24; 1 Timothy 1:12–17; Luke 15:1–10 Sept. 17 Amos 8:4–7; 1 Timothy 2:1–15; Luke 16:1–15 Sept. 24 Amos 6:1–7; 1 Timothy 2:1–13; Luke 16:19–31 Oct. 2 Habakkuk 1:1–4; 2:1–4; 2 Timothy 1:1–14; Luke 17:1–10

The **October 2022 newsletter** will be available on/after October 1, 2022. Articles are due September 26, 2022.

#### **FROM PASTOR JENS JENSON**

### **CREATED IN CHRIST JESUS FOR GOOD WORKS**

At His coming all people will rise again with their bodies and give an account concerning their own deeds. And those who have done good will enter into eternal life, and those who have done evil into eternal fire." — Athanasian Creed

The Athanasian Creed was written at the end of the fifth century. The author is anonymous, but it has been used in the church for many centuries. The quotation above is from the end of the Athanasian creed. This part of the Creed references John 5:28–29, [Jesus says], *Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear His voice and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment.* 

What about being saved by grace through faith? Does this not contradict what the Apostle Paul writes in Romans 3, For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law. The answer is no. Who are the ones who have done good? The answer is Christians. Christians are the righteous ones because they receive Christ's righteousness and absolution by faith. Christians are a new creation, born of God by the Gospel through faith. St Paul writes in Ephesians 2:10, For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. Christians are righteous not because their works made them righteous, but because they possess the righteousness of Jesus by faith. As the Prophet Jeremiah writes in Jeremiah 23. Jesus is The LORD our righteousness.

The righteousness of Jesus' life and death are given to us in the Gospel. His absolution cleanses us of all sin and His perfect obedience is given to us. Faith (which is the work of the Spirit through the Gospel) bears good fruit, namely, good works. Faith is not idle, but prays, praises, gives thanks to God, and is active in the good works that God has prepared for us to do. Hebrews 11:6, *Without faith it is impossible to please God.* Jesus says in Matthew 7:19, *Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.* 

Dr. Chemnitz writes, "Since the good works of the reborn are neither pure nor perfect, how then can they please God? They do not please God by reason of worthiness or perfection; but because the person has already been reconciled with God through faith, for Christ's sake, therefore to Him as to a father, the inchoate obedience of His children, such as it is, is acceptable for the sake of that same Christ, no matter how weak, imperfect, and soiled by the filth of sin still clinging to the flesh. For that which our obedience lacks in that respect is supplied and covered by the completely perfect obedience of Christ, namely in those who are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit and acknowledge their imperfections."

Unbelievers are the ones who have done evil because they reject the Gospel by which God gives absolution, righteousness, life, and the Holy Spirit. They remain in their sins and they remain children of the devil. There is no faith from which good works flow. Thus they continue in sin which is evil.

In Christ, Pastor Jenson

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

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- Submit newsletter and bulletin articles.
- Update a prayer request.
- Request a digital copy of the newsletter.

Recordings of Divine Services Available on the YouTube channel, Trinity White Lake.

#### WORD FROM THE CENTER – August 22, 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 Luke 13:23-27 and 30 which says,

Someone asked [Jesus], "Lord, are only a few people going to be saved?" He said to them, "Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to. Once the owner of the house gets up and closes the door, you will stand outside knocking and pleading, 'Sir, open the door for us.' "But he will answer, 'I don't know you or where you come from.' "Then you will say, 'We ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets.' "But he will reply, 'I don't know you or where you come from. Away from me, all you evildoers!'... Indeed, there are those who are last who will be first, and first who will be last

#### IT'S NOT WHO YOU KNOW, BUT WHETHER HE KNOWS YOU!

A few years ago there was a scandal involving prominent, Hollywood families paying for their children to get into specific schools by having the admissions process rigged to their advantage. Actually, the "college admissions scandal" is much worse than we know. The Hollywood version might be the tip of a bigger iceberg. It's the scandal where children of politicians get into the most prestigious schools in America, like Harvard and the Yale, effortlessly. One politician had all four of his children get into these elite schools. Let's just say, if Harvard and Yale are the most competitive schools where only the finest, most talented students get in, then it's virtually impossible for every child from one family to beat such odds. But the data shows that the children of these "public servants" get in at a remarkable rate. And with those schools receiving billions of tax dollars in grant monies, well, it sure seems to dwarf the Hollywood quid-pro-quo version, doesn't it? I guess in this world the old adage is true, "It's not what you know, but who you know!"

Well, that may be true in certain aspects of life on earth, but our stature and status really don't amount to as much as we think they do, even if we can get away with rigging worldly systems in our favor. The greatest sin of people today might in fact be our pride, the fact that we think way too highly of ourselves. All of our gadgets and inventions have made some aspects of life much easier, but they haven't made us better people where it matters most, in our hearts and souls. All our successes and status may help us accumulate stuff in this world, but such things don't bring lasting purpose to our lives.

In Luke chapters 12 and 13, Jesus is telling various stories to drive home a point. The key to life is having a healthy relationship with the God who created and redeemed us. It orders our life properly. It can help us overcome worries and anxieties. It can even reconcile us to one another in spite of our propensities towards hatred, bigotry, and strife. In today's passage, Jesus is in essence saying, "Don't play games with this truth. Don't merely give lip service to that relationship. Don't play religious games with God, thinking that just being outwardly associated with His things will help you rig the system in your favor." No, God loves you and wants a reconciled and forgiven relationship with you by grace through faith in Jesus. Wow! He wants that for you and me. And that changes everything.

**PRAYER**: Dear Lord Jesus, what a joy it is to realize that I can have a relationship with You because of what You have done for me. Give me the faith to receive that and to live in its truth daily in my life. AMEN.



### Main Street Living September 2022

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

#### September 4, 2022

KDLT (NBC)

10 a.m. **"The Fathering Kind"** The story of a single father who is down and out trying to raise a son alone.

10:30 a.m. Rev. David Otten, pastor at Emmanuel and Christ Lutheran Churches in Gettysburg and Lebanon, presents a message titled "Carrying a Cross." This sermon is based on Luke 14:27.

#### September 11, 2022

#### KDLT (NBC)

10 a.m. **"A Nice Girl Like You"** A widowed pastor dates a middle aged single woman in his parish, but when she professes her love he tells her he cannot return it.

10:30 a.m. Rev. Randy Sturzenbecher, pastor at Divine Shepherd Lutheran in Black Hawk, presents a message titled "Eyes That See Jesus." This sermon is based on Luke 10:23–37.

#### September 18, 2022

#### KDLT (NBC)

10 a.m. **"But Not For Lunch"** A man has difficulty adjusting to retirement until he turns his time over to the Lord.

10:30 a.m. Rev. John Fries, pastor at Grace and Blessed Emmanuel Lutheran Churches in Deadwood and Sturgis, presents a message titled "God and Mammon." This sermon is based on Luke 16.

#### September 25, 2022

#### KDLT (NBC)

10 a.m. **"Candidate for Father"** An unwed daughter is not forgiven by her candidate for city council father.

10:30 a.m. Rev. Don McKillop, pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church in Belle Fourche, presents a message titled "They Have Moses and the Prophets." This sermon is based on Luke 16:19– 31.



## In Thankfulness for 80 Years of God's Grace to the LWML

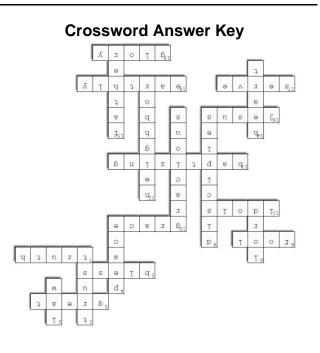
The LWML groups of Trinity Hope Circle, Trinity Ruth Circle, and St. Paul's Dorcas Circle are collecting 80 pair of socks in honor of the LWML's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday this year.

Collection boxes are available at either congregation.

An additional socks and undies collection is being held in conjunction with this giving opportunity.

All proceeds will be given to the Orphan Grain Train (OGT). Cash donations are also appreciated to help cover shipping costs that OGT incurs.

Please drop off your donations by Saturday, **October 1, 2022**.





# Relief for Human Need Worldwide Orphan Grain Train + Fish Feed

## Sunday, October 2, 2022 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. Come Early!

## Serving:

## **Alaskan Pollock, Potatoes, Onions**

(cooked Dorr County Wisconsin style)

## Salads, Bread, and Dessert

## **Free-Will Donation**

All proceeds given directly to the Orphan Grain Train. Please make checks payable to: "Orphan Grain Train."

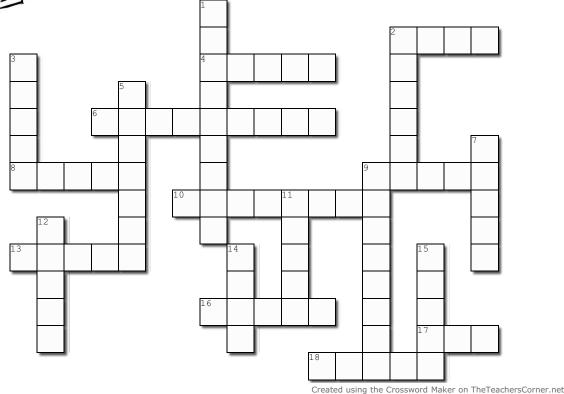


Zion Lutheran Church 101 South Seaman Street Delmont, SD 57330 Worship Service 9 a.m.



### THE FIRST COMMANDMENT

You shall have no other gods.



#### Across

**2.** The \_\_\_\_\_ says in his heart, 'There is no God.' (Ps. 14:1a)

**4.** You shall worship the Lord your God and Him only shall you \_\_\_\_\_ (Matt 4:10).

**6.** \_\_\_\_\_ in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost (Matt. 28:19b).

**8.** \_\_\_\_\_ in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding (Prov. 3:5).

**9.** The \_\_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all (2 Cor. 13:14).

**10.** You shall love your \_\_\_\_\_ as yourself (Matt. 22:39).

**13.** I am the Lord; that is my name; My \_\_\_\_\_ I give to no other (Is. 42:8a).

**16.** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the \_\_\_\_\_ is not in us (1 John 1:8).

**17.** Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the \_\_\_\_\_ (Rom. 13:10).

**18.** You shall call His name \_\_\_\_\_, for He will save His people from their sins (Matt. 1:21).

#### Down

**1.** Go therefore and make \_\_\_\_\_\_ of all nations (Matt. 28:19a).

**2.** Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the \_\_\_\_\_ who sent Him (John 5:23).

**3.** \_\_\_\_\_ is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; He is to be feared above all gods (Ps. 96:4).

**5.** Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on \_\_\_\_\_ things (Phil. 3:1).

**7.** The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you \_\_\_\_\_ (Num.6:26).

**9.** The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be \_\_\_\_\_ to you (Numb. 6:25).

**11.** Love the Lord your God with all your \_\_\_\_\_ and with all your soul and with all your mind (Matt. 22:37).

12. The Lord \_\_\_\_\_ you and keep you (Num. 6:24).

**14.** Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the \_\_\_\_\_ is one (Deut. 6:4).

**15.** Little children, keep yourself from \_\_\_\_\_ (1 John 5:21).



# **SEPTEMBER 2022**



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Pray for Our Students			1	2	3 Events at St. Paul's 6 p.m. Joint Divine Service	
<b>4</b> 1st Sunday in September	5	6 6:30 p.m. TR LWML Joint Circle Meeting	<b>7</b> <b>2:15 p.m.</b> TR Release-Time	8	9	10 Fourteenth Sunday Pentecost Events at Trinity 4:45 p.m. Confirmation 6 p.m. Joint Divine Service 7 p.m. Bible Class
<b>11</b> 2nd Sunday in September	12 2 p.m. SP Dorcas Circle	13	14 2:15 p.m. TR Release-Time 7 p.m. SP Council	15	16	17 Fifteenth Sunday Pentecost Events at St. Paul's 4:45 p.m. Confirmation 6 p.m. Joint Divine Service 7 p.m. Bible Class
<b>18</b> 3rd Sunday in September	19	20	<b>21</b> <b>2:15 p.m.</b> TR Release-Time	22	23	24 Sixteenth Sunday Pentecost Events at Trinity 4:45 p.m. Confirmation 6 p.m. Joint Divine Service 7 p.m. Bible Class
25 4th Sunday in September	26	27	<b>28</b> <b>2:15 p.m.</b> TR Release-Time	29	30	