

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, September 20th 2026
Welcome to our Family Worship Service
on this Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Monday, September 21st
No Youth

Wednesday, September 23rd
No Morning Prayer
6:30 PM - Young Adults
7:00 PM - Scouts
7:00 PM - Pioneer Girls

Thursday, September 24th
6:30 PM - Senior Youth

Sunday, September 27th
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



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

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.

THANK YOU

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

ATTENDANCE: Sept. 13
Family Service - 188
No Sunday School
OFFERING: \$5,765.00

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.

MORNING PRAYER & TWO MINUTES WITH PASTOR TIM

will both be on hiatus during Pastor Tim's holiday. Morning Prayer will be paused and will resume on **Wednesday, October 14 at 8:30 a.m.** in the **Chapel**. Two Minutes with Pastor Tim will also take a three-week break, with a new episode available on **Tuesday, October 13**.

BIBLE STUDY

will begin on **Wednesday, Oct. 14 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.

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering Song: *“As For Me And My House”*

Confession and Forgiveness
L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.
C: Amen.
L: Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin. Compassionate God,
C: 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. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.
C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day
L: Almighty and Eternal God,
C: you show perpetual loving kindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Children’s Time

Song: *“Simplicity”*

GOD’S WORD: Cassandra Dyck

FIRST READING: Jonah 3:10-4:11
¹⁰When God saw what [the people of Ninevah] did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them, and he did not do it. ^{4:1}But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ²He prayed to the Lord and said, “O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning, for I knew that you are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from punishment. ³And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” ⁴And the Lord said, “Is it right for you to be angry?” ⁵Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. ⁶The Lord God appointed a bush and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort, so Jonah was very happy about the bush. ⁷But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. ⁸When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, “It is better for me to die than to live.” ⁹But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?” And he said, “Yes, angry enough to die.” ¹⁰Then the Lord said, “You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not

grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left and also many animals?”

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

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 145:1-8
L: I will exalt you, my God and king, and bless your name forever and ever.
C: Every day will I bless you and praise your name forever and ever.
L: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised! There is no end to your greatness.
C: One generation shall praise your works to another and shall declare your power.
L: I will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty and all your marvelous works.
C: They shall tell of the might of your wondrous acts, and I will recount your greatness.
L: They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; they shall sing joyfully of your righteousness.
C: The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

SECOND READING: Philippians 1:21-30
²¹For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me, yet I cannot say which I will choose. ²³I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better, ²⁴but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶so that, by my presence again with you, your boast might abound in Christ Jesus because of me. ²⁷Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel ²⁸and in no way frightened by those opposing you. For them, this is evidence of their destruction but of your salvation. And this is God’s doing. ²⁹For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ but of suffering for him as well, ³⁰since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 20:1-16
C: Glory to you, O Lord
[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹“The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. ⁵When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. ⁶And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ ⁷They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ ⁸When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ ⁹When those

hired about five o’clock came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹²saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

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

Message

Song: *“For The Cause”*

Apostles’ Creed

Prayers of the People

Sharing of the Peace

Offering Song: Instrumental

Offertory Prayer
L: God of creation,
C: 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: Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who

are hungry, come!

Communion Songs
“Come Unto Jesus”
“If You Need Jesus Come”

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: The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus.
C: Amen.
L: The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit.
C: Amen.
L: The God of grace bless you now and forever.
C: Amen.

Sending Song: *“Above All Else”*

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 Ketter, Paul Kletke, Amanda Lanteigne, Vera Lohr, Ed Lowen, Pastor Al Maier, Rick Martins, Gordon & Iris Pylpyjuk, Helmuth Renz, Tony Sawatzky, Peter Sawatzky, Ray Schalla, Khrista Vogt, Mary Wiebe, Kathy Wintoniw (Abby & Julia), and Bishop Geoff Woodcroft.

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!