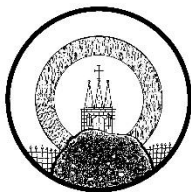


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August 23, 2026 — Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Isaiah 56:1-8, Romans 11:1-32, Matthew 15:21-28



The world has plenty of wrong answers to "Who is Jesus?" A moral example you'll never live up to. A politician. A myth. Peter's answer was different, and it came from God: You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. This world looks like hell. So Jesus walked into it and died for you. You will rise.

DIVINE SERVICE

ORDER OF SERVICE

Divine Service Setting Four, *LSB* 203

CREED: Apostle's

HYMNS

Opening Hymn:

LSB 790 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Sermon Hymn:

LSB 746 "Through Jesus' Blood and Merit"

Offering Hymn:

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

Distribution/Third Hymn:

LSB 696 "O God, My Faithful God"

Closing Hymn:

LSB 392 "God Loves Me Dearly"

SERMON TEXT AND THEME

Matthew 16:13–20

"Who Do People Say I Am?"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A **joint meeting** of the councils of St. Paul's and Trinity with LCMS SD District President Rev. Randy Sturzenbecher, and Mitchell Circuit Visitor, Rev. Ryan Loeslie will be Thursday, **August 27, 2026, 7 p.m., at St. Paul's.**

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: Kris Kieffer 08/23; Mark Guericke 08/24; Terry Steffen 08/25; Ryker Clark 08/29

TRINITY ANNIVERSARY: Ben & Brianna Bogenhagen 08/27

ST. PAUL'S BIRTHDAYS: none

ST. PAUL'S ANNIVERSARIES: Merlyn & Deb Haak 08/26

** 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, CON'T.

Immanuel Lutheran Church of rural Dimock celebrates its annual Mission Festival today, August 16, 2026. Preacher for the 10 a.m. service will be the Rev. Dr. Daniel Jastram, missionary to Japan. Preacher for the 2 p.m. afternoon service will be the Rev. Dr. Brian Mosemann, pastor of the Menno, Scotland, Marion, and Parker quad-parish.

LWML Trinity Hope Circle is sponsoring a **collection for the Orphan Grain Train**. Anyone wishing to contribute new socks and underwear for men, women, boys, and girls, please drop them off in the Gifts from the Heart tote in the addition at **Trinity by 2 p.m. September 1, 2026**, for dedication at the Trinity Annual Joint Meeting and sharing at the Mitchell Zone Fall Rally.

Will you join us on a Creation Museum and Ark Encounter trip this fall? Travel on the Pierre Faith Lutheran motorcoach the week of Oct 18 to Oct 23, 2026. Register by August 31 to save a seat. Visit our webpage for more details: <https://faithluth.com/arktrip2026/>

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!

September Newsletter articles are due Tuesday, August 25, 2026.

2026-08-23 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Sun. Aug 23 8:30 a.m. Divine Service at Trinity
 10:30 a.m. Divine Service at St. Paul's

AUGUST 2026

Elders: TR: David Bogenhagen SP: Curt Guindon
Ushers: TR: Dean S., John G. SP: Jett K., Larry G.
Acolytes: TR: Orion Steichen SP: Tayven Weber
Altar: TR: Janice Thiry SP: Cathy Albrecht
Greeters: 08/23 Josh Kemp; 08/30 Marv Jira

Aug. 16 Attendance and Offering: SP: 20, \$760; TR: 23, \$1960

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.