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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

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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

TRINITY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS: Pam Hallman, Deb Pope, Marlene Henthorn, Florence Meier, Marcella Thompson, Linda Smith, and Barb Gilbertz. Reiko Pope, Brian Ruden, and Earl Tripp.

ST. PAUL'S MEMBERS AND FRIENDS: Cathy Albrecht, Chris Heismeyer, Kendra Will, and Bernice Kollman. Deb Marett, Lynn Anderson, Tina Gerlach, Lenora Hoffman, Rocky Hauge, and David.

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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**Please contact Nancy at trinitywlsd@gmail.com or 605-249-2570 for any updates to this bulletin prayer list. Thank you.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE QUOTE

"The One who bore our griefs and carried our sorrows is now seated in sovereign authority over all things. He is not pacing the floor of heaven, wringing His hands. **He is reigning.** And because He reigns, we can have courage and peace even when our world seems like it's unraveling before our very eyes." *Rev. Brian W. Thomas • lutheransforlife.org*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

St Paul Dorcas Circle will be hosting a **Potluck Dinner for the congregation** following the Divine Service Sunday, September 13, 2026. Plan now to attend and bring a favorite dish to share! Also, during dinner, there will be a **meeting of the St. Paul's voters.**

The Mitchell Circuit will convene for a **Circuit Forum** on Sunday, September 13, 2026, at Zion Mitchell. We will begin with supper at 6 p.m. Synodical convention delegates Pr. Daniel Grimmer and Mr. Sherm Fuerniss will give a report on the LCMS Convention which took place in July in Phoenix. Each circuit congregation is invited to send a lay representative along with its pastor. We look forward to a good evening of fellowship and conversation.

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

Elders: TR: Ben Bogenhagen SP: Mike Tuschen
Ushers: TR: Ron S., Dan G. SP: Curt G., Merlyn H.
Acolytes: TR: Dayton Simpson SP: Mason DeGeest
Altar: TR: Jane Guericke SP: Cathy Albrecht
Greeters: 09/06 Dan & Tina G, 09/13 Peg H.

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

THE LORD'S SUPPER is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another.

Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until he comes. We do this because as members of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod we take very seriously the advice of St. Paul in 1 Corinthians 11:28–29, *A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself.*

Self-Examination. 1. Do I believe that I am a sinner? 2. Do I believe and trust in Jesus Christ as my personal Lord and Savior, from sin, death, and the power of the devil? 3. Do I believe that I receive forgiveness for all of my sins through Christ's true body and blood, present in the Sacrament? (Real presence of Christ's body.) 4. Do I promise to amend (or change) my sinful life with the help of the Holy Spirit?

If you have so examined yourself and are in full agreement with us, and have been instructed, you are welcome to receive the Lord's Supper. If you desire to learn more about these beliefs or are interested in learning how to become a member, please talk to Pastor McKillop or one of the elders. Thank you.