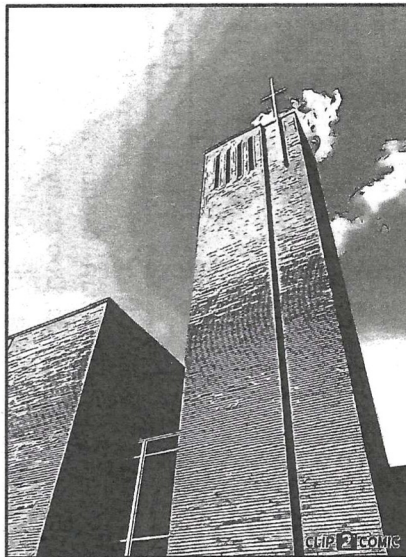


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+Order of Service+
May 18, 2025
5th Sunday of Easter
Divine Service Setting Three
LSB 184
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Opening Hymn **At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing** LSB 633
Confession and Absolution LSB 184
Introit, Kyrie, Gloria in Excelsis LSB 186 ff.
Collect of the Day LSB 189
First Reading: Acts 11:1-18
School Kids Ring
Epistle Revelation 21:1-17
Holy Gospel John 16:12-22
Creed
Hymn of the Day: **Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me** LSB 756
Sermon
Offertory
Prayers of the Church
Communion Liturgy LSB 194
Distribution Hymns
 Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness LSB 636
 In Thee Is Gladness LSB 818
 Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord LSB 637
 Just As I Am LSB 570

Concluding Liturgy LSB 199
Closing Hymn: **Lift High the Cross** LSB 837

SERVING US TODAY IN GOD'S HOUSE
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Musicians: Juleen Breitbarth

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

Elder of the Month: Ken Urban



Introit *Ps. 98:2-6; antiphon: Ps. 98:1*

Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done | marvelous things!

His right hand and his holy arm have worked salva- | tion for him.

The LORD has made known his sal- | vation;

he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the | nations.

He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of | Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation | of our God.

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all the earth;

break forth into joyous song and sing | praises!

Sing praises to the LORD | with the lyre,

with the lyre and the sound of | melody!

With trumpets and the sound | of the horn

make a joyful noise before the | King, the LORD!

Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done | marvelous things!

His right hand and his holy arm have worked salva- | tion for him

First Reading

Acts 11:1-18

Now the apostles and the brothers who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. (2) So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcision party criticized him, saying, (3) "You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them." (4) But Peter began and explained it to them in order: (5) "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision, something like a great sheet descending, being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to me. (6) Looking at it closely, I observed animals and beasts of prey and reptiles and birds of the air. (7) And I heard a voice saying to me, 'Rise, Peter; kill and eat.' (8) But I said, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing common or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' (9) But the voice answered a second time from heaven, 'What God has made clean, do not call common.' (10) This happened three times, and all was drawn up again into heaven. (11) And behold, at that very moment three men arrived at the house in which we were, sent to me from Caesarea. (12) And the Spirit told me to go with them, making no distinction. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. (13) And he told us how he had seen the angel stand in his house and say, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon who is called Peter; (14) he will declare to you a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household.' (15) As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning. (16) And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' (17) If then God gave the same gift to them as he gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God's way?" (18) When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, "Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life."

Epistle

Revelations 21:1-17

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. (2) And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. (3) And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. (4) He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." (5) And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." (6) And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. (7) The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son. (8) But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death." (9) Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, "Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb." (10) And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, (11) having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. (12) It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed— (13) on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. (14) And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. (15) And the one who spoke with me had a measuring rod of gold to measure the city and its gates and walls. (16) The city lies foursquare, its length the same as its width. And he measured the city with his rod, 12,000 stadia. Its length and width and height are equal. (17) He also measured its wall, 144 cubits by human measurement, which is also an angel's measurement

Gospel

John 16:12-22

"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. (13) When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. (14) He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. (15) All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you. (16) "A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me." (17) So some of his disciples said to one another, "What is this that he says to us, 'A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me'; and, 'because I am going to the Father'?" (18) So they were saying, "What does he mean by 'a little while'? We do not know what he is talking about." (19) Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, "Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, 'A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me'? (20) Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. (21) When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. (22) So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.



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

May 18, 2025

Worship: Sundays @ 9am - Chapel: Wednesdays @ 10am
Midweek Services during Advent & Lent: Wednesdays @ 10am & 6pm

BIBLE CLASSES

Sunday Morning Bible Class & Sunday School:

10:15-11:15 a.m.

Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study: 10-11 a.m.

Wednesday After-School Confirmation: 4:30-5:30 p.m.

OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE

Attendance Last Sunday: 131

Communion: 100

Offerings Given Last Sunday: \$ 3,888.40

School Roof Fund: \$ 40,553.27 (Total cost: \$95,000.00)

PTL will be adding \$ 13,033.50

IN OUR PRAYERS

†Scott Maloney, Travis Meyer, Dennis Burmeister, Jim Sackett, Carl Vogt, Dan Espeland, Erika Lotheringen, Alice Raddatz, Tom Koeritz, Marsha Miller, Marilyn Vogt, Candace Doerfler, Mike Barfknecht, Cliff & Charlotte Dobie, Audrey Becker, Dick & Pat Eckmann, Pastor Fretham, Terry Bentele, Brandi Stohs, and Larye Anderson

† **Our Shut-Ins:** RoseMary Kasten and June Mausling

† **Our Servicemen:** Mike Hintz, Lance Halverson, Josh Rusert, Duane Cox, Andrew Reed, and Cade Hotzler

CHURCH NEWS

*The first meeting for the Salad Luncheon will be on Monday, May 19th in the Fellowship room. Anyone who would like to help, please come to the meeting.

***Save the date: Salad Luncheon is Wednesday, July 16th.**

***Silent Auction Date Change – Mark Your Calendars!**
Sunday, September 7, 2025.

***IT'S LUTHERAN WITNESS** sign up time again. The cost for the year is \$ 24.97. Please let the office know if you would like to order a subscription by Sunday, June 1st. Payment is due when you order.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUNDAY

Divine Service & Holy Communion.....9:00 a.m.

Sunday School & Adult Bible Study.....10:15 a.m.

MONDAY (Pastor's Day Off)

PTL at 7 p.m. in Church Fireside Room.....7:00 p.m.

Tuesday

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

8th grade Graduation at St. James, Northrop.....7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Chapel.....10:00 a.m.

Praise Banquet.....6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY

School Picnic at Graf Park

FRIDAY

Closing Chapel.....10:30 a.m.

½ Day of school

Lunch and Softball Game after Dismissal

Truman Graduation.....7:00 PM

Office closed

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

Worship Service & Holy Communion.....9:00 a.m.

MLHS Graduation.....2:00 p.m.

LUTHERAN HOUR

May 25 (John 9:1-11)

"What's Your Story?"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Gregory Manning

Our difficulties often become the backdrop against which God reveals His faithfulness. Each challenge is an opportunity for Him to display His power.

MLHS NEWS

*Everyone is invited to attend the fortieth Baccalaureate and Commencement Service for the Class of 2025 which will be held on Sunday, May 25 at 2:00 p.m. at Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School, Northrop. Class Salutatorian is Harley Geistfeld, Class Valedictorian is Mary Bennett, and the Commencement Address will be given by Principal David Stuckwisch. The Martin Luther Volunteer Award will be presented also.

*An Art Camp will be held at Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School, Northrop on June 9, 11 and 13. Classes for grades 1-4 are from 9:30-11:30 a.m. and FOR grades 5-9 are 12:30-2:30 p.m. Cost is \$53 for the three day camp. Instructor is Kim Koppen. Go to www.martinlutherhs.com under Special Events to register before June 1.

*For the 26th year, Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School will be hosting its "Play It Again" Golf Tournament on Saturday, June 14th beginning at 1 pm. This year, our tournament will return to Rose Lake Golf Course in Fairmont. Proceeds provide music scholarships for elementary band students and help make music program improvements. You can help support the music department in this endeavor by donating as an Eagles Club Member for a \$100 gift or as a Golden Eagle Club Member for \$500. Golfers are asked to register by June 1st. Cost is \$80/person with a shared cart and includes a burger bar supper. Many prizes will be given out. Guests are welcome to join us for dinner at \$15/person. (RSVP, please.) Please sign up at www.martinlutherhs.com under SPECIAL EVENTS tab on the top right hand side. **Help keep music alive in our schools.**

*The June Delegate Meeting will be held at Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School on Sunday, June 22 at 1:15 p.m. Election of officers will be held. All pastors association delegates and interested parties are welcome to attend.

UPCOMING AREA EVENTS

*Bridal shower for Kristin Noller bride to be of Mason Koeritz on Saturday, May 24th from 9:00-11:00 a.m. at St James Lutheran Church, Northrop. They are registered at Amazon.

*The Bennett Family would like to invite you to an Open House celebrating Mary Alice's graduation! The Open House will be on Friday, May 30th from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the St. John's Willow Creek basement.

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

May 20 — Graduation at Northrop

May 21 — Amazing Race

PRAISE Banquet

May 22 — School Picnic

May 23 — Last Day of School

THIS WEEK'S LUNCH MENU

Monday: Cheesy chicken/bun, French fries, Green beans,
Tropical fruit

Tuesday: Corn dog, Carrots, Lettuce salad, Strawberry cup

Wednesday: Tater tot hotdish, Cottage cheese, Corn, Pears

Thursday: Hamburger/bun, Cheese slice, Baked beans,
Chips, Applesauce

Friday: No lunch

School Reminders:

***"His Kids" Choir & Handbells** - We sing and ring one last time for this school year this Sunday at St. Paul's. Handbell choir should be in the balcony set up and ready to practice at 8:30 a.m. The choir should meet in the Fireside Room at 8:40 a.m. to warm up. We WILL NOT wear our black choir shirts. Please wear nice dressy church clothes. The choir will sing from the balcony at the beginning of the service and then return to sit with their families after we are finished singing.

*PTL Meeting on Monday, May 19 at 7 p.m. in the Fireside Room at Church.

*Eighth Graders: Graduation is Tuesday, May 20th at St. James, Northrop. Start-time is 7 p.m. Please be there in nice church clothes by 6:40 p.m. Please do not be late. Any questions, please ask Mr. Miller. All family and friends are invited.

Praise Banquet: Gr. 5 - 8: St. Paul's church basement: Wednesday, May 21 at 6:30. Potluck Supper: Please bring a main dish and either a salad or dessert to share with everyone. Tableware, serving spoons, and a beverage will be provided. Awards will be given to the students in Gr. 5 - 8. The whole family is invited.

*Join us at any of the events next week as we close out our year. We have the Amazing Race on Wednesday, School Picnic on Thursday, and Closing Chapel on Friday. Everyone is invited to join in to softball game after dismissal on Friday. Thank you for an awesome year! Next year will be even better!!

*Please spread the word about our wonderful school. We have had a number of potential families stop by and inquire. If you have potentials, let Mr. Miller know and he will make the calls to inquire. We presently have fifty-two enrolled for school next fall and we need more.

FROM THE CLASSROOM

Preschool: Thank you to Mariah for subbing on Tuesday. This week we worked on writing their last name and counting to 100. They also worked on color recognition and size order along with scissors work and hole punching. Kid quote of the week " Kid: My children's names are Anna and King Grisle which is spelled Aqcd. Mary: How much do you pay to watch your children? Kid \$100 per hour."

Kindergarten: Jesus Time...This week & into next week, Jesus's ascension back to Heaven, Pentecost & the job Jesus' Disciples & Paul now have & how we too can be a witness for Jesus. What else...Assessing for report cards, counting by 2's & where do we fit into planet Earth. We will also be talking about Stranger Safety next week. Kindergarten will be returning all library books on Monday, so do a little searching if you're still missing one. On Wed we get to do fun Amazing Race games in the morning & on Thurs K-8 go to Graf Park 11:00-1:45, come join us if you like. Finally... Friday, Closing Chapel service starts at 10:30, we will be having a little Kindergarten Graduation recognition at the end of Chapel. Have a lazy summer & enjoy the little "treasure" God has blessed you with, they are a gift & are only with you for a short time of your life. Don't forget to pray with your children, if you don't who will?

1st & 2nd: What an amazing class! No Spelling or Memory! Most of our Flat Me's have arrived! We visited Arizona, Wisconsin, Tennessee, Florida, Texas, Colorado, Nebraska, Wyoming, Louisiana, and Norway! Come check out the display in the hallway! Thank you for your help with this project! We sing in church this Sunday, May 18, here at St. Paul's. More details elsewhere in this Saintinel. Happy Birthday (June 15) Moses! Thank you so much for sharing your wonderful children with me! (I can't believe we are at the end of the school year!) We had such a fantastic year! God's Blessings on your summer!

3rd & 4th: The school year is winding down and we have had a fantastic year! This last week of school we will finish up our books, have our AR party, our last store, games for K-4th, go to the park, and have our last chapel. It has been a pleasure to be able to teach your child this year. Thank you again for all you have done to make the year a success.

5th & 6th: We're almost there! There are still a few things happening next week. Wednesday afternoon is the Amazing Race for grades 5-8. Wednesday night is PRAISE banquet in the church basement for grades 5-8. If you are new to the school and have questions about what this is please ask me. Thursday is our school picnic at Graf Park from 11 a.m. - 1:45 pm. Friday is a half day with a softball game after dismissal. We continue to wrap things up academically in between all of that fun stuff. Our big thing in the classroom is our book report talks. Several have done them already and they have been wonderful. Thanks for an awesome year everyone!!

7th & 8th: What an adventure we have been on this year. Crazy everything we have done over the course of the year. Congratulations to Emily who is being confirmed this coming Sunday. God's Blessings to you!! Congratulations to Brayden, Aaron, Gaby, Aria, Emma, and Shelby on their Eighth Grade Graduation on Tuesday. Please do not be a stranger! We will continue to work throughout the final days. Tom Sawyer book report is due on Wednesday. We will keep going with Algebra. A number of rhetoric assignments need to be turned in. Thanks for an absolutely fantastic year. Be ready for our start-up in August.