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Weekly bulletin deadline is Tuesday noon. Please email me if you prefer your newsletter emailed to you. Thanks!



Divine Worship Services

St. Paul 8:30 a.m. Sunday
 Trinity 10:30 a.m. Sunday

Bible Study Book of Revelation — Trinity 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays
 Question sheets are posted on www.trinitywhitelake.com/bible-study.

Wednesday School

Trinity 5:30 p.m.

Lutheran Women's Missionary League

Trinity Hope Circle – August 3, 2021, 2 p.m.
 Trinity Ruth Circle – August 3, 2021, 6:30 p.m.
 St. Paul Dorcas Circle – August 9, 2021, 7 p.m.

Serving the Lord's Church in August

TRINITY

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Acolytes Aspen Lessman
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Altar Cathy Albrecht

Scripture Readings

Aug 1 Exodus 16:2–15; Ephesians 4:1–16; John 6:22–35
 Aug 8 1 Kings 19:1–8; Ephesians 4:17–5:2; John 6:35–51
 Aug 15 Proverbs 9:1–10; Ephesians 5:6–21; John 6:51–69
 Aug 22 Isaiah 29:11–19; Ephesians 5:22–33; Mark 7:1–13
 Aug 29 Deuteronomy 4:1–2, 6–9; Ephesians 6:10–20; Mark 7:14–23
 Sept 5 Isaiah 35:4–7a; James 2:1–10, 14–18; Mark 7:31–37

Websites – Visit the Services option on www.stpaulplankinton.com and www.trinitywhitelake.com for the weekly bulletin. Trinity's website also offers links for the live stream of their worship and the printed service that goes with each service. See the News link on both websites for archived newsletters and bulletins.

The **September newsletter** will be available on/after August 29, 2021. Articles are due August 24.



If you have PRAYER CONCERNS or would like a PASTORAL VISIT, please contact Pastor Lessman at 605-641-8501.

Resolving Conflict through the Four G's

- **Glorify God** - How can I please and honor God in this situation, and how can I give witness to what he has done for me through Christ?
- **Get the log out of your eye** - How have I contributed to this conflict and what do I need to do to resolve it?
- **Gently restore** - How can I help others to understand how they have contributed to this conflict?
- **Go and be reconciled** - How can I demonstrate forgiveness and encourage a reasonable solution to this conflict?

Go and Be Reconciled

“First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift. (Matt. 5:24)

Peacemaking is not passive but active. Jesus says, “Go!” not “Wait around until the other person comes crawling to you.” Reconciliation requires disputing parties to meet with each other, not complain or gossip to others. Christians miss the opportunity for improving relationships that comes from mutual confession and forgiveness when they avoid the very individuals with whom they should reconcile.

Furthermore, parties are not the only ones who suffer. Something we often overlook is how bystanders are affected by our actions. Consider this: when Christians fight, at least ten others watch. If you are a Christian leader, such as a parent, elder, teacher, pastor, board member, or business manager, your silent audience is much larger.

While administering my father’s estate following his death, I became entangled in a nasty lawsuit between the estate and Bob (not his real name), another Christian who leased one of the estate’s commercial properties. He was unable to pay the rent, and he refused to vacate the property, so I filed a lawsuit against him to collect past due rents and evict him from the property.

I expected the legal process to be quick and decisive, but nearly a year later we were still fighting in the courts. Before one of our court hearings, Bob appealed to me to submit our lawsuit to Christian mediation, but I refused. Convinced that I was legally right, I felt confident I would prevail. As a fiduciary representing the interests of the estate’s creditors, I believed that secular creditors would not approve of my submitting a lawsuit protecting their financial interests to Christian mediation. Finally, I reasoned that Bob did not act like a Christian anyway.

However, when I nearly lost in an appeal case and was summoned to court for a third round, reality set in and I counted the costs. I had spent nearly \$100,000 in legal and administrative fees, and the matter remained yet unresolved. I reconsidered Bob’s offer to try Christian mediation. While I could justify myself by saying that I was the first who went directly to him to be reconciled early in the process, it was Bob who later came to me, following Christ’s command to “go and be reconciled.” After receiving godly counsel and taking time to pray, I agreed to Christian mediation.

Incredibly, in just two Saturday meetings with Christian mediators, Bob and I reconciled our personal differences through mutual confession and forgiveness; and we settled the financial differences through negotiation. What the legal processes failed to do after a year of fighting and tens of thousands of dollars, God’s process for reconciliation brought final resolution. I thank God that He used people like Bob and other Christians to help me develop a new perspective in this conflict. It was not just about Bob and me. In fact, hundreds of others were directly and indirectly affected by our dispute.

I overlooked how many others were hurt by our conflict. I evicted nearly 200 subtenants and storage customers to regain control of the property, and I employed Bob’s former employees to help me negotiate new leases with them, requiring them to repay rent to the rightful owner. My wife and son, and Bob’s family, all suffered because of our weariness and pent-up anger at home. Yes, there were hundreds of people affected by a fight between two Christian brothers over property and lease rights, and many were amazed when they heard that we reconciled and resolved our conflict.

Bob’s efforts to “go to be reconciled” glorified God, served me and countless others, and helped us both to be conformed to the likeness of God’s son.

Conflict an Opportunity? I Hate Conflict! by Ted Kober



WORD FROM THE CENTER: MONDAY, June 21, 2021

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 verses are portions of Romans 8:31–37 where the Bible says,

³¹ What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?... ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword ...³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

Faith Faces the Future With Boldness

Throughout my travels last year, I was faced with a recurring question, “**Dr. Seltz, what should we do when the future seems so unsure?**” Great question. What should we do and how should we feel when something like COVID-19 threatened the lives and the livelihoods of virtually everyone on the planet? What should be done when many were faced with the reality of not being able to see loved ones, of not being able to work or pay one’s bills, or of not being able to worship and pray with other believers due to the threat of punishment of law? Or what about people today who are still facing the reality of sickness, of hunger, or even of war? What then?

Well, **the first thing that believers know, no matter how extreme the chaos of this world, is the biblical truth that “God is for us!”** (Romans 8:31). Why? Because of what Jesus Christ has done for us by living perfectly in our place, dying His justice-bearing death on the cross sacrificially, and then rising again so that we can have eternal life in His Name. Because of Him, no matter the circumstance, His victory is present for you TODAY. Such wonderful news means that we are not captive to our fears, no matter how real they are. We are not overcome by our sins because His forgiveness for us is real NOW. And, **in Christ, we can move boldly into the unknown future with courage and confidence.**

I don’t know what our future holds, but I know who holds our future in His hands. It sounds trite, but it isn’t. **Sinful people are often paralyzed by fear because the unknown threatens our self-made plans to try to control our own future.** The uncertainties that we face daily tempt us to fear, and our fears can even cause us to doubt that THE LOVE OF JESUS is really true for us. And those fears are real too, aren’t they?

There is real fear, real uncertainty, and real helplessness. **But it is precisely there, where our best efforts are reduced to powerlessness, that the Apostle Paul boldly assures us that CHRIST’S LOVE HOLDS!** And Paul was no preacher of the power of naïve positive thinking. He was no “pie in the sky” religious leader. For Paul, these were not just “words.” He TRUSTED IN JESUS’ LOVE AND GRACE in all of his trying, fear-filled circumstances. He suffered beatings, imprisonments, and intimidations because he trusted in the love of Jesus Christ poured out for him (for example, see 2 Corinthians 11:23–33). And he wants you and me to know that faith in Jesus Christ is sufficient to face the challenges of each day, no matter what the day brings. PAUL URGES US TO COUNT ON IT, BANK ON IT, AND BEGIN TO LIVE LIFE BOLDLY NOW IN THE CONFIDENCE THAT IN JESUS, “GOD IS FOR US,” TODAY, TOMORROW, AND FOREVER! SUCH FAITH FACES THE FUTURE WITH BOLDNESS because it does so in the promises, the power, and the enduring potential of Jesus Christ alone.

PRAYER: Dear Jesus, give us courage amidst the uncertainties of our lives. In the face of the challenges of the day, give us the clarity that comes with trusting that Your promises are sure. In all things, draw us ever closer to You. Amen!





Main Street Living August 2021

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

August 1, 2021

10:00AM - “Stranger at the Door” - Having given up a baby for adoption 22 years before, a man shows up on a woman’s doorstep saying he is looking for his mother.

10:30 AM - Rev. David Strable, pastor at Holy Cross, Trinity, & Immanuel Lutheran Churches in the Onida, Blunt, & Harrold, SD areas, presents the message “Turn Your Frown Upside Down”. The sermon is based on Exodus 16.

August 8, 2021

10:00AM - “The Fathering Kind” - The story of a single father who is down and out trying to raise a son alone.

10:30 AM - Rev. Robert Hinckley, pastor at Zion Lutheran Church in Chamberlain, SD, presents the message “O My Strength, Haste Thee to Help Me!”. The sermon is based on 1 Kings 19:4.

August 15, 2021

10:00AM - “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 AM - Rev. Greg Hinners, pastor at Our Redeemer, St. John, and St. Peter Lutheran Churches in the Philip, Norris, and Midland SD areas, presents the message “Two Kinds of People”.

August 22, 2021

10:00AM - “But Not For Lunch” - A man has difficulty adjusting to retirement until he turns his time over to the Lord.

10:30 AM - Rev. Joshua Jones, pastor at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Rapid City, SD, presents the message “Matters of the Heart”. The sermon is based on Mark 7:1-13.

August 29, 2021

10:00AM - “Candidate for Father” - A unwed daughter is not forgiven by her father who is a candidate for city council.

10:30 AM - Rev. Paul Winckler, pastor at Zion Lutheran Church, School, and Preschool in Rapid City, SD, presents the message “The Battle is Won”. The sermon is based on Ephesians 6:10-20.



BLOG

This is part two of more about the **SERVICE OF THE WORD**.

Hearing God’s Word

The **Service of the Word** makes a transition from prayer and praise to the hearing of God’s Word. The bestowal of God’s grace, which was announced in the Introit and prayed for in the Collect, will now take place in the reading and preaching of God’s Word. Reading God’s Word is the high point for the Service of the Word because wherever God’s Word is, there our Lord has promised to be (Matthew 18:20).

The words of the Holy Scripture are read to “make [us] wise for salvation” (2 Timothy 3:15). They do this by not only telling us about Jesus but also by giving us Jesus, who was crucified for our sins and raised to life for our justification. The Word of God is the Word of life.

Old Testament Reading and Epistle

The first reading is typically from the Old Testament. Through the history of Israel and the words of the prophets, the **Old Testament Reading** teaches us about God’s work in the time before Christ. There we hear the prophecies of the Messiah who would come to men that all people might once again be brought back to God. The Old Testament Reading prepares us to hear the Holy Gospel, which is the fulfillment of the prophecies and promises made in the Old Testament. Hearing the Word of God, the people respond with words of praise. The **Gradual** is a Proper. It is a portion of a psalm or other Scripture passage that provides a response after the Old Testament Reading. The **Epistle** gives us God’s counsel on how His gracious Word is applied to the hearer and the Church. Often in this reading, we hear how God’s Word accomplishes what it says—creating faith, bestowing forgiveness, strengthening God’s people in their struggles against sin, and enlivening in them the hope of eternal life.

Holy Gospel

Like the Gradual, the **Alleluia and Verse** provide a transition between the readings. The word *alleluia* is Hebrew for “praise the Lord.” The Verse prepares us to meet the Christ of God in His Word, hearing of His life, ministry, death, and resurrection for the salvation of all.

The **Holy Gospel** always contains the very words or deeds of Jesus. This makes the reading of the Holy Gospel the summit of the Service of the Word, and we recognize this by surrounding our Savior’s words with songs of glory and praise and by standing to receive His gracious words.

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RETREAT

“Table of Duties”

August 6-7, 2021

St. Paul Lutheran Church
Spearfish, SD

What is a Higher Things Retreat?

Picture the sanctuary filled with teenagers, eager for the organ to begin the opening lines of the liturgy or their favorite hymns, listening intently as they learn how their Lutheran faith applies to their lives and relationships, and laughing as they horse around playing games and getting to know other youth from the area. This Retreat will give youth and adults a glimpse of what happens at a Higher Things youth conference and what a typical conference day looks like!

About this Topic

God orders everything for our good, including our vocations. Are you a preacher or a hearer? A parent or a child? A boss or an employee? A teacher or a student? Wherever God has placed you, He has put you there to live in faith toward Him and in fervent love for your neighbor. Let's study the Table of Duties together to better know our vocations and have a deeper assurance of Jesus' vocation as our Lord and Savior. Fun times!

Pastor Chris Hull is the husband to the best wife in the world, Allison Hull, and dad to four crazy boys, Lonny, Manny, Ty, Jamie, and a daughter Avonlea. He is the senior pastor at Zion Lutheran Church in Tomball, TX, where he and Pastor Michael Daniels love handing the goods of the Cross over to all the saints gathered there.

About this Retreat

\$40 per person covers all Friday night snacks, Saturday breakfast, lunch, and snacks, all presentations and activities, and overnight lodging at St. Paul Lutheran Church. This retreat is intended for confirmation youth, so any youth entering or currently in confirmation instruction are welcome, no matter the grade or age. Download registration forms, additional retreat information, and register online at www.higherthings.org/retreats. You may also contact Pastor Randy Sturzenbecher at (605)391-0428 or DSLCPastor@divineshep.org to ask for a registration packet via email.

About Higher Things

Higher Things is a Recognized Service Organization of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. The mission of Higher Things is to make the gifts of Christ Jesus known to youth and young adults

Register today!

www.higherthings.org/retreats



Diaper Distribution Dates Are Set

Trinity Lutherans for Life would like to thank you for your generous donations for our recent diaper drive!

We are excited to announce that the “Diaper Distribution” dates are set for Friday, **August 6, 2021**, from 5 to 7 p.m. and Saturday, **August 7, 2021** from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Anyone can be a part of this distribution by stopping in at Trinity Lutheran Church, White Lake and picking up what size(s) diapers they need for their child(ren).

Trinity LFL is striving to share the message that life should be supported at all stages, from conception to natural death. Each phase of life comes with its own challenges and expenses for parents and caregivers. The community diaper drive and distribution are some ways that we can show our love and support for the smallest community members and help alleviate some of the expense for those that care for them.

Please encourage those in our community to pick up a diaper donation for their family. For more information contact Jane Guericke 605-207-0625 or Kim Lessman 605-641-8502.



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Mission Goal Update as of June 30, 2021



Devotions for these mission grants:

- #2 LCMS Missionary Support at Just the RIGHT Time, LCMS Mission Central
- #3 I Was a Stranger: Lutheran Books for Immigrants in SD, Lutheran Heritage Foundation
- #7 Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty, LCMS RSO
- #9 Christ’s Mercy in Russia, LCMS RSO

Christian Life Retreat Registration Form. Be sure to **register by August 27, 2021** for LWML South Dakota District’s new event, the 2021 Fall Christian Life Retreat, “God’s Quilt of Comfort”!



Scripture Verse: *Let your steadfast love comfort me according to your promise to your servant (Psalm 119:76).*

Faith Lutheran Church, Pierre, SD
September 17 & 18, 2021

AUGUST 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Pentecost 10  8:30 a.m. SP Service 10:30 a.m. TR Service	2	3  2 p.m. TR Hope Circle 6:30 p.m. TR Ruth Circle	4 5:30 p.m. TR Wed School 5:30 p.m. TR Bible Study	5	6	7
8 Pentecost 11  8:30 a.m. SP Service 10:30 a.m. TR Service	9 7 p.m.  SP Dorcas Circle	10 10 a.m. WL Nursing Home	11 5:30 p.m. TR Wed School 5:30 p.m. TR Bible Study	12	13	14
15 Pentecost 12  8:30 a.m. SP Service 10:30 a.m. TR Service 12:30 p.m. SP Voters	16	17	18 5:30 p.m. TR Wed School 5:30 p.m. TR Bible Study	19 6:30 p.m. TR Elders 7:30 p.m. TR Voters	20	21
22 Pentecost 13  8:30 a.m. SP Service 10:30 a.m. TR Service	23	24 10 a.m. WL Nursing Home	25 5:30 p.m. TR Wed School 5:30 p.m. TR Bible Study	26	27	28
29 Pentecost 14  8:30 a.m. SP Service 10:30 a.m. TR Service	30	31	<i>Christ is the head of the church, His body, and is Himself its Savior (Ephesians 5:23).</i>			