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August 16, 2026 — Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

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



When everything goes wrong, we ask the wrong questions: Why? How do I make it stop? The Canaanite woman asked better ones: Who is this God, and where is He? She goes to Jesus and holds onto His promises even when He seems to say no. Faith does that. It clings to God's identity and finds truth and hope in who He is. The cross is where Christ always answers in mercy.

DIVINE SERVICE

ORDER OF SERVICE

Divine Service Setting Four, *LSB* 203

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HYMNS

Opening Hymn:

LSB 770 "What a Friend We Have In Jesus"

Sermon Hymn:

LSB 779 "Come, My Soul, with Every Care"

Offering Hymn:

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

Distribution Hymn:

LSB 635 "O Gracious Lord, I Firmly Am Believing"

Closing Hymn:

LSB 837 "Lift High the Cross"

SERMON TEXT AND THEME

Matthew 15:21–28

"Keep Praying"

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: Britton Bogenhagen 08/17; Jay Thompson 08/19

TRINITY ANNIVERSARY: Dan & Karen Meier 08/16;
 Jerry & Trudie Boedeker 08/16

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

"Thus says the LORD: Keep justice, and do righteousness ..." (Isaiah 56:1, 7)! Keep justice for innocent unborn babies and for every human life, dear Christian friends. *For God has consigned all to disobedience, that He may have mercy on all* (Romans 11:32). All have sinned and fallen short — every age, every ability, every race, both genders — and **God has had mercy on all in Christ our crucified and risen Lord of life!** Let us pray for His mercy, along with the Canaanite woman's cry for her daughter (Matthew 21:22), even when we don't receive an answer to our for-life prayers right away. • 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 LWML Trinity Annual Joint Meeting.

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/>

2026-08-16 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Sun. Aug 16 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: 08/09 Larry G; 08/16 Sharon B.

Aug. 9 Attendance and Offering: SP: 22, \$825; TR: 31, \$805

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.