

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.

Office Hours: 9am to 4pm, Monday to Friday

TRAINING DAY - LET'S SERVE TOGETHER!

Join us on **Saturday, September 13**, from **10:00 AM to 2:00 PM** for a time of learning, preparation, and fellowship as we get ready to serve in the year ahead. **Lunch will be provided.** We're looking for volunteers in the areas of **Scripture reading, ushering, technology, communion helpers, altar guild, and elders.** **Sign-up sheets** are available just outside **Tanisha's office**. If you're interested but not currently involved in one of these ministries, you're still very welcome to sign-up— we'd love to have you join us! Please note: **Altar Guild and elders** don't need to sign up, but are encouraged to attend. Let's grow in faith and service together.

COMING THIS FALL!

Starting September 2025, we'll be launching a Sunday School class for youth in Grades 9–12 (and those just a tad beyond). Stay tuned—more details to come!

FALL KICK-OFF - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH

Join us as we welcome a brand new season together! Our **Fall Kick-Off** begins with the **10:00 AM service**, featuring the **Blessing of the Backpacks** and **teacher installation**. After worship, stick around for **Sunday School Registration**, lunch and some good old-fashioned fun and games for all ages! If your last name begins with **A-L**, **please bring salad**; **M-Z**, **bring a dessert**. It's going to be a joyful Sunday - you won't want to miss it!

FALL KICK OFF PT. 2

The Fall Kick Off BBQ will be held **September 7th**. Since we have no storage for barbecues, for several years Council members have brought their personal barbecue grills. **We would really appreciate help** from the congregation. **If you could bring a barbecue and help with grilling**, would you please contact the **office**, or **Sylvia** at **204-326-3893**. Thank you!

SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Sunday School is starting up again in **September**, and we'd love to grow our volunteer team! If you have a heart for kids and a little time to spare, this is a great way to serve. **Contact Cory Funk** at **204-392-8293** to sign up!



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.

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.

"CELEBRATING NEW LIFE IN CHRIST"

It is with joyful hearts, that we congratulate and welcome **Keisha Anya Ford** and **Amelia Erika Klippenstein** into God's family through the precious gift of Holy Baptism. May you always know that you are deeply loved, wonderfully made, and held forever in His grace.

THANK YOU

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

ATTENDANCE: August 10, 2025

Traditional - 130

Offering: \$6,128.95

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Sunday, August 17, 2025 Welcome to our Family Worship Service On this X Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 17th
10:00 - Family Worship Service

Sunday, August 24th
10:00 - Traditional Worship Service



HOLY COMMUNION

God feeds and renews us with the presence of Jesus Christ. In Christ's body and blood given to us, God forgives us and nourishes us for mission. In response to the Lord's invitation I come - confessing my sin, trusting that the Lord is truly present, believing that to receive Him is to receive forgiveness - to partake of the Lord's Supper. People of all ages and faith communities are welcome.

Holy Communion is served in a continuous format unless announced otherwise. Participants are asked to fill out a registration card, available in the pews or at both entrances, and place them in the baskets at the entrances, or in the offering plates.

Ushers will direct you toward the aisle to come forward to the serving stations. If you desire to commune, extend your hand to the server who will place a wafer in your hand. If you prefer a gluten-free wafer, simply say "gluten-free" to the server. Wine is served from the chalice or individual cups; white grape juice is served from individual cups.

Come and hold in your hand and taste on your lips the love we cannot comprehend.

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!





THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST AUGUST 17, 2025

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering Song: *“Firm Foundation”*

Gathering: Psalm 82

L: God stands to charge the divine council assembled, giving judgement in the midst of the gods:

C: “How long will you judge unjustly, and show favor to the wicked?”

L: Save the weak and the orphan; defend the humble and needy;

C: rescue the weak and the poor; deliver them from the power of the wicked.

L: They do not know, neither do they understand; they wander about in darkness;

all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

C: Now I say to you, “You are gods, And all of your children of the Most High;

L: nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, and fall like any prince.”

C: Arise, O God, and rule the earth, for you shall take all nations for your own.

Confession and Forgiveness

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

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, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

L: O God, judge eternal,

C: you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Song: *“Oceans”*

GOD’S WORD: Shawn Sadler

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23:23-29

²³ Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? ²⁴ Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. ²⁵ I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, “I have dreamed! I have dreamed!” ²⁶ How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? ²⁷ They plan to make my people forget my name by

their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. ²⁸ Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. ²⁹ Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:29 - 12:2

²⁹ By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰ By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹ By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. ³² And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, ³³ who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴ quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵ Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶ Others suffered mocking and flogging and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷ They were stoned to death; they were sawn in two; they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented ³⁸ of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains and in caves and holes in the ground. ³⁹ Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰ since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect. ^{12:1} Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 12:49-56

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ⁴⁹ “I have come to cast fire upon the earth, and how I wish it were already ablaze! ⁵⁰ I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹ Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵² From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³ they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.” ⁵⁴ He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain,’ and so it happens. ⁵⁵ And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat,’ and it happens. ⁵⁶ You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

Song: *“My God Is All I Need/My God Is So Big”*

Prayers of the People

Sharing of the Peace

Offering Song: *Instrumental*

Offering 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 Table

L: The Lord be with you!

C: And also with you!

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

L: With joy we praise you, gracious Father, for you have created heaven and earth, made us in your image, and kept covenant with us—even when we fell into sin. We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord, who by his life, death, and resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name.

Song: *“Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord”*

L: On the night he was betrayed the Lord Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way, he took the cup after supper and said, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this in remembrance of me.” For whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes. Therefore we proclaim our faith:

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

L: Lord, our God, send your Holy Spirit so that this bread and cup may be for us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. May we and all your saints be united with Christ and remain faithful in hope and love. Gather your whole church, O Lord, into the glory of your kingdom.

The Lord’s Prayer - P. 134

Invitation to Communion

L: The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

Communion Songs:

“Holy Lord”

God So Loved”

“You Are My All In All”

“How Deep The Father’s Love For Us”

“There Is A Redeemer”

“O Come To The Altar”

Blessing

L: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Post-Communion Prayer

L: Almighty Father, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus’ name.

C: Amen.

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 Song: *“Build Your Kingdom Here”*

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, Ed Harder, Tina Heckert, Linda James, Glorian Mehling, Ruby Myran, Gordon & Iris Pylypjuk, Helmuth Renz, George Sawatzky, Ray Schalla, Pastor Trudy Thorin and the Congregation of Grace-St. John’s Carman, Khrista Vogt, Mary Wiebe, and Bishop Geoff Woodcroft.

HOLY COMMUNION

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IN LOVING MEMORY

Memorial Donations have been received from **Rick & Gladys Derksen, Murray & Crystal Lawrance, Erwin & Norma Oswald, Gordon & Esther Pappel, Peter & Edna Peters, and Alvin & Rosalind Wiebe**, in loving memory of **Deanna Sawatzky** who passed away July 31st, 2025. *“Just as you were, you will always be, treasured forever in our memory.”*

BULLETIN SPONSER

The bulletin this Sunday has been sponsored by **Gerda Schinkel** to celebrate the baptism of her Great Granddaughter **Amelia**. We thank her for her generosity and offer our congratulations! *“Children are a gift from God, they are a reward from him.” Psalm 127:3* Love, Oma

FLOWERS ON ALTAR

The flowers on the Altar have been placed by **Paul & Amanda Lanteigne** in celebration of the baptism of their grand daughter **Amelia**. *“Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.” - Mark 10:14 (NIV)*

YOU’RE INVITED TO DAILY PRAYER SERVICES

Starting Monday September 8th, join us in the chapel for short, meaningful services of **Morning Prayer at 8:30 AM**, and **Evening Prayer at 4:00 PM**, led by Pastor Tim. Whether you’re beginning your day or winding it down, these quiet moments of reflection and prayer are a beautiful way to draw closer to God and find peace in his presence. All are welcome!

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.