

## 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

### 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).

### DEAR FRIENDS

With hope in the resurrection and with gratitude for a faithful life, I ask you to join me in remembering and giving thanks for **Bishop Lee Luetkehoelter**, who died on **September 7, 2025**. Bishop Lee celebrated his **70th anniversary** of ordination this year. A memorial service is being planned for later this fall and details will be published once they are available.

### ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

Any who wish to light a candle to remember loved ones at our All Saints' service should contact the office as soon as possible. Please include the name(s) of your loved ones, as well as the date of death, or indicate if you prefer they remain unnamed. To ensure we have sufficient candles, we must have your information by **Thursday, October 23**. If you contact the office after October 23, we cannot ensure your place!

### THANK YOU

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

ATTENDANCE: September 7th, 2025  
Family - 188  
OFFERING: \$4,100.00  
No Sunday School

HOLY CROSS DAY IS THE ONLY HOLY DAY LUTHERANS OBSERVE CONCERNING A THING - NOT A PERSON OR EVENT! SEPTEMBER 14TH IS THE DATE OF THIS FEAST THAT COMMEMORATES THE HOLY CROSS OF OUR LORD AND GLORIOUS VICTOR, JESUS CHRIST.

"FAITHFUL CROSS, TRUE SIGN OF TRIUMPH,  
BE FOR ALL THE NOBLEST TREE;  
NONE IN FOLIAGE, NONE IN BLOSSOM,  
NONE IN FRUIT YOUR EQUAL BE;  
SYMBOL OF THE WORLD'S REDEMPTION,  
FOR THE WEIGHT THAT HUNG ON THEE!"  
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## Sunday, September 14th, 2025 Welcome to our Family Worship Service The Exaltation Of The Holy Cross

**Sunday, September 14th**  
9:30 AM - Traditional Service  
11:00 AM - Family Service

**Monday, September 15th**  
6:30 PM - Junior Youth

**Wednesday, September 17th**  
6:30 PM - Senior Youth  
7:00 PM - Scouts  
7:00 PM - Pioneer Girls Registration

**Sunday, September 21st**  
9:30 AM - Traditional Worship Service  
11:00 AM - Family Worship Service

**Morning Prayer: 8:30 AM**  
(Mon.-Thurs. in Chapel)

**Evening Prayer: 4:00 PM**  
(Mon.-Thurs. in Chapel)



### 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 FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## Welcome & Announcements

**Gathering Song:** “Abide”

**Gathering: Psalm 98:1-4**

L: Sing a new song to the Lord, who has done marvelous things, whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

**C: O Lord, you have made known your victory, you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

L: You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

**C: Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

## 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!

**C: Amen.**

## Prayer of the Day

L: Almighty God,

**C: your son Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross so that he might draw the whole world to himself. To those who look upon the cross, grant your wisdom, healing, and eternal life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## Children’s Time

**Song:** “There Is A Redeemer”

**GOD’S WORD:** Val Martin

**FIRST READING: Numbers 21:4b-9**

[From Mount Hor the Israelites set out,] <sup>4b</sup> but the people became discouraged on the way. <sup>5</sup> The people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.” <sup>6</sup> Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. <sup>7</sup> The people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. <sup>8</sup> And the Lord said to Moses, “Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.” <sup>9</sup> So Moses made a serpent of bronze and put it upon a pole, and whenever a

serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-24**

<sup>18</sup> The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup> For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.” <sup>20</sup> Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup> For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup> For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup> but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles, <sup>24</sup> but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**HOLY GOSPEL: John 3:13-17**

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

[Jesus said:] <sup>13</sup> “No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup> And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. <sup>16</sup> “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## MESSAGE

**Song:** “Lord I Need You”

## 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.

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:

“Jesus Feed us”

“Eat This Bread”

“O Praise The Name”

## 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: 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**

**Sending Song:** “Blessed Be Your Name”

## 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 Pylypjuk, Helmuth Renz, George Sawatzky, Tony Sawatzky, Ray Schalla, Acie Sobering, Khrista Vogt, Mary Wiebe, Kathy Wintoniw (Abby & Julia), 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.

## MEMORIAL DONATIONS

Memorial Donations have been given in loving memory of **Deanna Sawatzky** who passed away July 31st, 2025 by **Sylvia Nilsson-Barkman, Melissa Frankland, and Mary Wiebe.**

## BULLETIN SPONSER

The bulletin this Sunday has been sponsored by **Mary Pelletier**. We thank you for your generosity. “*To you, Lord, I offer my prayers; in you, my God, I trust.*”

## THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who helped with the Fall Kick-Off, last Sunday. Members of the Relational Ministries, Parish Ed., and Worship Committees, elders, altar guild members, musicians, and many, many more willing hands all ensured that we had a great time feasting on God’s own life in Word and Sacrament and feasting on burgers and hotdogs afterwards. It was a great beginning to our new Sunday School season.

## COFFEE HOUR IS BACK!

We’re happy to share that Coffee Hour will resume **after the 9:30 service** in the Upper Hall. Please join us for fellowship and refreshments!

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Cory is still looking for Sunday School teacher alternates and helpers. If you are interested in children’s ministry, please contact the office, or reach out to Cory (**204-392-8293**) directly.

## 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!

## 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 UPDATE

Members are kindly requested to submit a photo, and notify the church office of any changes to their address or telephone number **no later than September 26, 2025**. Please note that by submitting a photograph and providing personal information, you are granting consent for this material to be published.

## BIBLE STUDY QUESTION OF THE WEEK

"The Bible Study question for this week is, **'What happens at the moment of our death?'** See you at 7 on Wednesday!"

## 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**) or Irene Schmidtke (**204-355-8060**) for more information.