

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

IN LOVING MEMEORY

We are sorry to announce the passing of **Dora Gerbrandt**. Her funeral will be held on Wednesday, August 26th at 2:00 PM here at the church. Please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers during this time of loss. May her soul, with those of all the departed, rest in peace.

IN LOVING MEMORY

A Memorial Donation has been made by Lana Biedler in loving memory of **Adeline Biedler**, who passed away on August 1, 2026. *“Silent thoughts of times together hold memories that will last forever.”*

IN LOVING MEMORY

A Memorial Donation has been made by Rick & Gladys Derksen in loving memory of **Adeline Biedler**, who passed away on August 1, 2026. *“We remember her who once was here, and who, though absent, is just as dear.”*

IN LOVING MEMORY

A Memorial Donation has been made by Ed & Karen Mantie in loving memory of **Adeline Biedler**, who passed away on August 1, 2026. *“No longer in our lives to share, but in our hearts you’re always there.”*

IN LOVING MEMORY

A Memorial Donation has been made by Sheila Biedler in loving memory of **Adeline Biedler**, who passed away on August 1, 2026. *“Quietly remembered day by day, sadly missed along life’s way.”*

HOLY BAPTISM

We joyfully celebrate with Juan Carlos Viteri & Andrea Ketler and Godparents Brigitte Ketler & Alejandra Viteri on the baptism of their daughter **Camila James Viteri Ketler**, on August 23rd, 2026. *“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart.” Jeremiah 1:5*

BULLETIN SPONSER

The bulletins this Sunday have been sponsored by Ruth & Brigitte Ketler in honor of today’s baptism of **Camila James Viteri Ketler**. *“Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God.” Mark 10:14*

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

The flowers on the Altar have been placed by Ruth Ketler on what would have been James & Ruth’s 52nd wedding anniversary today. Also, the roses from Ecuador honor Juan’s mother Blanca & his sister Alejandra, who journeyed all the way from Ecuador to share in the special occasion of Camila’s baptism. *“May the Lord watch between you and me when we are absent one from the other.” Genesis 31:49*

UPCOMING BAPTISM

We will welcome into the family of God through Holy Baptism at the **10:00 AM service on August 30, 2026, Teagan Doerksen** and his son, **Weston James Lincoln Doerksen**, son of Teagan & Tatijana Doerksen. Weston’s Godparents are **Alex Pidsadny & Desirae Loewen**.

STAY CONNECTED AND SPREAD THE WORD

If you enjoy joining us online, don’t forget to **like and subscribe to our YouTube channel!** Subscribing ensures you receive notifications when new videos are posted, and every like and subscription helps our videos reach more people and share the message of God’s Word with an even wider audience. Thank you for supporting our online ministry!

FALL KICK-OFF – SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH

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. There will be lots to look forward to as we celebrate the start of a new season together! Keep watching the bulletin and our social media for more details and updates as we get closer. We can’t wait to share this special day with you!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our Sunday School is still in need for more teachers/volunteers, any commitment is valued, whether weekly, bi-weekly, monthly, or even as an emergency substitute. Please sign up on the board near the Education Wing or contact Irene at (431) 366-4093, or Elli at (204) 326-3265.

SOUND BOOTH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for volunteers to help serve in the sound booth! Ages 8 and older are welcome to volunteer. No experience is necessary-training will be provided! If you are interested in learning more or would like to volunteer, please speak with the church office.

GOT 2 MINUTES?

Take a couple of minutes each week for a quick preview of the upcoming Sunday sermon. **2 Minutes with Pastor Tim** is available weekly on our YouTube channel, Facebook page, and website. **Two minutes. One message. A little something to carry with you through the week.**

THANK YOU

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

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Sunday, August 23rd, 2026
Welcome to our Traditional Worship Service
on this Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, August 23rd
10:00 AM - Traditional Service

Tuesday, August 25th
1:00 PM - Agape House

Sunday, August 30th
10:00 AM - Family Service

ATTENDANCE: August 16th
Family Service: 112
No Sunday School
OFFERING: \$4,105.00



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

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST
AUGUST 23RD

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and 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: Trusting in God’s steadfast love and faithfulness, let us confess our sin. 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: “The Church’s One Foundation” #654

Apostolic Greeting
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: Hymnal p. 203

Gloria: Hymnal p. 204

Prayer of the Day
L: Please join me in the prayer of the day: O God,

C: with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Rite of Baptism

Hymn: “I Heard The Voice Of Jesus Say” #611

GOD’S WORD: Irene Sawatzky

FIRST READING: Isaiah 51:1-6

⁴Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation, for a teaching will go out from me and my justice for a light to the peoples. ⁵I will bring near my deliverance swiftly; my salvation has gone out, and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. ⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens and look at the earth beneath, for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats, but my salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 138
L: I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise.

C: I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness; for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.

L: When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.

C: All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O Lord, when they have heard the words of your mouth.

L: They will sing of the ways of the Lord, that great is the glory of the Lord.

C: The Lord is high, yet cares for the lowly, perceiving the haughty from afar.

L: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

C: You will make good your purpose for me; O Lord, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

SECOND READING: Romans 12:1-8
¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God’s mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. ²Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. ³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, ⁵so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: Hymnal p. 205

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 16:13-20
C: Glory to you, O Lord
¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴And they said, “Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the

Son of the living God.” ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Message

Hymn of the Day: “At The Name Of Jesus” #416

Prayers of the People

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

Doxology - #884

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 Great Thanksgiving - p. 129
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:

C: (sung) Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, 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. 133
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.

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: 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.

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

C. Amen.

The Lord’s Prayer

Invitation to Communion
L: Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

Communion Hymns:
“O Lamb Of God” #208
“Jesus Paid It All”
“I Stand Amazed In The Presence”
“To The River”
“Higher Ground”

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

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 our Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn: “Christ Be Our Light” #715

Dismissal
L: Heaven has come hear. 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, Murray & Dora Gerbrandt, Ed Harder, Tina Heckert, Marcia Henzel, Phyllis Hood, Elaine Hundt, Linda James, Gail Karman, Val & Nathan Kehler, Ruth Ketler, Paul Kletke, Clarence Lange, Amanda Lanteigne, Vera Lohr, 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.