



8:00am & 10:30am Service

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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THE ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE

Setting One

THE PRELUDE

THE WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" LSB 394 sts. 1, 3, 5

INVOCATION LSB 151

The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION LSB 151

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name.
Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

INTROIT (8:00am Service Only)

Ps. 10:16-18; antiphon: Ps. 10:12

Arise, O LORD; O God, lift | up your hand;*

forget not the af- | flicted.

The LORD is king forever and | ever;*

the nations perish | from his land.

O LORD, you hear the desire of the af- | flicted;*

you will strength- | en their heart;

you will incline your ear to do justice to the fatherless and | the oppressed,*

so that man who is of the earth may strike ter- | ror no more.

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.
Arise, O LORD; O God, lift | up your hand; *
forget not the af- | flicted.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHOIR

(10:30am Service Only)

“God Loves Me Dearly”

KYRIE

LSB 152

- P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
G Lord, have mercy.
P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
G Lord, have mercy.
P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
G Lord, have mercy.
P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
G Lord, have mercy.
P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
G Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE: GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

LSB 154

- P** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
G Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:
We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:
You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.
For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

LSB 156

- P** The Lord be with you.
G And also with you.
P Let us pray.
Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
G Amen.

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING:

Jeremiah 1:4-10 (17-19)

⁴Now the word of the LORD came to me, saying, ⁵“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.” ⁶Then I said, “Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth.” ⁷But the LORD said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am only a youth’; for to all to whom I send you, you shall go, and whatever I command you, you shall speak. ⁸Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, declares the LORD.” ⁹Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth. And the LORD

said to me, "Behold, I have put my words in your mouth. ¹⁰See, I have set you this day over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to break down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

¹⁷But you, dress yourself for work; arise, and say to them everything that I command you. Do not be dismayed by them, lest I dismay you before them. ¹⁸And I, behold, I make you this day a fortified city, an iron pillar, and bronze walls, against the whole land, against the kings of Judah, its officials, its priests, and the people of the land. ¹⁹They will fight against you, but they shall not prevail against you, for I am with you, declares the LORD, to deliver you."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

LSB 156

Ps. 117:1-2a; 96:8

Praise the LORD, all | nations!*

Extol him, all | peoples!

For great is his steadfast | love toward us,*

and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for- | ever.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due his name;*

bring an offering, and come in- | to his courts!

THE EPISTLE FOR THE DAY:

1 Corinthians 12:31b-13:13

³¹But earnestly desire the higher gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

¹If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. ⁴Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. ⁷Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. ¹¹When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. ¹²For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

LSB 156

G Alleluia.

Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL:

Luke 4:31-44

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

³¹And he went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee. And he was teaching them on the Sabbath,

³²and they were astonished at his teaching, for his word possessed authority. ³³And in the synagogue there was a man who had the spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out with a loud voice, ³⁴“Ha! What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God.” ³⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent and come out of him!” And when the demon had thrown him down in their midst, he came out of him, having done him no harm. ³⁶And they were all amazed and said to one another, “What is this word? For with authority and power he commands the unclean spirits, and they come out!” ³⁷And reports about him went out into every place in the surrounding region. ³⁸And he arose and left the synagogue and entered Simon’s house. Now Simon’s mother-in-law was ill with a high fever, and they appealed to him on her behalf. ³⁹And he stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her, and immediately she rose and began to serve them. ⁴⁰Now when the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various diseases brought them to him, and he laid his hands on every one of them and healed them. ⁴¹And demons also came out of many, crying, “You are the Son of God!” But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Christ. ⁴²And when it was day, he departed and went into a desolate place. And the people sought him and came to him, and would have kept him from leaving them, ⁴³but he said to them, “I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose.” ⁴⁴And he was preaching in the synagogues of Judea.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY: “How Wide the Love of Christ” LSB 535

THE SERMON “Who do you listen to?” Text: Luke 4:35

NICENE CREED LSB 158

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life \uparrow of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH LSB 159

OFFERING LSB 159

OFFERTORY LSB 159

C What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,

in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

LSB 160

P The Lord be with you.

G **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

G **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

G **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

LSB 161

G **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:**

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LSB 161

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER *(spoken in unison)*

LSB 162

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

G **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LSB 162

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
- P** In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI

LSB 163

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- G** Amen.

AGNUS DEI

LSB 163

- G** Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.
Amen.

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins. **Amen.**

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart † in peace.
- G** Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

"Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord"

LSB 637

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

"Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness"

LSB 636

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE: THANK THE LORD

LSB 164

- G** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

LSB 166

- A** Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- G** Amen.

BENEDICTION

LSB 166

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.
- G** Amen.

Please remain standing

CLOSING HYMN:

“The People That in Darkness Sat”

LSB 412 sts. 1, 6

POSTLUDE

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WELCOME TO St. Paul’s Lutheran Church: We are glad that you are here as we gather around the Word and Sacraments of our Lord Jesus Christ. If you have not already done so, we ask that you would sign the guest book at the entrance to the church. If you do not have a church home and are interested in the teachings of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, or if you are interested in becoming a member here at St. Paul’s, please contact the church office.

The Sacrament of the Altar: In bread and wine of the Lord’s Supper, our Lord Jesus comes to us in His true Body & Blood. In this Holy Meal, one receives full forgiveness and perfect unity with each other. Scripture requires that each communicant first examine himself/herself regarding confession of sin, trust in Jesus for salvation, belief in the Real Presence, and the desire to grow in grace. We believe that Communion is a time when believers of like mind come close to the Lord and to one another. We do practice ‘close’ Communion, which means that all communicants believe as we do, and graciously receive this gift. If you are supportive of these beliefs, we welcome you to the Lord’s Supper. If, however, at this point you are unsure or question whether your beliefs differ from those of our church, we ask that you use the communion time to meditate and pray. For these reasons, it’s best for our new (first time) guests/visitors to talk briefly before the service with the pastor or an elder. A cup with white grape juice is located in the center of the communion tray for those who are allergic to alcohol. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:

Please note: The names listed below will remain on our public prayer list for two weeks unless the church office is notified otherwise. Thank you.

We pray for ... Carlyn Koenig, Keith Krecklow, Carolyn Pacha, Vickie Sutter

Continuing Prayers ... Elaine Girl (sister of Jane Oletjen), Mel Girl (brother-in-law of Jane Oeltjen), and Ann Kelley

Call Deliberation ... Rev. Tim Geitz, Grace Lutheran Church, Le Mars,

School Prayer Families ... Jon & Megan Overbeck, Ted & Brooke Paben, Dan & Kunjan Patel, Justin & Deann Paulson

Please call 402-228-1540 by Thursday if you have a petition to be included in the prayers.

In His Service

Preacher: Rev. Charles Schmidt

Organist: Judy Vrbka

8:00 am Service

Acolytes: Josiah Wallman, Samuel Wallman, Natasha Martin

Elders: Dave Oltmans, Ken Loemker

Greeters: Wilferd Deke, Lois Podendorf

Ushers: Terry Brethouwer, Dale Rickers, Dennis Wallman, Andrew Zimmerman

10:30 am Service

Acolytes: Xander Glynn, Ashton Sandman, Kamree Weishahn

Elders: Steven Sandman, Duane Delozier

Greeters: Bob & Darlene Scheideler

Ushers: Larry Huls, Steve Norton, Larry Weishahn, Lyndon Wiegand

Today's radio broadcast and bulletin are sponsored by Ruth Poppe and Family to the glory of God in memory of loved ones.

BUSY BAGS for your child to use and return are available in the Narthex of the church. If you need assistance, please ask an usher or greeter.

VISITATION PASTOR: Rev. Timothy Brisbois serves St. Paul's as our visitation pastor. Pastor Brisbois does not have church office hours. Anyone needing / wishing to visit personally with Pastor Brisbois or have him visit you, please contact the church office. Pastor Brisbois can also be reached at 402-806-1822 or by email at trbrisbois@gmail.com.

CHURCH SERVICES: We will be having church services in the school gym at 10:30 AM on February 10, March 3, and April 7. These services will be in place of the 10:30am service at church. A shortened Sunday School and Adult Bible Class time will still be held on these Sunday's in the church basement.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION: Would you like to have a new type of devotion each day? Here are two that you can listen to or read from your computer or smartphone. Each are 4 to 5 minutes in length. The first one is from Lutheran Ministries and the website is www.lhm.org. The second one is by Rev. Ken Klaus former Lutheran Hour speaker and the website is www.thesaviorstory.com. For each of these you go to the website and click on the daily devotion line. Enjoy.

COFFEE CREW: Share your smile and great cooking by being part of the Coffee Crew! Evangelism is looking for people to serve coffee hour between services. Evangelism will provide the coffee and supplies; you provide the treats and a smile. If you have questions, please see a member of the board. There is a sign-up sheet next to the window in the basement. Thank you for your help!

DONATE YOUR CHANGE: Would you like to be able to support our school while doing shopping? Click on the link below to learn how change from your everyday purchases can make a huge impact for our school. www.stpaulbeatrice.donateyourchange.com Any questions contact the school or church office.

OFFERING CAMPAIGN: We are beginning a new special offering campaign, "**Back in the Black for our new Pastor**". We will incur additional expenses when we are blessed with our new Pastor, including expenses for when he comes to visit, moving expenses, possible parsonage update, etc. You are encouraged to contribute to this special fund. You may put "Back in the Black" or "Special Offering" on the memo line. Thank You!!!

SUNMART RECEIPTS: SunMart cash register receipts update: our current total is \$17,051.55. Thanks to all your help we made our goal of \$150,000.00 and will be receiving a check for \$1,000.00 soon. Our school also collects Box Tops and Best Choice UPCs so please remember to save those too and drop them off at the school or church office.

RADA CUTLERY: LYF members going to the National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis next summer are selling Rada Cutlery's 100% USA Made kitchen products to raise money for this exciting trip. There are catalogs in the Narthex, or at [Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.](#) Our group number is 2041021. These products make great wedding, anniversary, or birthday gifts. Or maybe it's time to enhance your own kitchen. Please check out the products. When ordering online it doesn't take long for you to receive them in your home. Please contact Tamra D'Andrea or the church office for more details.

KIWANIS PANCAKE FEED: The Kiwanis Pancake Feed to the many children's programs in our community of Beatrice, is February 3rd, 7:30am-1:00pm at the Veteran's Club, 701 Dorsey St., Beatrice. Adults \$7.00, children (to age 12) \$4.00 at the door. Children 3 & under eat free.

SAVE THE DATE—FRIDAY, MARCH 1ST: On Friday, March 1st, we will hold our second Wine and Ale Tasting Event at the 4 Generations Barn. This is our main PTL fundraising event. Please plan to join us for an evening of fun! Contact Kathryn Katz with any questions: kathrynlkatz@gmail.com or 402-239-6998.

2019 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES can be picked up in the narthex. Be sure not to use your 2018 envelopes in 2019, since numbers may have changed.

2018 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS can be picked up in the narthex.

CONFIRMATION PICTURES: The church office is looking for a group confirmation picture from 1921, 1922, 1923, 1925, and 1961. Listed below are members of those confirmation classes. If you would have a photo from that class or know family members we could contact, please contact the church office. A 5x7 copy of the photo is needed. The church office does have a photo release for these pictures, so a copy can be made.

1921: Ida Marie Brinkmeyer, Mabel Emma Lenz, Eddie Walter Lenz, Carl Fredrich Johannes, Henry Albert Schank, Irene Maria D. Schirmeyer, Elden Johannes Wilhelm Stolzenburg

1922: Emma Flesner, Noah H. A. Wiegand

1923: Walter Jansen Buss, Alvina Flesner, Edwin Carl Flesner, Alice Magdalena Gerberding, Clara Hirtzel, Herbert Paul Jark, Lloyd Johann Wilhelm Vonderfecht

1925: Reint Martin Buss, Unice Veronica Jark, Arnold Herman Ludwig Ude, Leona Christine Emilie Ude

LWML Spring Fling

March 2, 2019

9:30-11:30am

In the church basement

Theme: "JOY in Laughter in Christ"

Psalm 126:2

A light breakfast will be served.

Come enjoy a morning filled with laughter.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

LWML members are asked to check with your circle on what you are to bring.

Watch the bulletin for more updates!

Our Weekly Birthdays & Anniversaries!

Birthdays:

3	Colton Kelle Keith Knabe Kent Knabe Jason Stover		Dustin Thomas George Blythe Austin Rains
4	Katie Johnsen Elizabeth Lineweber Steven Sandman	6	Natalie Klaus
		8	Melvin Bodtke
		9	Betty Reiman

Anniversaries:

7 Steven & Pamela Norton, 43 yrs.
8 Mark & Sherry Rogge, 27 yrs.

Gifts of Time and Treasure

Attendance & Contributions		
8:00 AM Service	56	\$1,735.00
10:30 AM Service at School	122	\$5,454.00
Monday Evening Service	10	\$780.00
Coins for Christ (Loose Coins)		Lutheran Family Services--\$14.80
Back in the Black Campaign		\$5,015.95

The Lord's Week

Today	8:00	Divine Service
	9:15	Sunday School/Youth/Adult Bible Class
	10:30	Divine Service
Monday	7:00	Weekday Holy Communion Service
Tuesday	12:00	Ladies Quilting
	2:00	LWML Executive Board
	6:30	Elders, Trustees, Stewardship, Evangelism & Board of Christian Education Meetings
Wednesday	8:20	School Chapel
	2:30	Catechism Class
Thursday	9:30	Ruth Circle
	12:00	Ladies Quilting
Saturday	10:00	Altar Guild
Sunday	8:00	Divine Service
	9:15	Sunday School/Youth/Adult Bible Class
	10:30	Service at the School

Church office hours are 9:00am-3:00pm, Monday thru Friday
The office may be closed on occasion, so please call ahead.

Pastor Stuckwisch will be in the church office on Tuesday mornings and Wednesday afternoons. Anyone needing / wishing to visit personally with Pastor Stuckwisch, please contact the church office. Pastor Stuckwisch can also be reached at 402-230-0698.

CALLING OUR NEXT PASTOR: At the Special Voters' Meeting on January 20th, St. Paul's extended a call to Rev. Timothy Geitz of Grace Lutheran Church, Le Mars, IA. Continue to pray for the Lord's blessings on our congregation and Pastor Geitz as he deliberates our call to him.

LETTER RECEIVED IN CHURCH OFFICE:

January 28, 2019

Dear Fellow-Redeemed at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Beatrice,

I am deeply honored that you have extended to me the divine call to serve as you Senior Pastor. Upon receiving the call documents last Friday, I asked the Lord of the Church to guide me in prayerful and careful deliberation of His call. While this kind of decision is never an easy one, I trust that the Holy Spirit will lead me to make the decision that is best for God's kingdom both here at Grace in Le Mars, and for you, members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Beatrice.

I would like to assure you that I will attempt to return a decision to you at the earliest possible time, understanding that you are eager to continue your mission of reaching out to the community of Beatrice with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Please continue to keep Grace, my family, and myself in your prayers, as you have already indicated you would, while I am considering this call. I will do the same for the members of St. Paul's, Beatrice.

May God bless your congregation as you await a decision.

In Christ's Service,
Pastor Tim Geitz