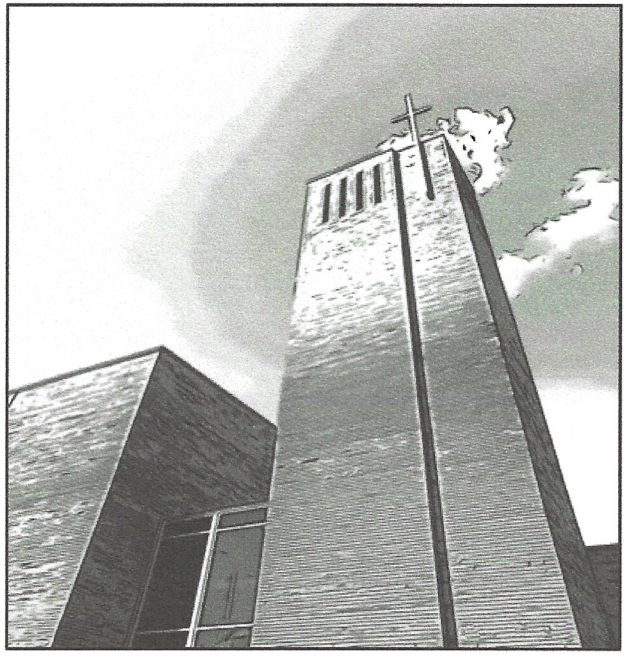
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† **Order of Service** †
October 18, 2026
20th Sunday After Holy Trinity
Divine Service Setting Three
LSB 184

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SERVING US TODAY IN GOD'S HOUSE

Musicians: Juleen Breitbarth
Ushers: Lonnie Smith, Elliot Belgard, Randy Miller, Glen Kubly

Elder of the Month: Skip Henton

INTROIT PSALM 48:1,9-11

P The Lord is righteous in all His works toward us,
C for we have not obeyed His commandments.
P Glorify Your Name, O Lord:
C and deal with us according to Your great mercy.
P Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised
C in the city of our God, in His holy mountain.
P We have thought on Your steadfast love, O God,
C in the midst of Your temple.
P As Your name, O God,
C so Your praise reaches to the ends of the earth;
P Your right hand is filled with righteousness.
C Let Mount Zion be glad, because of Your judgments.
P The Lord is righteous in all His works toward us,
C for we have not obeyed His commandments.
P Glorify Your Name, O Lord:
C and deal with us according to Your great mercy.

OLD TESTAMENT READING – ISAIAH 55:1-9

[1]"Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. [2]Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to Me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. [3]Incline your ear, and come to Me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, My steadfast, sure love for David. [4]Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. [5]Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for He has glorified you. [6]"Seek the Lord while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near; [7]let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that He may have compassion on him, and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.[8]For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, declares the Lord. [9]For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts.

GRADUAL PSALM 145:15-16

P The eyes of all look to You,
C and You give them their food in due season.
P You open Your hand,
C You satisfy the desire of every living thing.

EPISTLE READING – EPHESIANS 5:15-21

15 Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, 16 making the best use of the time,
because the days are evil. 17 Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord
is. 18 And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the
Spirit, 19 addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making
melody to the Lord with your heart, 20 giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in
the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, 21 submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

VERSE

℗ Alleluia.
℗ Out of the depths I cry to You, O LORD;

PSALM 130:1-2

ℂ **Alleluia.**
ℂ **O Lord, hear my voice! Alleluia.**

GOSPEL READING – MATTHEW 22:1-14

1 And again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, 2 "The kingdom of heaven may be
compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, 3 and sent his servants to call those
who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. 4 Again he sent other servants,
saying, 'Tell those who are invited, "See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat
calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast."' 5 But they
paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, 6 while the rest seized
his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. 7 The king was angry, and he sent his
troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. 8 Then he said to his servants, 'The
wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. 9 Go therefore to the main roads and
invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.' 10 And those servants went out into the roads
and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with
guests. 11 "But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no
wedding garment. 12 And he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding
garment?' And he was speechless. 13 Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and
foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of
teeth.' 14 For many are called, but few are chosen."



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 18th, 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: 53
Communion: 52
Offerings Given Last Sunday: $ 2793.00
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.
Sunday School.....9:15 a.m.
MONDAY
MLHS Blood Drive.....12:30- 5:00 p.m.
No School
TUESDAY
Women's Bible Study.....10:00 a.m.
Council Meeting.....7:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Chapel.....8:30 a.m.
THURSDAY
Quilting.....10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
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

***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.

*Everyone is cordially invited to the installation of Rev. John Bennett to serve as pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Truman, MN on Sunday afternoon, November 8th at 3:00pm with our Circuit Visitor, Rev. Anthony Bertram officiating. Rev. Bennett has accepted this second call to St. Paul's as the result of the newly formed Dual Parish Agreement between his present congregation, St. John's Lutheran-Willow Creek and St. Paul's Lutheran-Truman. Please come and show your support as we move forward in this new chapter of our Congregation.

LUTHERAN HOUR

October 25, 2026 Romans 3:23-24
"Relief"
Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
You don't have to earn God's favor. It is the relief waiting to find us before we even knew we had a problem.
Romans 3:23-24

MLHS NEWS

*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 Jr/Sr High School October Delegate Meeting will be held on Sunday, October 25 at 1:00 p.m. in the Music Room. All delegates, pastors and interested persons are welcome to attend.

Thank you to the LWML ladies who gave "Gifts from the Heart" to Martin Luther at the Fall Rally in St. Paul's Lutheran, Truman. Your generosity and thoughtfulness is sincerely appreciated.

Martin Luther Sunday will be celebrated in area churches on Sunday, November 15th.

*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 at** Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School on **Saturday, November 21st! 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 annual Harvest Dinner held by St. James Lutheran Church of Northrop (108 S James St) will be on Sunday, November 1st, 10:30 am-1:00pm, at the St. James Northrop Fellowship Hall. We invite you to join us for turkey commercials, assorted salads, and homemade pie and desserts. The meal is offered free-will with a suggested donation of $12 for adults and $6 for children under 12. Take-outs available upon request.

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.

***German Dinner** at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Fairmont (1200 N. North Ave) Sunday Oct 25th at 11:45 am – 1pm. Serving Homemade Schweine Schnitzel (baked pork cutlet), German Potato Salad, Sweet & Sour Cabbage/Cole Slaw, Rolls, German Chocolate/Chocolate cake, and Beverage. Cost Adults $10, kids 6-12 $5, and 5 and under are free. Takeouts Available! All proceeds go to Parochial Education Ministries.

*Fall Festival luncheon and Bake Sale will be held at Immanuel Lutheran Church basement, 1200 N North Ave Fairmont, on Saturday, November 7th, form 11:00a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Chicken and Stuffing Squares, Cranberry Relish, Glazed Carrots, Dinner Rolls, Assorted Pies, and Coffee will be served. Cost $10. "Take-out" will also be available. Come for the Bake Sale too! This event is sponsored by the Women of Immanuel-LWML. Everyone is welcome!

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 18 —
Worship at 8 a.m.
Sunday School at 9:15 a.m.
Monday, October 19 —
NO SCHOOL — Great Plains Lutheran Educator's Conference in Nebraska
Tuesday, October 20 —
Preschool at 8:10 a.m.
Wednesday, October 21 —
Preschool at 8:10 a.m.
Chapel with Pastor Volbrecht at 8:30 a.m.
Bus Safety Assembly at 10 a.m.
Thursday, October 22 —
Preschool at 8:10 a.m.
Band
Have a great rest-of-your-week!

THIS WEEK'S LUNCH MENU

Monday: No School
Tuesday: Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Cooked Carrots, Mixed Fruit, Milk
Wednesday: Sub Sandwich, Tater Tots, Baby Carrots, Apples, Mousse Cup, Milk
Thursday: Hamburger on Bun, French Fries, Baked Beans, Diced Pears, Milk
Friday: Square Pizza, Corn, Applesauce, Rice Krispie Treat, Milk

SCHOOL REMINDERS

We are not in school on Monday, October 19 as the teachers will be attending a Lutheran Educator's Conference in Seward, Nebraska.

Fall Party Rescheduled! The Fall Party has been rescheduled for **Friday, October 30th!** We'll spend the morning exploring the Great Plains Zoo and the afternoon at the Kirby Science Discovery Center in Sioux Falls. More details will be coming soon. We look forward to a fun-filled day!

If you're interested in ordering spirit wear, a paper with a QR code was sent home. You can also access the spirit wear store through our school/church website.

His Kids Choir News: The K-8 choir and handbell choir will sing & ring at the 8:00 a.m. service on November 8th at St. Paul's. The K-8 choir will also be singing at the 3 p.m. Installation service for Pastor Bennett. The handbell choir will not be ringing at the afternoon service.

FROM THE CLASSROOM

Preschool: This week we worked on the letter N, number 5, color orange, shape was pentagon. Body part of the week was the clavicle bone, and the animal was the numbat. Kid quote of the week child bumped head then was rubbing head ... "I'm trying to get the itch off but I can't because it went to my brain.

Preschool & Kindergarten: In our Jesus Time we learned that the most of Joseph's brothers had so much jealousy in their hearts that they sold him. But God had a bigger plan & used it for good, in this we talked about forgiveness.

Kindergarten: In Jesus Time we dug deeper into the details of Abraham, Isaac & Jacob. Our new rhyming word family -ing (sing, ring), our new letter to practice writing is Mm & Nn & our new color is brown. We continue to work on rhyming words. The kinders were amazing troopers with running the mile on Monday & then off to a very fun time at the Apple Orchard. Thanks to Kerry & Lisa Krenz for donating the apples so we could make delicious apple juice. Stay tuned for what apple yumminess we will make next week! Congratulations to Amelia & Violet for placing in the Fire Poster Contest, well done! :) NO SCHOOL on Monday.

1st & 2nd: What a wonderful class! No Spelling for the week of October 19. Memory: Please check your child's Homework Folder for the list. Mile Run: The kids did a great job! Center Creek Apple Orchard: Thank you so much to Tonya, Shannon, and Papa Greg Schultz for joining us! We had a super time despite all the little black bugs! Fire Safety Program: Congratulations to (Lewisville) Peyton, Vivian, Case, Laramie, (Truman) Hailey, and Henry for placing in the poster contest. Wednesday, October 21: Bus Safety Program: 10:00 a.m.: Truman High School Gym. Remember: No school Monday, October 19th. **Rescheduled** Fall Party: **October 30:** Sioux Falls: Great Plains Zoo, and Kirby Science Discovery Center. Please let me know if you are able to carpool and join us! More details soon! Enjoy the long week-end with your family!

3rd & 4th: A huge thank you to Mary Reinke for subbing for me this week. I may be gone next week as well and she will be my sub. We are waiting to come home from the cities, but baby Rosilee is doing well. Things may look a little different this next week. Please bear with us! Don't forget your IXL time! Thanks for all the prayers! 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 Congratulations to Tyler Arndt & Walker Wiederhoeft for placing in the Lewisville Fire poster contest and to Aurora Curtis & Liam Stohs for placing in the Truman Fire poster contest. We had a great first visit to TSL for our Eager Readers. This year the four 8th graders are joining us. Watching these students with the residents is amazing!! Our next visit is Nov. 10th. Our Fall Party has been rescheduled for October 30th. If you'd like to go with let me know. Our novel Earthquake Terror in reading is getting very exciting. Remember there is no school on Monday, Oct. 19th. Have a great weekend and we will see you on Tuesday!!

7th & 8th: A great week with all of the wonderful students in attendance. My sick one returned, YEA!! We wrapped up Spirit Bear this week and wrote a narrative poem in the process. Algebra Test is tomorrow (Friday). Next book report happens the last week of the month. Find out what day your student's report is due. We are doing a compare and contrast piece on McDonalds and Burger King. Memory Work this week was Psalm 23. Ask your student to say it to you. Many outstanding points in the verses.

Please ask to see your student's assignment book every day so you know what is going on. Enjoy Monday being off.

Thank you to all who made it to Willow Creek to sing last Sunday. It was very much appreciated.

Thank you to the coaches and players from our volleyball team for a great season. Thank You!

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES!

Friday, November 13 — No School. Parent Conferences

Wednesday, November 18 — McTeacher Night

Tuesday, November 24 — Thanksgiving Feast with Luke Winger in the afternoon

Sunday and Monday, December 13 and 14 — Jennie Williamson is back!!

Will let you know if you need to add Fall Party and/or Movie Day