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Send newsletter/bulletin items to Nancy Bogenhagen at *trinitywlsd@gmail.com*.
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

(See page 6 for more information.)

Lutheran Women's Missionary League

Trinity Hope/Ruth Annual Joint Meeting – September 7, 2021, 6:30 p.m.

St. Paul's Dorcas Circle – September 14, 2021, 7 p.m.

Serving the Lord's Church in SEPTEMBER

TRINITY

Elder Dan Guericke

Ushers Brian Hall
John Geyer

Acolytes Madison Meier
Taelyn Clark

ST. PAUL'S

Elder

Ushers Curt Guindon, Merlyn
Haak, Marv Jira

Acolyte

Altar Cathy Albrecht

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

Sept 5 Isaiah 35:4–7a; James 2:1–10, 14–18; Mark 7:31–37

Sept 12 Isaiah 50:4–10; James 3:1–12; Mark 9:14–29

Sept 19 Jeremiah 11:18–20; James 3:13–4:10; Mark 9:30–37

Sept 26 Numbers 11:4–6, 10–16, 24–29; James 5:13–20; Mark 9:38–50

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

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 **October newsletter** will be available on/after October 3, 2021. Articles are due September 28.



If you have PRAYER CONCERNS or would like a PASTORAL VISIT, please contact Pastor Adams after September 12 at 1-785-893-4387.



Main Street Living September 2021

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

Sept 5, 2021

10 a.m. “The Sound of Doors Closing” — A man's mid-life crisis and the effect it has on his family.

10:30 a.m. Rev. Christopher McCarthy, pastor at First and Emmanuel Lutheran Churches in Wall and Creighton, presents a message titled “He Groaned.” This sermon is based on Mark 7:31–37.

Sept 12, 2021

10 a.m. “Tina” — Two lonely people, a woman and a child, come together through Jesus.

10:30 a.m. Rev. John Fries, pastor at Grace and Blessed Emmanuel Lutheran Churches in Deadwood and Sturgis, presents a message titled “Tongues of Fire Will Burn You!” This sermon is based on James 3:1–12.

Sept 19, 2021

10 a.m. “Look to the Mountain” — A hopeless situation becomes more hopeless when a down and out man kidnaps a young girl for ransom money.

10:30 a.m. Rev. David Warner, pastor at Our Redeemer and Our Savior in Custer and Hill City, presents a message titled “The Struggle for Peace.” This sermon is based on Mark 9:30–37.

Sept 26, 2021

10 a.m. “Home Free” — A family learns the real meaning of love, and that it comes free.

10:30 a.m. Rev. Albert Sutton, pastor at Evergreen Lutheran Mission in Porcupine, presents a message titled “The Family Vacation.” This sermon is based on Numbers 11.



BLOG

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

Hymn and the Hymn of the Day

God's people have been encouraged to sing their prayers, praise, and thanksgiving to God. The Word of God not only creates faith but teaches us, God's children, His gracious will toward us. God has freely given us His own righteousness. In our hymns we respond to this Good News with singing, reciting back to God the great acts of our salvation in thanksgiving and praise.

Taking cues from Scripture's own songbook, the Psalms, the Church's hymns give us a variety of ways to thank, praise, and proclaim the God who has done all good things for us. In the Divine Service, our singing is related to the readings from Scripture. Hymns enable everyone to join together in proclaiming the scriptural truths read at the lectern, preached from the pulpit, and spoken before the altar.

The **Hymn of the Day** is the principal hymn of the Divine Service and relates to the theme of the day from the Holy Gospel.

Sermon

Our Lord sent His apostles into the world to preach that forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are found through Him. In the preaching of the **Sermon**, that apostolic Word is proclaimed among us today.

The Sermon is dependent on all that has gone before it in the Divine Service—the liturgy, the hymns, and the readings. Therefore the message of the Sermon is the fullest expression of the theme of the day. In the Sermon the pastor speaks God's words of judgment and grace to the current situation. In this way, the Sermon also prepares the hearer for the celebration of the Service of the Sacrament. Like the Absolution, the Sermon delivers the forgiveness of sins earned by Christ on the cross. The Divine Service, then, becomes for us grace upon grace (John 1:16).

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Hymn of the Month

566 By Grace I'm Saved



1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and bound-less; My soul, be-lieve and
 2 By grace! None dare lay claim to mer - it; Our works and con - duct
 3 By grace God's Son, our on - ly Sav - ior, Came down to earth to
 4 By grace! This ground of faith is cer - tain; As long as God is



doubt it not. Why stag - ger at this word of prom - ise?
 have no worth. God in His love sent our Re - deem - er,
 bear our sin. Was it be - cause of your own mer - it
 true, it stands. What saints have penned by in - spi - ra - tion,



Has Scrip - ture ev - er false - hood taught? No! Then this word must
 Christ Je - sus, to this sin - ful earth; His death did for our
 That Je - sus died your soul to win? No, it was grace, and
 What in His Word our God com - mands, Our faith in what our



true re - main: By grace you too will life ob - tain.
 sins a - tone, And we are saved by grace a - lone.
 grace a - lone, That brought Him from His heav'n - ly throne.
 God has done De - pends on grace— grace through His Son.

5 By grace to timid hearts that tremble, In tribulation's furnace tried,
 By grace, in spite of fear and trouble, The Father's heart is open wide.
 Where could I help and strength secure If grace were not my anchor sure?

6 By grace! On this I'll rest when dying; In Jesus' promise I rejoice;
 For though I know my heart's condition, I also know my Savior's voice.

My heart is glad, all grief has flown Since I am saved by grace alone.

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Ephesians 2:4–9; Titus 3:4–7; Isaiah 64:6; Romans 3:23–24

The author of this famous hymn, Christian Ludwig Scheidt (1709–61), was not a pastor; he was a layman. His professional life was devoted to academic pursuits; he worked as a librarian and a university lecturer. Despite the many changes in his life's circumstances — Scheidt worked in a variety of institutional settings in both Germany and Denmark — the constant in his life was a steadfast faith in Christ. By his early 30s, he had published this classic hymn, "By Grace I'm Saved." Though successful in most of his professional endeavors, Scheidt experienced great heartache in his personal life. His wife bore eight children, and all died in childhood.

Both in the original German and in the English translation, the first words of each stanza set the tone and theme. These words are "By grace." Stanza 3 begins with these words: "By grace God's Son, our only Savior, / Came down to earth to bear our sin." This line beautifully encapsulates both the manner and goal of Jesus' ministry. The concluding two stanzas aver that only Christ's grace can avail in "tribulation's furnace" and at the hour of death. In fact, the hymn concludes on a rather triumphant note, exulting: "My heart is glad, all grief has flown / Since I am saved by grace alone."



WORD FROM THE CENTER: MONDAY, August 23, 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 verse is Mark 7:8, where Jesus tells the religious leaders of His day, “You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to human traditions.”

God’s “NO” and God’s “YES” – THEY BOTH MATTER FOR OUR LIFE!

G. K. Chesterton wrote the following:

Take another case: Charity is a paradox, like modesty and courage. Stated baldly, charity certainly means one of two things--pardoning unpardonable acts or loving unlovable people. But if we ask ourselves what a sensible pagan would feel about such a subject, we shall probably be beginning at the bottom of it. A sensible pagan would say that there were some people one could forgive, and someone couldn't. That again is rational, and even refreshing; but it is a dilution. It leaves no place for a pure horror of injustice, such as that which is a great beauty in the innocent. And it leaves no place for a mere tenderness for men as men, such as is the whole fascination of the charitable. Christianity came in here as before. It came in startlingly with a sword, and clove one thing from another. It divided the crime from the criminal. It was not enough that those who stole wine inspired partly anger and partly kindness. We must be much more angry with theft than before, and yet much kinder to thieves than before. There was room for wrath and love to run wild. And the more I considered Christianity, the more I found that while it had established a rule and order, the chief aim of that order was to give room for good things to run wild.[1]

In Mark 7, Jesus is challenging us to keep God’s Word in its proper place. In 2 Timothy 2:15, the Bible also urges this: *Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*

Dividing the word of truth involves receiving God’s “Law” and His “Gospel,” His “NO” and His “YES,” on God’s terms alone, for our very lives and salvation. His Law is immutable, calling for righteousness on His terms. His Gospel, the good news of forgiveness and salvation, is pure gift.

When we take God’s Word and try to “domesticate” it, as if it were something within our ability to manipulate and our efforts to accomplish, we do as the Pharisees did, only to be unmasked and exposed by Jesus. Such confusion creates a false religion based on human rules and works. Jesus says clearly, “You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to human traditions.” Replacing God’s Word with human observances is empty at best and, at worst, destructive of the eternal life and salvation God desires us all to have.

Unfortunately, we generally have a different problem in our culture than the pharisaic religiosity which Jesus confronted in his day. Many believe that God’s Law is unnecessary, and even unjust. We face the grand deception that God doesn’t really care about righteousness and holiness at all. Then we falsely comfort ourselves with the notion that God condones our libertinism and wishes for us to be and do whatever we want. As a result, we don’t even try to follow a domesticated version of God’s Law; we merely do as we please. We are tempted to domesticate God’s Gospel “good news” as well. We evacuate it of any notion of the cross because we imagine we can solve the problems of the human heart with our money, our technology, and our efforts.

In the work I do on Capitol Hill, I see that confusion and arrogance every day. Many of our political leaders assert that we can solve poverty, dependency, crime, homelessness, and disparity on our own, even as we jettison God’s Law and domesticate God’s Gospel. In the quotation above, Chesterton reminds us that Christianity comes in and places God’s “No” and God’s “Yes” into their proper spheres. In that sense, God both demands perfect justice for sin and then He alone creates the proclamation of perfect mercy as His gift of grace. He does that in the perfect life, the saving death, and the glorious resurrection of Jesus Christ, God-in-the-flesh FOR US and for our salvation.

Jesus teaches us to let the Law of God have its say in our life. First, it “curbs” our sin so as to prevent humanity from destroying itself with libertinism. But, even more importantly, it shows us our sin in order to reveal our need for a savior so that we might receive His Gospel gift of forgiveness and life which Jesus has earned for us. Then His commands guide us in ways that love God and serve our neighbor in response. May whatever traditions we follow also be firmly rooted in God’s Law and His freeing Gospel properly proclaimed so that there is “room for good things to run wild” in our lives both now and forever.

PRAYER: Dear Lord Jesus, give us wisdom to know that both Your “No” and Your “Yes” have been revealed to us out of Your love for us. Give us confidence in Your saving Word and teach us through it each day. AMEN.

[1] <https://facebook.us17.list-manage.com/track/click?u=7f6a55f5407cc4f4759ad430e&id=7d9068a2df&e=cab4421d6a>

THE PUPPET PLACE

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(LWML SD District Christian Life Retreat, con't.)

The women of the LWML South Dakota District assist the Utecht family each year at the South Dakota State Fair, to spread the Gospel message to Fair-goers. This year's Fair is September 2–6. **LWML members from Trinity White Lake and St. Paul's Plankinton are scheduled to work the first day, September 2. If you are interested in this fun mission service opportunity, contact Marlene Johnson or Diana Kieffer.**

Rev. Robert Utecht began this ministry over 40 years ago, using wooden marionette puppets, cloth puppets, music, magic, juggling, balloon sculpturing and ventriloquism. What a fun way to share the Good News that God loves us, even in our sin, and sent Jesus to die for that sin, that we may one day have the promised gift of eternal life! Over the last few years, Rev. Andrew Utecht and family and Rev Peter Utecht and family, have continued the ministry begun by their father, Pastor Bob.

Performances are held at 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m., 5 p.m., and 6 p.m. each day. Volunteers don animal costumes to get the attention of Fair-goers, while members of the LWML SD invite them to come in, watch the show, and enjoy the air-conditioned room. After the show, whistles for the youngsters and Bible studies for the adults are handed out.

SCHEDULE

Friday, September 17, 2021

- 1–7 p.m. Registration and Gifts From the Heart (*ingathering*)
- 1–4 p.m. Servant Events
- 4 p.m. Welcome and Activities
- 5 p.m. Dinner
- 7 p.m. Worship Service
- 8 p.m. Fellowship

Saturday, September 18, 2021

- 8 a.m. Registration
- 9 a.m. Opening, Bible Study, Speakers, Activities
- 12 Noon Lunch
- 1 p.m. Bible Study, Speakers
- 2:45 p.m. Closing

SERVANT ACTIVITIES

- Scarf tying.
- Card making (Church Worker Appreciation Cards).
- Tying fleece blankets.
- Christmas ornaments for church musicians.

GIFTS FROM THE HEART

1. **Orphan Grain Train (OGT)**— We will be collecting monetary donations for the OGT. If writing a check, please make it payable to Orphan Grain Train.

2. **Pierre Area Referral Services (PARS) Program:**

Food — Sugar (2# bags), Jelly (no glass), pancake mix, syrup, raman noodles, cans of soup (chunky or Progresso type), saltine crackers, Hamburger Helper, Tuna Helper, boxed or pouch-type sides of rice or potatoes, cereal, flavored oatmeal.

Hygiene items — feminine hygiene pads, panty liners, tampons, toilet paper, paper towels, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, laundry soap, liquid fabric softener, men/women stick deodorant, spary cleaner, dish soap, scrubber sponges.

**LWML SOUTH DAKOTA DISTRICT
CHRISTIAN LIFE RETREAT**

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*God's Quilt of Comfort
Wrapping Up in the Psalms*

“God’s Quilt of Comfort: Wrapping Up in the Psalms”

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**



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LWML SUNDAY October 3, 2021

“Our Hearts in His Hand” is the theme for LWML Sunday 2021 and is based on Peter’s first letter to persecuted Christians in Asia Minor. In chapter 4:8, Peter tells them, *Above all, keep loving one another earnestly*. The heart of the LWML is its members; our hearts have been made holy by God. We are fully dedicated to serving Him, by serving His Church at home and abroad. Our hearts for Christ are in His hand of service, wherever and when He has need of us. **2021 LWML Sunday downloadable materials, authored by Dr. Dale A. Meyer, are available at www.lwml.org/lwml-sunday.** All worship and devotional materials have received approval from LCMS Doctrinal Review.



Mitchell Zone
South Dakota District

The **LWML Mitchell Zone Fall Rally** will be held at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church Plankinton October 3, 2021.

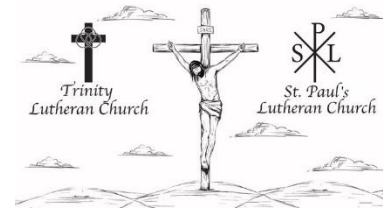
Registration 1:30 p.m.
Opening Devotions 1:45 p.m.
Welcome 2 p.m.
Mitchell Area Safe House Presentation 2–3 p.m.
Break 3–3:15 p.m.
Business Meeting 3:15 p.m.
Closing 4:00 pm

Luncheon (Free Will Offering)

There will a silent auction at the 2021 Fall Rally. Each group (society) is encouraged to provide one or two items. All proceeds will go to mites for missions. Gifts from the Heart (ingathering) will be items for the Mitchell Area Safe House. Visit their website for current needs: www.mitchellareasafehouse.org.

The 2021 **Nominating Committee is Plankinton St. Paul’s and White Lake Trinity**. Officers up for election this year include the Vice President and the Secretary/Historian. Please contact Diana Kieffer or Marlene Johnson if you have suggestions for ladies to serve in these positions.

PARISH NEWS



SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

St. Paul’s Lutheran is looking for volunteers to clean their church for September and/or October. Please contact Marlene Johnson (1-605-999-2260) or Deb Haak (1-770-3101) for more information.

St. Paul’s Lutheran is organizing a parsonage cleaning event in early September. Please contact Judy Jira (1-605-999-3455) for more information.

Trinity Lutheran is looking for a custodian to do regular cleaning of their church. This is a paid position. Please contact Diana Kieffer (1-605-246-2464) or Dean Suelflow (1-605-680-4533) for more information.

VACANCY INFORMATION

Rev. Mark Mischnick will continue serving the needs of our parish for emergency calls through September 12, 2021. You may contact him via email or cellphone: themischnicks@midco.net • 605-730-0340 (mobile).

Rev. Charles Adams will begin serving St. Paul’s Lutheran and Trinity Lutheran September 12, 2021. He will be residing in the parsonage in Plankinton. Rev. Adams is willing to serve up to one year as our vacancy pastor.

District President Rev. Scott Sailer will be presiding over a brief Rite of Installation at each Divine Service Sunday, September 12, 2021. Following that rite, Rev. Adams will conduct the rest of the service.

Contact information for Rev. Adams (after Sept. 12): revcwa@aol.com • 1-785-893-4387

