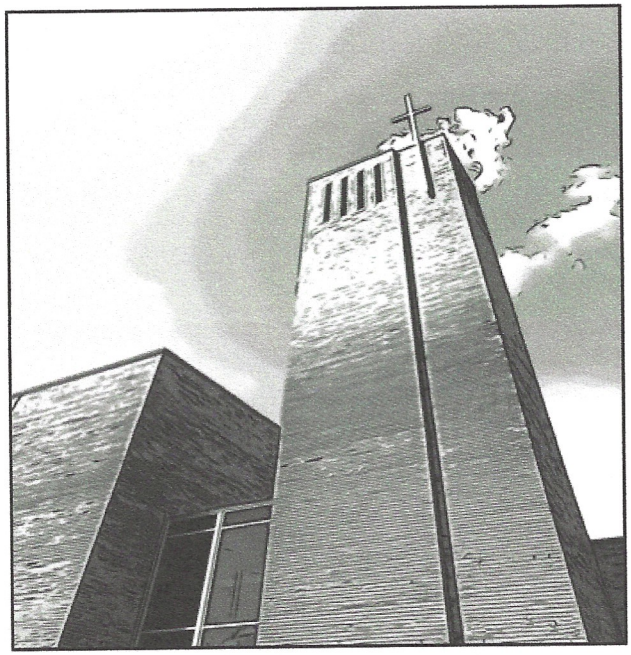
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September 13, 2026

† Order of Service †
September 13, 2026
The 15th Sunday After Trinity
Divine Service 1
LSB 151

SPL Kids Sing – Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing; Make Me a Servant
Opening Hymn **#737, Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing**
Invocation, Confession and Absolution, Kyrie, p151ff
This is the Feast, p155
Salutation and Collect of the Day, p.156
Old Testament Reading: 1 Kings 17:8-16
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Epistle Reading: Galatians 5:25-6:10
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Hymn of the Day **#783, Take My Life and Let it Be**
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#760, What God Ordains is Always Good
#719, I Leave All Things to God's Direction
#685, Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus
Concluding Liturgy, p164ff
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SERVING US TODAY IN GOD'S HOUSE

Musicians: Heidi Koeritz
Ushers: Kerry Krenz, Sawyer Krenz, Cade Ekstrom, Alex Weihe, Cody Geistfeld

Elder of the Month: John Matasovsky

INTROIT PSALM 86:1-4,6 15-16

P Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer me,
C save Your servant, who trusts in You, You are my God.
P Be gracious to me, O LORD,
C for to You I cry all the day.
P Gladden the soul of Your servant,
C for to You, O LORD, do I lift up my soul.
P Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;
C listen to my plea for grace.
P But you, O LORD, are a God merciful and gracious,
C turn to me and be gracious to me.
P Give Your strength to Your servant,
C and save the son of Your maidservant.
P Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer me,
C save Your servant, who trusts in You, You are my God.
P Be gracious to me, O LORD,
C for to You I cry all the day.

OLD TESTAMENT READING – 1 KINGS 17:8-16

[8]Then the word of the LORD came to him, [9]"Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you." [10]So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink." [11] And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." [12]And she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die." [13]And Elijah said to her, "Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. [14]For thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the LORD sends rain upon the earth.'" [15]And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. [16]The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

GRADUAL PSALM 118:8-9

P It is better take refuge in the LORD
C than to trust in man.
P It is better take refuge in the LORD
C than to trust in princes.

EPISTLE READING – GALATIANS 5:25-6:10

[25]If we live by the Spirit, let us also [walk] with the Spirit. [26]Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another. Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. [1]Keep watch on yourself, lest

you too be tempted. [2]Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. [3]For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. [4]But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. [5]For each will have to bear his own load. [6]Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches. [7]Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. [8]For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. [9]And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. [10]So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

VERSE PSALM 95:1

P Alleluia.
C **Alleluia.**
P Oh, come, let us sing to the LORD;
C **let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation. Alleluia.**

GOSPEL READING – MATTHEW 6:24-34

[24]"No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money. [25]"Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? [26]Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? [27]And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? [28]And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, [29]yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. [30]But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? [31]Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' [32]For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. [33] But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. [34]"Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.



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.

Be kind
and compassionate

TO ONE ANOTHER,

FORGIVING

EACH OTHER,

JUST AS IN

Christ God forgave you

-EPHESIANS 4:32

Live by the Spirit

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. Eph. 4:32

Preschool Teacher - Mrs. Michelle Flohrs

Mila Krenz
Everett Schwichtenberg
Daisy Geistfeld
Luetta Sanders

Kindergarten - Mrs. Heidi Johnson

Violet Curtis
Amelia Tonn

1st & 2nd grade Teacher - Miss Cynthia Fitzner

Adalynn Arndt
Peyton Ekstrom
Vivian Ekstrom
Hailey Green
Merek Meyer
Naomi Sanders
Samuel Schwichtenberg
Henry Stohs
Laramie Wiederhoeft
Bruce Curtis
Cecelia Geistfeld
Sylvia Sanders
Case Wiederhoeft

Join the school for their Silent Auction and meal after the service.

3rd & 4th grade Teacher - Mrs. Kerrie Bennett

Raylan Arndt
Matthew Glaser
Moses Meyer
Jessa Reinke
Scarlett Wiederhoeft
Olivia Ekstrom
Christopher Green
Elliot Sanders
Henry Slabbert
Owen Stohs

5th & 6th grade Teacher - Mrs. Christine Geistfeld

Tyler Arndt
Aurora Curtis
Katie Schofield
Liam Stohs
Walker Wiederhoeft

8th grade Teacher - Mr. Marty Miller

Benjamin Bennett
Madison Miller
Peyton Miller
Levi Reinke

THANK YOU FOR OUR SCHOOL

PLEASE KEEP OUR TEACHERS and OUR STUDENTS IN YOUR PRAYERS

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

September 13, 2026

Worship: Sundays @ 8:00 am – Chapel: Wednesdays @ 8:30 am

BIBLE CLASSES

Sunday Morning Bible Class & Sunday School: TBA
Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study: 10-11 a.m.

OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE

Attendance Last Sunday: 79
Communion: 57
Offerings Given Last Sunday: $ 3951.00
School Roof Fund: $74,3.50 (Total cost: $95,000.00)
Borrowed from the bank: $ 24,500.00
Organ Fund: $5185.73

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

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUNDAY
Divine Service & Holy Communion.....9:30 a.m.
His Kids sing and ring
Silent Auction.....10:30 a.m.
MONDAY
Trustees.....7:00 p.m.
TUESDAY
Women's Bible Study.....10:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Chapel.....8:30 a.m.
THURSDAY
Quilting.....10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
FRIDAY
Lakefield Soccer Tournament
SATURDAY
SUNDAY
Divine Service & Holy Communion.....8:00 a.m.
*Pastor Bennett's office hours are available by appointment.

CHURCH NEWS

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

Following the service join us for the St. Paul's Lutheran School Silent Auction. Everyone is welcome! Come enjoy the event, bid on a variety of great auction items, eat lunch (free will donation) and support our school.

*** HOLY HOT DISH ORGAN FUNDRAISER** on Sunday, October 4th from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm serving in our Church Basement. Menu will be assorted hot dishes or casseroles. Bread, beverages and cookies provided. Take-outs will also be available. Free will donation. Please let Dawn Halverson know if you can provide a hot dish or casserole. Everything is very much appreciated (including cash)!

Fall Mission Gathering
St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Sunday, October 4th at 1:30 p.m.

Please join us for our **Fall Mission Gathering**!
Our guest speaker will be **MLHS Principal Mr. Stuckwisch**, sharing a message based on the theme:
"Let the Children Hear" *Psalm 78:6*
We will also be collecting **Gifts from the Heart** to support the needs of our students and ministry. Suggested donations include: Kleenex, Feminine hygiene products, Travel-size personal care items, Ibuprofen, Tylenol, Midol, Band-Aids, Poster-making supplies
Come hear, learn, and share in the joy of supporting the children God has placed in our care!
Everyone is welcome!

Volunteers Needed!

We would love your help! Please consider volunteering with our Sunday School and Bible study ministries.
We are currently looking for:

- Two Sunday School teachers
- One adult Sunday Bible study leader

If you feel called to serve in one of these areas, please consider getting involved. Your time and willingness to serve can make a meaningful difference in our church community!

New Address:
Sherry Breitbarth
Laurel Peaks
700 James Ave Room209
Mankato, MN 56001

LUTHERAN HOUR

September 20, 2026 Matthew 20:16
"High Bar to Clay Jar"
Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
In Jesus, we don't need to compare ourselves to anyone else. Instead, we are free to better appreciate them.

MLHS NEWS

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

UPCOMING AREA EVENTS

LIVE BY THE SPIRIT

Be kind and compassionate to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving each other, just as in Christ, God forgives you Ephesians 4:32

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.

School's Phone #: 507-776-2802

IMPORTANT SPL DATES

Greetings all!

Sunday, September 13 —
Worship at 9:30 a.m. with the children singing and ringing
SILENT AUCTION at 10:30 a.m.

Monday, September 14 —
Prayer at the Flagpole at 8:30 a.m.
Library open
Volleyball at Janesville at 4:30, 5:30

Tuesday, September 15 —
Preschool at 8:10 a.m.
B Volleyball HOME vs. Vianney at 4 p.m.

Wednesday, September 16 —
Preschool at 8:10 a.m.
Chapel at 8:30 a.m. with Pastor Bennett

Thursday, September 17
Preschool at 8:10 a.m.
Picture Day
Band
Volleyball at Worthington Christian at 4:30 p.m.

Friday, September 18 —
Grades 4-8 LAKEFIELD SOCCER

Have a great week!

THIS WEEK'S LUNCH MENU

Monday: Tator-tot Hotdish w/Green Beans, Cottage Cheese, Peaches, Bread, Milk
Tuesday: Sloppy Joes/Bun, Potato Wedges, Peas, Apple Slices, Milk
Wednesday: Chicken Strips, Mac-N-Cheese, Cauliflower Blend, Mandarin Oranges, Pretzel, Milk
Thursday: Hot dog/Bun, Corn Chips, Veggie Slices, Tropical Fruit, Milk
Friday: Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Pears, Breadstick, Milk

SCHOOL REMINDERS

Our K-8 School Choir and 5-8 Handbell Choir sing and ring this Sunday at the 9:30 a.m. service at St. Paul's. Students should wear nice dressy church clothes. K-8 choir needs to be at church and in the Fireside room at 9:15 a.m. to warm up. 5-8 Handbell choir needs to be in the balcony set up and ready to rehearse at 9:00 a.m. sharp. Any questions please contact Mrs. Geistfeld or Mrs. Bennett. Thank you! See you all Sunday!

FROM THE CLASSROOM

Preschool: This week we worked on the letter S, circle shape, number 0, and color purple. Body part is phalanges and our animal is sharks. Kid quote of the week "my porridge (spaghetti) almost fell."

Kindergarten: In Jesus Time we finished learning about creation & attempted to create a person with playdoh but we just couldn't breathe life into it :D Our new rhyming word family is -an (can, man, pan), our new letters to practice writing are Oo & Cc & our new color is blue. We started learning our first words the & can. We always like to practice "The Better Alphabet" to work on those letters & sounds & we experimented with painting & creating new colors. We sing on Sunday... wear nice clothes & be in the church Fireside Room by 9:15. Finally don't miss our school's **SILENT AUCTION after church**! It is such a fun time! :)

1st & 2nd: What a wonderful class! We are settling into a nice routine! Spelling and Memory: Please check your child's Homework Folder for the lists. Spelling: Gr. 1: let, get, net, pet, pen, men, hen, wet. Gr. 2: hit, fill, will, wind, miss, milk, win, hill, bring, fit, fish, wiggle, little, cliff. We sing here at St. Paul's this Sunday, September 13. More details elsewhere in this Saintinel. We are looking forward to the Silent Auction this coming Sunday, September 13! (Thank you for contributing to our classroom basket!) See you there!

3rd & 4th : We have made it through the first two weeks of school. Every week, students have 30 minutes of IXL to complete by Sunday at 7:00 pm. Remember that students will need 10 points for AR this quarter. Have your child read a book, and then they can take a quiz on that book. We sing on Sunday, and the auction is this Sunday as well. I look forward to seeing you all there. Kiddos are working hard and I am proud of each and every one of them.

5th & 6th: We had another fantastic week this week. We are slowly getting into our routine! We started reading *Earthquake Terror* by Peg Kehret in Reading Class this week. Friday after school we travel to Courtland for soccer. We sing & ring (5th & 6th are part of handbells this year) at St. Paul's this Sunday. Next Friday we travel to Lakefield for the soccer tournament. This is an all day event. On the morning of the 22nd we go to Heritage Acres in Fairmont for Environmental Awareness Day! We are off to a busy start. Thank you to whoever ordered some sticky notes and jumbo paper clips for our room!! It was a wonderful surprise and is greatly appreciated!! Thanks for all you do for your child(ren) and for our school!! See you all at church and the silent auction on Sunday!!

7th & 8th: It is crazy to think we are finishing up Week 2 of school. We had our first spelling test and definition test. We are through Amendments 1-10. We are reading along in Spirit Bear. Please remember to do your 30 minutes of IXL. All four of my students are off to a great start. Keep up the good work. Lakefield Soccer is Friday, September 18. It is typically a fun day of playing soccer with no homework. Permission Slip went home this week. Use your Assignment Books to help you keep work under control. See you Sunday at the Silent Auction and Singing/Ringing in Church. Get ready to bid for lunch at Pizza Ranch with the wonderful Eighth Graders.

Lakefield Soccer is Friday, the18th. Drivers needed. Bring a lunch and water, water, water. The plan is that we will be back for the bus.

PTL is Monday the 21st at 7 p.m. in the Fireside Room. Make it a priority to attend.

The Marathon for Non-Public Schools hosted by Vianney is Friday, October 2. Paperwork goes home at the September 21st PTL Meeting.