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Sept. 6, 2026 — Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Ezekiel 33:7-9, Romans 13:1-10, Matthew 18:1-20



The church is a box full of sinners, and we still act surprised when they actually sin. We measure Christianity by Christians instead of Christ. The greatest in the kingdom isn't the one who does the most; it's the one who needs the most and receives it. That even means sinners can be welcome here. Christ makes us holy. Your sins are forgiven.

DIVINE SERVICE

ORDER OF SERVICE

Divine Service Setting Four, *LSB* 203

CREED: Nicene

HYMNS

Opening Hymn:

LSB 477 "Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven"

Sermon Hymn:

LSB 606 "I Lay My Sins on Jesus"

Offering Hymn:

LSB 781 vv. 1–2 "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

Distribution Hymn:

LSB 609 "Jesus Sinners Doth Receive"

Closing Hymn:

LSB 924 "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"

SERMON TEXT AND THEME

Matthew 18:15–20

"Am I My Brother's Keeper?"

IN OUR PRAYERS **

FOR HEALTH AND HEALING

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Donna Alberts (Pastor's sister,) Mary Milbrandt, Darryn, Jane, Nadine Larson, Keith Wallin, Zoe Jones, and Wendy Ramberg.

TRINITY BIRTHDAYS: Rachel Thompson 09/06; Karen Pfitzer 09/09; Malcolm Janis 09/09; Kyle Everson 09/12

TRINITY ANNIVERSARIES: none

ST. PAUL'S BIRTHDAYS: none

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LUTHERANS FOR LIFE QUOTE

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Newsletter Correction, page 4: The speaker for the LWML South Dakota District Christian Life Workshop in Spearfish October 3, 2026, is Rev. Thomas Brown (not Rev. Nour.)

2026-09-06 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH † TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH CALENDAR AND INFORMATION

Sun. Sept. 6	8:30 a.m.	Divine Service at Trinity
	10:30 a.m.	Divine Service at St. Paul's
Tues. Sept. 8	2 p.m.	LWML SP Dorcas Circle
Wed. Sept. 9	2:15 p.m.	Trinity Release-Time
	5:30 p.m.	Joint Bible Class at Trinity
		"Colossians and Philemon: Take A New Look at Christ"

SEPTEMBER 2026

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Aug. 30 Attendance and Offering: SP: 24, \$895; TR: 22, \$2290

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God has a power no other being has: working good out of evil. Joseph's brothers sold him into slavery. God meant it for good. That's hard to say when you can't find the good through tears. But God forbids despair as much as He forbids sin. The cross is where evil became salvation. He works good out of evil as He dies for you to save you. The grave is not the end.

DIVINE SERVICE

ORDER OF SERVICE

Divine Service Setting Four, *LSB* 203

CREED: Apostle's

HYMNS

Opening Hymn:

LSB 783 "Take My Life and Let It Be"

Sermon Hymn:

LSB 685 "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"

Offering Hymn:

LSB 781 vv. 1–2 "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

Distribution/Third Hymn:

LSB 851 "Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us"

Closing Hymn:

LSB 657 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

SERMON TEXT AND THEME

Genesis 50:15–21

"Joseph Forgives His Undeserving Brothers"

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TRINITY ANNIVERSARY: Jay & Terri Thompson 09/16

ST. PAUL'S BIRTHDAY: Kendra Will 09/17

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Pastor McKillop will be gone next Sunday, October 20, 2026, for the 100th anniversary of Our Savior Lutheran Church, Odell, Nebraska where he served as pastor from 2001–2005. Trinity/St. Paul's pulpit supply will be furnished by Rev. David Ellis, retired pastor from Yankton.

2026-09-13 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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	10:30 a.m.	Divine Service at St. Paul's
	Noon	Potluck Dinner/Voters Meeting at St. Paul's
Mon. Sept. 14	7 p.m.	St. Paul's Catechism Class
Wed. Sept. 16	2:15 p.m.	Trinity Release-Time
	5:30 p.m.	Joint Bible Class at Trinity
		Trinity Wednesday School
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September 6 Attendance and Offering: SP: 16, \$500; TR: 33, \$1797

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Sept. 20, 2026 — Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Isaiah 55:6-9, Philippians 1:12-30, Matthew 20:1-16

Disciples Live in Their Vocations by Grace through Faith in Christ
Those who are sent as “*laborers for his vineyard*” (Matt. 20:1) depict the wide diversity of vocations to which the disciples of Christ Jesus are called. Whatever our particular stations in life may be, we are called to live and serve by faith in His promises. The way of the Lord is foolishness to the world and foreign to our thoughts, but He draws near, so that “*he may be found*” (Is. 55:6), “*have compassion*” and “*abundantly pardon*” (Is. 55:7). It is by faith in His forgiveness that our works are “*worthy of the gospel*” (Phil. 1:27).

DIVINE SERVICE

ORDER OF SERVICE

Divine Service Setting Four, *LSB* 203

CREED: Nicene

HYMNS

Opening Hymn:

LSB 906 “O Day of Rest and Gladness”

Sermon Hymn:

LSB 720 “We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight”

Offering Hymn:

LSB 781 vv. 1–2 “We Give Thee But Thine Own”

Distribution Hymn:

LSB 636 “Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness”

Closing Hymn:

LSB 710 “The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want”

SERMON TEXT AND THEME

Isaiah 55:6–9

“Where Is God?”

IN OUR PRAYERS **

FOR HEALTH AND HEALING

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Jason Alberts, Mary Milbrandt, Darryn, Jane, Nadine Larson, Keith Wallin, Zoe Jones, and Wendy Ramberg.

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND CONDOLENCES to the Scott & Kim Meier family (TR) at the death of Kim’s mother, Darline Schnetzer. May God bless Darline’s family and friends with the hope of the resurrection on the last day.

TRINITY BIRTHDAYS: Marcella Thompson turns **100** today!
David Markhardt 09/20

TRINITY ANNIVERSARIES: none

ST. PAUL’S BIRTHDAYS: Marv Jira (**90**) 09/20; Ann Harless 09/22;
Addisyn Everson 09/24

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The first of two **LWML South Dakota District Christian Life Workshops** will be held this Saturday, September 26, 2026, at Memorial Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls. Rev. Nabil Nour will present the topic, “Ruth.” The workshop begins at 10 a.m. and concludes by 3 p.m. All are welcome!

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Trinity Ruth Circle is sponsoring a **bake sale** during the White Lake Fall Festival Saturday October 3, 2026. Donations will go to Trinity’s Youth fund. Anyone interested in furnishing baked items, please contact Brianna (680-2247) or Karen (680-1889).

St. Paul’s Catechism class will *not* meet tomorrow, September 21, 2026.

2026-09-20 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

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	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School at St. Paul's
	10:30 a.m.	Divine Service at St. Paul's
Mon. Sept. 21	7 p.m.	Cancelled - St. Paul's Catechism Class
Wed. Sept. 23	2:15 p.m.	Trinity Release-Time
	5:30 p.m.	Joint Bible Class at Trinity
		Trinity Wednesday School
Sat. Sept. 26	6:30 p.m.	Trinity Catechism Class
	10-3	LWML SD Workshop, Memorial, SF

SEPTEMBER 2026

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Sept. 27, 2026 — Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Ezekiel 18:1-32, Philippians 2:1-18, Matthew 21:23-32



"That's just your interpretation" is one of the devil's oldest tricks: keep things uncertain so nobody can be convicted of sin. The Pharisees played the same game. But lip service doesn't save, and neither does behaving. Jesus saves. He has the authority. Trust it. He doesn't say "go work." He says, "Come, eat, drink. Your sins are forgiven."

DIVINE SERVICE

ORDER OF SERVICE

Divine Service Setting Four, *LSB* 203

CREED: Apostles'

HYMNS

Opening Hymn:

LSB 901 "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"

Sermon Hymn:

LSB 727 "On Eagles' Wings"

Offering Hymn:

LSB 781 vv. 1–2 "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

Distribution/Third Hymn:

LSB 700 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Closing Hymn:

LSB 507 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

SERMON TEXT AND THEME

Matthew 21:28-32

"Strong Words or Strong Actions"

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TRINITY BIRTHDAYS:

Rowan Byrd 10/2; Matthew Fey 10/3

TRINITY ANNIVERSARY:

David & Nancy Bogenhagen 09/30

ST. PAUL'S BIRTHDAYS:

Isabelle Albrecht 09/27

ST. PAUL'S ANNIVERSARY:

Jeremy & Lori Haak 09/30

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Pastor McKillop will be attending the LCMS South Dakota District Pastors Conference October 12–14, 2026, so he will not have catechism class at St. Paul's on the 12th, nor Bible class nor catechism class at Trinity on the 14th.

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