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July 26, 2026 — Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Deuteronomy 7:6–9; Romans 8:28–39; Matthew 13:44–52



We assume Jesus' parables are about us giving everything for Him. They aren't. In these stories, you are the treasure buried in a field. You are the pearl of great price. Jesus sold all He had to buy you back. He died and rose to redeem you. Baptized and forgiven, you are His.

DIVINE SERVICE

ORDER OF SERVICE

Divine Service Setting One, *LSB* 151

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HYMNS

Opening Hymn:

LSB 809 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Sermon Hymn:

LSB 744 "Amazing Grace"

Offering Hymn:

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

Third Hymn:

LSB 623 "Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray"

Closing Hymn:

LSB 461 "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

SERMON TEXT AND THEME

Romans 7:15–25 — "Rescued by Jesus"

¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. ¹⁷So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, ²³but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? ²⁵Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.

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, Earl Tripp, and Richard Kieffer.

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: Dick Markhardt 07/26; Michael Hempel 07/28; Ryker Clark 07/29; Tyree Everson 07/30; Myshelle Everson 07/30

TRINITY ANNIVERSARIES: none

ST. PAUL'S BIRTHDAYS: Daniel Greene 07/27; Charles Fink 07/31

ST. PAUL'S ANNIVERSARY: Josh & Ferra Kemp 07/28

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

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE THOUGHT

God does not love us because of any quality in us, such as our age, physical ability, potential, wisdom, race, etc. (Deuteronomy 7:6-7). God chose to love us from His own good grace and mercy and gave all He had, His own dear Son, to purchase the world from sin and have us as His own possession (Matthew 13:44). In doing so, God reveals that every person—regardless of their age, size, or condition—is a precious treasure to Him and is worthy of our love and protection. • lutheransforlife.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Anastasia Borgmann who has transferred from Faith Lutheran Church, Parkston, to Trinity. We are happy to have you as a member!

The **August newsletter** will be available next Sunday, August 2, 2026. Please submit articles by Tuesday, July 28, 2026.

Trinity LFL **8th Annual Diaper Distribution** is set for August 14, 2026. Please see the insert for more information.

2026-07-26 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Sun. July 26 8:30 a.m. Divine Service at Trinity
 10:30 a.m. Divine Service at St. Paul's

JULY 2026

Elders: TR: Scott Meier SP: Mike Tuschen
Ushers: TR: Dan G, Dan M. SP: Kieth A., Josh K.
Acolytes: TR: Britton Bogenhagen SP: Addisyn Everson
Altar: TR: Jane Guericke SP: Deb Haak
Greeters: 07/26 Carol S.

July 19 Attendance and Offering: SP: 14, \$685; TR: 23, \$2050

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.