



St. Paul's  
Lutheran Church

# November 2023 NEWSLETTER



Trinity  
Lutheran Church

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Ruth Circle

## Upcoming Joint Divine Worship Service Schedule

Sunday, November 5, 2023 — 5 p.m. at St. Paul's  
Sunday, November 12, 2023 — 5 p.m. at Trinity  
Sunday, November 19, 2023 — 5 p.m. at St. Paul's  
Thanksgiving Eve, Wed. Nov. 22, 2023 — 5 p.m. at Trinity  
Sunday, November 26, 2023 — 5 p.m. at Trinity

## Christian Education

**Joint Bible Study**— 6 p.m. at the same location as the Joint Divine Service.

**Joint Confirmation Class** — Sundays at 3:45 p.m. at the same location as the Joint Divine Service.

**Sunday School at St. Paul's** — 3:45 p.m. Nov. 5 and 19, 2023.

**Children's Christmas Practice** — Sunday, November 26, 2023, 3:45 p.m. at Trinity. (Dec. 3 and 17 at SP; Dec. 10 at TR.)

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

## Lutheran Women's Missionary League

LWML Trinity Hope Circle — Tues. Nov. 7, 2 p.m.  
LWML Trinity Ruth Circle — Wed. Nov. 8, 6:30 p.m.  
LWML St. Paul's Dorcas Circle – Monday, Nov. 13, 2 p.m.

## Serving the Lord's Church in NOVEMBER

### TRINITY

**Elder** David Bogenhagen

**Ushers** Ron Steffen  
Dan Meier

**Acolyte** Karter Clark  
**Altar** Janice Thiry

### ST. PAUL'S

**Elder** Curt Guindon  
**Ushers** Justin Everson  
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**Acolyte** Karter Weber  
**Altar** Deb Haak

## Serving the Lord's Church in DECEMBER

### TRINITY

**Elder** Scott Meier  
**Ushers** Ben Bogenhagen  
Ron Steffen

**Acolyte** Taelyn Clark  
**Altar** Barb Gilbertz

### ST. PAUL'S

**Elder** Mike Tuschen  
**Ushers** Lennis Titze  
Howard Weischedel

**Acolyte** Jacey Kemp  
**Altar** Deb Haak

## Scripture Readings

Nov. 5 Revelation 7:9–17; 1 John 3:1–3; Matthew 5:1–12  
Nov. 12 Amos 5:18–24; 1 Thess. 4:13–18; Matthew 25:1–13  
Nov. 19 Zephaniah 1:7–16; 1 Thess. 5:1–11; Matthew 25:14–30  
Nov. 26 Ezek. 34:11–16, 20–24; 1 Cor. 15:20–28; Matt. 25:31–46

The **December 2023 newsletter** will be available December 2, 2023. Articles are due Tuesday, November 28, 2023.

Please send newsletter and bulletin items to Nancy Bogenhagen at [trinitywlsd@gmail.com](mailto:trinitywlsd@gmail.com). **Weekly bulletin deadline is Thursday noon.** Please email me if you prefer your newsletter emailed to you. Thank you!




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



Many Christians have considered challenging themselves to read through the Bible in one year. Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is offering you that very opportunity! The Gospel Outreach Committee has created a monthly reading plan to guide you.



## 2023 NOVEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			01 Isaiah 36–37 Psalm 119:97–120 1 Timothy 3	02 Isaiah 38–39 Psalm 119:121–144 1 Timothy 4	03 Jeremiah 1–2 Psalm 119:145–176 1 Timothy 5:1–22	04 Jeremiah 3–4 Psalm 120 1 Timothy 5:23–6:21
05 Jeremiah 5–6 Psalm 121 2 Timothy 1	06 Jeremiah 7–8 Psalm 122 2 Timothy 2	07 Jeremiah 9–10 Psalm 123 2 Timothy 3	08 Jeremiah 11–12 Psalm 124 2 Timothy 4	09 Jeremiah 13–14 Psalm 125 Titus 1	10 Jeremiah 15–16 Psalm 126 Titus 2	11 Jeremiah 17–18 Psalm 127 Titus 3
12 Jeremiah 19–20 Psalm 128 Philemon	13 Jeremiah 21–22 Psalm 129 James 1	14 Jeremiah 23–24 Psalm 130 James 2	15 Jeremiah 25–26 Psalm 131 James 3	16 Jeremiah 27–28 Psalm 132 James 4	17 Jeremiah 29–30 Psalm 133 James 5	18 Jeremiah 31–32 Psalm 134 1 Peter 1
19 Jeremiah 33–34 Psalm 135 1 Peter 2	20 Jeremiah 35–36 Psalm 136 1 Peter 3	21 Jeremiah 37–38 Psalm 137 1 Peter 4	22 Jeremiah 39–40 Psalm 138 1 Peter 5	23 Jeremiah 41–42 Psalm 139 2 Peter 1	24 Jeremiah 43–44 Psalm 140 2 Peter 2	25 Jeremiah 45–46 Psalm 141 2 Peter 3
26 Jeremiah 47–48 Psalm 142 Galatians 1	27 Jeremiah 49–50 Psalm 143 Galatians 2	28 Jeremiah 51–52 Psalm 144 Galatians 3:1–18	29 Lamentations 1–2 Psalm 145 Galatians 3:19–4:20	30 Lamentations 3–4 Psalm 146 Galatians 4:21–31		

*I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?  
My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth  
(Psalm 121:1–2).*



*After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" (Revelation 7:9–10).*

November 1st is **All Saints' Day**. October 31 is called Halloween which is a contraction of "All Hallowed (holy ones/saints) Eve". October 31 is the eve of All Saints' Day just as Christmas Eve is the eve of Christmas. The focus of All Saints' Day is the Gospel and the blessings it bestows on sinners past, present, and future. We give thanks to God for the Saints and for the blessings bestowed upon them in the Gospel.

The Apology of the Augsburg Confession writes regarding the commemoration of Saints: "Our Confession approves honors to the saints. For here a threefold honor is to be approved. **The first** is thanksgiving. For we ought to give thanks to God because He has shown examples of mercy; because He has shown that He wishes to save men; because He has given teachers or other gifts to the Church. And these gifts, as they are the greatest, should be amplified, and the saints themselves should be praised, who have faithfully used these gifts, just as Christ praises faithful businessmen, Matthew 25, 21–23. **The second** service is the strengthening of our faith; when we see the denial-forgiven Peter, we also are encouraged to believe the more that *grace truly superabounds over sin*, Romans 5:20. **The third** honor is the imitation, first, of faith, then of the other virtues, which everyone should imitate according to his calling."

All Saints' Day has its origins back in the first three centuries after Christ's resurrection. During those centuries many Christians were martyred for their faith in Christ. In addition to setting aside the day of their death, the church set aside another day to commemorate all of the saints. Eventually (sometime in the early eighth century) November 1st was made the day to honor all the Saints.

On All Saints' Day we remember the blessings that God freely gives to us in the Gospel. He gives us the forgiveness of all our sins, His righteousness, His name, and the promise of the resurrection of the body to life everlasting. God Himself earned these benefits for us by taking up flesh, fulfilling our obligations to the Law, and dying for our sins on the cross. In glory we will behold our Lord face to face, He will wipe away our tears for good, and we will enjoy the company of all the Saints for all eternity in bliss.

***For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last He will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another (Job 19:25–27a).***

In Christ, Pastor Jenson

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**Departed Saints** of St. Paul's and Trinity since November 2, 2022:  
SP, Elmer Sorensen, December 23, 1925–December 26, 2022.  
SP, Jean Kern, March 30, 1927–March 30, 2023.  
TR, Phyllis Sorensen, July 19, 1924–June 1, 2023.  
TR, Eleanor Gieseman, February 27, 1930–July 22, 2023.



*Precious*  
in the sight of the Lord  
is the death of his  
*saints*

Psalm 116:15, ESV



## MAIN STREET LIVING NOVEMBER 2023

All programs are interpreted and closed-captioned for the hearing impaired. For more information visit: [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com)

**Broadcast on KDLT (NBC) channels 5.1 / 46.1**

### November 5, 2023

**10 a.m. "The Deadly Pen"** — A businessman struggles with the guilt of another man's death.

**10:30 a.m.** Rev. David Warner, pastor at Our Redeemer and Our Savior's Lutheran Churches in Custer and Hill City, presents a message titled "All Saints Day — Are We Really?" This sermon is based on Matthew 5:1–12.

### November 12, 2023

**10 a.m. "Transition"** — A young boy reacts to the divorce of his parents and the new reality he now faces.

**10:30 a.m.** Rev. Dr. Joshua Jones, pastor at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Rapid City, presents a message titled "The Masked Man Comes to Save You." This sermon is based on Amos 5:18–24.

### November 19, 2023

**10 a.m. "Senior Citizen"** — A man struggles with purpose and a place in life after retirement.

**10:30 a.m.** Rev. Thomas Brown, pastor at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Spearfish, presents a message titled "The Parable of the Talents." This sermon is based on Matthew 25:14–30.

### November 26, 2023

**10 a.m. "The Gift"** — A daughter struggles with what to do with birthday gift money.

**10:30 a.m.** Rev. Don McKillop, pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church in Belle Fourche, presents a message titled "The Sheep and the Goats." This sermon is based on Matthew 25:31–46.

## PRAYER

Mighty Fortress, Rock of refuge, make us truly Your disciples. Keep us in Your Word, free us from all errors, and make our homes and families peaceful. Preserve all fathers and encourage them for their godly task, that children would be brought up in the fear and instruction of the Lord.

Mighty Fortress, Rock of refuge, we give You thanks for all Your servants who have departed this life in faith. We especially bless You today for the great reformers of Your Church who call us back to the Gospel and to the righteousness we have in Christ alone. Bring us at last to our heavenly home to see our Redeemer face to face; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### STAY IN TOUCH

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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.

Our October 25, 2023, verses are Matthew 22:18–21, where the Bible says, *But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, “You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? Show me the coin used for paying the tax.” They brought him a denarius, and he asked them, “Whose image is this? And whose inscription?” “Caesar’s,” they replied. Then he said to them, “So give back to Caesar what is Caesar’s, and to God what is God’s.”*

## **TWO KINGDOMS TRUTH? IT’S GOOD NEWS AND GREAT NEWS!**

I’ve got good news and I’ve got very good news. Ready? **All the struggles of the moment, like government ineptitude, civil unrest, and anxiety about the future, cannot ultimately overwhelm believers.** Why? It’s not because of who WE are, that’s for sure. We’ve got the same fears, anxieties, and challenges as other people. Thankfully, it has to do with who God is. The Bible proclaims that God is at work right now to preserve the world (Romans 13:1-7). And, even better, God is at work saving the world through the proclamation of the Gospel (Matthew 24:14; John 3:16). Jesus said a very interesting thing in today’s reading, “So give back to Caesar what is Caesar’s, and to God what is God’s.” A few days later, as Jesus heads toward the cross, Pontius Pilate, the governor of Judea, claimed that he had authority over Jesus himself. Jesus responded, “You would have no authority over me at all unless it had been given you from above” (John 19:11). Wow! God is at work. He saves the world through the person and work of Jesus. **THAT’S THE MAIN MESSAGE OF THE BIBLE.**

Whether it’s amidst Roman rule, Greek city states, Egyptian Pharaohs, or our constitutional Republic, God is at work both to preserve and to save. Since the main message of the Bible is about saving the world through the unique person and work of Jesus Christ for all, God preserves the world so that all might hear it for themselves. God attempts to keep the world civil, humane, just, and safe (outwardly), even through people like Caesar and Pilate (and, amazingly today, through

representative government and virtuous, free citizens). You see, God is at work in the world in two distinct ways. First, he desires to keep things civil, humane, and just through His created orders of family, work, and government. As I like to put it, God works through fathers, mothers, businesspeople, and leaders, broken and sinful though they are. God works through them to prevent chaos, to literally keep all hell from breaking loose IN THIS WORLD. That’s called God’s Left-Hand Kingdom rule, His engagement to preserve order. That’s good news. But that’s not the great news of God’s Right-Hand Kingdom work which freely grants salvation by grace through faith in the person and work of Jesus. Yet the Left-Hand Kingdom work of God, often through relatively moral unbelievers, is also part of His work of blessing.

Christians engage in the public realm, even though it is full of philosophies, ideologies, and appetites emanating from sinful, broken people just like us. We do so because there is good work to do to keep things sane, humane, temporally just, and safe. (We, at the LCRL like to say, “Good government can’t save us, but bad government can destroy us.”) So, let’s strive for the “good” work which makes for a better, more civil union. It involves *free citizens raising loving, virtuous families, creating safe, caring neighborhoods by being good neighbors, and challenging Americans to self-directed, self-governing lives for the sake of others.* But never

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forget that such “good” work is always in service to God’s ultimate work to save, to get the message of Christ out there for all to hear. Yes, keep it orderly and safe, so the Church can speak. Keep things just, so chaos is kept at bay. Legislate fair laws to live by so there can be opportunities to share a message of grace over the fences to neighbors living side by side in peace. God’s two distinct ways of acting in His “Two Kingdoms” involve two specific types of engagement. YET HIS ONE MISSION REMAINS TO ULTIMATELY BLESS THE WORLD NOW AND FOREVER IN AND THROUGH JESUS CHRIST.



**PRAYER** – Dear Lord Jesus, give us the commitment and will to be Your voice of the Law and the Gospel so that we might be a part of the solutions You have for our communities, as well as the voice of grace for hearts aware of their need for Your forgiveness. Amen.



November brings images of Giving Tuesday, reminding people that everyone has something to give and every act of generosity counts. I like this stewardship quote from Rev. John Heckman, past LWML Counselor, “Graceful giving draws no attention to itself but directs attention to God. Graceful giving seeks to glorify God.”

*5 Images of the Giving Christian, © 2015 Lutheran Women’s Missionary League*

We have giving opportunities at both congregations that will enhance our places of worship.

♥ **Air Conditioner Fund** at St. Paul’s.

Donations may be given to any of the elders: Mike Tuschen, Justin Everson, or Curt Guindon.

♥ **Cleaning Fund** at Trinity.

It is once again time to replenish Trinity’s Church Cleaning Fund. Please remember what a convenience it is to have someone perform this service for us. You may make your donation in any amount to Trinity Lutheran Church and mail it to P.O. Box 6, White Lake, SD 57383, or simply drop it in the offering plate at White Lake. Please mark “Cleaning” in the memo. Thank you!









♥ **Altar Flower Fund** at Trinity.

New opportunity! Trinity LWML groups are sponsoring a free-will offering for altar flowers at Trinity, especially for Christmas and Easter. Donations may be dropped off in the designated box at the back of the church.

May God be glorified in our graceful giving!



# November 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			<b>1</b> <b>2:15 p.m.</b> TR Release-Time	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>  All Saints' Day (observed) <b>Events at St. Paul's</b> <b>3:45 p.m.</b> Confirmation/SS <b>5 p.m.</b> Joint Divine Service <b>6 p.m.</b> Bible Class	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <b>2 p.m.</b>  TR Hope Circle	<b>8</b> <b>2:15 p.m.</b> TR Release-Time <b>6:30 p.m.</b>  TR Ruth Circle	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b>  24th Sunday after Pentecost <b>Events at Trinity</b> <b>3:45 p.m.</b> Confirmation <b>5 p.m.</b> Joint Divine Service <b>6 p.m.</b> Bible Class	<b>13</b> <b>2 p.m.</b>  SP Dorcas Circle	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> <b>2:15 p.m.</b> TR Release-Time	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>  25th Sunday after Pentecost <b>Events at St. Paul's</b> <b>3:45 p.m.</b> Confirmation/SS <b>5 p.m.</b> Joint Divine Service	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> <b>5 p.m.</b> Thanksgiving Eve Service at TR	<b>23</b> Thanksgiving	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>  Last Sunday of the Church Year <b>Events at Trinity</b> <b>3:45 p.m.</b> Confirmation/SS <b>5 p.m.</b> Joint Divine Service <b>6 p.m.</b> Bible Class	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <i>December 2023            newsletter articles            due.</i>	<b>29</b> <b>2:15 p.m.</b> TR Release-Time	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	