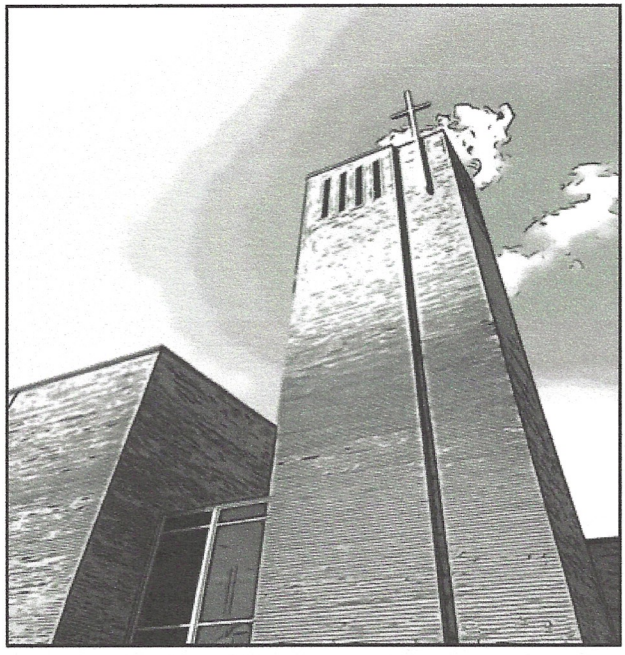
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August 30, 2026

† Order of Service †
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The 13th Sunday After Holy Trinity
Divine Service 3
LSB 184

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SERVING US TODAY IN GOD'S HOUSE

Musicians: Juleen Breitbarth
Ushers: Randy Miller, John Matasovsky, Skip Henton, Wade Krenz, Ken Urban, Dan Wedel

Elder of the Month: Wade Krenz

INTROIT PSALM 74:1-2,19-23

P Have regard for the covenant
C **Let not the downtrodden turn back in shame.**
P Arise, O God, defend Your cause;
C **do not forget the clamor of Your foes.**
P O God, why do You cast us off forever?
C **Why does Your anger smoke against the sheep of Your pasture?**
P Remember Your congregation,
C **which You have purchased of old,**
P which you have redeemed to be the tribe of Your heritage!
C **Remember Mount Zion, where You have dwelt.**
P Do not forget the life of Your poor forever.
C **Let the poor and needy praise Your name.**
P Have regard for the covenant
C **Let not the downtrodden turn back in shame.**
P Arise, O God, defend Your cause;
C **do not forget the clamor of Your foes.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING – HOSEA 6:1-6

[1]"Come, let us return to the LORD; for He has torn us, that He may heal us; He has struck us down, and He will bind us up. [2]After two days He will revive us; on the third day He will raise us up, that we may live before Him. [3]Let us know; let us press on to know the LORD; His going out is sure as the dawn; He will come to us as the showers, as the spring rains that water the earth." [4]What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes early away. [5]Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets; I have slain them by the words of My mouth, and My judgment goes forth as the light. [6]For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

GRADUAL PSALM 77:14-15

P You are the God who works wonders;
C **You have made known Your might among the peoples.**
P You with Your arm redeemed Your people,
C **the children of Jacob and Joseph.**

EPISTLE READING – GALATIANS 3:15-22

[15]To give a human example, brothers: even with a man-made covenant, no one annuls it or adds to it once it has been ratified. [16]Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring. It does not say, "And to offsprings," referring to many, but referring to one, "And to your offspring," who is Christ. [17]This is what I mean: the law, which came 430 years afterward, does not annul a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to make the promise void. [18]For if the inheritance comes by the law, it no longer comes by promise; but God

gave it to Abraham by a promise. [19]Why then the law? It was added because of transgressions, until the offspring should come to whom the promise had been made, and it was put in place through angels by an intermediary. [20]Now an intermediary implies more than one, but God is one. [21]Is the law then contrary to the promises of God? Certainly not! For if a law had been given that could give life, then righteousness would indeed be by the law. [22]But the Scripture imprisoned everything under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

VERSE PSALM 88:1

P Alleluia. **C Alleluia.**

P O LORD, God of my salvation, **C I cry out day and night before You. Alleluia.**

GOSPEL READING – LUKE 10:25-37

[25]And behold, a lawyer stood up to put Him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" [26]He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?" [27]And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." [28]And He said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live." [29]But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" [30]Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. [31]Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. [32]So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. [33]But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. [34]He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. [35]And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' [36]Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" [37]He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."



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.

OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE

Attendance Last Sunday: 72
Communion: 62
Offerings Given Last Sunday: $7080
School Roof Fund: $74,240.50 (Total cost: $95,000.00)
Borrowed from the bank: $24,500
Organ Fund: $5085.73

CHURCH NEWS

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

Thank You! St. Paul's Ladies Aid would like to sincerely thank all the ladies who have generously donated jewelry for the ladies in Chad, North Africa. We will be stopping the collection after today.
Thank you again for your kindness and generosity!
St. Paul's Ladies Aid

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

St. Paul's Lutheran School Auction – September 13
We are excited for our upcoming school auction on Sunday**, September 13, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**
If your family or business is donating an item to the auction, please have all donated items turned in to the school **by Friday, September 11** so we have time to get everything organized and ready for the auction.
Thank you so much to everyone who has donated and helped make this event possible! We appreciate your support of St. Paul's Lutheran School.

LUTHERAN HOUR

September 6, 2026 John 1:46
"Come and See"
Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
The Book of Nature can open your mind to the possibility that God is real. The Book of Scripture, the Bible, goes further, like a friend who's been there.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN
CHURCH & SCHOOL

August 30, 2026

Worship: Sundays @ 8:00

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUNDAY
Divine Service & Holy Communion .....8:00 a.m.
MONDAY
TUESDAY
Chapel.....9:00 a.m.
Women's Bible Study.....10:00 a.m.
First Day of School
WEDNESDAY
THURSDAY
Ladies Aid – Hostess: Elaine Armstrong
FRIDAY
Office Closed
No School
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, Sherry Breitbarth

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

SCHOOL NEWS

Important Upcoming Dates

- **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**

AREA EVENTS

Blue Earth Zone Mini Retreat
Saturday, September 12, at 11:30 a.m.
Zion Lutheran Church of Fraser Township, Fairmont, will host a salad and dessert luncheon.
The guest speakers will be Curtis and Cheri Frank, founders of Healing Hearts Housing in Sherburn.
Attendees are invited to bring "Gifts from the Heart"—all types of household products and women's personal care items.
A mites offering will also be collected.

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!