

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

BIBLE STUDY

will begin on **Wednesday, Oct. 13 at 7:00pm** following Pastor Tim's holidays. We will complete our study of the Book of Romans and end our time with Night Prayer. Join us for an hour of study and worship.

PIONEER GIRLS

It's almost time for Pioneer Girls! Registration will take place on **Wednesday, September 16 at 7:00 PM at the church.** We welcome both returning members and those interested in joining for the first time!

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!

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.**

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) 381-1644.

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.

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.

God Pause

Devotion

“You are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” Jesus’ rebuke of Peter is not a rejection of creation or of Jesus’ incarnation. It happens when Peter’s vision and understanding of what the Messiah should look like superseded God’s. Jesus did not let Peter get away with it—nor does he us. In his love for Peter he calls Peter out, reminding him he still has much to learn. So what are “divine things?” Peter had heard, yet had lots of growing to do. He is invited to listen again and measure what he hears over against what he wants. The “divine thing” looks like Jesus, freely going into unsafe places, suffering at the hands of other-minded powers, death—for the love and sake of others. But from it all will come new life—resurrection! For Peter it was a call to move beyond his narrow, absolute certainties and to grow in the wonder of the “divine things” that God was revealing and doing in Jesus. Here is life that not even death can destroy.

Prayer

Thank you, gracious one, for embracing our humanness while showering us with divine love. Nurture us in that love so that we can grow in faith and live with good courage in those places where humanity and all creation long for your life-giving peace, justice, and hope. Amen.

Phil Rue '72 M.Div.

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Sunday, August 30th, 2026
Welcome to our Family Worship Service
on this Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Tuesday, September 1st
7:00 PM - Parish Ed Meeting

Wednesday, September 2nd
8:30 AM - Morning Prayer

Sunday, September 6th
10:00 AM - Traditional Service

ATTENDANCE: August 23rd
Traditional Service - 164
No Sunday School
OFFERING: \$6,147.50



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 **Traditional 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

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering Song: *“Oh How Good It Is”*

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: O God,
C: we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Rite of Baptism
Song: *“Take My Life And Let It Be”*

GOD’S WORD: Leah Rudy

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 15:15-21
¹⁵ O Lord, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. ¹⁶ Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts. ¹⁷ I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. ¹⁸ Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail. ¹⁹ Therefore thus says the Lord: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. ²⁰ And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the Lord. ²¹ I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

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

Responsive Reading: Psalm 26:1-8
L: Give judgement for me, O Lord, for I have lived with integrity; I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.
C: Test me, O Lord, and try me; examine my heart and my mind.
L: For your steadfast love is before my eyes; I have walked faithfully with you.
C: I have not sat with the worthless, nor do I consort with the deceitful.

L: I have hated the company of evildoers; I will not sit down with the wicked.
C: I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord, that I may go in procession round your altar,
L: Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving and recounting all your wonderful deeds.
C: Lord, I love the house in which you dwell and the place where your glory abides.

SECOND READING: Romans 12:9-21
⁹ Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰ love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers. ¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord.” ²⁰ Instead, “if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.” ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 16:21-28
C: Glory to you, O Lord
²¹ From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. ²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” ²³ But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” ²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? ²⁷ “For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸ Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

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

Message
Song: *“The Summons”*

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
“Remembrance Of You”
“Communion”
“If You Need Jesus”

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: *“Benediction”*
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, Ed Harder, Tina Heckert, Marcia Henzel, Phyllis Hood, Elaine Hundt, Linda James, Gail Karman, Val & Nathan Kehler, Ruth Ketler, Paul Kletke, Amanda Lanteigne, Vera Lohr, Ed Lowen, Rick Martins, Mary Pelletier, Gordon & Iris Pylpyjuk, Helmuth Renz, Tony Sawatzky, Ray Schalla, Khrista Vogt, Mary Wiebe, Kathy Wintoniw (Abby & Julia), and Bishop Geoff Woodcroft.

IN LOVING MEMORY
A Memorial Donation has been made by Eileen Schultz in loving memory of **Adeline Biedler**, who passed away on August 1, 2026. *“As long as life and memory lasts, we shall remember you.”*

IN LOVING MEMORY
A Memorial Donation has been made by Davilyn Eyolfson in loving memory of **Adeline Biedler**, who passed away on August 1, 2026. *“Deep in our hearts your memory is kept, to love, to cherish and never forget.”*

IN LOVING MEMORY
A Memorial Donation has been made by Karen, Don and Angela Neufeld, Brandy, Bryan, Hunter and Alyssa Enns, Darrell, Carol, Ryan and Keri Steffan in loving memory of **Melvin Steffan**, who passed away on September 2, 1985, and **Ruby Steffan**, who passed away on September 1, 2021. *“Quietly remembered day by day, sadly missed along life’s way.”*

IN LOVING MEMORY
A Memorial Donation has been made by Rick & Gladys Derksen in loving memory of **Dora Gerbrandt**, who passed away on August 17, 2026. *“As you were, you will always be, a beautiful part of our memory.”*

IN LOVING MEMORY
A Memorial Donation has been made by Karen & Ed Mantie in loving memory of **Dora Gerbrandt**, who passed away on August 17, 2026. *“Dearlly remembered and loved.”*

IN LOVING MEMORY
A Memorial Donation has been made by Rodney & Janice Beckman in loving memory of **Dora Gerbrandt**, who passed away on August 17, 2026. *“The beautiful memory left behind will always remain in our hearts.”*

IN LOVING MEMORY
A Memorial Donation has been made by Berenice & Charles in loving memory of **Dora Gerbrandt**, who passed away on August 17, 2026. *“Treasured in everlasting memories.”*

HOLY BAPTISM
We joyfully celebrate with Teagan & Tatijana Doerksen and Godparents Alex Pidsadny and Desirae Loewen the baptisms of **Weston James Lincoln Doerksen** and **Teagan Doerksen**, on August 30th, 2026. *“For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.” — Galatians 3:27*

FALL KICK-OFF – SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH
Join us as we welcome a brand new season together! Our Fall Kick-Off begins with a **10:00 AM service**, featuring the **Blessing of the Backpacks** and **teacher installation**. After worship, stick around for **Sunday School Registration**, a BBQ lunch and some good old fashioned fun and games for all ages! If your last name begins with **A-L, please bring a dessert, M-Z, bring a salad**. It’s going to be a joyful Sunday-you won’t want to miss it!

MORNING PRAYER
has resumed on **Wednesdays at 8:30am**. Join us in the chapel for a simple service of psalm, scripture, silence and prayer. (Entry at the Office door).