

## 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.

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

### MEMORIAL DONATIONS

A Memorial Donation has been given in loving memory of **Eldon Hood** who passed away September 9th, 2024 by **Phyllis Hood**. *"Memory keeps you ever near."*

### FLOWERS ON ALTAR

The flowers on the Altar have been placed by **Phyllis Hood** in memory her husband **Eldon Hood** who passed away September 9th, 2024.

### MEMORIAL DONATIONS

A Memorial Donation has been given in loving memory of **Herta Kihn** who passed away August 8th, 2025 by **Irene Schmidtke**. *"Dearly remembered and loved."*

### ALTAR GUILD VOLUNTEER NEEDED

The Altar Guild is looking for a new member to help cover the months of February and March. If you feel called to help, please contact the church office (204-326-3758 or [office@stpaulsteinbach.org](mailto:office@stpaulsteinbach.org)) or Irene Schmidtke (204-355-8060) for more information.

### 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 9-12 (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** to sign up!

### FREE LIGHTS AVAILABLE

There are boxes of used lights in the entrance by the library for anyone who would like them—**free to take!** Please help yourself before **September 10th**, as they will be cleaned up on that day.

### PIONEER GIRLS

Parents/Guardians of girls in Grades 1-6 are invited to register for Pioneer Girls on **Tuesday, September 17, from 7-8 pm at St. Paul's Lutheran Church**. The registration process is taking place in the basement near the kitchen. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Vi Harder (204-326-2798) or Amanda Friesen (204-371-9943).

### 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.

### 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: August 31, 2025**  
**Traditional - 137**  
**Offering: \$3,734.00**  
**No Sunday School**

# ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF STEINBACH INC.

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## Sunday, September 7th, 2025 Welcome to our Family Worship Service On this 13th Sunday after Pentecost

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

**Monday, September 8th**  
**AM and PM Prayer Services Start**  
**8:30 AM and 4:00 PM**

**Tuesday, September 9th**  
**7:00 PM - Council Meeting**

**Wednesday, September 10th**  
**7:00 PM - Scouts**

**Saturday, September 13th**  
**10:00 AM - Training Day**

**Sunday, September 14th**  
**9:30 AM - Traditional Worship Service**  
**11:00 AM - Family 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 THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## Welcome & Announcements

**Gathering Song:** *“Come Now Is The Time To Worship”*

### Gathering: Psalm 1

L: Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

**C: Their Delight is in the law of the Lord, and they meditate on God’s teaching day and night.**

L: They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

**C: It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

L: Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

**C: For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

### Confession and Forgiveness

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

**C: Amen.**

L: Trusting in God’s mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

L: Merciful and loving God,

**C: we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.**

L: Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

### Prayer of the Day

L: Direct us, O Lord God,

**C: in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### Children’d Time and Blessing of the Backpacks

**Song:** *“Faithful One”*

### Installation of Sunday School Teachers

**Song:** *“Open Up My Eyes Lord”*

### GOD’S WORD: Brahm VanDerBreggen

#### FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

<sup>15</sup>“See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. <sup>16</sup>If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. <sup>17</sup>But if your heart turns away and you do not hear but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup>I declare to you today that you shall certainly perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup>I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have

set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, <sup>20</sup>loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him, for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

#### SECOND READING: Philemon 1-21

<sup>1</sup>Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, to our beloved coworker Philemon, <sup>2</sup>to our sister Apphia, to our fellow soldier Archippus, and to the church in your house: <sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>I thank my God always when I mention you in my prayers, <sup>5</sup>because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup>I pray that the partnership of your faith may become effective as you comprehend all the good that we share in Christ. <sup>7</sup>I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. <sup>8</sup>For this reason, though I am more than bold enough in Christ to command you to do the right thing, <sup>9</sup>yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. <sup>10</sup>I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. <sup>11</sup>Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me. <sup>12</sup>I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. <sup>13</sup>I wanted to keep him with me so that he might minister to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel, <sup>14</sup>but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. <sup>15</sup>Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for the long term, <sup>16</sup>no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. <sup>17</sup>So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. <sup>18</sup>If he has wronged you in any way or owes you anything, charge that to me. <sup>19</sup>I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. <sup>20</sup>Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. <sup>21</sup>Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

#### HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 14:25-33

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

<sup>25</sup>Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus], and he turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup>“Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup>Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup>For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup>Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, <sup>30</sup>saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ <sup>31</sup>Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup>If he cannot, then while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. <sup>33</sup>So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### MESSAGE

**Song:** *“In Christ Alone”*

### Apostles’ Creed

### Prayers of the People

### Sharing of the Peace

**Offering Song:** *Instrumental*

### Offering Prayer

L: Let us pray together,

**C: Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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: Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy.

### Communion Songs:

*“My Song Is Love Unknown”*

*“Jesus Feed Us”*

*“Oh Lord You’re Beautiful”*

### Blessing

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

### Post-Communion Prayer

L: O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and

to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus’ name.

**C: Amen.**

### The Benediction

L: The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen**

**Sending Song:** *“Nobody”*

### 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, Mary Pelletier, Gordon & Iris Pylpuk, Helmuth Renz, George Sawatzky, Tony & Linda Sawatzky, Ray Schalla, Acie Sobering, Pastor Trudy Thorinzen and the Congregation of Grace-St. John’s Carman, Khrista Vogt, Mary Wiebe, and Bishop Geoff Woodcroft.

### HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Communion is offered in the **Continuous 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. All are welcome at God’s table.

### 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 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!

### 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.