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Church & School**

**“THE WORDS THAT I HAVE
SPOKEN TO YOU ARE**



**spirit
and life.”**

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TUNE IN TO “THE LUTHERAN HOUR” TODAY

*Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer
“The Child Glad To Be Born”*

The Child Who wanted to be born can make you glad to be alive!
That joy for living comes when you hear His story. (Luke 2)

Sundays on: KSUM - 11 am • WCCO - 6 am • KBEW - 8:30 am

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS with today’s order of service and LSB Large Print Hymnals are available on the ushers’ cabinets (or ask an usher for assistance). Please return the LSB Hymnals to the ushers’ cabinets or an usher after the service.

THIS MONTH’S BIBLE REFERENCES are sponsored by Esther Lund in thanksgiving to God for all the blessings He has given her. **Now accepting sponsors.** Months available in 2025: Jan., Apr., July, and Nov. 2025. Cost is \$40, payable to St. Paul Lutheran Church. Contact the church office at sploffice@spfairmont.org or 238-9491, ext. 101.

OUR SUNDAY BROADCAST at 10:00 a.m. over KSUM is in memory of Edwin B. & Roger J. Luckow, who both had August birthdays, sponsored by family. (Thank you, members! All 2024 dates have been reserved; a list of available 2025 dates will be coming soon.)

THE LORD’S SUPPER is being celebrated in our service today. In love, we ask anyone who is not a communicant member in good standing of an LCMS congregation to speak with the pastor before attending the Lord’s Supper. Attendance/communion registration forms are available in the pews. Complete the Member or Visitor side of the form and put it in the collection plate when it is passed by you. Check the box next to your name if you are communing.

IN OUR PRAYERS: hospitalized—Lorraine Thomas; **ill**—LaVon Rippentrop, Bev Schleining, Gladys Gellert, Richard Wolner, Eunice Ziemann, Duane Petrowiak (Eileen Boesch’s father), Linda Bicknase, Marianne Hagen, Steph Johnson (daughter-in-law of Richard & Shirley Johnson), Esther Lund, Helen Lueck, Larissa Hagen & Angela Leiding (Dennis & Marianne Hagen’s daughters), Gerald Meyer; **recovering**—Kenneth Matthews, Gregg Lemke, Roger Fritz; **having/recovering from surgery**—Lori Pomeranke, Dan Yahnke, Dolores Baarts; **in hospice**—Sharon Bassett, Marty Krause, June Terhune (Elaine Lieder’s mother); our area law enforcement, firefighters and first responders; those serving our country in the military—Dalton Hurn, Jared Wedel, Duane Cox (grandson of Larry Krenz), and Zane Holmen (Pastor Holmen’s nephew).

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Hymn of Invocation: Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death

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Service of the Word — Page 204

Introit: Psalm 111:1-5, 9; antiphon: v. 10



- P: The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good under- | standing.*
His praise endures for- | ever!
Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my | whole heart,*
in the company of the upright, in the congre- | gation.
- C: **Great are the works | of the LORD,***
studied by all who de- | light in them.
- P: Full of splendor and majesty | is his work,*
and his righteousness endures for- | ever.
- C: **He has caused his wondrous works to be re- | membered;***
the LORD is gracious and | merciful.
- P: He provides food for those who | fear him;*
he remembers his covenant for- | ever.
- C: **He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant**
for- | ever.*
Holy and awesome | is his name!
- All: **Glory be to the Father and | to the Son***
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
- P: The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good under- | standing.*
His praise endures for- | ever!

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P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow His steps in the way that leads to life eternal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading: Proverbs 9:1-10

Wisdom has built her house;
she has hewn her seven pillars.
She has slaughtered her beasts; she has mixed her wine;
she has also set her table.
She has sent out her young women to call
from the highest places in the town,
“Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!”
To him who lacks sense she says,
“Come, eat of my bread
and drink of the wine I have mixed.
Leave your simple ways, and live,
and walk in the way of insight.”
Whoever corrects a scoffer gets himself abuse,
and he who reproves a wicked man incurs injury.
Do not reprove a scoffer, or he will hate you;
reprove a wise man, and he will love you.
Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser;
teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning.
The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom,
and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle: Ephesians 5:6-21

Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore do not associate with them; for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light.

Therefore it says,

“Awake, O sleeper,
and arise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

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

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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Alleluia and Verse: Page 205

Holy Gospel: John 6:51-69

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 6th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] “I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not as the fathers ate and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.” Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?” But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, “Do you take offense at this? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is of no avail. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But there are some of you who do not believe.” (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.) And he said, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father.”

After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. So Jesus said to the Twelve, “Do you want to go away as well?” Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

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Hymn of the Day: O God, My Faithful God

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Sermon: “Free Food That Costs Too Much?” (John 6:51-69)

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BAPTIZED SUNDAY, August 18, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. are Emma Ann Scheppmann and Cale Tucker Betts. Emma was born February 12, 2005 in Fairmont, MN and Cale was born September 23, 2012 in Fairmont, MN. Sponsors/witnesses for Emma are Heidi Cox and Samantha Chukuske, and sponsors/witnesses for Cale are Jeremy & Amber Hansen.

THANK YOU to the St. Paul Lutheran School 3rd & 4th graders for the creative and lovely birthday cards you sent me. I enjoyed all of them very much! *Sharon Rasmussen*

MRS. TAYLOR & FIRST GRADE CLASS: Thank you for the cards you sent for my birthday! You all did a very nice job. Thank you, *Paul Sundholm*

THANK YOU TO THE FIRST GRADERS and their teacher, Mrs. Taylor, for remembering me on my birthday with such nice birthday cards. *Eunice Vaudt*

THE ORANGE LILY BOUQUET by the altar last week was from the funeral of Bob Cone (Jim's brother).

REMINDER: NO ADULT BIBLE CLASS AUGUST 18TH; there will be a Confirmation Meeting for all SPL & non-SPL 5th-8th graders in the church basement that morning instead of ABC, starting at 10:15 a.m.

THE BOARD OF EVANGELISM is seeking board members. Especially needing members who are familiar with social media. If you are interested, please contact Rod Elbert, relbert@midco.net or 320-894-6882.

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN SCHOOL IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS for a part-time secretary/administrative assistant. Candidates must be able to pass a background check and maintain strict confidentiality. Interested parties may contact Elaine Lieder at principal@splfairmont.org or send resume to her attention at St. Paul Lutheran School, 201 Oxford St., Fairmont, MN 56031.

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH is seeking an office administrator. This would be a full-time position (35-40 hours) with benefits. Benefits include: 100% of health, vision and dental paid for employee, and 50% paid for spouse and dependents, retirement, life, and disability, two weeks vacation after first year. Please mail or drop off resume to SPL Church, 211 Budd St., Fairmont, MN 56031 or email to Irosburg@splfairmont.org.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for our 4th annual **Gala Event**, November 15, 2024, at the Fairmont Event Center (Best Western). There will be great food and drinks, games, silent and live auctions, all beginning at 5:00 p.m. The theme this year is **Gala-Western**, so informal attire is appropriate. **YOUR DONATIONS ARE RESPECTFULLY REQUESTED for both the live and silent auction!** Some ideas for your consideration include: snow removal (for the season or for a specified number of times), Gopher ticket baskets (or other sport team events), a progressive dinner hosted by several couples or other dining events, making home-baked cookies, cakes, bread, pies, desserts, or other food items monthly for a year, hosting a wine and cheese event, or providing a wood-working project of your choice. **The possibilities depend on your creative ideas!** Have fun with it! To date, we have an original Michael Kutch loon and two dozen eggs monthly for a year. **Please understand that donations should not be garage sale items or other things which would be more appropriately donated to 12 Baskets or another charity.** For [more general information](#), contact Kathy Eyerly (507-238-1802 or 507-230-0402). Ticket sale information will be forthcoming.

THE SEASON HAS BEGUN! Ensembles are beginning at SPL on the first Wednesday in September! Handbells will rehearse at 6:00 p.m. with adult choir to follow at 7:00 p.m. If you have any interest in joining our group, please talk to me! I am so excited to begin making music and there is always space for new people! Additionally, if you are high school aged and would like to participate in a high school handbell ensemble, please get in contact with me. Those rehearsals will take place after church on Sundays! My phone number is 570-604-1804 if you have any questions, concerns, or if you would like more information about the ensembles. *Hannah W.*

AN AGENDA for the Council of Deacons is available at the Welcome Center. If you have any special concerns, needs, requests or problems, please contact any one of the Deacons, or the chairman, Matt Northwick.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP provide financial aid for families that need assistance with the tuition cost of attending St. Paul Lutheran School, please consider making a donation to the Anna Keck Student Aid Fund. Any amount would be gladly received and appreciated.

AUGUST TUESDAY MORNING COFFEE HOURS: 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church, Sherburn (hosted by the LWML).

ISSUES, ETC. UPCOMING TOPICS: Aug. 18—Your Unanswered Bible Questions, Rev. Bryan Wolfmuehler and Rev. Brian Kachelmeier; Aug. 25—Kids Have Questions #3, Rev. Jonathan Conner.

“LET NO ONE DECEIVE YOU WITH EMPTY WORDS, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore do not become partners with them.” (Ephesians 5:6-7) The wrath of a God is a real thing, and we would do well to reflect on this. We want to stay away from anything that would take us away from the Lord. As Mary replied to the angel Gabriel, “I am the handmaiden of the Lord, may it be to me according to your word” (Luke 1:38). We are the Lord's servants; therefore, we cling to His Word.

YOU ARE INVITED to celebrate 135 years of God's grace at Trinity (Fieldon) on August 25th, with worship at 10:30 and dinner at 11:30. We do ask you to RSVP at 507-642-8414 or via email at salemlutheran1@comcast.net.

SPL MEMBER CONTACT INFORMATION NEEDED: Below are the names of members for which we do not have a current addresses (more may be added to the list as letters get returned from the post office from our recent mailing). If you have up-to-date information on any of the following, please email or call the church office. Thank you! *Andrew Bents, Tara Busse, David Cobb, Cindi Eitzen, Christy Gerdtts, Bill Hanson, Becky Janssen, Christopher Janssen, Matthew Janssen, James & Anne Keithahn, Brian & Danielle Koehler, Braden Kumm, Chad Kumm, Michael Mueller, Ryan Nelson, Kelly Oelgoetz, Jennifer Oskerson, Abby Roderick, Sherri Trushenski, Rebecca Whitehead, Nathan L. Schmidtke, Ella Survis, John Wilk, Megan Winter.*

MLHS NEWS:

Summer Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday. **Phone:** 507-436-5249.

This is Most Certainly Brew Gourmet Coffee is available at MLHS or in the SPL church office. For more information, call MLHS.

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Welcome Back

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BACK TO SCHOOL

Open House

5:00- 7:00 pm

St. Paul Lutheran School



BACK TO SCHOOL

Beach
BASH

4:00- 7:00 pm

Chain of Lakes Yacht Club



First Day
OF SCHOOL

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Puzzle!

Find and circle all the words horizontally. Then, starting on the top line and moving across from left to right, read John 6:35 (NIV). Put the words in order on the spaces below to complete the Bible verse.

JOHN 6:35

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WORD LIST

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 will thirsty whoever

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F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	T	H	I	R	S	T	Y	O	P	Q

"I _____

 _____"

- John 6:35, NIV

Answer: "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." John 6:35, NIV

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer for This Week

Pray and confess out loud as much from the order of meditation and prayer as you are able, or as your family size and ages dictate. Learn by heart the catechism and Hymn of the Week.

INVOCATION: "In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." Let all say, "AMEN!"

CONFESS the Apostles' Creed

PRAY the Psalm of the Week: Psalm 34:12-22 (antiphon: v. 11)

READ from Small Catechism—The Creed: Third Article—(Pre+) I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen. *What does this mean?* (1st+) I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. (2nd+) In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

READ from God's Word:

Mon..... 1 Corinthians 11:17-34

Tues..... 1 Corinthians 12:1-13

Wed 1 Corinthians 12:14-31

Thurs..... 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Fri..... 2 Corinthians 1:1-22

Sat Prov. 9:1-10

Sun John 6:35-51

THE COLLECT OF THE WEEK

Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow His steps in the way that leads to life eternal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

DAILY THEMES FOR PRAYER

Pray for...

S: the joy of the resurrection among us; true and godly worship throughout the world; and the faithful preaching and hearing of God's Word.

M: faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; your calling and daily work; the unemployed; the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; for government; and for peace.

T: deliverance against temptation; the addicted and despairing; the tortured and oppressed; and those struggling with besetting sins.

W: marriage and family, living together under the grace of Christ according to the Word of God; those adults who must rear their children alone; and godly schools, especially St. Paul Lutheran and Martin Luther.

Th: the church and her pastors; for missionaries; fruitful and salutary use of the blessed sacrament of the Lord's body and blood.

F: the preaching of the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ; its spread throughout the whole world and our community; the persecuted.

S: faithfulness to the end; the dying; the revival of those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; receptive hearts for worship and study on the Lord's Day.

OUR PRAYERS at St. Paul's (see bulletin).

PRAY the Lord's Prayer.

PRAY Luther's Morning or Evening Prayer from the Small Catechism.

SPEAK OR SING the Hymn of the Week:

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O God, my faithful God,
True fountain ever flowing,
Without whom nothing is,
All perfect gifts bestowing:
Give me a healthy frame,
And may I have within
A conscience free from blame,
A soul unstained by sin.

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE:
Last Saturday, 5:30 p.m. Svc: 83
Last Sunday, 9:00 a.m. Svc: 178

Amount Needed Monthly for Budget... \$110,229.83
 Amount Needed Weekly for Budget..... \$25,437.65
 July 31, 2024 Deficit..... \$6,000.00
 Children's Noisy Offering (Last weekend)..... \$4.01

MEMORIALS: Delores Pfeil—\$100.00, Debt Reduction. **Darlene Eisenmenger**—\$25.00, Church Endowment Fund. **Roger Lueck**—\$10.00, Undesignated (General Fund).

THIS WEEK IN OUR PART OF GOD'S KINGDOM
 (Subject to change)

- Sunday:** 9:00 a.m. Worship Service
 10:00 a.m. Worship Service broadcast on KSUM
 10:15 a.m. Confirmation Meeting for All (SPL & Public)
 Grades 5-8 Parents/Students, Ch. B. **(No ABC)**
 Last Day of Martin County Fair
 Newsletter Deadline
- Monday:** *Pastors' Day Off*
 5:00-7:00 p.m. *SPLS Back-to-School Night (Pre-K to 8th Gr.)*
- Tuesday:** 10:00 a.m. Goldfinch Memory Care
 6:30 p.m. Gala Committee Meeting, FR
- Wednesday:** 5:30 p.m. Deacons, Fellowship Room
- Thursday:** 9:00 a.m. Messenger Deadline
- Friday:** 3:00 p.m. LMHCC
 4:00-7:00 p.m. *SPLS PTL Back-to-School Bash, Yacht Club*
- Saturday:** 12:00 p.m. Worship Service on Local Cable Access Channel 12
 5:30 p.m. Worship Service
- Next Sunday:** 9:00 a.m. Worship Service
 10:00 a.m. Worship Service broadcast on KSUM
 After Church Svc. Baptism; Fellowship Room/Gym Reserved
 10:15 a.m. ABC
 6:30 p.m. HS Youth, Fellowship Room

CHURCH PICTURE DIRECTORIES have arrived! If you had your picture taken or submitted a photo, you may pick up your **free** copy during regular church office hours (M-F, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.) or after church services as announced. Members who joined after pictures were taken may also pick up a copy free of charge. Others who would like copies can purchase a directory for \$15.