

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

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.

THANK YOU

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

ATTENDANCE: September 27

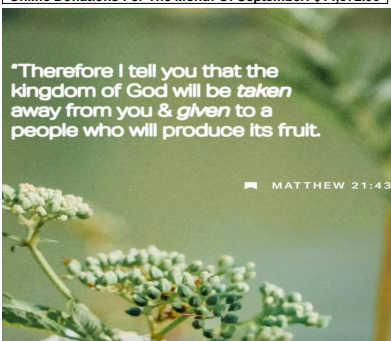
Traditional Service - 100

Family Service - 20

Sunday School - 39

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"Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be *taken* away from you & *given* to a people who will produce its fruit."

MATTHEW 21:43

God Pause

Devotion

As a kid, I loved a brand new box of crayons. The colors were so vivid, the ends so sharp. They were in the perfect rainbow color order, and they were all the same length. I didn't want to use them, knowing that all of that would quickly change. But the longer I kept my new crayons in the box, the fewer pictures and projects I created, and the less joy they brought me. My new crayons were meant to be used and even (gasp!) shared with others. As an adult, sometimes sharing is still hard. We tend to want to keep the good things for ourselves or for our families and friends. In this story from the Gospel of Matthew, the Jewish leaders wanted to keep God's teachings only for themselves and their fellow Jews. Jesus' teachings, however, were and are for everyone. The word of God and the teachings of Jesus are meant to be taken out of that "box" and shared, not hoarded. Blessing is always connected to generosity.

Prayer

Father God, we thank you for sharing your word, your son, and his teachings with the world. We are grateful for your generosity, your grace, and your unconditional love for us. Amen.

Bethany Kurschner '92 M.A. Elementary Librarian, Wisconsin Rapids, WI

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Sunday, October 4th, 2026 Welcome to our Traditional Worship Service on this Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, October 4th

9:30 AM - Traditional Service

11:00 AM - Family Service
Sunday School

Monday, October 5th

6:30 PM - Junior and Senior Youth

Tuesday, October 6th

7:00 PM - Parish Ed Meeting

Wednesday, October 7th

No Morning Prayer

6:30 PM - Young Adults

7:00 PM - Scouts

7:00 PM - Pioneer Girls

Sunday, October 11th

10:00 AM - Traditional Service

WHY WORSHIP MATTERS

Worship is central to the Christian life.

The crucified and risen Christ is present at the center of the assembly gathered around the means of grace.

Through the word proclaimed and sacraments celebrated, the Holy Spirit is at work.

Lives are changed.

Sins are forgiven.

The alienated are reconciled.

Strangers are welcome.

Unbelief gives way to faith.

God is praised!

Worship matters!

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



Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost October 4th, 2026

Welcome & Announcements Confession & 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.

Gathering Song: "Christ Is Made Thee" (The Good and Beautiful)
L: Praise our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: Amen.

Kyrie – 203 Hymnbook

Gloria – 204 Hymnbook

Prayer of the Day

L: Beloved God,

C: **from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God's Word: Bertha Laing

First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

¹ I will sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. ² He dug it and cleared it of stones and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded rotten grapes. ³ And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. ⁴ What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield rotten grapes? ⁵ And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. ⁶ I will make it a wasteland; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. ⁷ For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his cherished garden; he expected justice but saw bloodshed; righteousness but heard a cry!

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 80:7-15

L: Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

C: **You have brought a vine out of Egypt; you cast out the nations and planted it.**

L: You cleared the ground for it; it took root and filled the land.

C: **The mountains were covered by its shadow and the**

C: **towering cedars trees as your boughs.**

L: You stretched out its tendrils to the sea and its branches to the river.

C: **Why have you broken down its wall, so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?**

L: The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

C: **Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;**

L: behold and tend this vine; preserve what your right hand has planted.

Second Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14

[Paul writes:] If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: Hymnbook – p. 205

Holy Gospel: Matthew 21:33-46

C: **Glorify to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] ³³ Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went away. ³⁴ When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵ But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶ Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷ Then he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son." ³⁸ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance." ³⁹ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰ Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" ⁴¹ They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time." ⁴² Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes?' ⁴³ Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits." ⁴⁴ The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls." ⁴⁵ "When the chief priests and the

Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶ They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

L: The gospel of the Lord

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

Message

Hymn of the Day: "Lord Christ When First You Came To Earth"

Apostles' Creed #727

Prayers of the People

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

Doxology - #884

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.**

Prayers of Thanksgiving For The Word

L: Let us pray. Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,

C: **we give you thanks and praise.**

L: By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,

C: **we give you thanks and praise.**

L: Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,

C: **we give you thanks and praise.**

L: Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

C: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer – p. 134

Blessing

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

Sending Hymn: "The Church's One Foundation" #654

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, Marcella Henzel, Phyllis Hold, Linda James, Pastor Debra Johnston, Gail Karman, Val & Nathan Kehler, Ruth Ketter, Paul Kietke, Amanda Lantaigne, Vera Lohr, Ed & Ellie Lowen, Pastor Al Maier, Rick Martins, Gordon & Iris Pylipjuk, Helmut Renz, Tony Sawatzky, Peter Sawatzky, Ray Schalla, Jolene Schroeder, Krista Vogt, Mary Wiebe, Kathy Wintoniw (Abby & Julia), and Bishop Geoff Woodcroft.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

The flowers on the Altar have been placed by Stephen Bilski in loving memory of his mother, **Helena Reimer Neuloff**, who passed on October 4, 2016. "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want." - Psalm 23:1

IN LOVING MEMORY

A memorial donation has been made by Melony Biedler in loving memory of **Adeline Biedler**, who passed on August 1, 2026. "Loving thoughts and memories will stay with us forever."

IN LOVING MEMORY

A memorial donation has been made by Randy Biedler in loving memory of **Adeline T. Biedler**. You can rest now *Mom, you are my sunshine. Bye for now, see you later.*

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.

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.**

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.**

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 monisc191@gmail.com by October 19. We hope you will join us for this opportunity to learn and connect.