EPISTLE READING – 1 JOHN 3:1-3

[1]See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know Him. [2]Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when He appears we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him as He is. [3]And everyone who thus hopes in Him purifies himself as He is pure.

VERSE HEB. 12:1-2

P Alleluia.
C **Alleluia.**
P Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
C **let us look to Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith. Alleluia.**

GOSPEL READING – MATTHEW 5:1-12

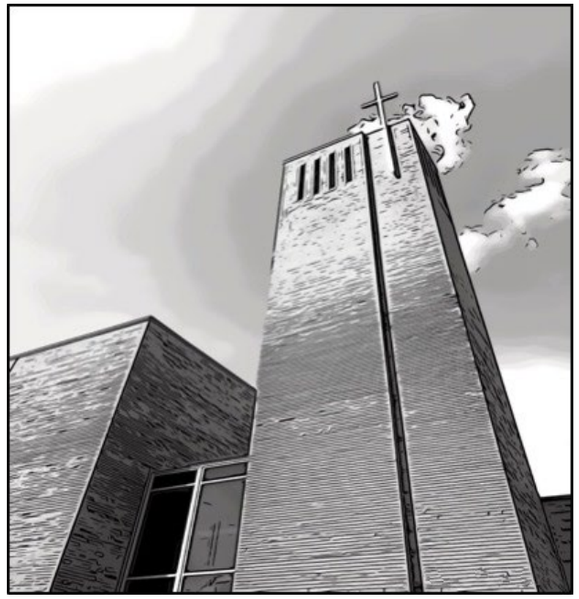
[1]Seeing the crowds, He went up on the mountain, and when He sat down, His disciples came to Him. [2]And He opened His mouth and taught them, saying: [3]"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. [4]"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. [5]"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. [6]"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. [7]"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. [8]"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. [9]"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. [10]"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. [11]"Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. [12]Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

LORD'S SUPPER

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.

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Martin Luther High School
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November 1, 2026

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The Festival of All Saints
Divine Service Setting Three
LSB 184

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SERVING US TODAY IN GOD'S HOUSE

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

Elder of the Month: Skip Henton

INTROIT REV. 12:11; PSALM 33:1,13-15

P They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb
C **and by the word of their testimony,**
P They did not love their lives
C **even unto death.**
P Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous!
C **For praise from the upright is beautiful.**
P The LORD looks from heaven;
C **He sees all the sons of men.**
P From the place of His dwelling He looks
C **on all the inhabitants of the earth;**
P He fashions their hearts individually;
C **He considers all their works.**
P They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb
C **and by the word of their testimony,**
P They did not love their lives
C **even unto death.**

FIRST READING – REVELATION 7:9-17

[9]After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, [10]and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" [11]And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, [12]saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." [13]Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" [14]I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. [15]"Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple; and He who sits on the throne will shelter them with His presence. [16]They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. [17]For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and He will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

GRADUAL REV. 7:14; PSALM 84:5

P These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.
C **They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.**
P Blessed are those whose strength is in You,
C **in whose heart are the highways to Zion.**

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

November 1, 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: 83
Communion: 70
Offerings Given Last Sunday: $ 4012.00
School Roof Fund: $3089.50
Borrowed from the bank: $ 24,500.00
Organ Fund: $450.00

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
TUESDAY
Women's Bible Study…… ……10:00 a.m.
Church Office Closing at……10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Chapel……8:30 a.m.
THURSDAY
Ladies Aid……1:30 p.m.
FRIDAY
MLHS Play……12:15 &7:00 p.m.
SATURDAY
MLHS Play……7:00 p.m.
SUNDAY
Divine Service & Holy Communion……8:00 a.m.
Sunday School……9:15 a.m.
Installation Service……3:00 p.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.

Decorating the Sanctuary for Christmas will take place Saturday, November 28th starting at 9:00am. When finished, a light lunch will be served in the Fellowship Room. Please consider joining in on a morning of fun and fellowship as we prepare for the season of Advent. Many hands, young and old, will make for light work.

LUTHERAN HOUR

November 8, 2026
"The Survivor Tree" Luke 13:6
Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
Trees play a prominent role in the Bible. Hear how the tree of Christ's cross leads us back to the Tree of Life.

MLHS NEWS

The Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School Sophomore class will be working for tips at the Fairmont Pizza Ranch on Tuesday, November 17 from 5-9 p.m. Please come and support them.

Martin Luther Sunday will be observed in area churches on Sunday, November 15. Please join us in thanking God for His blessings the past 44 years. The 2026 Advent Devotions, provided by Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School, will also be available to help families prepare their hearts for the celebration of Christ's birth.

*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.

*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!

***St Paul Lutheran in Fairmont is gearing up for their 6th annual Gala** November 13, 2026, at the Fairmont Event Center (Torge's). The 50's Theme, food, games, fabulous desserts and the live and silent auctions will guarantee a fun-filled night beginning at 5:00pm. The menu will be sliced roast beef, mashed potatoes & gravy, sliced candied carrots, family style house salad, and dinner rolls, and special soft drinks at the bar of Cherry Cola & Root Beer. Tickets ($50 each) will be on sale at the church office or at Dee's Floral in Downtown Fairmont. There is an option to buy a whole table (seating for 8) for $350 (would be a savings of $50). For more general information, contact Nancy Ritter (507-236-0373).

*St. Paul Lutheran School in Fairmont is looking for some part time aides in their preschool rooms. You will be working with kids ages 3-5. Mostly morning hours, but some possible afternoons or until 5:30. Experience working with kids would be helpful but not required. Some training required upon hire. Contact Erin Simpson if you're interested! esimpson@splfairmont.org or 507-236-0175

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, November 1 —
- Worship at 8 a.m.
- Sunday School at 9 a.m.

Monday, November 2 —
- Prayer at the Flagpole at 8:30 a.m.
- Library open
- Bells

Tuesday, November 3 —
- Preschool at 8:10 a.m.
- Grades 5-8 to Heartland Senior

Wednesday, November 4 —
- Preschool at 8:10 a.m.
- Chapel with Mr. Miller

Thursday, November 5 —
- Preschool at 8:10 a.m.
- Band

Friday, November 6 —
- Grades 3-8 go to MLHS Drama

THIS WEEK'S LUNCH MENU

Monday: TatorTot Hotdish w/Green Beans, Cottage Cheese, Peaches, Bread & Butter, Milk
Tuesday: Sloppy Joe, French Fries, Broccoli w/Cheese, Fresh Fruit, Milk
Wednesday: Chicken Strips, Mac'n'Cheese, Carrots/Cucumbers, Mandarin Oranges, Milk
Thursday: Coney Dog on Bun, Corn Chips, Peas, Mixed Fruit, Milk
Friday: Italian Dunkers, Cheese Breadstick, Corn, Apple Slices, 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

School Board Advisors Needed: We are seeking parents who are members of a Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod (LCMS) congregation to serve as advisors to the School Board. Anyone who has one or more children and is a member of an LCMS congregation is welcome to volunteer. **Please note:** This is a non-voting advisory position. Advisors will have the opportunity to provide input and share perspectives but will not have voting privileges. If you are interested in serving, we encourage you to volunteer!

Reminder: Spirit wear deadline is Nov. 6th. 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 color red, shape was hexagon, number 7, and letter K. Body part was the ribs and animal was kittiwakes. Kid quote of the week "my grandma doesn't know how to cook."

Preschool & Kindergarten: In our Jesus Time we learned about Moses all grown up leading God's People out of Egypt & the 10 plagues God sent.

Kindergarten: In Jesus Time we learned about Martin Luther & God's plan for him to show the church that they were not teaching what the Bible said. Our new rhyming word family -ip (tip, sip) our new letters to practice writing are Ee & Ff & our new color is white. We continue to work on rhyming words. Ask your little honey what 2 primary colors make orange; we painted, drew, cut & decorated paper to make pumpkins. We go on our school fieldtrip this Friday. We leave at 8:00 am & get back at 5:00ish. **EAT BREAKFAST AT HOME & PACK A LUNCH :)**

1st & 2nd: What a spectacular class! Spelling and Memory: Please check your child's Homework Folder for the lists. Spelling: Gr. 1: up, us, bus, cut, but, nut, dug, hum. Gr. 2: cute, wave, robe, late, mule, tape, joke, fire, pipe, base, face, broke, size, zone. We welcome Jackson Evans (Gr. 1) to our classroom! Fall Party: **October 30:** Sioux Falls: Great Plains Zoo, and Kirby Science Discovery Center. See you tomorrow! Remember to bring a sack lunch! We are singing here at St. Paul's on Sunday, November 8. More details soon!

3rd & 4th: It is great to be back at school! My how first quarter flew by. On Wednesday, we will have our AR party in the afternoon. We will watch "Shiloh". Parent/Teacher slips should be going home. Please look for those and get it turned in. I also plan to do store next week. If anyone would like to donate to it, please let me know! Thanks for all that you do!

5th & 6th: Wow, Friday is the end of the 1st quarter already. That went fast. What an amazing class. Next week we will have our first AR Raffle drawing. We are looking forward to our Fall Party trip to Sioux Falls to the Great Plains Zoo and Kirby Discovery Science Center this Friday. Next Tuesday, Nov. 3rd the 5th -8th grade will go to TSL for our Eager Readers visit. On November 6th we will go to the MLHS play in the afternoon. November 12th & 13th are parent/teacher conferences. I look forward to meeting with each of you.

7th & 8th: Again, a big "Welcome" to Maddie. Thrilled to have her along with the other fantastic students. Parent Conference paperwork goes home this week. Remember that the students are a part of the conference. We have been writing a bunch of poems on different subjects. Ask to see them. Completed Book Report #2 this week. Be reading!! With second quarter starting, we will be shifting away from the Constitution work and heading into science. Please remember to do your thirty minutes of IXL every week. Tomorrow (Friday) is the Fall Party. Remember to bring a lunch. Thank you for a marvelous first quarter.

Paperwork for Parent-Conferences will be going home this week. Conferences happen on November 12 after school and on Friday, November 13. There is not school on the 13th.

With Saturday being Halloween, please keep ALL candy at home. Enjoy Trick-or-Treating, be safe, and enjoy the candy AT HOME.

November 23rd we are going to the Madelia Theatre to see *David.* This is a result of making our goal for the Silent Auction. It will be a tremendous day.

Plan now to be here on Tuesday, November 24, for our Thanksgiving Chapel and Feast followed by Luke Winger in the afternoon.

A huge request from Mr. Miller…if you schedule a school involved event, please let me know so I know about it and it can be advertised. Thanks!

McTeacher Night #1 is happening on November 18 t the McDonalds in Fairmont. We get a percent of the earning from 4:30 to 7:30 pm that night along with tips. Thanks for your support.

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The Commemoration of the Faithfully Departed
Members of St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church,
Truman, MN
November 2025 - October 2026

P: In joyful expectation of the resurrection to life eternal, we remember before the Lord our departed family and friends who have gone before us in faith and all those who are in our hearts and minds today.

+Carl Herman Vogt+
April 1, 1930 + January 14, 2026

P: For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son,
C: That whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

(John 3:16)

+Norman Carl Wiederhoeft+
August 26, 1932 + March 21, 2026

P: Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live,
C: And everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die.

(John 11:25-26)

+Patricia Ann Eckmann+
December 27, 1940 + April 18, 2026

P: I am the good shepherd.
C: The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

(John 10:11)

P: Let us pray. . . Amen.