

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

LOST AND FOUND

A children's sandal was found in the parking lot and has been placed in the lost and found. If it belongs to your child, please check the lost and found area or contact the church office.

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!

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).

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.

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.

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.**

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!

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

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

With Rachel Perry will resume on **Sunday October 18th at 9:30 AM.** We hope to see you there!

THANK YOU

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

ATTENDANCE: September 6th
Traditional Service - 114
No Sunday School
OFFERING: \$3,392.50



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Sunday, September 13th, 2026
Welcome to our Family Worship Service
on this Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, September 13th
10:00 AM - Family Service

Monday, September 14th
6:30 PM - Junior Youth

Wednesday, September 16th
8:30 AM - Morning Prayer
6:30 PM - Young Adults
7:00 PM - Scouts
7:00 PM - Pioneer Girls Registration

Thursday, September 17th
6:30 PM - Senior Youth

Sunday, September 20th
9:30 AM - Traditional Service
11:00 AM - Family 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

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering Song:

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: Compassionate God, we confess that we struggle to Embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.

L: Hear this good news: We have peace with God through Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life for all who repent and believe. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

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

C: Merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Backpack Blessing/Teacher Blessing/Installation

Song:

GOD’S WORD: Isabella Signer

FIRST READING: Genesis 50:15-21

¹⁵Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph’s brothers said, “What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?” ¹⁶So they approached Joseph, saying, “Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷‘Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.’ Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.” Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, “We are here as your slaves.” ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, “Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. ²¹So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.” In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 103:[1-7]8-13

L: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God’s holy name.

C: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all God’s benefits-

L: who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases;

C: Who redeems your life from the grave and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;

L: who satisfies your desires with good things so that your

youth is renewed like an eagle’s.

C: O Lord, you provide vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.

L: You made known your ways to Moses and your works to the children of Israel.

C: Lord, you are full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love;

L: you will not always accuse us, nor will you keep your anger forever.

C: You have not dealt with us according to our sins, nor repaid us according to our iniquities.

L: For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is your steadfast love for those who fear you.

C: As far as the east is from the west, so far have you removed our transgressions from us.

L: As a father has compassion for his children, so you have compassion for those who fear you, O Lord.

SECOND READING: Romans 14:1-12

¹Welcome those who are weak in faith but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. ²Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat, for God has welcomed them. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on slaves of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. ⁵Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶Those who observe the day, observe it for the Lord. Also those who eat, eat for the Lord, since they give thanks to God, while those who abstain, abstain for the Lord and give thanks to God. ⁷For we do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord’s. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. ¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. ¹¹For it is written, “As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.” ¹²So then, each one of us will be held accountable.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 18:21-35

C: Glory to you, O Lord

²¹Peter came and said to [Jesus,] “Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” ²²Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. ²³“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him, ²⁵and, as he could not pay, the lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions and payment to be made. ²⁶So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰But he refused; then he went and threw him into

because you pleaded with me. ³³Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Message

Song:

Prayers of the People

Sharing of the Peace

Offering Song: Instrumental

Offertory Prayer

L: Let us pray together,

C: God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. 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

Blessing

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

Post-Communion Prayer

L: Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from

this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

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:

Dismissal

L: Go out in joy! Be led forth in peace!

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, Pastor Debra Johnston, Gail Karman, Val & Nathan Kehler, Ruth Ketler, Paul Kletke, Amanda Lanteigne, Vera Lohr, Ed Lowen, Pastor Al Maier, Rick Martins, Gordon & Iris Pylypjuk, Helmuth Renz, Tony Sawatzky, Peter 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 Phyllis Hood and family in loving memory of **Eldon Hood**, who passed away on September 9th, 2024. “*Silent thoughts of times together are treasures that will last forever.*”

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

Our Semi-Annual Meeting will be held on **Sunday, September 27th at 2:00pm in the upper hall**. Updated program and financial reports will be available.

ALL SAINTS DAY

All Saints' Day (November 1) will be here before we know it, and preparations are now underway. Families of loved ones who have passed away since last year's All Saints' service will be contacted by the Office. If you would like to remember a loved one by lighting a candle during this meaningful annual service, please complete a **form available on our website or pick up a paper copy outside the Office door**. Forms must be submitted by **Tuesday, October 15**. If you would like to assist the ushers during the service, we would be grateful for your help. Please speak with Pastor Tim.

YOUTH RETURNS SEPTEMBER 14!

As we get ready to welcome our youth back on **September 14**, we are collecting snacks and drinks to help keep everyone fueled for the evening. Donations of chips, cookies, drink powder, and juice boxes would be greatly appreciated. Please drop off donations with **Tanisha in the Office**. Thank you for your generosity and support of this important ministry!

CHURCH BEYOND THE PERIMETER

Join us on **Saturday, October 24th, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** at **Lutheran Church of the Cross, Morris for Church Beyond the Perimeter**. Together, we will explore challenges and opportunities of ministry in rural settings. **Bishop Jason Zinko and Deacon Michelle Collins** will attend. **Lunch is provided. A free will offering will be accepted, with a suggested minimum donation of \$10.00.** To register please email **morrisuc1916@gmail.com by October 19**. We hope you will join us for this opportunity to learn and connect.