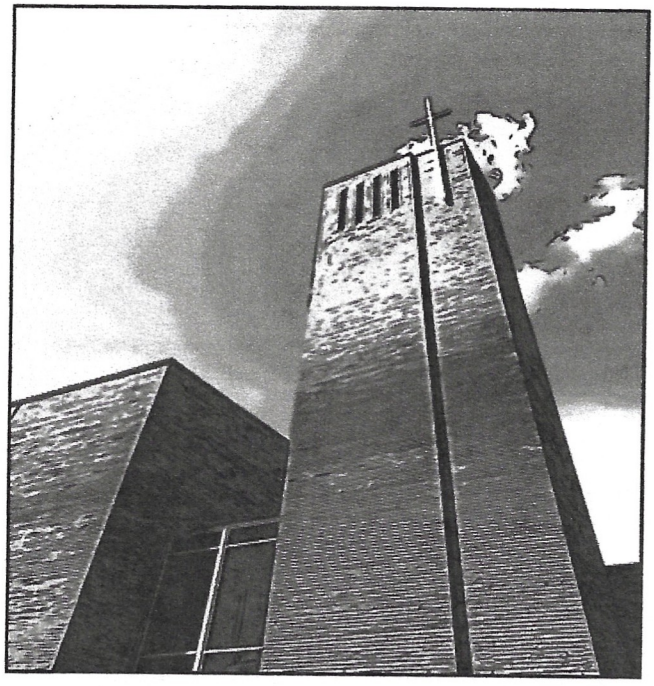
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† Order of Service †
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16th Sunday After Holy Trinity
Divine Service Setting Three
LSB 184

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SERVING US TODAY IN GOD'S HOUSE

Musicians: Sylvia Burmeister
Ushers: Lonnie Smith, Elliot Belgard, Randy Miller, Glen Kubly

Elder of the Month: John Matasovsky

INTROIT PSALM 86:1,3,5,7,12,13

P Be gracious to me, O Lord,
C **for to You I cry all the day.**
P For You, Lord, are good and forgiving,
C **abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon You.**
P Incline Your ear, O LORD, and answer me,
C **for I am poor and needy.**
P In the day of my trouble I call upon You,
C **for You answer me.**
P I give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,
C **and I will glorify Your name forever.**
P For great is Your steadfast love toward me;
C **You have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.**
P Be gracious to me, O Lord,
C **for to You I cry all the day.**
P For You, Lord, are good and forgiving,
C **abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon You.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING – 1 KINGS 17:17-24

17 After this the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became ill. And his illness was so
severe that there was no breath left in him. 18 And she said to Elijah, "What have you against me,
O man of God? You have come to me to bring my sin to remembrance and to cause the death of
my son!" 19 And he said to her, "Give me your son." And he took him from her arms and carried
him up into the upper chamber where he lodged, and laid him on his own bed. 20 And he cried to
the LORD, "O LORD my God, have You brought calamity even upon the widow with whom I
sojourn, by killing her son?" 21 Then he stretched himself upon the child three times and cried to
the LORD, "O LORD my God, let this child's life come into him again." 22 And the LORD listened to
the voice of Elijah. And the life of the child came into him again, and he revived. 23 And Elijah took
the child and brought him down from the upper chamber into the house and delivered him to his
mother. And Elijah said, "See, your son lives." 24 And the woman said to Elijah, "Now I know that
you are a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in your mouth is truth."

GRADUAL PSALM 102:15-16

P Nations will fear the name of the LORD,
C **and all the kings of the earth will fear Your glory.**
P For the LORD builds up Zion;
C **He appears in His glory.**

EPISTLE READING – EPHESIANS 3:13-21

13So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory. 14For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, 15from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, 16that according to the riches of His glory He may grant you to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in your inner being, 17so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, 18may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, 19and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. 20Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, 21to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

VERSE PSALM 115:11

P Alleluia.

C **Alleluia.**

P You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD!

C **He is their help and their shield. Alleluia.**

GOSPEL READING – LUKE 7:11-17

11Soon afterward He went to a town called Nain, and His disciples and a great crowd went with Him. 12As He drew near to the gate of the town, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow, and a considerable crowd from the town was with her. 13And when the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." 14Then He came up and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." 15And the dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. 16Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited his people!" 17And this report about Him spread through the whole of Judea and all the surrounding country.



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 20, 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: 177
Communion: 87
Offerings Given Last Sunday: $ 4708.00
School Roof Fund: $74,440.00 (Total cost: $95,000.00)
Borrowed from the bank: $ 24,500.00
Organ Fund: $5285.73

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.....8:00 a.m.
MONDAY
PTL.....7:00 p.m.
TUESDAY
Women's Bible Study.....10:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Chapel.....8:30 a.m.
THURSDAY
FRIDAY
SATURDAY
SUNDAY
Divine Service & Holy Communion.....8:00 a.m.
*Pastor Bennett's office hours are available by appointment.

CHURCH NEWS

***Would you like to sponsor a child at our school?** Sometimes life can throw a curveball that makes it difficult for families to keep up with the cost of tuition at our school, and you can make a difference! If you would be interested in sponsoring one of our school children, please speak with Pastor or a member of the School Board.

*** 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)!

Mark your Calendars! Sunday afternoon November 8th has been selected as the day we officially install Rev. John Bennett as Pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Service time will be 3:00 pm. More information will be forthcoming.

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!

Women's Bible Study
Ladies from five local churches gather in our fellowship room every Tuesday from 10:00–11:00 a.m. for Bible study and fellowship.
We are currently reading and writing through *Measured by Grace: How God Defines Success*.
There is no cost to attend, and we have room for more! We would love to have you join us for this encouraging time of studying God's Word and growing together in faith.

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!

Attention: Sherry Breitbarth is no longer at Laurel Peaks. She has moved to the Truman Nursing Home.

LUTHERAN HOUR

September 27, 2026 Matthew 21:31
"Teachable"
Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
To be a disciple is to be a learner. Jesus loves you enough to make you teachable.

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!**

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

Good Morning All!
Sunday, September 20 —
Worship at 8 a.m.
Monday, September 21 —
Lakefield Soccer. NOTE CHANGE
Prayer at the Flagpole at 8:30 a.m.
Library open
Volleyball A at Madelia at 4:30 p.m.
PTL at 7 p.m.
Tuesday, September 22 —
Preschool at 8:10 a.m.
B Volleyball at Vianney at 4 p.m.
Wednesday, September 23 —
Preschool at 8:10 a.m.
Chapel with Pastor Volbrecht at 8:30 a.m.
Thursday, September 24 —
Preschool at 8:10 a.m.
Volleyball at Lakefield at 4:30, 5:30 p.m.
Have an outstanding week!

THIS WEEK'S LUNCH MENU

Monday: Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Pears, Breadstick, Milk
Tuesday: Hot Ham & Cheese, Salad, Baked Beans, Peaches, Cheddar Chex Mix, Milk
Wednesday: Chicken Noodle Casserole, Carrots, Applesauce, Bread, Milk
Thursday: Cook's Birthday Choice; Mexican Haystack, Broccoli w/Cheese, Mousse Dessert Cup, Milk
Friday: Shrimp Poppers, Tater Tots, Green Beans, Biscuit, Milk

SCHOOL REMINDERS

Please make sure that during home sporting events that your children stay with you. They do not need to be running around on the school/church property. That is when trouble happens, property gets damaged, and sports equipment stays outside and lost. When your family comes to cheer on our teams, make it a family event and have fun as a family.

FROM THE CLASSROOM

Preschool: This week we worked on the letter A, square is the shape, number 1, and color black. Body part is bicep muscle and our animal is an anteater. Kid quote of the week "I have too much money to fit in this purse."

Kindergarten: In Jesus Time we reviewed creation to see if we could put the days in order. We also learned about sneaky satan & how he tricked Eve into going against what God had said & then moved to how sinful our world had gotten so that's when God told Noah to build an Ark. Our new rhyming word family is -am (ram, ham), our new letter to practice writing is Dd & our new color is yellow. We added sight words to our learning: one & see. We are practicing writing our names using the lower case letters & writing numbers 4 & 5. And working on rhythm using cut-off noodles.

1st & 2nd: What an amazing class! Spelling and Memory: Please check your child's Homework Folder for the lists. Spelling: Gr. 1: jet, set, met, bed, yes, leg, mess, led. Gr. 2: dog, doll, stop, cot, log, fog, spot, pond, nod, lot, popcorn, octopus, hobby, block. We thank Cody and Kelsey Geistfeld for the extra recess they bid on at the Silent Auction! Thinking ahead: Fall Party: Friday, October 9th: Trip to Sea Life at the Mall of America and Como Park! More details later!

3rd & 4th: Thank you to the committee who ran the auction. What a wonderful turn out and support for our school. Soccer for 4th -8th grade was changed to Monday, September 21st, in Lakefield. I will have a sub on Thursday, possibly on Friday for getting shots in my back. Thank you to Mrs. Chambers for subbing for me on Thursday. Keep up the good work. Don't forget 30 minutes of IXL is due each week for a math grade.

5th & 6th: It's been a busy week and a lot of scheduling changes have happened this week into next week. The students are working very hard on study skills and getting into a routine. Learning new study skills can be challenging. Our soccer tournament at Lakefield has been moved from Friday this week to next Monday. On Tuesday morning we go to Heritage Acres for the Environmental Awareness Day. We will be back for lunch. Remember every student needs 30 minutes of IXL each week. They have from Monday morning to Sunday at 7pm to get their 30 minutes in. Students must study for memory and spelling test at home.

7th & 8th: Thank you for being an awesome class. We continue to get the kinks out of what is happening this year. First Math Test should happen next week. Book Reports will happen the last week of the month. Should be on the home stretch with your September Book Report ask the kids if they have been reading 20 minutes every day we have been in school. We are about half way through the amendments. Keep up with things in your Assignment Books, 30 minutes of IXL, and be done with homework responsibilities when you come to school. I will be gone on Tuesday and Wednesday as I am having eye surgery in Sioux Falls. I should be back and ready to go on Thursday. Please pray that all goes well. If you have questions on things, please ask.

Important Upcoming Dates:
Monday is Lakefield Soccer
Monday is PTL at 7 p.m. in the Fireside Room
October 2 is the Marathon
October 9 is the Fall Party
October 19 — No School for Teacher's Conference in Nebraska
WE ARE IN SCHOOL ON OCTOBER 15 AND 16
November 18 is McTeacher Night
November 24 is Thanksgiving Feast and Luke Winger
November 25 to November 30 is Thanksgiving Break
Schedules should have gone home for Lakefield Soccer. Ask if you did not get one

Chapel Offerings for first quarter go the Lutheran Heritage Foundation for Bible Story Books for the Muslims in Africa. We get to spread the wonderful message of salvation to these peoples.

Thanks to all who came and sang/rang in church this past Sunday. Thanks also to the committee and parents who made the Silent Auction a booming success. $15,159 is an exciting total!!