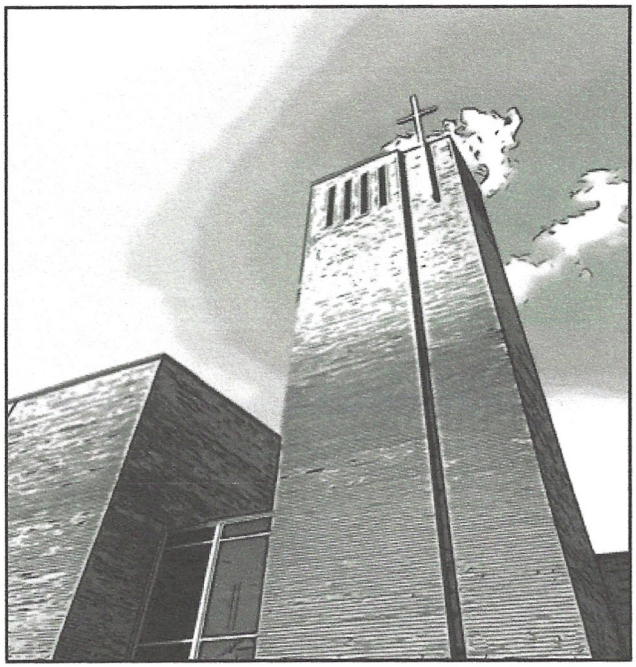
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October 11, 2026

† Order of Service †
October 11, 2026
The 19th Sunday After Trinity
Divine Service 1
LSB 151

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SERVING US TODAY IN GOD'S HOUSE

Musicians: Olivia Wedel
Ushers: Kerry Krenz, Sawyer Krenz, Cade Ekstrom, Alex Weihe, Cody Geistfeld

Elder of the Month: Skip Henton

INTROIT PSALM 34:3,17;48:14; 8:1-4

P Say to my soul, "I am your salvation."
C **The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears.**
P He delivers them out of all their troubles.
C **For this is God, our God forever and ever.**
P Give ear, O my people, to my law;
C **incline your ears to the words of my mouth.**
P I will open my mouth in a parable;
C **I will utter dark sayings of old,**
P which we have heard and known,
C **and our fathers have told us.**
P We will tell the generation to come the praises of the LORD,
C **and His strength and His wonderful works that He has done.**
P Say to my soul, "I am your salvation."
C **The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears.**
P He delivers them out of all their troubles.
C **For this is God, our God forever and ever.**
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 – GENESIS 28:10-17

[10]Jacob left Beersheba and went toward Haran. [11]And he came to a certain place and stayed there that night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place to sleep. [12]And he dreamed, and behold, there was a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven. And behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it! [13]And behold, the LORD stood above it and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac. The land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring. [14]Your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and in you and your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed. [15]Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." [16]Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it." [17]And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

GRADUAL PSALM 141:1-2

P LORD, I cry out to You; make haste to me!
C **Give ear to my voice when I cry out to You.**
P Let my prayer be set before You as incense,
C **the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

EPISTLE READING – EPHESIANS 4:22-28

22 Put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt
through deceitful desires, 23 and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, 24 and to put
on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.
25 Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his
neighbor, for we are members one of another. 26 Be angry and do not sin; do not let the
sun go down on your anger, 27 and give no opportunity to the devil. 28 Let the thief no
longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he
may have something to share with anyone in need.

VERSE PSALM 98:1

P Alleluia.
C **Alleluia.**
P Oh, sing to the LORD a new song!
C **For He has done marvelous things. Alleluia.**

GOSPEL READING – MATTHEW 9:1-8

1 And getting into a boat He crossed over and came to His own city. 2 And behold, some
people brought to Him a paralytic, lying on a bed. And when Jesus saw their faith, He
said to the paralytic, "Take heart, My son; your sins are forgiven." 3 And behold, some
of the scribes said to themselves, "This man is blaspheming." 4 But Jesus, knowing their
thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, 'Your
sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise and walk'? 6 But that you may know that the Son of
Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"— He then said to the paralytic—"Rise, pick
up your bed and go home." 7 And he rose and went home. 8 When the crowds saw it, they
were afraid, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to men.



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

October 11th, 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: 85
Communion: 74
Offerings Given Last Sunday: $ 4748.00
School Roof Fund: $3089.50
Borrowed from the bank: $ 24,500.00
Organ Fund: $9715.73

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.
His Kids Sing at Willow Creek.....10:00 a.m.
MONDAY
Trustees.....7:00 p.m.
TUESDAY
Women's Bible Study.....10:00 a.m.
Board of Education.....7:00 p.m.
Elders.....7:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Chapel.....8:30 a.m.
THURSDAY
FRIDAY
SATURDAY
SUNDAY
Divine Service & Holy Communion.....8:00 a.m.
Sunday School.....9:15 a.m.
*Pastor Bennett's office hours are available by appointment.

CHURCH NEWS

***A HUGE Thank you to everyone who attended the Holy Hotdish and helped raise $4355 for organ repairs!** Thanks to all the wonderful cooks who donated hotdishes/casseroles for this event. A big thank you to Lin Henriksen for the delicious homemade cookies. Again, thanks to all for making this day a big success!
The Holy Hotdish Committee
*Reminder: Please pick up your dishes, towels, and hot pads from the Holy Hotdish fundraiser. Thank you.

***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.

***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.

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.

***Gloria Barchenger's new address is:**
2811 Roland Ave Apt. 221
Fairmont, MN 56031

LUTHERAN HOUR

October 18, 2026
"The Heart of the Matter" Matthew 22:15-22
Guest Speaker: Pastor Ryan Tinetti
How do you respond to tough questions about God and faith? Hear how Jesus delivers us from the tightest of tight spots and keeps us from falling into a trap.

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.

*The Martin Luther Drama students are presenting two plays on Friday, November 6th and Saturday, November 7th at 7:00 p.m. A matinee will be presented on Friday at 12:15 p.m. also. "Macbeth Mixed Up" is a one-act spoof on Macbeth. "The Money in Uncle George's Suitcase" is a is a hilarious farce of pettiness, slander, and greed that is sure to entertain. Tickets are $12 for adults and $8 for students and may be purchased at the door.

***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.

*In celebration of the start of a new school year and in Thanksgiving to God for all His blessings, St James Lutheran Board of Christian Education invites you to a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, October 11th, 10am-Noon (108 S James St, Northrop). Pancakes (gluten free available), sausage, applesauce and beverages will be served for a free-will donation going towards our ongoing math and reading curriculum needs.

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 11 —

SINGING AT ST. JOHN'S, WILLOW CREEK AT 10 A.M.

Monday, October 12 —

Prayer at the Flagpole at 8:30 a.m.

RUNNING THE MILE DAY

K-2 Apple Orchard

A Volleyball vs. Genesis at 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday. October 13 —

Preschool at 8:10 a.m.

Grades 5-6 to Heartland Senior Living

A & B Volleyball at Courtland at 4:30, 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 14 —

Preschool at 8:10 a.m.

Chapel with Mr. Miller at 8:30

Fire Safety Program at 1 p.m.

Staff Meeting at 3:10 p.m.

Thursday, October 15 —

Preschool at 8:10 a.m.

Band

Friday, October 16 —

We are still in school these past two days!

Saturday through Monday — Great Plain's Lutheran Educator's Conference

No School on Monday the 19th.

THIS WEEK'S LUNCH MENU

Monday: Chicken Alfredo, Broccoli w/Cheese, Soft Pretzel Bites, Rosy Applesauce, Milk

Tuesday: Sloppy Joe on Bun, Macaroni and Cheese, Veggies and Hummus, Peaches, Milk

Wednesday: Mini Corn Dogs, French Fries, Squash, Watermelon, Milk

Thursday: Popcorn Chicken, Nachos/Cheese, Corn, Pears, Milk

Friday: Grilled Cheese, Tomato Soup, Tritaters, Mixed Fruit, Milk

*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

"His Kids Choir" sings at the 10:00 a.m. church service at St. John's Willow Creek this Sunday, October 11th. Please meet in the church basement at 9:45 a.m. to warm up. We will process into church during the first hymn, sing from the front of the church and then students will sit with their families when we are finished. Please wear nice dress, church clothes. The church address is: 13148 499th Ave. Vernon Center, MN 56090.

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 the letter P, rectangle shape, number 4, and color white. Our body part was the femur and animal was the platypus. We also visited the fire station and learned about fire safety. Thank you to Mrs. Krenz for joining us. Kid quote of the week "wait until it (popsicle) cools off because I have been working all day."

In our Jesus Time we learned about Joseph & his coat of many colors, jealousy & some of the troubles he had.

Kindergarten: In Jesus Time Abraham's son, Isaac, got married & had twin boys...drama. Our new rhyming word family -ill (bill, fill), our new letter to practice writing is Rr & our new color is purple. We sing at Willow Creek on Sunday, see details in this Saintinel. We had a fun time at the fire station, THANK YOU Truman Fire Fighters! :)

1st & 2nd: What an awesome class! Spelling and Memory: Please check your child's Homework Folder for the lists. Spelling: Gr. 1: not, hot, pot, got, box, fox, jog, ox. Gr. 2: wink, sing, sink. king, long, ring, hang, bank, wing, drink, swing, finger, belong, think. Fall Party: Friday, October 9th: Trip to Sea Life at the Mall of America and Como Park Zoo, St. Paul, MN! Please be at school by 7:45 a.m. (we will depart at 8:00 a.m.) and also bring a sack lunch! Thank you for joining us! We are singing at St. John's Willow Creek this Sunday, October 11. More details elsewhere in this Saintinel. Monday, October 12: Mile Run in the morning. Trip to Center Creek Apple Orchard in the afternoon: more details were on the green permission slip. Wednesday, October 14: Fire Safety Program: Here at St. Paul's: 1:00 p.m.!

3rd & 4th: This Friday we will go to the Aquarium and the Zoo. Make sure you bring lunch and a drink with you! Thank you to Mary Reinke for subbing for me on Friday and next week. It is finally baby time for my Mary. Keep up the good work and keep reading for AR points. Students need 10 points by October 30th. If they would like to bring a drink, they will need 12 points. Don't forget your 30 minutes IXL this week. I will be checking on Sunday by 7:00 pm. Have a great weekend!

5th & 6th It's been a great week! These 5 are a group of hard workers!! Friday, we have our Fall Party trip. Sunday, we sing at Willow Creek. Next Tuesday is our first visit to TSL for Eager Readers. I will be sending a permission slip home soon and this permission slip is for the whole year. Just a reminder to make sure to ask your child if they have their 30 minutes of IXL in each week. Also, if you could please help your child study their memory work at home, that would be very helpful and appreciated. Many are waiting until they get to school in the morning to start studying. They need to have it studied before they get to school so all they have to do is look over it and come up and say it. Saying it to you first is good practice for them. Thank you so much for helping with this! Have a blessed weekend, stay safe and see you on Sunday at Willow Creek.

7th & 8th Another great week! Thank You! Fall Party is tomorrow (Friday). You need a lunch. Please do not forget. Please be at school by 7:45 so we can leave by 8. The plan is to be back by 5. We wrapped up Spirit Bear this week. Math Test next week. Looking forward to reading the student's papers on their bedrooms. Amendment Test will happen early next week. We run the mile on Monday. No School on Monday the 19th. It is crazy to think that the quarter ends the end of the month. See you on Sunday to sing at Willow Creek.

A bunch of reminders:

We run the mile on Monday.

***WE SING IN CHURCH AT WILLOW CREEK ON SUNDAY AT 10 A.M.**

We have school all five days next week.

No School on Monday, October 19

Last HOME Volleyball match is Monday the 12th vs. Genesis at 4:30

Please get your Marathon Pledges turned in by MONDAY. If you need more time, please let Mr. Miller know.

Basketball will be ramping up soon. Our A Teams will be like they have been in the past. B Boys will be based out of here and B Girls will be based out of Fairmont. Any questions, just ask!