



NEWSLETTER



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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's 8:30 a.m. Sunday
 Trinity 10:30 a.m. Sunday

Bible Study — Divine Service Scripture Readings

Trinity 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays

Sunday School

St. Paul's TBD

Release-Time Class

Trinity 2:15 p.m. Wednesday

Wednesday School

Trinity 5:30 p.m.

Youth Confirmation Class

@ St. Paul's

7 p.m. Wednesday Oct. 6, then 1 p.m. Sundays the rest of October

Lutheran Women's Missionary League

Trinity Hope Circle – October 5, 2021, 2 a.m.

Trinity Ruth Circle – October 5, 2021, 6:30 p.m.

St. Paul's Dorcas Circle – October 11, 2021, 7 p.m.

Serving the Lord's Church in OCTOBER

TRINITY

Elder Scott Meier

Ushers Dean Suelflow

Ben Bogenhagen

Acolyte Joshua Doering

ST. PAUL'S

Elder

Ushers Brent Morenz, Mike

Tuschen, Howard Weischedel

Altar Marlene Johnson

Scripture Readings

Oct 3 Genesis 2:18–25; Hebrews 2:1–13; Mark 10:2–16

LWML Ezekiel 36:22–27; Psalm 51:1–2, 6, 10–12; Mark 12:28–31

Oct 10 Amos 5:6–7, 10–15; Hebrews 3:12–19; Mark 10:17–22

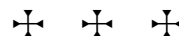
Oct 17 Ecclesiastes 5:10–20; Hebrews 4:1–13; Mark 10:23–31

Oct 24 Jeremiah 31:7–9; Hebrews 7:23–28; Mark 10:46–52

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

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 **November 2021 newsletter** will be available on/after October 31, 2021. Articles are due October 25, 2021.



If you have PRAYER CONCERNS or would like a PASTORAL VISIT, please contact Pastor Adams at 1-785-893-4387.

Reformation Today?

Why do we still celebrate events that happened in the Church 500 years ago? Is it simply to help us identify who we are – spiritual descendants of a man named Martin Luther of sixteenth century Germany? Is it simply a history lesson to keep a tradition alive? I certainly hope not.

How can we be right with God, and why does this really matter? Those questions still need answers today. Why? Because most Americans don't believe there is a literal place called hell where sinners suffer eternally. Nor do many believe in a personal being named Satan who works to destroy people. Nor do many believe in the need for a Savior from sins of selfishness, greed, lust, or unfaithfulness.

Are we so busy we don't take time to really think about such things? Work hard, save for college for the kids and retirement, and live happily ever after. Right?

Maybe not, especially in these tough times. Tough times or good, God's Word remains true: **"All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God"** (Rom. 3:23). Having fallen short of God's glorious design for human life, we should expect nothing less than God's just judgement. But God was, is, and always will be **"... slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin"** (Exodus 34:6–7). In that love and faithfulness God sent His own Son from eternity to take on human flesh and rescue us from ourselves, Satan, and certain judgment. **"For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect"** (1 Peter 1:18–19).

Every time we find ourselves at odds with others, the Reformation still matters. Every time anxiety keeps us up at night, the Reformation still matters. Every time illness or injury or even death invades our lives, the Reformation still matters. Why? Because the Reformation is about God's love, God's saving grace, God's gift of new, abundant, and eternal life, joy, and peace to us by grace alone through faith alone in Jesus Christ alone as revealed in Scripture alone. That's why we still celebrate the Reformation together in worship — and in lives of faith that seek to tell others of God's love and how that love still makes a difference in our lives.

Yours in the peace and joy in Jesus,

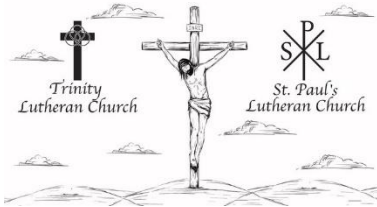
† Pastor Charlie Adams

Color the Reformation Seal "Luther's Rose"

Cross	black	Christ's death on the cross forgives our sins.
Heart	red	Faith in Christ's death is found in the heart.
Rose	white	Faith in Jesus gives us peace, forgiveness, and joy.
Background	blue	Faith in Christ's death gives heaven.
Ring	gold	Life in heaven brings happiness and will be eternal.



ST. PAUL'S/TRINITY NEWS



MISSION SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

St. Paul's Lutheran is looking for volunteers to clean their church for October. Please contact Marlene Johnson (999-2260) or Deb Haak (770-3101) for more information.

If anyone has a bed, dresser, lamp, and/or nightstand that can be used in the parsonage during our vacancy, please contact Brent Morenz (770-2804).

If you have a Thrivent Action Team project that you need to use before the end of the year, our parsonage is in need of help. We are trying to do the \$250 action team grants for parsonage repairs. There are many projects to use the grants for and we will have no problem with the "in kind" participation. If you would like to use yours for this, please apply for one and use "parsonage repairs" for the description. If you are approved, please let Judy Jira (999-3455) or Kathy Guindon (770-2324) know as soon as your project has been confirmed. Thank you.

Trinity Lutheran is looking for a custodian to do regular cleaning of their church. This is a paid position. Please contact Diana Kieffer (249-2464) or Dean Suelflow (680-4533) for more information.



ESTHER 4:14 GRANT

The Lord has established and equipped His church to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ, "for such a time as this" (Esther 4:14). Therefore, the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod's Office of National Mission has launched a new national grant program to encourage congregations to purchase equipment to meet the challenges of the day. Trinity Lutheran has

been awarded a \$1150 grant to make known the love of Christ by word and deed within our churches and communities via media production.

Thank-you to Brian Hall for sharing his knowledge of video, audio, and lighting so that we can share the Gospel message to our members and the world via technology.

CIRCUIT NEWS



MITCHELL CIRCUIT YOUTH PICNIC

There will be a Mitchell Circuit Youth picnic on Sunday, October 24, 2021, at the Lions Park in Armour. It begins at 3 p.m. with a pizza supper at 5 p.m. Come enjoy sand volleyball, lawn games, the playgrounds, and the lake. There is also a large open space for frisbee, softball, etc. If the weather is bad, we will meet at Redeemer Lutheran Church for Bible Jeopardy and board games. Families with little children, middle schoolers, high schoolers, college kids, and young adults are all invited to attend. NO COST. This event is being sponsored by Redeemer. Please RSVP by October 17, 2021 to Pastor Jens Jenson. Email is redemerarmour@unitelsd.com or call 724-2489.



MITCHELL CIRCUIT REFORMATION FESTIVAL

Our annual Circuit Reformation Festival is on October 31, 2021 at Zion Mitchell. Worship is at 4 p.m. and a meal at 5 p.m. Preacher and dinner speaker will be Rev. Ryan Loeslie of Immanuel, rural Dimock. Come celebrate our Lutheran heritage and enjoy the fellowship of our circuit.



Main Street Living October 2021

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

www.mainstreetliving.com

October 3, 2021

10 a.m. — **"Live Option"** - A 15-year-old pregnant daughter and her mother disagree on the future of her child.

10:30 a.m. — SMP Vicar Dennis Mercer of Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church in Black Hawk, SD, presents a message titled "What's Your Passion?" This sermon is based on Matthew 22:34-46.

October 10, 2021

10 a.m. — **"Families Come First"** A man contends with the demands of his career, promotion, and his vocation as a father.

10:30 a.m. — Rev. David Lindenberg, pastor at Peace Lutheran Church in Rapid City, SD, presents a message titled "Jesus, looking at him, loved him." This sermon is based on Mark 10:17-22.

October 17, 2021

10 a.m. — **"Conspiracy of Silence"** A husband and wife come to grips with a terminal illness.

10:30 a.m. — Rev. Luke Edwards, pastor at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Rapid City, SD, presents a message titled "In God's Hands." This sermon is based on Ecclesiastes 5:10-20.

October 24, 2021

10 a.m. — **"Big Account"** An advertising agency art director learns the impact of his work on his family and others.

10:30 a.m. — Rev. Don McKillop, pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church in Belle Fourche, SD, presents a message titled "Jesus Heals Blind Bartimaeus." This sermon is based on Luke 10:46-52.

October 31, 2021

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. Dan Deardoff, pastor at Blessed Redeemer Lutheran Church in Brandon, SD, presents a special reformation message as Martin Luther.



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STRONG FAITH, FERVENT LOVE

Lately, a lot of life around us has seemed like a pressure cooker. News of wars and rumors of wars, increased COVID-19 cases, newly instituted mask mandates and plenty of debate about what the best approach is to everything. Add to this the daily pressure of living life in this fallen world with Satan seeking to trip us up every way we turn, and the pressure put upon our congregations and ministries often seems like it is just too much to handle. What with depleted budgets, difficult members, lack of support and workers, apathy, envy, and ever-increasing hostility toward the message of Christ and His church, one might wonder how much we can handle or if we're doing any good at all.

But, brothers and sisters in Christ, this is nothing new! St. Paul said this to the Corinthian church as they struggled in Corinth: "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too" (2 Cor. 1:3-5).

This passage is a good reminder that God's comfort is always with us in Christ, so that we need not succumb to the pressure of the day but remember that we are always victorious in Christ! Christ's abundance is never too little, for our momentary affliction is nothing compared to the weight of glory that is to be ours, and the Word of comfort which we can bring to the world! Let us then "run with endurance" so that we might always be about the work the Lord of the Church has planned for us, so that we might encourage one another and share that comfort of Christ with the world!

Hymn of the Month

497 Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord



1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, God and Lord, With all Your grac - es
 2 Come, ho - ly Light, guide di - vine, Now cause the Word of
 3 Come, ho - ly Fire, com - fort true, Grant us the will Your



now out-poured On each be - liev - er's mind and heart;
 life to shine. Teach us to know our God a - right
 work to do And in Your ser - vice to a - bide;



Your fer - vent love to them im - part. Lord, by the
 And call Him Fa - ther with de - light. From ev - 'ry
 Let tri - als turn us not a - side. Lord, by Your



bright-ness of Your light In ho - ly faith Your Church u - nite;
 er - ror keep us free; Let none but Christ our mas - ter be
 pow'r pre - pare each heart, And to our weak-ness strength im - part



From ev - 'ry land and ev - 'ry tongue This to Your
 That we in liv - ing faith a - bide, In Him, our
 That brave - ly here we may con - tend, Through life and



praise, O Lord, our God, be sung: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Lord, with all our might con - fide. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 death to You, our Lord, as - cend. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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Luke 11:13; 1 Corinthians 12:13; John 16:13-14; 2 Timothy 1:14

The hymn "Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord" was originally a Latin chant from the 11th century used at the Vespers of the Vigil of Pentecost. Martin Luther was familiar with a German version of it and was so moved by its content and tune that he remarked that the hymn must have been written by the Spirit Himself. Luther added two stanzas to the one of the chant, the total of which made for a core hymn of the Reformation.

This Lutheran hymn seems to be a three-stanza prayer. It is a prayer inviting the Holy Spirit, as God and Lord, to come and fulfill His role as sanctifier.

www.lcms.org/worship/hymn-of-the-day-studies



WORD FROM THE CENTER: MONDAY, September 27, 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 Bible verses are Mark 9:49-50, where Jesus says, *For everyone will be salted with fire. 50 Salt is good, but if the salt has lost its saltiness, how will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.*

The Christian Life — Fashioned for Service!

It's always a challenge for me to fully understand what Jesus means in Matthew 5:13-14 when He says that believers are "the salt of the earth" and "the light of the world." I don't think we realize how inept, yet vital, we are to being conduits of God's preserving and saving activity for the world. In a world of constant refrigeration because of electricity and easy illumination where the lights come on and remain on just by the flip of a switch, being called "salt" and "light" can seem rather mundane. It wasn't and it isn't. Just think of the ancients' view of salt.

Homer called it divine. Plato called it a "substance dear to the gods." Shakespeare mentioned salt 17 times in his plays. Perhaps Leonard da Vinci wanted to send a subtle message about purity lost when he painted "The last Supper." In that painting an overturned salt cellar is conspicuously placed before Judas. In ancient Greece a far-flung trade involving the exchange of salt for slaves gave rise to the expression, "...not worth his salt." Special salt rations were given to Roman soldiers and known as "Solarium Argentums" the forerunner of the English word "salary." Thousands of Napoleon's troops died during his retreat from Moscow because their wounds would not heal--their bodies lacked salt. The human body contains about 4oz. of salt. Without enough of it, muscles won't contract, blood won't circulate, food won't digest, and the heart won't beat a beat. Without a doubt, salt is the essence of life. And Jesus said, "Ye are the salt of the earth."^[1]

So salt is essential! There wouldn't be life without it. But that's not what Jesus means when He calls us "the salt of the earth." We're not the ones essential for life; He is. But we can be essential bearers of His life in our lives for others. In fact, while our life with God is received by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone, the works that extend from such a faith are essential, not for ourselves, but for those whom God brings into our lives. That's why Jesus here reminds us to "have salt in yourselves and be at peace with one another."

In essence, then, let God fill up your life, your "salt-shaker" existence, so that you can be a "salting" presence in the lives of those whom you love and care for. Salt preserves, purifies, and adds flavor, even as it exposes our thirst. Salt heals, regulates, and promotes good health when properly used. Such is the spiritual condition of those who put their trust in the true "salt" of life, Jesus Christ. Then those who believe in Christ are fashioned for service to others IN HIS NAME. God the Father sent His Son into the world to honor the preserving work of God's Law. Yet he also fulfilled God's Law in our place and delivers the promised saving work of God for all through His sacrificial work on the cross. Then we are to be bearers of that salt to all whom God places in our lives. "Have salt in yourselves," and be salty ones in Him to others. Even our speech and our lifestyles are to be "salty" for others as Paul reminds us in Colossians 4:6, "Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person." Remember that receiving "salt" from Jesus Christ comes first because you can't serve others in Christ if you haven't first been served by Christ (note that in Leonardo da Vinci's famous painting of the Last Supper, the saltshaker in front of Judas is empty). But see also the great honor and privilege of being part of God's powerful work of preserving and saving the world on His Law/Gospel terms alone. The Christian life is a life fashioned in Him for service, like salt on the loose so others can be blessed.

PRAYER: Dear Lord Jesus, salt reminds us that there are created gifts in this world that make physical life possible and enjoyable. In essence, You are like the spice of life that makes spiritual life possible and wonderful even now. Let us be better conduits of such saving grace to others, as we rejoice in the very "salted" life that we have received as Your everlasting gift. AMEN.

^[1] <https://www.sermoncentral.com/sermon-illustrations/5282/evangelism-by-terry-dashnerv>



OCTOBER 2021



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	October 4-6 South Dakota LCMS Pastors Conference, RC; 11 a.m.-11 a.m.				1	2
3 Pentecost 19  8:30 a.m. SP Service 10:30 a.m. TR Service 1:30 p.m. LWML Mitchell Zone Fall Rally, Plankinton	4	5  2 p.m. TR LWML Hope Circle 6:30 p.m. TR LWML Ruth Circle	6 2:15 p.m. TR Release-Time 5:30 p.m. TR Wed School 5:30 p.m. TR Bible Study 7 p.m. SP Youth Confirmation Class	7	8	9
10 Pentecost 20  8:30 a.m. SP Service 10:30 a.m. TR Service 1 p.m. SP Youth Confirmation Class	11  7 p.m. SP Dorcas Circle	12	13 2:15 p.m. TR Release-Time 5:30 p.m. TR Wed School 5:30 p.m. TR Bible Study	14	15	16
17 Pentecost 21  8:30 a.m. SP Service 10:30 a.m. TR Service 1 p.m. SP Youth Confirmation Class	18	19	20 2:15 p.m. TR Release-Time 5:30 p.m. TR Wed School 5:30 p.m. TR Bible Study	21	22	23
24 Pentecost 22  8:30 a.m. SP Service 10:30 a.m. TR Service 1 p.m. SP Youth Confirmation Class 3 p.m. Mitchell Circuit Youth Picnic, Armour	25	26	27 2:15 p.m. TR Release-Time 5:30 p.m. TR Wed School 5:30 p.m. TR Bible Study	28	29	30
31 Reformation Day  8:30 a.m. SP Service 10:30 a.m. TR Service 1 p.m. SP Youth Confirmation Class 4 p.m. Circuit Reformation Service, Zion Mitchell						