

WORSHIP NOTES

If you are a guest today, please sign our guest book! Welcome here! We're very glad you came!

Children in Worship: We welcome and encourage children to share in worship. Even very young children see faith in action as we pray and sing and commune together. Children's lessons are available at both entrances, or by checking with any of the ushers.

Communion: If you are unable to reach the serving pastor during communion - they can come to you. Please let an usher know and they will make sure you receive communion.

Need A Helping Hand? If you or someone you know needs assistance getting in or out of the church, please let us know. We're happy to arrange help - Your church family is here for you! Contact the office at office@stpaulsteinbach.org or (204)-326-3758.

Hearing Assistance: Devices are available at the sound booth.

Large Print Bulletins are available. Please ask an usher for one for yourself or a loved one!

Cell Phones and Pagers: Should be turned to silent.

Washrooms: located in the narthex and Education Wing, upstairs and down.

Elevator: located next to the church office.

Masks are optional at all services.

Drop Box: The drop box at the side entrance nearest to the office remains available for envelopes or small items.

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Sunday, July 27th 2025 Welcome to our Traditional Worship Service On this VII Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, July 27th
10:00 AM - Traditional Worship Service
Family Fun Day

Sunday, August 3rd
10:00 AM - Family Worship Service



WHY WORSHIP MATTERS

Worship is central to the Christian life.

The crucified and risen
Christ is present at the center
of the assembly gathered around
the means of grace. Through the word
proclaimed and sacraments celebrated,
the Holy Spirit is at work.

Lives are changed.

Sins are forgiven.

The alienated are reconciled.

Strangers are welcomed.

Unbelief gives way to faith.

God is praised.

Worship matters!

OUR MISSION

God's purpose for
St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church is:
Accepting all people through God's grace,
sharing our faith in Christ,
and making disciples.

KEEP IT REAL! BRING IT HOME!

YOUTH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

It has been another great year for the Junior and Senior Youth. We provide a setting where youth learn, grow in their faith, are encouraged, and have fun. As our numbers have increased, and so we can continue to flourish, additional adult volunteers are required. Please contact Parish Assistant Steve for more information.

JOIN OUR EMAIL LIST!

We're launching a church email blast for important announcements and reminders.

✓ Want to be included? Email your address to office@stpaulsteinbach.org.

✗ Don't want to be on the list? Email "Unsubscribe" to the same address.

DID YOU KNOW?

THAT PASTOR TIM CO-HOSTS A PODCAST?

Of course you didn't. Because he's just joined the team of "Worth Doing Badly," a podcast on the weekly Scripture readings hosted by Rev'd Dr. David Weber at Lutheran Radio. Pastor Tim's first episode is Pentecost 6, coming up in two weeks. But whether he's there or not, it's a good way to get primed for Sunday's Sermon. Check it out! [Lutheran Radio UK - all about Christ and to all God's children.](#)

NEW DIRECTORIES

Please submit an updated digital photo of your family to the office! There is going to be a new edition of the Pictorial Directory in time for September! Kids have grown older, kids have been added, parents have grown grayer and time has passed for all. If you feel your old picture still looks like you, great - it won't change! Get this info to the office ASAP.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who have participated in today's service.

ATTENDANCE: July 20th, 2025
Family - 109

OFFERING: \$5,707.25



God Pause

Devotion

"One of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray.'" (Luke 11:1) This request is a treasured gift. How often do I struggle to find words in prayer? More than I care to admit. Here Jesus speaks words to pray. Not only that, we can pray the exact words that Jesus and our ancestors have prayed for thousands of years. It brings connection to those before us. My prayer life often moves through rhythms. Sometimes I struggle to overcome silence and find words to even pray. Other times I fail to stay present in the conversation. Jesus addresses these worries and inadequacies about prayer. He gives us the very words to use! I need this reminder that a prayer life isn't about having the perfect words. God desires relationship, not performance. In those moments when we feel depleted or distracted, there are words waiting for us. As is our God.

Prayer

Lord Jesus, thank you for the gift of prayer, in giving us words to speak. As distraction or silence pull us away from prayer, help us to trust that you invite relationship, not perfection. Amen.

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**THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST
JULY, 27TH 2025**

Welcome & Announcements

Confession & Forgiveness

L: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

L: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

C: **Amen.**

L: Merciful God,

C: **you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.**

L: You belong to Christ Jesus, and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, all of our sins are forgiven. Clothed in Christ, we are a new creation.

C: **Amen**

Gathering Hymn: "Come Thou Almighty King" #408

L: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

Kyrie - p. 203

Canticle of Praise - p. 204

Prayer of the Day

L: Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Children's Lesson

GOD'S WORD: Shelley Mehling

FIRST READING: Genesis 18:20-32

²⁰Then the Lord said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! ²¹I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me, and if not, I will know." ²²So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. ²³Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" ²⁶And the Lord said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." ²⁷Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to my lord, I who am but dust and ash-

es. ²⁸Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." ²⁹Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." ³⁰Then he said, "Oh, do not let my lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." ³¹He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to my lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." ³²Then he said, "Oh, do not let my lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Reading: Psalm 138

L: I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise.

C: **I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness; for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.**

L: When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.

C: **All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O Lord, when they have heard the words of your mouth.**

L: They will sing of the ways of the Lord, that great is the glory of the Lord.

C: **The Lord is high, yet cares for the lowly, Perceiving the haughty from afar.**

L: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

C: **You will make good your purpose for me; O Lord, your steadfast love endures forever, do not abandon the works of your hands.**

SECOND READING: Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]

⁶As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. ⁸Watch out that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental principles of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. ¹¹In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by the removal of the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; ¹²when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, ¹⁴erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it. [¹⁶Therefore, do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food or drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or Sabbaths. ¹⁷These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the body belongs to Christ. ¹⁸Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, initiatory visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, ¹⁹and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and tendons, grows with a growth that is from God.]

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation: "Alleluia" - p. 205

Alleluia! Lord and Savior, open now your saving word. Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred. Alleluia! Lord, we sing, for the good news that you bring.

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 11:1-13

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹[Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." ²So he said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, may your name be revered as holy. May your kingdom come. ³Give us each day our daily bread. ⁴And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial." ⁵And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' ⁷And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' ⁸I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything out of friendship, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. ⁹"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish? ¹²Or if the child asked for an egg, would give a scorpion? ¹³If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE

Hymn of the Day: "Seek Ye First The Kingdom Of God" #783

Apostle's Creed

Prayers of the People

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

Doxology - #884

Offertory Prayer:

L: Let us pray together,

C: **Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer - p. 208

The Benediction

L: The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit bless you and give you peace.

C: **Amen**

Sending Hymn:

"For The Bread Which You Have Broken" #494

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER REMINDERS

In your prayers this week, please remember: Mario & Kayla Dupont, Dalia Dyck, Adelaide Freund, Chris Funk, Tina Heckert, Herta Kihn, Linda James, Glorian Mehling, Ruby Myran, Gordon & Iris Pylypjuk, Helmuth Renz, Ray Schalla, Pastor Trudy Thorinsen and the Congregation of Grace-St. John's Carman, Khrista Vogt, Mary Wiebe, and Bishop Geoff Woodcroft.

LET THERE BE LIGHT! (AND VOLUNTEERS!)

In the near future, we will need a few helping hands to assist with changing lightbulbs throughout the church. If you're willing and able to lend a hand, **please call Don at (204)-355-7357** to be added to the volunteer list. Thank you in advance for your time and support—it's always appreciated!

OFFERING REMINDERS

Please remember to clearly mark your envelopes with your **name and address** if you are not using personalized offering envelopes.

For **online contributions**, be sure to include your envelope number as identification—without it, we're unable to track who the donation is from. If you don't yet have an envelope number, please contact our treasurer at:

darlene@stpaulsteinbach.org,

and she will be happy to provide you with one. Thank you for your continued generosity!

FLOWERS IN CELEBRATION

The flowers in front of the lectern are presented by Cindi Rempel Patrick, in gratitude for her first grandchild, Mavérick Brian Patrick Habeck, born March 20, bringing ultimate new joy to the Patrick family.

FALL BIBLE STUDY

Fall Bible Study resumes on Wednesday, Sept. 10 at 7pm here at the church and will run for 10 weeks. This Fall's theme is "Ask Him Anything!" Send your questions - Bible, theology, church history, liturgy, & worship, Lutheranism (really anything but math) - to Tanisha at **office@stpaulsteinbach.org**. Tanisha and Pastor Tim will tabulate all questions received. Watch for your top 10 questions in the August 31st bulletin.

HOLIDAYS

Pastor Tim will be on a holiday break from **July 7–27**, returning to the office on **July 28**. During his time away, the church office will still be open. Steve and Tanisha will be joyfully holding down the fort and are happy to assist however they can!