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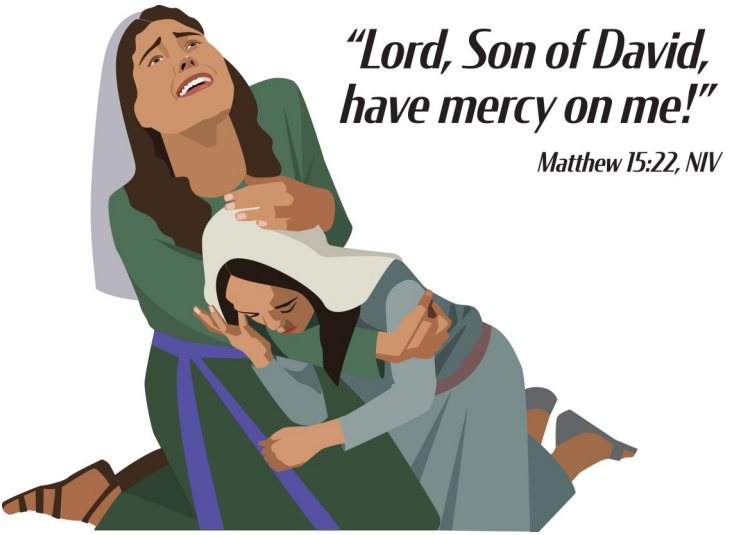

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TUNE IN TO "THE LUTHERAN HOUR" TODAY

Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler~ "Look at Me"
Archives August-God hears our cry for justice, not as an indifferent judge, but as our merciful heavenly Father.
(Luke 18:1-8)

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 Randy and Jen Bock in honor of their Wedding Anniversary. **Now accepting sponsors.** Available months: Oct., Dec. Cost is $40, payable to St. Paul Lutheran Church. Contact the church office at pmeinert@splfairmont.org or 238-9491, ext. 101.

OUR SUNDAY BROADCAST: at 10:00 a.m. over KSUM is sponsored by St. Paul Lutheran, Fairmont LWML. **Sponsors needed! 2026 dates available are:** Aug. 30; Oct. 11, 25; Nov. 1, 8, 22; Contact the church office to reserve a broadcast date at splcoffice@splfairmont.org or 238-9491, ext. 101. The cost is $40, payable to LWML.

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: ill—Lorraine Thomas, Darrel Johnson (brother of Don Johnson & Nancy Meschke), Linden Gerndt (brother-in-law of Merle Boesch), Jason Clark (Jeff & Jon Eversman's nephew), Richard Schultz, Nick Moeller, John Johnson, Brent Allan (special friend of the Hall Family), Stephanie Tordsen (niece of Jamie & April Tordsen), Donald Johnson, Katie Jensen (daughter of Tyler & April Garrison), Amy Mancuso (daughter of Stacey Westphall), Christine Redenius, Sheryl Hanson (Mary Westcott's Niece), Daniel Bennis (Alecia Driscoll's cousin), Barry Glienke (son of Jim & Lois), Laurie Austin, Laraine Ritchie (Marv Goebel's sister), Merlene Lieder (sister-in-law to Charles & Elaine Lieder and former teacher at St. James Northrop), Steph Johnson (Shirley Johnson's daughter-in-law), Helen Lueck, Gerald Meyer; **having/recovering from surgery**—Nikki Bremer, Sue Brammeier, Abbie Vankempen (granddaughter of Marion Olson), Dan Yahnke, Kenneth Matthews, Gregg Lemke; **in hospice**—Beth Malo; Mary Jo Maday as she continues with ongoing testing; our area law enforcement, firefighters and first responders; those serving our country in the military—Korey Brown (grandson of Bonnie Taplin), Dalton Hurn, Jared Wedel, Noah & Sarah Schmitz (Kevin's son & daughter-in-law); Rev Daniel and Brenda Mackey and Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, Muncie, Indiana, as Pastor Mackey considers the call to serve as Senior Pastor of St. Paul, Fairmont.

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Hymn of Invocation: I Lay My Sins on Jesus *LSB* 606
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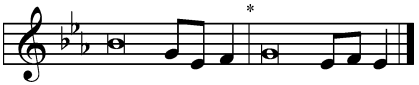
Service of the Word — Page 152

Introit: Psalm 28:1–2, 6–7; antiphon: v. 8



P The LORD is the strength of his | people;*
he is the saving refuge of his a- | nointed.
To you, O LORD, I call; my rock, be not | deaf to me,*
lest, if you be silent to me, I become like those who go down | to the pit.

C **Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to | you for help,***
when I lift up my hands toward your most holy sanctu- | ary.

P Blessèd | be the LORD!*
For he has heard the voice of my pleas for | mercy.

C **The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and | I am helped;***
my heart exults, and with my song I give | thanks to him.

C **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 LORD is the strength of his | people;*
he is the saving refuge of his a- | nointed.

Kyrie: Page 152
Gloria in Excelsis : Page 154
Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting Father, You give Your children many blessings even though we are undeserving. In every trial and temptation grant us steadfast confidence in Your loving-kindness and mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Thus says the LORD:
"Keep justice, and do righteousness,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed. . . .
"And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,
and to be his servants,
everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it,
and holds fast my covenant—
these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples."
The Lord GOD,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares,
"I will gather yet others to him
besides those already gathered."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual *Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.*

Fear the LORD, | you his saints,*
for those who fear him lack | nothing!
Many are the afflictions of the | righteous,*
but the LORD delivers him out | of them all.

Epistle: Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. . . .

Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead? . . .

As regards the gospel, they are enemies of God for your sake. But as regard selection, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

P This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand
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Holy Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28
P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifteenth chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon." But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." And he answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sit
Hymn of the Day: When in the Hour of Deepest Need *LSB* 615
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Preacher/Liturgist: Rev. Anthony T. Bertram
Music Director: Hannah Northwick

Sunday School is Starting Soon!

Get ready! Sunday School at St. Paul Lutheran will kick off on **September 13**, and we can't wait to welcome all our students back for a new year of learning, faith, friendship, and fun!

To help us prepare and keep you informed about schedules, events, and updates throughout the year, please send an email to **ssstpaullutheran@gmail.com.** Let us know the names and ages/grades of your children who will be attending.

Whether you're returning or joining us for the first time, we're excited to have you join us! We look forward to seeing you on September 13!

JEWEL REIMERS was received as a new Member on Sunday August 9, 2026.

REV. DANIEL PAUL MACKEY (wife, Brenda; no children) was called as Senior Pastor of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church and School, Fairmont, at the Monday, August 10, 2026, Congregational Assembly meeting. Pastor Mackey is a 2004 graduate of Concordia Theological Seminary. He has served as sole pastor of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, Muncie, Indiana, since May 2011.

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.

MINUTES FROM THE quarterly Congregational Assembly meeting are available today at the Welcome Center.

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK the 1st grade class for the beautiful cards for my birthday. *Sharon Rasmussen*

CHECK OUT OUR FAIR STAND PAGE ON FACEBOOK! The page is called St Paul Lutheran Fair stand. We would love for you to like, comment, and share our posts! Let's get the word out about our stand! Shift leaders, pie leaders, volunteers, and patrons: feel free to send pics to Nancy! Workers: wear SPL RED! Don't forget to visit the Cookie Shack too! Fair starts Monday — we'll be there every day! See you soon!

THANK YOU for the monetary gifts to the Anna Keck Tuition Fund given by Marissa Bernau, Amy Brinkman, Doug Closs, Paul and Chris Engelby, Jim and Kathy Harley, John and Marilyn Hovick and Kent and Erlene Milbrandt in honor of Patricia Hall's birthday. Your gift will help us provide tuition aid to students and is very much appreciated. God's blessing to each one of you. *The staff of St. Paul Lutheran School.*

BACK TO SCHOOL open house Monday August 24th from 5-7 pm at St. Paul Lutheran School, Fairmont.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL for St. Paul Lutheran, Fairmont will be Wednesday, August 26th. Opening Chapel at 8:15 a.m. (new, earlier start time) with presentations of Bibles & LSB included.

ANNUAL BACK TO SCHOOL BEACH BASH at the Yacht Club Friday, August 28th from 4-7pm. All SPL school and church families are invited. PTL will be serving supper and the pool will be available to use. Bring a yard game to share and play!! Enjoy some family fun before we really get into the school routines!!!

THE SECOND COHORT to receive Stephen Ministry training is tentatively scheduled to begin meeting 6:30-8:30 PM, Tuesday, September 1, in the Fellowship Room. The second and third (final) sessions are planned to be held on evenings in the following two weeks of September, as fits the class members' schedules.

"YES, LORD YET EVEN THE DOGS EAT THE CRUMBS THAT FALL FROM THEIR MASTERS' TABLE." (Matthew 15:27) These are the words of faith, for faith means receiving what God gives. And God has given us so much more than just the crumbs that fall from the table — He has given us life, salvation, body and soul, eyes and ears, possessions and income. That's where our stewardship starts: with faith in the God who is the greatest Giver.

JOIN US FOR THE St. Paul's Lutheran School, **Truman** Silent Auction on Sunday, September 13, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.. Everyone is welcome! Come enjoy a variety of great silent auction items, have lunch, and support our school. If you would like to donate an item for the silent auction, please drop it off at the church office. Donations of all kinds are greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact Kaitlin Wiederhoeft at 507-995-6022. Please note that this is for St. Paul's in **Truman.**

MLHS NEWS:

Office Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. **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.

MARTIN LUTHER JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL is looking for a part-time Learning Support Specialist for the upcoming school year. If you are a licensed special ed teacher or a paraprofessional that would be able to serve about 10 hours a week please contact the MLHS office.

ENROLL TODAY: Families with students entering grades 7–12 are invited to enroll today for the 2026–2027 school year at Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School in Northrop. At MLHS, students receive a Christ-centered education that prepares both their hearts and minds for a life of faith, service, and learning. As David and Alysha Nelson share: *"If you're looking for a school that partners with you in raising your child to know and follow Christ while providing a strong academic foundation, MLHS is an incredible choice. Your child will be known, loved, and guided in both their education and their walk with*

the Lord." Schedule a visit by calling 507-436-5249--we'd love to meet with you! Learn more at www.martinlutherhs.com.

BACK TO SCHOOL picnic and PTL meet and greet Monday, August 24th at 5:30 p.m. at Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School.

CLASSES FOR THE 2026-2027 school year will begin on Wednesday, August 26 at Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School. The theme for the year is "Imagine" based on 1 Corinthians 2:9.

THE FALL Rummage and Bake Sale will be held at Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School in Northrop on October 15-16-17.

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. If you would like to sponsor the event, volunteer, or reserve your place for this exciting evening, please contact the school office. Join us for an evening of faith, fire, fellowship, and thanksgiving as we celebrate the ministry of Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School!

Our Faithful Servants: August 2026

You may also view the volunteer schedules on our website at www.splfairmont.org

Altar Guild

August 1-2 ..... Bonnie Taplin, Lowell Spee
August 8-9 ..... Kristi Behrens, Renee Benschoter, Kathy Wedel
August 15-16 ..... Deb Eversman, Lori Chirpich
August 22-23 ..... Kathy Eyerly, Barb Matthees, Sandy Kopeschka
August 29-30 ..... Sara Utermarck, Jodi Hackett

Ushers

YEAR-ROUND: Saturdays, 5:30 p.m.—Dan Maday, Lee Stewart. **AUGUST: Sundays, 9:00 a.m.**—Bruce Peymann, Merle Boesch, Doug Closs, Chuck Schaefer, Chuck Schrader, Don Wohlrabe, Jeff Zarling, Rob True, Larry Behrens, Justin Jobe. Ben Rosol, Dale Ruschy, Matt Singleton, Ryan Singleton, Jacob Singleton.

Worship Service Assistants

Sat., August 1, 5:30 p.m. ..... Jon Eversman, Jeff Eversman
Sun., August 2, 9:00 a.m. ..... Brad Appel, Joe Kallemeyn
Sat., August 8, 5:30 p.m. ..... Jim Harley, Larry Behrens
Sun., August 9, 9:00 a.m. ..... Justin Jobe, Dylan Kallemeyn
Sat., August 15, 5:30 p.m. ..... Chuck Northwick, Jon Eversman
Sun., August 16, 9:00 a.m. ..... Rob True, Josh Laven
Sat., August 22, 5:30 p.m. ..... Jon Eversman, Dave Kumm
Sun., August 23, 9:00 a.m. ..... Chuck Schrader, Jim Utermarck
Sat., August 29, 5:30 p.m. ..... Jeff Eversman, Jim Harley
Sun., August 30, 9:00 a.m. ..... Joe Kallemeyn, Jamie Tordsen

Sunday Greeters

August 2 ..... Lowell Spee & Bonnie Taplin, Connie Garrison
August 9 ..... Judy Leiding, Mary Schmitt
August 16 ..... Russ & Joan Luedtke, Chris Engelby
August 23 ..... Greg & Jill Denton, Shirley Roloff
August 30 ..... Rob & Ruth True, Dawn Waterbury

Fun Bags

Refill bags anytime during the week after Sunday listed below

1st Sunday/Mo ..... Lori Chirpich
2nd Sunday/Mo ..... April Tordsen
3rd Sunday/Mo. ..... Chris Engelby
4th Sunday/Mo. ..... Angela Preuss
5th Sunday/Mo. ..... Joan Abel

Saturday Funeral Volunteer
Josh Laven

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 67

READ from Small Catechism—The Creed: The Second Article (Pre+) And I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. *What does this mean?* (1st+) I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, (2nd+) that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

READ from God's Word:

Mon .....1 Corinthians 12:14-31
Tues .....1 Corinthians 13:1-13
Wed.....2 Corinthians 1:1-22
Thurs .....2 Corinthians 1:23—2:17
Fri .....2 Corinthians 3:1-18
Sat.....Isaiah 56:1, 6-8
Sun.....Matthew 15:21-28

THE COLLECT OF THE WEEK

Almighty and everlasting Father, You give Your children many blessings even though we are undeserving. In every trial and temptation grant us steadfast confidence in Your loving-kindness and mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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: LSB 615 When in the Hour of Deepest Need

When in the hour of deepest need We know not where to look for aid; When days and nights of anxious thought No help or counsel yet have brought,

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE:
Last Saturday, 5:30 p.m. Svc: 95
Last Sunday, 9:00 a.m. Svc: 152

Amount Needed Monthly for Budget... $110,229.83
Amount Needed Weekly for Budget..... $25,437.65
July 31, 2026 Deficit..... $105,500.00
Children's Noisy Offering (Last weekend).... $12.51
Brick by Brick Donations..... $559,253.49

MEMORIALS: Shirley Johnson—$220.00, School Endowment.

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.	ABC
Monday:	3:00 p.m.	Pastor leaves for Circuit Visitor Retreat (Buffalo)
Tuesday:		Pastor gone to Circuit Visitor Retreat (Buffalo)
Wednesday:	3:00 p.m.	Pastor back from Circuit Visitor Retreat (Buffalo)
	5:30 p.m.	Deacons, FR
Thursday:	9:00 a.m.	Messenger Deadline
Friday		
Saturday:	12:00 p.m.	Worship Service on Local Cable Access Ch 12
	5:30 p.m.	Worship Service
Next Sunday:	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service broadcast on KSUM
	10:15 a.m.	ABC
	11:00 a.m.	Newsletter Deadline