

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.

Accessibility & Safety: As snow melts and creates ice, please drop off those with mobility needs at the side canopy doors and ask an usher for wheelchair assistance if needed.

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

**ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN
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Sunday, August 2nd, 2026
Welcome to our Family Worship Service
on this Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, August 2nd
10:00 AM - Family Service

Monday, August 3rd - Civic Holiday
Office Closed

Tuesday, August 4th
7:00 PM - Parish Ed Meeting

Sunday, August 9th
10:00 AM - Traditional 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** today. 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.

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— not the result of works, so that no one may boast.

Ephesians 2:8-9



God Pause

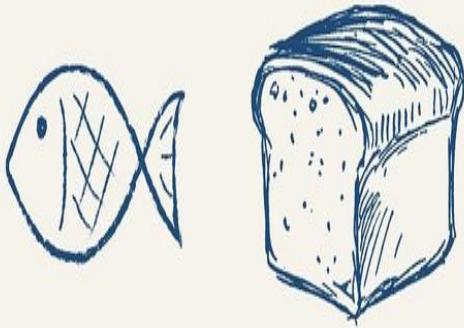
Devotion

"Send them away." The disciples' first response to the hungry crowd makes perfect sense. There wasn't enough food, money, or time to solve a problem this big. Then Jesus says something unexpected: "You give them something to eat." The disciples look at five loaves and two fish and see too little. Jesus looks at the very same meal and sees where to begin. I look at my calendar, my energy, my abilities, and wonder if they'll ever be enough. But Jesus has never asked us to begin with enough. He simply asks us to bring what we have. And somehow, in his hands, ordinary gifts become more than we ever imagined. Because Jesus doesn't begin with what we lack. He begins with what we've placed in his hands.

Prayer

Gracious Jesus, when I focus on what I don't have, help me trust you with what I do. Teach me to place my ordinary gifts into your hands, believing that you are already at work in ways I cannot yet see. Amen.

Jil Fiemeyer '22 M.A. Grand Forks, North Dakota



God can do a lot with a little.

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 2ND

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering Song: “Come Now Is The Time To Worship/The Lord Is Gracious And Compassionate”

Confession and Forgiveness

- L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose compassion endures forever.
- C: Amen.
- L: Let us confess our sin to God. Compassionate God,
- C: we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ’s name we pray, Amen.
- L: Jesus says, “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.” In the name of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God’s love.
- C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

- L: Please join me in the prayer of the day: Glorious God,
- C: your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Children’s Time

GOD’S WORD: Lisa Wilson

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:1-5

¹ Hear, everyone who thirsts; come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread and your earnings for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³ Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴ See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵ Now you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

- L: The Word of the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21

- L: The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
- C: Lord, you are good to all, and your compassion is over all your works.
- L: The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up those who are bowed down.
- C: The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord, and you give them their food in due season.
- L: You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

- C: You are righteous in all your ways and loving in all your works.
- L: You are near to all who call upon you, to all who call upon you faithfully.
- C: You fulfill the desires of those who fear you; you hear their cry and save them.
- L: You watch over all those who love you, but all the wicked you shall destroy.
- C: My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord; let all flesh bless God’s holy name forever and ever.

SECOND READING: Romans 9:1-5

¹ I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—² I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³ For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own brothers and sisters, my own flesh and blood. ⁴ They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵ to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Christ, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

- L: The Word of the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 14:13-21

C: Glory to you, O Lord

¹³ Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist,] he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵ When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” ¹⁶ Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” ¹⁷ They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” ¹⁸ And he said, “Bring them here to me.” ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

- L: The Gospel of the Lord.
- C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Message

Song: “Faithful One”

Apostles’ Creed

Prayers of the People

Sharing of the Peace

Offering Song: Instrumental

Offertory Prayer

- L: Let us pray together,
- C: Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your

abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.

The Table

- L: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- L: Lift up your hearts.
- C: We lift them to the Lord.
- L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C: It is right to give our 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:

Song: “Holy, Holy, Holy Lord”

- L: 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.
- L: 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.
- L: Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C. Amen.

The Lord’s Prayer

Invitation to Communion

- L: Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

Communion Songs

“Jesus Feed Us”
“The Lord Is Gracious And Compassionate”
“How Deep The Father’s Love For Us”

Blessing

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

Post-Communion Prayer

- L: Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.
- C: Amen.

The Benediction

- L: May the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.
- C: Amen.

Sending Song: “Christ As A Light”

Dismissal

- L: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!
- C: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER REMINDERS

In your prayers this week, please remember: Mario & Kayla Dupont, Dalia Dyck, Alvin Fender, Chris Funk, Ben Funk, Dora Gerbrandt, Ed Harder, Tina Heckert, Marcia Henzel, Linda James, Gail Karman, Val & Nathan Kehler, Ruth Ketler, Paul Kletke, Clarence & Shelley Lange, Amanda Lanteigne, Ed Lowen, Rick Martins, Mary Pelletier, Gordon & Iris Pylypjuk, Helmuth Renz, Tony Sawatzky, Ray Schalla, Khrista Vogt, Mary Wiebe, Kathy Wintoniw (Abby & Julia), and Bishop Geoff Woodcroft.

IN LOVING MEMORY

The flowers on the Altar have been placed in loving memory of **Deanna Sawatzky**, who passed on July 31st, 2025 by George Sawatzky and family. “Remembering what is cherished forever. Beautiful thoughts of one so dear, treasured forever with love sincere.”

A CUP OF COMMUNITY

Have you seen our new welcome gift? It’s a lovely mug, pen and notebook. If you’re visiting us, please let one of our ushers know so that you can take one home. If you’re a St. Paul’s regular, and would like one, they are also available to purchase. Check in with Tanisha in the office to find out how.

FOR THE RECORDS

If your address has changed in the last year or will change, please let us know by contacting the church office at office@stpaulsteinbach.org or treasurer@stpaulsteinbach.org.

THANK YOU

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

ATTENDANCE: July 26th
Traditional Service - 139
No Sunday School
OFFERING: \$7,855.00

