

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

If you are a guest today, please sign our guest book! Welcome here! We're very glad you came!

**Children in Worship:** We welcome and encourage children to share in worship. Even very young children see faith in action as we pray and sing and commune together. Children's lessons are available at both entrances, or by checking with any of the ushers.

**Communion:** If you are unable to reach the serving pastor during communion - they can come to you. Please let an usher know and they will make sure you receive communion.

**Hearing Assistance:** Devices are available at the sound booth.

**Large Print Bulletins** are available. Please ask an usher for one for yourself or a loved one!

**Cell phones and pagers** should be turned to silent.

**Washrooms:** located in the narthex and Education Wing, upstairs and down.

**Elevator:** located next to the church office.

**Masks** are optional at all services.

**Visitation:** If you are homebound or in the hospital or know of someone who is and would like to receive visits from our Visitation Team or receive communion at home, please call Jen in the office and she'll make sure you are on the list!

**Drop Box:** The drop box at the side entrance nearest to the office is available for envelopes or small items.

**Office Information:** Please have all announcements in to the office by Thursdays at 10am if you want them in the bulletin for the upcoming Sunday. Bulletins are printed by 11am on Thursdays. If you have events or meetings to go on the monthly calendar, get them to the office the Wednesday before the last Sunday of the month.

**Office Hours:** 10am to 2pm, Monday to Friday

# ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF STEINBACH INC.

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## Sunday, December 1, 2024 Welcome to our Family Worship Service On this 1 Sunday of Advent

**Sunday, December 1st**  
9am - Confirmation  
9:30am - Worship Service with Baptism  
9:30am - Sunday School  
Coffee Time!!  
11am - Family Worship Service

**Wednesday, December 4th**  
7pm - Choir Practice

**Thursday, December 5th**  
6:30 - Youth Group  
7pm - Midweek Advent Service

**Sunday, December 8th**  
9am - Confirmation  
9:30am - Worship Service  
9:30am - Sunday School  
Coffee Time!!  
11am - Family Worship Service

**Tuesday, December 10th**  
7pm - Council Meeting

### HOLY COMMUNION

God feeds and renews us with the presence of Jesus Christ. In Christ's body and blood given to us, God forgives us and nourishes us for mission. In response to the Lord's invitation I come - confessing my sin, trusting that the Lord is truly present, believing that to receive Him is to receive forgiveness - to partake of the Lord's Supper. People of all ages and faith communities are welcome.

Holy Communion is served in a continuous format unless announced otherwise. Participants are asked to fill out a registration card, available in the pews or at both entrances, and place them in the baskets at the entrances, or in the offering plates.

Ushers will direct you toward the aisle to come forward to the serving stations. If you desire to commune, extend your hand to the server who will place a wafer in your hand. If you prefer a gluten-free wafer, simply say "gluten-free" to the server. Wine is served from the chalice or individual cups; white grape juice is served from individual cups.

Come and hold in your hand and taste on your lips the love we cannot comprehend.

### OUR MISSION

God's purpose for  
St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church is:  
Accepting all people through God's grace,  
sharing our faith in Christ,  
and making disciples.

**KEEP IT REAL! BRING IT HOME!**

*My Soul Is Filled With Joy*



A 4 WEEK ADVENT WORSHIP SERIES  
ON MARY'S MAGNIFICAT  
STARTING THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH AT 7PM  
ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
465 HENRY STREET, STEINBACH  
CALL 204-326-3758 FOR MORE INFORMATION

### LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION

Lutheran Men in Mission special meeting. If you have been involved with LMM in the past, please join us to discuss a special project. We will meet on December 8 after the 9:30 service at the back of the sanctuary for about 15 minutes.

### HELP WANTED

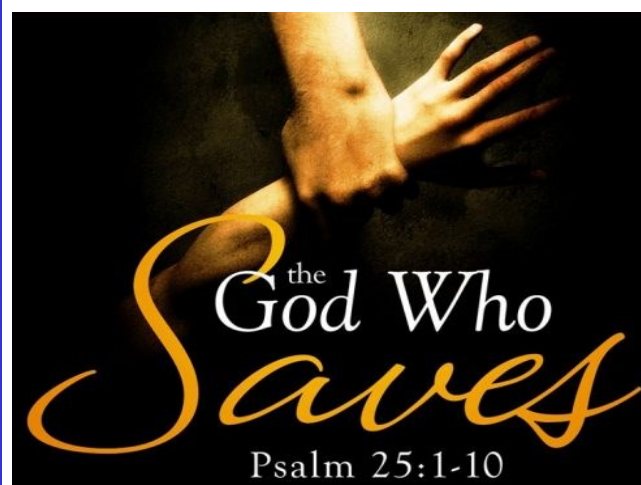
Are you interested in helping serve communion at the 9:30 service? Ever wonder why you never get asked? Could be you're not on the list of available people! Call our organizer, Linda Kihn at 204-371-7863 if you want to add your name to the rather short list of volunteers she has!

### CHARITABLE GIVING?

Looking at alternate gifts for the person who is hard to buy for? There are a number of options available for charitable giving on our bulletin board and various tables throughout the narthex. Please check it out!

### THANK YOU

Thank you to all who have participated in today's services!





# THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 1ST, 2024

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, alive in the world, reviving creation, arriving soon.

**C: Amen.**

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

L: God of mercy,

**C: we confess that we have sinned. We trust earthly powers and human authority alone. We grow fearful. We cling to false comforts.**

L: God of might,

**C: we confess that we have sinned. We have turned away from our neighbours. We have trusted false promises.**

L: God in our midst,

**C: we confess that we have sinned. We plead: come to us. Bring your mercy to birth in us.**

L: A righteous branch springs forth: it is Christ the Lord, our Saviour, in whom we have forgiveness, life, and mercy. By the power of the Holy Spirit, receive the grace and forgiveness of God through Christ Jesus, whose day draws near.

**C: Amen.**

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray,

**C: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S LESSON

**SONG:** "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"

## GOD'S WORD

### FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 33:14-16

<sup>14</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>15</sup>In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>16</sup>In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### RESPONSIVE READING: PSALM 25:1-10

L: To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

**C: My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

L: Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

**C: Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.**

L: Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

**C: Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.**

L: Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

**C: You are gracious and upright, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

L: You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

**C: All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

### SECOND READING: 1 THESSALONIANS 3:9-13

<sup>9</sup>How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? <sup>10</sup>Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. <sup>11</sup>Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you.

<sup>12</sup>And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you.

<sup>13</sup>And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### HOLY GOSPEL: LUKE 21:25-36

**C: Glory to you, O Lord**

[Jesus said:] <sup>25</sup>"There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. <sup>26</sup>People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup>Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup>Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." <sup>29</sup>Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; <sup>30</sup>as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. <sup>31</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup>Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. <sup>33</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. <sup>34</sup>"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, <sup>35</sup>like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup>Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## MESSAGE

**SONG:** "Even So Come"

## APOSTLES CREED

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

**OFFERING** "Offering"

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Let us pray,

**C: Look upon us in mercy not in judgement; draw us from hatred to love; make the frailty of our praise a dwelling place for your glory. Amen.**

## THE TABLE

L: The Lord be with you

**C: All and also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

**C: All We lift them to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: All It is right to give thanks and praise.**

L: It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise, almighty God and everlasting Father, through Jesus Christ your Son. For when he humbled himself to come among us in human flesh, he fulfilled the plan you formed before the foundation of the world to open for us the way of salvation. Confident that your promise will be fulfilled, we now watch for the day when Christ our Lord will come again in glory. And so we join our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven to proclaim your glory, for ever praising you and saying:

**SONG:** "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord"

L: On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me. When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me. So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross. Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory. Christ is the bread of life:

**C: When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.**

L: We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever.

**C: Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

### Invitation to Communion

L: Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,

**C: we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

### COMMUNION SONGS

"Wonderful, Merciful Saviour"

"Jesus, Messiah"

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

L: Let us pray,

**C: We thank you, Lord, that you have fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet prepared for all peoples. Amen.**

### BENEDICTION

L: Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you, scatter the darkness from before your path, and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

**C: Amen.**

**SENDING SONG:** "Forever Reign"


## DISMISSAL

L: As we await our coming Saviour, go in peace to love and serve the Lord. In the name of Christ.

**C: Amen.**

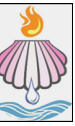
## PRAYER REMINDERS

In your prayers this week, please remember:

 Cari Doerksen, Dalia Dyck, Adelaide Freund, Chris Funk, Jeremy Funk, Janet Harder, Tina Heckert, Herta Kihn, Tabrina Krentz, Jim Lohr, Ruby Myran, Tony Sawatzky, Ray Schalla, Helmuth Renz, Khrista Vogt, Mary Wiebe and Bishop Geoff Woodcroft.

## BAPTISM

Today we welcome **Ronnie May Krentz** (b. September 18, 2024) into God's family through Holy Baptism! Ronnie is the beautiful daughter of Cody & Sophie Krentz. Her godparents are Jayden Chornoboy and Bailey Gromniski. "Jesus said: 'Let the little children come to me and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.'" Matthew 19:14.



## MEMORIALS

The flowers on the altar, the bulletin and Coffee Time are being sponsored by the loving family of **Edwin Grienke** (December 11, 2006) & **Katarina Grienke** (November 27, 2020). "Your life was a blessing, your memory a treasure. You are loved beyond words and missed beyond measure."

The flowers on the piano and organ have been donated in loving memory of **Jake H Rempel** (December 2, 1983) and **Brian Patrick** (December 2, 2021) by their loving family: Cindi, Braydyn, Shayli & Saige Patrick and Leonard, Cora & Brooklyn Langlois. "As time unfolds another year, memories keep you ever near."

And last but not least, we have received a memorial donation from Jean Romaniuk in loving memory of **Harry Harder** (November 23, 2020) and **MaryAnn Harder** (December 6, 2020). "Dearlly remembered and loved."

## DISCUSSION WITH THE BISHOP

Bishop Jason will be holding a discussion session here focusing on the church's value and purpose. The session will be held on Saturday, December 14th starting at 12:30pm. The Bishop will use this information to generate change initiatives needed by the Synod in future planning and decision making. This is a great opportunity to have your ideas and concerns heard. All congregants are welcome to participate. Please leave your name with the office if you plan to attend.

## CHRISTMAS HOME COMMUNION

If you or a loved one is unable to attend Christmas services (December 24th, 25th, 29th and January 5th) and would like to receive home communion from Pastor Tim during the Christmas Season (December 26th to January 6th) please phone the office to book a time. He is scheduling these visits in the morning, unless an alternate time works best for you.



## ANNUAL ADVENT LADIES' TEA

Ladies, please mark Tuesday, December 10th at 1:30pm on your calendar! It is time, yet again, for the annual Advent Tea! Plan on coming and bring some finger food or dainties to share.

**ATTENDANCE: November 24, 2024**

**Traditional - 157**

**Sunday School - 37 students, 10 teachers**

**OFFERING: \$14,342**