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Sept. 13, 2026 — Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Genesis 50:15-21, Romans 14:1-12, Matthew 18:21-35



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"

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, Bernice Kollman, and Marv Jira. Deb Marett, Lynn Anderson, Tina Gerlach, Lenora Hoffman, Rocky Hauge, and David.

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

TRINITY BIRTHDAYS: Jayna Doering 09/13; Dawn Fredericksen 09/14; Dan Meier 09/17; Michelle Contreras 09/19

TRINITY ANNIVERSARY: Jay & Terri Thompson 09/16

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

ST. PAUL'S ANNIVERSARIES: none

**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 today. During dinner, there will be a **meeting of the St. Paul's voters.**

The Mitchell Circuit will convene for a **Circuit Forum** today 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.

Trinity Lutherans For Life will be gathering a **free-will offering today and next Sunday, September 20, 2026.** This offering will go to the Southeastern LFL Chapter's **Ultrasound Fund** which supports the Alpha Center's limited ultrasound service. This fund maintains the donations previously received for Bike for Life.

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

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

Sun. Sept. 13	8:30 a.m.	Divine Service at Trinity
	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
	6:30 p.m.	Trinity Catechism Class

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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: 09/13 Peg H.; 09-20 Kieth & Cathy Albrecht

September 6 Attendance and Offering: SP: 16, \$500; TR: 33, \$1797

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.