

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

ALL SAINT'S REHEARSAL

If you are ushering or helping with any part of the All Saints Service, please **join us for a rehearsal on Saturday, October 31 at 10:00 a.m. at the church.** Your help is greatly appreciated as we prepare for this special service.

VOLUNTEERS AND FENCING MATERIALS NEEDED

We are planning to install chain-link fencing around our outdoor air-conditioning equipment to help protect it from theft. We are looking for volunteers with fencing, construction, or related experience who would be willing to lend a hand with installation. We are also looking for chain-link fencing materials, posts, gates, and related hardware. If you can help with the installation or have materials available, please contact Chris Teetaert or speak with the Church Office. Your support is greatly appreciated!

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: October 11
Traditional Service - 116
No Sunday School

OFFERING: \$4,170.50



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Sunday, October 18th, 2026 Welcome to our Family Worship Service on this Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, October 18 - Thanksgiving Potluck

10:00 AM - Family Service
Grade 5 Bible Presentation

Monday, October 19th

9:30 AM - SEELS
6:30 PM - Junior and Senior Youth

Wednesday, October 21st

8:30 AM - Morning Prayer
9:30 AM - SEELS
6:30 PM - Young Adults
7:00 PM - Scouts
7:00 PM - Pioneer Girls
7:00 PM - Bible Study

Friday, October 23rd

Senior Supper RSVP Deadline

Saturday, October 24th

10:00 AM - Church Beyond The Perimeter

Sunday, October 25th

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



Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost
October 18th, 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.

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. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

C: Amen.

Song: “10000 Reasons”

Prayer of the Day

L: O Lord God,

C: Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Grade 5 Bible Presentation

Song: “Open Up My Eyes Lord”

God’s Word: Angela Gerardy

First Reading: Isaiah 45:1-7

¹ Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and to strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him— and the gates shall not be closed: ² I will go before you and level the mountains; I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron; ³ I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. ⁴ For the sake of my servant Jacob and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name; I give you a title, though you do not know me. ⁵ I am the Lord, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, ⁶ so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other. ⁷ I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the Lord do all these things.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 96:1-13

L: Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

C: Sing to the Lord, bless the name of the Lord; proclaim God’s salvation from day to day.

L: Declare God’s glory among the nations and God’s wonders among all peoples.

C: For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised, more to be feared than all gods.

L: As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; but you, O Lord, have made the heavens.

C: Majesty and magnificence are in your presence; power

C: and splendor are in your sanctuary.

L: Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord honor and power.

C: Ascribe to the Lord the honor due the holy name; bring offerings and enter the courts of the Lord.

L: Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; tremble before the Lord, all the earth.

C: Tell it out among the nations: “The Lord is king! The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved will judge the peoples with equity.”

L: Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

C: Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your coming, O Lord, for you come to judge the earth.

L: You will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with your truth.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

¹ Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. ² We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³ remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵ because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶ And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy from the Holy Spirit, ⁷ so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸ For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹ For they report about us what kind of welcome we had among you and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God ¹⁰ and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁵ The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶ So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?” ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ Then he said to them, “Whose head is this and whose title?” ²¹ They answered, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s.” ²² When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Message

Song: “There Is A Redeemer”

Apostles’ Creed

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.

The Great Thanksgiving – p. 129

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:

C: (sung) Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution – p. 130

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 in remembrance of me.

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.

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 – p. 134

Invitation to Communion

L: Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

Communion Songs:

“Praise To The Lord Almighty”

“There Is A Redeemer”

Blessing

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

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 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 interceding of the Spirit.

C: Amen.

L: The God of grace, Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sending Song: “Barocha”

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, Janet Schroeder & Family, Khrista Vogt, Mary Wiebe, Kathy Wintoniw (Abby & Julia), and Bishop Geoff Woodcroft.

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 Thursday, 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.**

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.

NOT SURE WHICH MAILBOX IS YOURS?

Just a friendly reminder that your mailbox is the one **below** your mailbox number. We know it can be easy to mix up, so there's also a reminder posted above the mailboxes if you ever need a little help!