

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](mailto: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

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.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

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](mailto:morrisuc1916@gmail.com) by **October 19**. We hope you will join us for this opportunity to learn and connect.

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

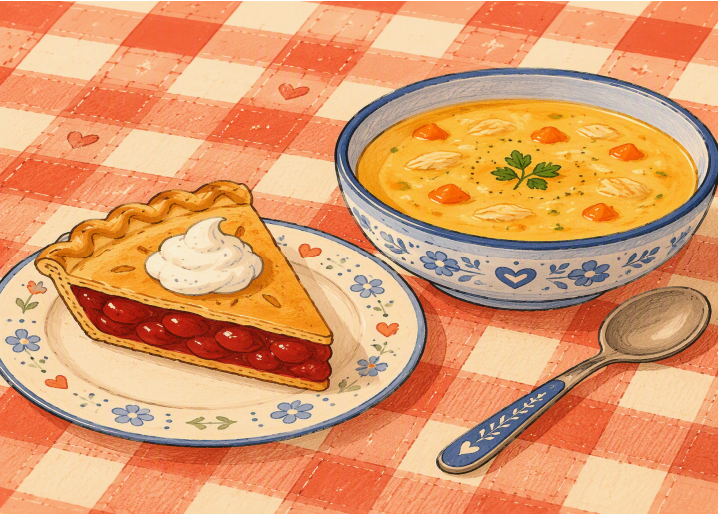
Our Sunday School is still in need for more teachers/volunteers, any commitment is valued, whether weekly, bi-weekly, monthly, or even as an emergency substitute. Please sign up on the board near the Education Wing or contact Irene at (431) 366-4093, or Elli at (204) 381-1644.

ST. PAUL'S SENIOR SUPPER RETURNS!

After a summer break, we're pleased to welcome back **St. Paul's Senior Supper** beginning on **Monday, October 26th at 6:00 PM** in the **downstairs hall**. Join us for an evening of fellowship, conversation, good food, and community. Senior Supper is held on the **last Monday of every month**. For our October gathering, please RSVP to the Church Office by **Friday, October 23rd**.

SAVE THE DATE - FOR SOUP AND PIE

**Sunday November 1st** - Plan to stay for soup and pie following the All Saints Service. Sign up sheets are located on the table outside the office.



THANK YOU

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

**ATTENDANCE: September 20th**  
**Traditional Service - 105**  
**Family Service - 36**  
**Sunday School - 44**  
**OFFERING: \$3,895.00**



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Sunday, September 27th, 2026  
Welcome to our Family Worship Service  
on this Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, September 27th

9:30 AM - Traditional Service

11:00 AM - Family Service

Sunday School

2:00 PM - Semi Annual Meeting

Monday, September 28th

6:30 PM - Junior Youth

Wednesday, September 30th (Holiday)

Office Closed

No Morning Prayer

No Young Adults

No Scouts

No Pioneer Girls

Sunday, October 4th

9:30 AM - Traditional Service

11:00 AM - Family Service

Sunday School

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



EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST  
SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

Welcome & Announcements

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.

Song: *“Here I Am To Worship”*  
*“Humble King”*

Prayer of the Day

L: God of love,

C: **giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Children’s Lesson

GOD’S WORD: Val Martin

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

<sup>1</sup>The word of the Lord came to me: <sup>2</sup>What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, “The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge”? <sup>3</sup>As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. <sup>4</sup>Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins who shall die. <sup>25</sup>Yet you say, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? <sup>26</sup>When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed, they shall die. <sup>27</sup>Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. <sup>28</sup>Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. <sup>29</sup>Yet the house of Israel says, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? <sup>30</sup>Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. <sup>31</sup>Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? <sup>32</sup>For I have no pleasure in

the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 25:1-9

L: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

C: **My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

L: Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

C: **Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.**

L: Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

C: **Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.**

L: Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

C: **You are gracious and upright, O Lord; therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

L: You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:1-13

<sup>1</sup>If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, <sup>2</sup>make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup>Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. <sup>4</sup>Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others. <sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, <sup>7</sup>but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, <sup>8</sup>he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. <sup>12</sup>Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence but much more now in my absence, work on your own salvation with fear and trembling, <sup>13</sup>for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 21:23-32

C: **Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>23</sup>When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” <sup>24</sup>Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. <sup>25</sup>Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why, then, did you not believe him?’” <sup>26</sup>But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd, for all regard John as a prophet.” <sup>27</sup>So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. <sup>28</sup>“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in

the vineyard today.’” <sup>29</sup>He answered, ‘I will not,’ but later he changed his mind and went. <sup>30</sup>The father went to the second and said the same, and he answered, ‘I go, sir,’ but he did not go. <sup>31</sup>Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. <sup>32</sup>For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him, and even after you saw it you did not change your minds and believe him.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Message

Song: *“Create In Me A Clean Heart”*

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

*“Faithful One”*

*“Create In Me A Clean Heart”*

*“Humble King”*

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: *“Light The Fire Again”*

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, Linda James, Pastor Debra Johnston, Gail Karman, Val & Nathan Kehler, Ruth Ketler, Paul Kletke, Amanda Lanteigne, Vera Lohr, Ed & Ellie 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.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

The flowers on the Altar have been placed by Brad Krentz in loving memory of his parents **Art & Evelyn Krentz** who were married on September 28th, 1951. *“And now these three things remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.” 1 Corinthians 13:13*

REMINDER

Just a reminder that staff attending both Sunday’s and special services are here to worship and would appreciate hearing from congregants during working hours Monday thru Friday. Concerns affecting the building and grounds may also be referred to the Trustees.

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.