[15]For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. [16]For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. [17]Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. [18]Therefore encourage one another with these words.

**VERSE** PSALM 46:4

P Alleluia.
C **Alleluia.**
P There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
C **the holy habitation of the Most High. Alleluia.**

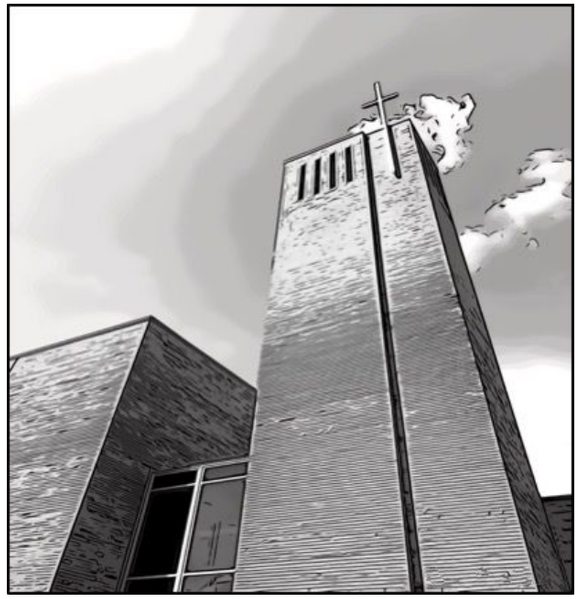
**GOSPEL READING – LUKE 17:20-30**

[20]Being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, He answered them, "The kingdom of God is not coming in ways that can be observed, [21]nor will they say, 'Look, here it is!' or 'There!' for behold, the kingdom of God is in the midst of you." [22]And He said to the disciples, "The days are coming when you will desire to see one of the days of the Son of Man, and you will not see it. [23]And they will say to you, 'Look, there!' or 'Look, here!' Do not go out or follow them. [24]For as the lightning flashes and lights up the sky from one side to the other, so will the Son of Man be in His day. [25]But first He must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation. [26]Just as it was in the days of Noah, so will it be in the days of the Son of Man. [27]They were eating and drinking and marrying and being given in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. [28]Likewise, just as it was in the days of Lot—they were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building, [29]but on the day when Lot went out from Sodom, fir
e and sulfur rained from heaven and destroyed them all— [30]so will it be on the day when the Son of Man is revealed.

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.


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November 8, 2026

**† Order of Service †**
November 8, 2026
**The 3rd Last Sunday of the Church Year**
Divine Service 1
LSB 151

Opening Hymn **#674, Jerusalem, O City Fair and High**
Invocation, Confession and Absolution, Kyrie, p151ff
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Salutation and Collect of the Day, p.156
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Epistle Reading: I Thessalonians 4:13-18
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**#613, To Thee, Omniscient Lord of All**
**#617, O Lord, We Praise Thee**
**#659, Lord of Our Life**
Concluding Liturgy, p164ff
Closing Hymn **#673, Jerusalem, My Happy Home**

**SERVING US TODAY IN GOD'S HOUSE**

**Musicians**: Heidi Koeritz
**Ushers:** Kerry Krenz, Sawyer Krenz, Cade Ekstrom, Alex Weihe, Cody Geistfeld

**Elder of the Month:** Skip Henton

**INTROIT** PSALM 31:1-2,5,9,15,17,24

P Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress;
C **rescue me from the hand of my enemies.**
P O LORD, let me not be put to shame,
C **for I call upon You.**
P In you, O LORD, do I take refuge;
C **let me never be put to shame;**
P in Your righteousness deliver me!
C **Incline Your ear to me; rescue me speedily!**
P Into Your hand I commit my spirit;
C **You have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.**
P Be strong, and let your heart take courage,
C **all you who wait for the LORD!**
P Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress;
C **rescue me from the hand of my enemies.**
P O LORD, let me not be put to shame,
C **for I call upon You.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING – ISAIAH 49:12-17**

12 Behold, these shall come from afar, and behold, these from the north and from the west,
and these from the land of Syene." 13 Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth,
O mountains, into singing! For the LORD has comforted His people and will have
compassion on His afflicted. 14 But Zion said, "The LORD has forsaken me; my Lord has
forgotten me." 15 "Can a woman forget her nursing child, that she should have no compassion
on the son of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you. 16 Behold, I have
engraved you on the palms of My hands; your walls are continually before Me. 17 Your
builders make haste; your destroyers and those who laid you waste go out from you.

**GRADUAL** PSALM 74:2,4

P Your foes have roared in the midst of your meeting place;
C **they set up their own signs for signs.**
P Remember Your congregation, which You have purchased of old,
C **which You have redeemed to be the tribe of Your heritage!**

**EPISTLE READING – 1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18**

13 But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you
may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14 For since we believe that Jesus died and
rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep.

# ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

## November 8, 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: 77
Offerings Given Last Sunday: $ 3836.00
School Roof Fund: $3089.50
Borrowed from the bank: $ 24,500.00
Organ Fund: $550.00

### 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, Sherry Breitbarth

†Our Shut-Ins: RoseMary Kasten, June Mausling, Kathie Meinert, Jan Firchau, 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 & Ring
Sunday School…… ……9:15 a.m.
Installation Service……3:00 p.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**
No School
**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

*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.

**Ladies,**
Our funeral groups are being revamped for the coming years. If you are willing to help serve at funerals and/or assist with cleanup, please contact Dawn Halverson at **507-432-8248** and let her know your availability.
If you feel you are no longer able to participate, please contact Dawn as well. Once everyone has had an opportunity to respond, we will begin putting together the new group lists.
If you would prefer to be placed on an alternate list, please let Dawn know. Anyone currently on a group list will remain on the list unless they request a change.
Please make every effort to contact Dawn within the next **three weeks**. Thank you for your willingness to serve our congregation. Your time, help, and dedication are greatly appreciated!

***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.

*There is still one glass baking dish and one towel that haven't been claimed from the Holy Hotdish! If either belongs to you, you can pick it up at the church office.

***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 15, 2026
**"Fruitful Trees"** Genesis 1:11-12; 1 Peter 2:24
Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Glenn Nielsen
The tree of Christ's cross bore life-giving fruit.

### 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.

### 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.

***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 8 —
- 8:00 a.m. Worship with the School Children singing
- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 3:00 p.m. Pastor Bennett Installation

Monday, November 9 —
- Prayer at the Flagpole at 8:30 a.m.
- Library open
- Girls' BB Practice

Tuesday, November 10 —
- Preschool at 8:10 a.m.
- Confirmation
- Girls' BB Practice

Wednesday, November 11 —
- Preschool at 8:10 a.m.
- Chapel with Mr. Miller at 8:30 a.m.
- Choir
- Staff Meeting at 3:10 p.m.
- B Boys' BB Practice

Thursday, November 12 —
- Preschool at 8:10 a.m.
- Band
- Parent-Teacher Conferences after school

Friday, November 13 —

NO SCHOOL. Parent-Teacher Conferences

## THIS WEEK'S LUNCH MENU

**Monday:** BBQ Riblet Sandwich, Cheesy Hashbrowns, California Blend, Pears, Milk

**Tuesday:** French Toast Sticks, Sausage Links, TriTators, Oranges, Muffins, Milk

**Wednesday:** Sub on a Bun w/fixings, SunChips, Applesauce, Milk

**Thursday:** Dorito Bandito, Spanish Rice, Corn, Pineapple, Milk

**Friday**: No School

*****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

**CHOIR & HANDBELLS** - We sing and ring this Sunday morning at St. Paul's Truman. Church begins at 8:00 a.m. Handbell choir should be in the balcony set up and ready to warm up at 7:30 a.m. Grades K-8 choir should meet in the fireside room at 7:45 a.m. to warm up. Please wear nice, dressy church clothes. We will sing from the balcony at the beginning of the service. Students will return to sit with their families downstairs after we sing.

**CHOIR -** The K-8 choir also sings at Pastor Bennett's Installation service at 3:00 p.m. this Sunday, November 8th. Students should wear nice, dressy church clothes and meet in the church basement by 2:45 p.m. to warm up. We will sit upstairs and sing after the Psalm reading and students will return to their family downstairs to sit for the remainder of the service.

**Battle of the Books** - St. Paul's Lutheran School Fairmont will be hosting a Battle of the Books on Sunday, February 21, 2027 in the afternoon at their school. There are 3 categories: Lower Elementary (Grades 1-3), Upper Elementary (Grades 4-6) and Jr. High (Grades 7&8). The cost to participate is $40 per team. The deadline to sign up is November 13th. Check out the fliers hanging up at school. Teachers will have more details to share with families at Parent/Teacher conferences and you can sign up at that time as well.

**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.

## FROM THE CLASSROOM

**Preschool:** This week we worked on the letter E, number 8, green color, and star shape. The body part of the week was abdominal muscles and animal is the emu. Kid quote of the week kid 1 "my dog has white hair and its long and its big." Kid 2 "no its not" Kid 3 "well my dog is yellow and my other dog is the same."

**Preschool & Kindergarten:** In our Jesus Time we finished learning about Moses & the 10 plagues & leaving Egypt & another amazing miracle…crossing the Red Sea.

**Kindergarten:** In Jesus Time we continued the learning of Moses & him leading God's people the Israelites with God providing Manna & Quail to eat & also God giving Moses the 10 commandments. We are on to our yellow words with new books. Jj is our letter to practice writing & also reviewing some of the past letters. Black is the color we are learning. We have been busy assessing in preparation for conferences next week. Your scheduled time will be coming home this week.

**1st & 2nd:** What a wonderful class! Spelling and Memory: Please check your child's Homework Folder for the lists. Spelling: Gr. 1: fun, run, sun, tug, bug, rug, pup, hut. Gr. 2: safe, table, rain, baby, play, paper, stay, save, lazy, wait, potato, daisy, always, spray. Fall Party: Sioux Falls: Thanks so much for joining us: Shannon, Bethanie, Tonya, Corey, Katelyn, Papa Greg, and Aunt Jenny! What fun day! We are singing here at St. Paul's this Sunday, November 8. More details in this Saintinel! I am looking forward to seeing all of you at conferences next week! We earned our first ice cream/movie party!

**3rd & 4th:** We had a wonderful time at the field trip last Friday. I was so impressed with our students. We had many compliments about what a wonderful and polite group we have at our school. Besides being well behaved, our students were very polite to a group of students who were in wheelchairs, and who had one on one paras. Our students waited patiently for their turn and held doors open for the other group of students. I am so proud of our kids. On Wednesday, we had our 1st AR party for the year. On Friday, we go to MLHS to see their play. Next Friday, we have no school due to Parent/Teacher Conferences. I look forward to meeting with you. Don't forget that we sing and ring this Sunday!

**5th & 6th** : We go to MLHS Friday afternoon for the drama performance. We will leave school around 11:50 a.m. and return for afternoon buses. Tuesday 5th, 6th & 8th visited TSL for our Eager Readers event. We made turkey crafts with our residents and played bingo with them. Everyone had a great time! In reading we finished our novel *Earthquake Terror*. For a final test the students pretended they were making the book into a movie and created a storyboard of the events and what they would include in their movie. They did an AMAZING job on this project. I'm so proud of them! Also, congratulations to Tyler Arndt for winning the 1st AR raffle. Next week are Parent/Teacher conferences. I look forward to meeting with all of you and talking about the education of your wonderful children. Remember there is no school next Friday, Nov. 13th. This is an amazing class of 5th & 6th graders!

**7th & 8th:** Welcome to Quarter 2! We are exploring and writing all different kinds of poetry and getting started on our first research project. Be sure to ask your child which state they are researching and why they chose that particular state. In algebra, we are on a roll as we work through some easier concepts and build confidence. Vocabulary words still need to be practiced weekly, so please continue encouraging your child to review them at home. This week, we enjoyed reading poetry by Edgar Allan Poe and Walt Whitman. Conferences are happening this week. Remember, students are an important part of their conferences and will participate. Students should be reading their next book report book. We will have presentations starting on November 30th. Thank you for being such a fantastic group.

**Upcoming Events to be alerted to…**

*Parent Conferences on November 12-13 with No School on Friday.

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.

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.