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Martin Luther High School
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† Order of Service †
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18th Sunday After Holy Trinity
Divine Service Setting Three
LSB 184

Opening Hymn **#873, Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies**
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SERVING US TODAY IN GOD'S HOUSE

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

Elder of the Month: Skip Henton

INTROIT ECC. 36:16-17; PS. 122:1,6,8-9

P Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for You:
C **and let Your prophets be proven faithful.**
P Hear the prayer of Your servants,
C **according to the blessing of Aaron upon Your people.**
P I was glad when they said to me,
C **"Let us go to the house of the LORD."**
P Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!
C **"May they be secure who love you.**
P For my brothers and companions' sake
C **I will say, "Peace be within you."**
P For the sake of the house of the LORD our God
C **I will seek your good.**
P Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for You:
C **and let Your prophets be proven faithful.**
P Hear the prayer of Your servants,
C **according to the blessing of Aaron upon Your people.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING – DEUTERONOMY 10:12-21

12"And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways, to love Him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, 13and to keep the commandments and statutes of the LORD, which I am commanding you today for your good? 14Behold, to the LORD your God belong heaven and the heaven of heavens, the earth with all that is in it. 15Yet the LORD set His heart in love on your fathers and chose their offspring after them, you above all peoples, as you are this day. 16Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no longer stubborn. 17For the LORD your God is God of gods and LORD of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who is not partial and takes no bribe. 18He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing. 19Love the sojourner, therefore, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt. 20 You shall fear the LORD your God. You shall serve Him and hold fast to Him, and by His name you shall swear. 21He is your praise. He is your God, who has done for you these great and terrifying things that your eyes have seen.

GRADUAL PSALM 122:1,7

P I was glad when they said to me,
P "Peace be within your walls,
C **"Let us go to the house of the LORD."**
C **and security within your towers!"**

EPISTLE READING – 1 CORINTHIANS 1:4-9

4I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given
you in Christ Jesus, 5that in every way you were enriched in Him in all speech and all
knowledge— 6even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you— 7so that
you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus
Christ, 8who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus
Christ. 9God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus
Christ our Lord.

VERSE PSALM 117:1

P Alleluia. **C** **Alleluia.**

P Praise the LORD, all nations! **C** **Extol Him, all peoples! Alleluia.**

GOSPEL READING – MATTHEW 22:34-46

34But when the Pharisees heard that He had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered
together. 35And one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question to test Him. 36"Teacher,
which is the great commandment in the Law?" 37And He said to him, "You shall love
the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your
mind. 38This is the great and first commandment. 39And a second is like it: You shall
love your neighbor as yourself. 40On these two commandments depend all the Law and
the Prophets." 41Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a
question, 42saying, "What do you think about the Christ? Whose Son is He?" They said
to Him, "The Son of David." 43He said to them, "How is it then that David, in the Spirit,
calls Him Lord, saying, 44"'The Lord said to My Lord, "Sit at My right hand, until I
make Your enemies Your footstool"'? 45If then David calls Him Lord, how is He his
son?" 46And no one was able to answer Him a word, nor from that day did anyone dare
to ask Him any more questions.



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.

October is Pastor Appreciation Month, and it is the perfect time to let your pastor know how much you appreciate all he does for your church and congregation throughout the year. But any day is a great day to share your gratitude! From teaching and mentoring, to leading, serving, and guiding, pastors give a lot of time, energy, and heart to their churches. So, think about how great it would be for you to give that goodness right back! Here are some words of encouragement you can use to let your pastor know how much he is appreciated:

- Thanks for all the ways you lead and guide our church and school.
- Thanks for all you do for our church and school.
- Thank you for being such a great example of living a life of faith.
- You're a blessing to our church and school.
- Thanks for all the ways you make a difference in our church and community.
- Thanks for all you do to make our church and school the faith-building place it is!
- Our church and school are so lucky to have you!
- We daily pray for you and your family!

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN
CHURCH & SCHOOL

October 4th, 2026

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

BIBLE CLASSES

Sunday Morning Bible Class TBA
Sunday School: 9:15 AM
Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study: 10-11 a.m.

OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE

Attendance Last Sunday: 76
Communion: 69
Offerings Given Last Sunday: $ 3259.00
School Roof Fund: $3014.50
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
LWML Sunday
Divine Service & Holy Communion.....8:00 a.m.
Sunday School.....9:15 a.m.
Holy Hotdish Fundraiser.....11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Fall Mission Gathering.....1:30 p.m.
MONDAY
TUESDAY
Women's Bible Study.....10:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Chapel.....8:30 a.m.
THURSDAY
FRIDAY
SATURDAY
SUNDAY
LWML Sunday
Divine Service & Holy Communion.....8:00 a.m.
No Sunday School, October 11th
*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:** Today, 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.

***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!**

The School Roof Project has been successfully completed and paid for. We are grateful to everyone who contributed to making this important project possible.
Looking ahead, our next major project will be the restoration of the bell and tuckpointing in the church.
Any additional monies donated toward the Roof Project will be set aside for future repairs and ongoing maintenance of the church roof. Thank you for your continued generosity and support as we work together to care for and preserve our church.

LUTHERAN HOUR

"Covered" Matthew 22:11-12
Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
Proper Attire Required: how God covers us with the robe of Christ's perfect righteousness.

MLHS NEWS

MLHS Fall Rummage & Bake Sale
Thursday, October 15 | 4:00–8:00 p.m.
Friday, October 16 | 8:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 17 | 8:00 a.m.–Noon
Donations Accepted: October 10 through noon on October 13
To volunteer sign up at **www.martinlutherhs.com**
Come shop, find some great bargains, enjoy delicious baked goods, and support **MLHS!**

*You can help save a life and help NHS students earn scholarships.
The MLHS National Honor Society students are hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, October 19 from 12:30 to 5:30 p.m.
Help us reach 100 donors so the students qualify for scholarships. Call 1-800-RED-CROSS and enter MLHSMN to schedule an appointment.

***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! **There is a RSVP Signup sheet in church Narthex.**

Area Events

The Eve Circle and Stewardship Committee of St. James Lutheran Church, Northrop, are hosting a Pie Fundraiser, selling pies from Rustic Inn Café in Two Harbors, MN. Order your pies by calling Linda Becker (236-1316), Leslie Crissinger (236-1354), or the church office (436-5289). Choose from ten of their most popular pies: Cherry, Pumpkin, Pecan, Caramel Apple Pecan, North Shore Berry Crumb, Raspberry Cream, Lemon Angel*, 5 Layer Chocolate, Peanut Butter, or Strawberry Rhubarb. (*Gluten –free). 10" pies are $25 and will be delivered frozen on November 21st. Deadline to order is November 1st. All profits will support St. James Lutheran 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 Everyone!
Sunday, October 4 —
Worship at 8 a.m.
Sunday School at 9:15 - 10 a.m.
Holy Hotdish meal at 11 a.m.
Monday, October 5 —
Prayer at the Flagpole at 8:30 a.m.
Library open
A and B Volleyball vs. Lakefield at 4:30, 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, October 6 —
Preschool at 8:10 a.m.
Volleyball Practice
Wednesday, October 7 —
Preschool at 8:10 a.m.
Chapel with Pastor Bennett
Thursday, October 8 —
Preschool at 8:10 a.m.
Band
B Volleyball vs. Immanuel, Mankato at 4:30 a.m.
Friday, October 9 —
FALL PARTY at Aquarium at Mall of America and Como Zoo
Leaving by 8 a.m. and returning around 5p.m.

THIS WEEK'S LUNCH MENU

Monday: Biscuits & Gravy, Sausage Links, Hashbrowns, Warm Apples, Milk
Tuesday: Chicken Salad Croissant, Green Salad, Mandarin Oranges, Pumpkin Bread, Milk
Wednesday: Scalloped Potatoes/Ham, Bosco Sticks, Cooked or Baby Carrots, Tropical Fruit Smoothie, Milk
Thursday: Meatball Subs, Baked Beans, Waffle Fries, Pears, Milk
Friday: Fall Party! No Breakfast or Lunch will be served. Remember to bring a sack lunch.
*Menu can change due to the availability of items. We will try to text any menu change of the main dish, but not the sides.

SCHOOL REMINDERS

We are in school on Thursday and Friday of MEA Week. No busing those two days. We are not in school on Monday, October 19 as the teachers will be attending a Lutheran Educator's Conference in Seward, Nebraska.

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 color blue, number 3, letter I, and triangle shape. The animal of the week is an indri (largest lemur) and the body part was the gluteus maximus. Kid quote of the week "my house is going to be a car so I can go on vacation and I'm taking Everett with me." In our Jesus Time we are learning about the life of Abraham & how God chose him to lead His people, after time, through his family, Jesus will be born.

Kindergarten: In Jesus Time we started learning about the life of Abraham & how God chose him to lead His people, after time, through his family, Jesus will be born. We also learned about Abraham's son Isaac. Our new rhyming word family -it (sit, fit), our new letter to practice writing is Ss & Qq & our new color is orange. We will start adding October sight words & little books. We made lemonade from fresh lemons, yum yum! Next Tuesday we are going to the fire station for a tour & talk. Please fill out the orange sheet talking about smoke detectors & a special meeting place.

1st & 2nd: What a wonderful class! Spelling and Memory: Please check your child's Homework Folder for the lists. Spelling: Gr. 1: if, big, dig, pig, did, him, zip, pin. Gr. 2: chalk, fall, wall, talk, ball, walk, small, tall, call, all, almost, crawl, mall, crosswalk. Marathon: St. John's Vianney, Fairmont: Friday, October 2nd! Monday, October 5: Truman Fire Station Tour. Fall Party: Friday, October 9th: Trip to Sea Life at the Mall of America and Como Park Zoo, St. Paul, MN! More details soon! I would truly appreciate it if I could get some parents to carpool and join us! We are singing at St. John's Willow Creek on Sunday, October 11. More details later.

3rd & 4th: Thank you to Mrs. Reinke for subbing. At some point this week or next week, I will be gone to help Mary. We go to St. John's Vianney this Friday for the Marathon. Next Friday, we will head to the Aquarium and Como Zoo for our Fall Party. If you would like to go, please let me know so we can put your name on the list. I hope to have our classroom store soon. If you have an questions, please let me know!

5th & 6th It's been a great week! Soccer did not happen on Monday but the students were troopers and dug right into their work. We had our 2nd math test this week and are preparing for a NW History test covering Chapter 1 & 2 on Tuesday. In reading *Earthquake Terror* is getting very interesting! We have a few names in the AR Raffle but need more. Encourage your child to read and take AR tests (books in their level) to enter into the drawing. This Friday we are at the Marathon at SJV in Fairmont. Next Friday is our Fall Party trip. If you'd like to go with us, be sure to let me know. Have a blessed weekend!

7th & 8th Great week of work!! Good work on your first Book Report of the year. Be ready to start on your October Book Report. Tomorrow (Friday) is the Marathon at Vianney. Please fill out your pledge sheet and help the school with non-budgeted items. We should be finishing up the amendments next week. We are on the home stretch with The Ghost of Spirit Bear. We had our first major rhetoric assignment this past week. Another one happens next week. Let's have a great Marathon!!

WE RUN THE MILE ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 12.

JENNIE WILLIAMSON IS COMING BACK ON DECEMBER 13 AND 14. START SPREADING THE NEWS!!!

Fall Party is Friday, October 9th. **ALL STUDENTS NEED TO BRING A LUNCH**. We leave by 8 a.m. and travel to Aquarium at Mall of America. 10-12 a.m. we are at the aquarium. From 1-3 p.m. we are at Como Zoo. We should be back to school around 5-530 p.m. Questions, ASK.

Please get your Marathon Pledge Sheet with money turned in by Fall Party Day. If you need more time, please let Mr. Miller know.