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## July 12, 2026 — Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

**Readings:** Isaiah 44:6–8; Romans 8:18–27; Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43  
*(Readings for July 12 and July 19 are being used in reverse order.)*

### ***The Word of the Gospel Bestows the Righteousness of Christ***

The good Seed, which is *“the Son of Man,”* Jesus Himself (Matt. 13:37), brings forth a harvest of faith and bears good fruits in *“the sons of the kingdom”* (Matt. 13:38). Whatever is sown apart from His Word is of the devil, who plants the weeds of unbelief and sin, even among the people of God. Thankfully, the Lord is patient and He does not uproot the weeds, lest the plants also be destroyed. He lets *“both grow together until the harvest”* (Matt. 13:30), while He continues to preach repentance and forgiveness of sins. Thus, He preserves His Church in righteousness, because He alone is *“the King of Israel and his Redeemer”* (Is. 44:6). Though we do not yet see it, *“the Spirit helps us in our weakness”* (Rom. 8:26).

## DIVINE SERVICE

### ORDER OF SERVICE

Divine Service Setting One, *LSB 151*

**CREED:** Apostle's

### HYMNS

Opening Hymn:

*LSB 506 “Glory Be to God the Father”*

Sermon Hymn:

*LSB 516 “Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying”*

Offering Hymn:

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

Distribution/Third Hymn:

*LSB 688 “Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake”*

Closing Hymn:

*LSB 672 “Jerusalem the Golden”*

### SERMON TEXT AND THEME

Matthew 13:40–42

“The Final Judgment”

## IN OUR PRAYERS \*\*

### FOR PEACE AND STRENGTH IN RECOVERY

We remember in prayer those who are recovering from storm damage this month, especially the people in Highmore and Huron and the surrounding areas.

### 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. 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:** Karen Meier 07/14; Trey Dozark 07/15; Paul Everson 07/18

**TRINITY ANNIVERSARY:** Matt & Jayna Doering 07/18

**ST. PAUL'S BIRTHDAYS:** none

**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 THOUGHT

Oh, how many sins against life occur because the devil has snatched the Word of God from peoples' hearts and because the cares of this earthly life choke out the Word (Matthew 13:19-22)! We are often tempted to withhold preaching the Word to some, thinking that we know which people will believe and bear fruit. However, God calls us to continue casting out His Word onto every type of soil, knowing that His Word never returns to Him empty and will accomplish His purpose (Isaiah 55:11), sometimes in the most unlikely of places. • *lutheransforlife.org*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor McKillop will be gone July 13–20, 2026. Next Sunday, July 19, 2026, elders at both congregations will be reading the Bible readings and a sermon written by Pastor McKillop. St. Paul's July 26, 2026 Divine Service will be with communion instead of the 19th.

The 69th Regular Convention of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod is scheduled for July 18–23, 2026, in Phoenix, AZ. You can follow the synod convention online at *lcms.org/convention*.

Trinity Quarterly Voters Meeting will be Tuesday, July 21, 2026, 7 p.m.

## 2026-07-12 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

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

Sun. July 12 8:30 a.m. Divine Service at Trinity  
10:30 a.m. Divine Service at St. Paul's  
July 13–20 Pastor on vacation.

#### 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:** SP: 07/12 Merlyn & Deb H.; 07/19 Marv J

July 5 Attendance and Offering: SP: 21, \$1220; TR: 28, \$956

**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.