

## 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](mailto: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.

### MEMORIAL DONATIONS

Memorial Donations have been given in memory of **Herta Kihn**, who passed on August 8th, 2025 by **Ron & Cheryl Andres, Ed & Karen Mantie, and Ruth Topnik**.

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A Memorial Donation has been given in memory of **Melvin Steffan** (September 2, 1985) and **Ruby Steffan** (September 1, 2021) by **Don & Karen Neufeld and family, and Darrell & Carol Steffan and family**. *"Silent thoughts of times together hold memories that will last forever."*

### 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 (Mon. - Thurs.)**, 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!

### 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.

### COMING THIS FALL!

Starting September 2025, we'll be launching a Sunday School class for youth in **Grades 10-12 (and those just a tad beyond)**. Stay tuned—more details to come!

### 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**

**ATTENDANCE: August 24th, 2025**  
Traditional - 116  
**OFFERING: \$5,660**

### 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!

### 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.

### 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.

### HAWAIIAN DINNER

A 'Hawaiian Dinner' fundraiser is being planned to offset our mortgage payments. A planning committee of 4-5 people is needed. If you want to have some fun and share your talents, contact Sylvia at 204-326-3893.

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## Sunday, August 31st 2025 Welcome to our Traditional Worship Service On this Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

**Sunday, August 31st**  
10:00 AM - Traditional Service

**Sunday, September 7th**  
10:00 AM - Family Service  
Fall Kick-Off

**Coming Up:**  
**Monday, September 8th**  
Daily Prayer Services

**Saturday, September 13th**  
Training Day

### THANK YOU

Thank you to all who have participated in today's 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 TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST  
AUGUST 31ST 2025**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Confession & Forgiveness**

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

L: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

L: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

L: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**C: Amen**

**Gathering Hymn: "Great God Your Love Has Called Us" #358**  
(Sung To The Tune Of 812)

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: Let us pray together:

L: O God,

**C: you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**Sacrament of Holy Baptism**

**GOD'S WORD:** Bruce Martin

**FIRST READING: Proverbs 25:6-7a**

<sup>6</sup>Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great, <sup>7a</sup>for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Responsive Reading: Psalm 112**

L: Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord and have great delight in God's commandments!

**C: Their decedents will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

L: Wealth and riches will be in their house, And their righteousness will last forever.

**C: Light shines in the darkness for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

L: It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice.

**C: For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

L: They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; their heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord.

**C: Their heart is established and will not shrink, until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

L: They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever;

they will hold up their head with honor.

**C: The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; the desires of the wicked will perish.**

**SECOND READING: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16**

<sup>1</sup>Let mutual affection continue. <sup>2</sup>Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. <sup>3</sup>Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them, those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. <sup>4</sup>Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterers. <sup>5</sup>Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have, for he himself has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." <sup>6</sup>So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" <sup>7</sup>Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. <sup>8</sup>Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. <sup>15</sup>Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. <sup>16</sup>Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to 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 14:1, 7-14**

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

<sup>1</sup>On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely. <sup>7</sup>When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. <sup>8</sup>"When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, <sup>9</sup>and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup>But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. <sup>11</sup>For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." <sup>12</sup>He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you

<sup>14</sup>And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**MESSAGE**

**Hymn of the Day: "As We Gather At Your Table" #522**

**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 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: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**(Sung) Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Words of Institution - p. 130**

L: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

L. Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to

bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

**The Lord's Prayer** - p. 208

**Invitation To Communion**

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

**Communion Hymns:**

*"Eat This Bread" #706 WOV*

*"Blessed Assurance" #699 WOV*

*"A New Commandment" #664 (Sung 2x) WOV*

*"Seek Ye First The Kingdom Of God" #783 WOV*

*"Bind Us Together" #748 WOV*

**Blessing:**

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

**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 Hymn: "Lord Whose Love In Humble Service" #712**

**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, Tony & Linda Sawatzky, Ray Schalla, Acie Sobering, Pastor Trudy Thorinsen and the Congregation of Grace-St. John's Carman, Khrista Vogt, Mary Wiebe, and Bishop

**HOLY COMMUNION**

Holy Communion is offered in the **Traditional Format** today. Registration cards are available in the pews and at both entrances. Participants are asked to fill out a card and place it in the basket provided or in the offering plate.

**MEMORIAL DONATIONS**

A Memorial Donation has been given in loving memory of **Grace Holme** who passed away June 28th, 2025 by **Irene Schmidtke**.

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Memorial Donations have been given in memory of **Deanna Sawatzky**, who passed on July 31st, 2025 by **Alvin Fender, Andrew & Elizabeth Frank, Elva Loepky, Ed & Karen Mantie, Norm & Glorian Mehling, Kathy Wintoniw, and Niverville Credit Union**.