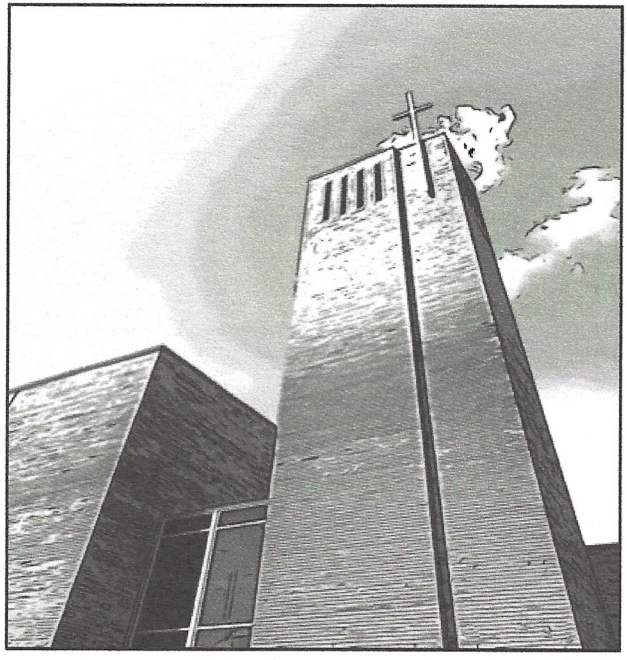
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August 23, 2026

† Order of Service †
August 23, 2026
The 12th Sunday After Trinity
Divine Service 1
LSB 151

Opening Hymn **#876, O Blessed, Holy Trinity**
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#633, At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing
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SERVING US TODAY IN GOD'S HOUSE

Musicians: Olivia Wedel
Ushers: Larry Hintz, Jeff Hoppe, Jed Hoppe, Ken Urban

Elder of the Month: Wade Krenz

INTROIT PSALM 70:1-2,4,5

P Make haste, O God, to deliver me!
C **O LORD, make haste to help me!**
P Let them be put to shame and confusion
C **who seek my life!**
P Let them be turned back and brought to dishonor
C **who delight in my hurt!**
P May all who seek You
C **rejoice and be glad in You.**
P But I am poor and needy;
C **hasten to me, O God!**
P You are my help and my deliverer;
C **O LORD, do not delay!**
P Make haste, O God, to deliver me!
C **O LORD, make haste to help me!**
P Let them be put to shame and confusion
C **who seek my life!**
All **Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;**
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING – ISAIAH 29:18-24

[18]In that day the deaf shall hear the words of a book, and out of their gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind shall see. [19]The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the LORD, and the poor among mankind shall exult in the Holy One of Israel. [20]For the ruthless shall come to nothing and the scoffer cease, and all who watch to do evil shall be cut off, [21]who by a word make a man out to be an offender, and lay a snare for him who reproves in the gate, and with an empty plea turn aside him who is in the right. [22]Therefore thus says the LORD, who redeemed Abraham, concerning the house of Jacob: "Jacob shall no more be ashamed, no more shall his face grow pale. [23]For when he sees his children, the work of My hands, in his midst, they will sanctify My name; they will sanctify the Holy One of Jacob and will stand in awe of the God of Israel. [24]And those who go astray in spirit will come to understanding, and those who murmur will accept instruction."

GRADUAL PSALM 34:1-2

P I will bless the LORD at all times;
C **His praise shall continually be in my mouth.**
P My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
C **let the humble hear and be glad.**

EPISTLE READING – 2 CORINTHIANS 3:4-11

[4]Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God. [5]Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God, [6] who has made us sufficient to be ministers of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit. For the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life. [7]Now if the ministry of death, carved in letters on stone, came with such glory that the Israelites could not gaze at Moses' face because of its glory, which was being brought to an end, [8]will not the ministry of the Spirit have even more glory? [9]For if there was glory in the ministry of condemnation, the ministry of righteousness must far exceed it in glory. [10]Indeed, in this case, what once had glory has come to have no glory at all, because of the glory that surpasses it. [11]For if what was being brought to an end came with glory, much more will what is permanent have glory.

VERSE PSALM 81:1

P Alleluia.

C **Alleluia.**

P Sing aloud to God our strength;

C **shout for joy to the God of Jacob! Alleluia.**

GOSPEL READING – MARK 7:31-37

[31]Then He returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. [32]And they brought to Him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged Him to lay His hand on him. [33]And taking him aside from the crowd privately, He put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. [34]And looking up to heaven, He sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." [35]And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. [36]And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more He charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. [37]And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."



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

August 23, 2026

Worship: Sundays @ 8:00

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUNDAY
Divine Service & Holy Communion .....8:00 a.m.
MONDAY
TUESDAY
Women's Bible Study.....10:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
School Registration.....5-7p.m.
THURSDAY
FRIDAY
SATURDAY
SUNDAY
Divine Service & Holy Communion.....8:00 a.m.

*Pastor Bennett's office hours are available by appointment.

IN OUR PRAYERS

†Marvel Meyer, Dawn Peters, mother of Shannon Schwichtenberg, Braelynn, daughter of Steven and Chloe Schrunk, Ted Geistfeld, Dan Espeland, Marsha Miller, Jim Sackett, Jason Meinert

†Our Shut-Ins: RoseMary Kasten, June Mausling, Kathie Meinert, Jan Firchau, Alice Raddatz, Marilyn Vogt, Cliff & Charlotte Dobie, Audrey Becker, Dick Eckmann, Larye Anderson

OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE

Attendance Last Sunday: 58
Communion: 53
Offerings Given Last Sunday: $4018
School Roof Fund: $74,190.50 (Total cost: $95,000.00)
Borrowed from the bank: $24,500
Organ Fund: $505

CHURCH NEWS

We would like to thank the ladies who have generously donated their jewelry for the ladies in Chad, North Africa. We have enough to send a shipment. We are stopping the collection at the end of August. We may do it again next year. In July we received a bag of earrings. We do not send earrings. If you would like them back let Ginger Halverson know at 507-432-0575.
St. Paul's Ladies Aid

*Mark your calendars **2nd Annual Holy Hotdish Organ Fundraiser** on Sunday, October 4th, 2026 (More details coming in September)

*A special thanks to Kerry, Larry, and the rest of the Trustees for all of their hard work cleaning and preparing our school for the upcoming year. It is greatly appreciated!
The St. Paul's Staff

*Crocheted or knitted shawls for shut-ins can be 4 ft. x 1 ½ ft. Completed shawls can be dropped off at the office.

LUTHERAN HOUR

August 30, 2026 Mark 4:1-20, 26-34
"Tell Me a Story!" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale Meyer
Archives August–God lavishly sows the seed of His Word. Responses vary.

MLHS NEWS

*Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School is looking for a part-time Learning Support Specialist for the upcoming school year. If you are a licensed special ed teacher or a paraprofessional that would be able to serve about 10 hours a week please contact the MLHS office.

* Looking ahead- The Fall Rummage and Bake Sale will be held at Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School in Northrop on October 15-16-17.

Faith, Fire & Fellowship Dinner

Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School is excited to announce our **Faith, Fire & Fellowship Dinner** on **Saturday, November 21st**!

This special friend-raising event will celebrate and affirm the blessings and impact of the MLHS ministry. Guests will enjoy an evening of fellowship, inspiration, and gratitude as we highlight the value of Christian education and the work God is accomplishing through Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School.

We are currently seeking **corporate sponsors** to help offset event expenses. We are grateful to **Profinium**, which has already committed as a **$1,000 sponsor**.

We are also looking for volunteers willing to **smoke specialty meats** and assist with meal preparation. If you enjoy cooking, serving, or helping behind the scenes, we would love to have you involved.

All MLHS families, alumni, supporters, and friends are warmly invited to attend. **There is no cost to attend**, but **RSVPs are required by November 1st** to help us plan for the meal.

If you would like to sponsor the event, volunteer, or reserve your place for this exciting evening, please contact the school office.

Join us for an evening of faith, fire, fellowship, and thanksgiving as we celebrate the ministry of Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School!

SCHOOL NEWS

The school year is fast approaching, with registration happening this Wednesday!

Please keep spreading the word about our great school. There is still time to enroll for the upcoming school year, so encourage friends and families to join us!

A big thank-you to everyone who helped at the fair so far. We truly appreciate all your time, support, and hard work!

We're looking forward to a wonderful school year!

Important Upcoming Dates

- **August 26 – Registration Night from 5:00–7:00 p.m.**
  - Hamburgers and Hot Dogs will be served
- **August 27 – Volleyball Practice Begins**
  For **5th–8th Grade** students.
- **September 1 – First Day of School**
  ***Opening Chapel at 9:00 a.m.* (Time Change)**
- **September 11 – Soccer at Courtland at 3:30 p.m.**
- **September 13 – Students Sing, Ring, and Silent Auction**
  - Students sing and ring at **9:30 a.m.**
  - Silent Auction at **10:30 a.m.**
- **September 18th - Soccer Tournament at Lakefield**
  - Driver will be needed
- **September 21st – PTL meeting at 7:00 p.m.**
  - In the Fireside room at church
- **October 19 – Lutheran Teachers Conference**
- *Please note: There will be no busing the first week of school.*
- There will **not** be a two-day MEA break this year.

***St. Paul's Lutheran School Silent Auction**

Join us for the St. Paul's Lutheran School Silent Auction on Sunday, **September 13**, from **10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** Everyone is welcome! Come enjoy the event, bid on a variety of great auction items, eat lunch and support our school. If you would like to donate an item for the silent auction, please drop it off at the church office. Donations of all kinds are greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact **Kaitlin Wiederhoeft** at **507-995-6022**