

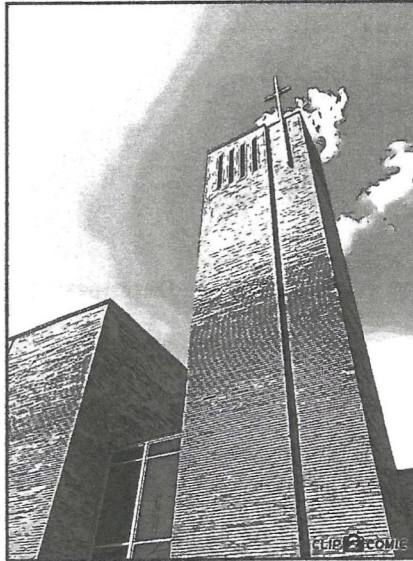
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September 15, 2024

+Order of Service+
September 15, 2024
17th Sunday after Pentecost
Divine Service Setting Three
LSB 184

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Opening Hymn: **Christ, the Lord of Host Unshaken** LSB 521
Confession and Absolution LSB 184
Introit, Kyrie, Gloria in Excelsis LSB 186-189
Collect of the Day LSB 189
Old Testament: Isaiah 50:4-10
Epistle James 3:1-12
Holy Gospel Mark 9:14-29
Creed
Hymn of the Day: **Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness** LSB 849
Sermon
Offertory
Prayers of the Church
Communion Liturgy LSB 194
Distribution Hymns
 Your Table I Approach LSB 628
 Chief of Sinners Though I Be LSB 611
 Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread LSB 625

Nunc Dimittis and Concluding Liturgy LSB 199
Announcements
Closing Hymn: **Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old** LSB 846

SERVING US TODAY IN GOD'S HOUSE

Musicians: Sylvia Burmeister

Ushers: Lonnie Smith, Elliot Belgard, Randy Miller, Glenn Kuby

Elder of the Month: John Matasovsky



Introit *Ps. 30:2–5; antiphon: Ps. 30:11a, 12b*

P: You have turned for me my mourning into | dancing;*

C: O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you for- | ever!

P: O LORD my God, I cried to | you for help,*

C: and you have | healed me.

P: O LORD, you have brought up my soul | from Sheol;*

C: you restored me to life from among those who go down | to the pit.

P: Sing praises to the LORD, O | you his saints,*

C: and give thanks to his | holy name.

P: For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a | lifetime.*

C: Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the | morning.

P: You have turned for me my mourning into | dancing;*

C: O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you for- | ever!

Old Testament

Isaiah 50:4-10

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. (5) The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. (6) I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting. (7) But the Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame. (8) He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me. (9) Behold, the Lord GOD helps me; who will declare me guilty? Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up. (10) Who among you fears the LORD and obeys the voice of his servant? Let him who walks in darkness and has no light trust in the name of the LORD and rely on his God.

Epistle

James 3:1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. (2) For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. (3) If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. (4) Look at the ships

tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. (9) With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. (10) From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. (11) Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? (12) Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

Gospel

Mark 9:14-29

And when they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. (15) And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed and ran up to him and greeted him. (16) And he asked them, "What are you arguing about with them?" (17) And someone from the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. (18) And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." (19) And he answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me." (20) And they brought the boy to him. And when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. (21) And Jesus asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. (22) And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." (23) And Jesus said to him, "If you can! All things are possible for one who believes." (24) Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" (25) And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again." (26) And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, "He is dead." (27) But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. (28) And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" (29) And he said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer."



Scripture declares that in the Sacrament of the Altar each communicant receives the body and blood of Christ to eat and to drink with the mouth of their bodies. Communicants who believe this receive forgiveness of sins, those who don't eat and drink judgement unto themselves. Communion also is a confession of oneness of the Faith we are baptized into, is preached in our pulpit, and summarized in the Small Catechism. Sadly, since these clear doctrines of The Holy Bible are not accepted by all Christian denominations, we continue the historic Christian practice of Closed Communion. **We request that anyone who is not a communicant member of the LC-MS please speak with our Pastor or an elder before the service and join our congregation in singing hymns during the distribution. Membership classes are offered.**

Online giving is an easy and reliable method to contribute to St. Paul's Lutheran. You can make a one-time donation or schedule recurring contributions. This option is available through the church's website; spltruman.com or by simply scanning the following QR code.





ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

September 15th, 2024

Worship: Sundays @ 9am - Chapel: Wednesdays @ 10am
Midweek Services during Advent & Lent: Wednesdays @ 10am & 7pm

BIBLE CLASSES

Sunday Morning Bible Class & Sunday School:
10:15-11:15am (starting 9/15/24)
Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study: 10-11am
Wednesday After-School Confirmation: 4:30-5:30pm

OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE

Attendance Last Sunday: 245
Communion: 133
Offerings Given Last Sunday: \$ 3968.00
School Roof Fund: \$ 2,470.00 Total cost: \$95,000.00
Grant added to this amount \$3,384.02

IN OUR PRAYERS

† Tom Koeritz,, Marty & Marsha Miller, Marilyn Vogt, Ronald Schultz, Candace Doerfler, Mike Barfknecht, Cliff & Charlotte Dobie, Audrey Becker, Duane Danner, Dick Eckmann, Pastor Fretham, Terry Bentele, Brandi Stohs, and Larye Anderson
† Our Shut-Ins: RoseMary Kasten, Carol Ritz, and June Mausling
† Our Servicemen: Mike Hintz, Lance Halverson, Josh Rusert, Duane Cox, Andrew Reed, and Cade Hotzler
† Tanner & Shelby Weihe welcomed a baby girl, Sena Lee, born on Sept. 9th, 2024. They are currently in Rochester.

LUTHERAN HOUR

September 15 – (Genesis 27:35-36)
"Bent Necks and a Better Brother"
Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
The Book of Genesis is no fairy tale. It depicts real people. People like us, with half-truths, crooked ways, and sore necks. The same God who created us and bears with us because He loves us.

CHURCH NEWS

LWML is having an ingathering for Options Pregnancy Center. Please help us collect mother-to-be and baby items in August & September. Please see the bulletin board for a full list.

LWML's Fall Mission Rally is on October 6th at the Lutheran Church of Our Savior, Winnebago. Registration begins at 1:00 p.m. and the program starts at 1:30 p.m. Fellowship & refreshments to follow.

If you are missing a bowl from the July Salad Luncheon, please pick it up in the church basement.

UPCOMING AREA EVENTS

The documentary *"Screenagers: Under the Influence"* screening and expert panel discussion (hosted by the Martin County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition) will provide valuable insights into the impact of social media, screen time, and substance use on today's youth, while also offering practical tools for parents, educators, and youth leaders.

- **Date:** Thursday, September 28th
- **Time:** 6:30 PM
- **Location:** Fairmont Jr/Sr High School Performing Arts Center
- **Cost:** Free to attend

Please see the bulletin board in the narthex for more details.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUNDAY

Worship with Holy Communion.....9:00 a.m.
Adult Bible Study & Sunday School.....10:15 a.m.

MONDAY (Pastor's Day Off)

Volleyball Practice.....5:30 p.m.
PTL Mtg.....7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY

Women's Bible Study.....10:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY

Chapel with Pastor Chase.....10:00 a.m.
Bulletin Announcements Due.....3:00 p.m.

THURSDAY

Quilting (everyone welcome).....10:00 a.m.
Volleyball Practice5:30-7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

Worship with Holy Communion.....9:00 a.m.
Adult Bible Study & Sunday School.....10:15 a.m.

The School's 125th Anniversary Service will be on October 6, 2024. More details to follow.

UPCOMING AREA EVENTS

2 new Christian movies will be at the Fairmont theater beginning Friday, September 13th. The first movie is "The Forge," which is from the Kendrick Brothers, who made "Fireproof," "Courageous," and "War Room." The second movie is "God's Not Dead: In God We Trust." This movie is very timely with 2024 being an election year. The trailers for both of these movies are available on YouTube.

MLHS NEWS

If you are interested in having the MLHS August Knight Light Newsletter emailed to you, please leave your email information with the church office and we will get it sent to you.

The Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School Senior Class is selling Pastry Puffins. To order, contact any senior, call the school office, or complete the contact form at www.martinlutherhs.com. Sale ends September 16.

The Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School Yearbook Staff are selling Simply Sweet Cheesecakes and Sweet Tango Apples from Timberlake Orchard. Proceeds go to providing every student with a free yearbook. Orders can be placed with any yearbook staff member until September 27th for October 4th delivery. Go to www.martinlutherhs.com for more details or call 507-436-5249.

Faith, Hope, Love

And now abide Faith, Hope, and Love,
these three; but the greatest of these is Love.

SPL School's Mission Statement:

To work together with families and area congregations
to provide a quality education in a Christian
environment, leading students to lives of service.

Our Goals: Nurture faith, Celebrate learning,
Pursue excellence.

IMPORTANT SPL DATES

September 13 – Soccer Tourney (Grades 5-8) in Lakefield
September 16 – PTL 7:00 p.m.
September 19 – School Pictures
September 20 – Run the Mile
October 4 – Marathon at St. John Vianney-Fairmont
October 9 – Sing at St. Paul's-Truman
October 11 – Fall Party at Lake Crystal Rec Center

THIS WEEK'S LUNCH MENU

September 16-20

Monday: Sloppy Joe/Bun, Tater Tots, Carrots, Pears

Tuesday: Sausage Links, French Toast Sticks, Tri Taters,
Mandarin Oranges

Wednesday: National Cheeseburger Day, Lettuce Salad,
Corn Peaches

Thursday: Popcorn Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Green
Beans, Rosy Applesauce

Friday: Sub Sandwich, Sun Chips, Carrots, Fruit Cocktail

School Reminders:

A huge thank you for an outstanding Education
Sunday! Thanks to those who came over and enjoyed the
donuts and the Open House.

PTL (Parent Teacher League) is on Monday at 7 p.m. in the
Church Fireside Room. Please make it a priority to attend.

School pictures take place on Thursday, September
19th. Please be watching emails for information coming
from the photographer.

Chapel happens every Wednesday at 10 a.m. You are
always welcome to attend. Typically, Pastor Chase leads the
students in worship.

Get excited!! We run the mile on the 20th of September.

His Kids Choir: Thank you to everyone who was in church
on Sunday to sing and ring for Education Sunday! It was a
WONDERFUL service!!

"His Kids" choir shirts: We will wear these any time we
sing. Please **DO NOT** have your children wear them to
school or any other time than when we sing. We would like
to keep them as nice as possible. Also please keep track of
them so that your child(ren) have them when it is time to
wear them. I (Mrs. Geistfeld) do have some extra shirts for
a cost of \$10 each.

Thank You!!

FROM OUR CLASSROOMS

Preschool: This week we learned about anteaters, worked
on the letter A, worked with dotters, worked our fingers
playing with playdough and started working on writing their
name. Kid quote of the week " My grandma likes to spend
money."

Kindergarten: From this point up until the beginning of
December we will be learning Old Testament stories up
until the birth of Jesus. Our stories this week were the fall
into sin in the Garden of Eden, the First Family (Cain &
Abel) & how jealousy is such a hurtful feeling. One to two
times a day we are singing the "Better Alphabet," which
practices the letters as well as the sounds; this even cover
the letters that sometimes make different sounds. Our
letters of focus in handwriting are Gg & Qq. Our color word
was yellow & our sight words: did, zero, one, two, me. Our
rhyming word family was -am (jam, ram). Reading packs
are coming home on Friday, there is a letter in it to explain
exactly how we use these packs.

1st & 2nd: What a hardworking, wonderful class! Memory
and Spelling: Check your child's Homework Folder for the
lists. Spelling: Gr. 1: jet, set, met, bed, yes, leg, led, mess.
Gr. 2: dog, doll, stop, cot, log, fog, spot, pond, nod, lot,
popcorn, hobby, block, octopus. What a wonderful turnout
for singing here at St. Paul's last Sunday! To God be the
glory! We are talking about patriotic holidays in Social
Studies. In Science, we are learning about living plants and
animals. School pictures: September 19. We are running the
mile on Friday, September 20.

3rd & 4th: What a great full week of school we had! Kids are
getting into the swing of things, and I appreciate all their
hard work. We have a Social Studies quiz and test coming up
next week. Our first Religion test is next week as
well. Review sheets will go home, so please look for them.
PTL is on Monday at 7:00 pm. See you there!

5th & 6th: We had a great time at the Amboy Days
Rendezvous. Thank you to Allison Slabbert, Pastor Bennett
and Jessy Clow for driving for this event. Tuesday we went
to Heartland Senior Living for our first Eager Readers event.
Everyone had a great time. The faces of the residents lit up
when we walked in and they were very anxious to meet
their student. Our next visit will be in October. Tomorrow
we head with 7th & 8th grade to Lakefield for soccer games.
It should be a great day. Next Tuesday morning we will be
at Heritage Acres for an event put on by the Martin County
Soil & Conservation. Everyone is doing a great job in the
classroom. Keep working hard...it is noticed!!

7th & 8th: Thank you for a great week #3. Thanks to Mrs.
Bennett for taking care of my troops on Thursday while I was
taking my wife to her doctor's appointment in Rochester. It
was a very busy day for my students. This week we
experienced fifteen-word spelling tests and definition
tests. A little more prep is needed. If there are issues,
please talk to me. The first book talk is the week of
September 23rd. They should have been reading a book
already. Yellow folders with progress reports went home
on Monday. They need to be signed and returned the
following day. That way I get them all back. Lakefield
Soccer was Friday (Sept. 13th). Ask the students how they
did. Remember to worship with your family over the
weekend!!