

## 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 1st, 2024 Welcome to our Traditional Worship Service On this I 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 BAPTISM

**In** Holy Baptism the triune God delivers us from the forces of evil, puts our sinful self to death, gives us new birth, adopts us as children, and makes us members of the body of Christ, the church.

The Christian community at worship celebrates God's gift of baptism in a number of ways. The sacrament itself normally takes place in the midst of the worshipping assembly as a sign that in baptism we are made one with Christ and with the whole people of God. On behalf of the whole church, we promise support to new sisters and brothers, confess the faith with them, and welcome them into the body of Christ. Water connected to the Word - God's saving promise in Jesus Christ - is at the center of the baptismal celebration.

Although a person is baptized once, the gift of baptism continues throughout a Christian's life. Instruction in the faith for a life of discipleship is part of the preparation of those who are to be baptized or their parents and sponsors. The ongoing nurture of that faith is part of the congregation's ministries of formation, education, service, and evangelical witness.

### 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

## Annual Ladies' Christmas Tea

BRING FINGER FOOD  
TO SHARE AND SLOW  
DOWN FOR A BIT TO  
ENJOY SOME LAUGHS,  
MUSIC, FOOD AND EACH  
OTHER!

Tuesday,  
December  
10th at  
1:30pm





# 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

L: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

### 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.**

**BAPTISM** *Ronnie May Krentz*

### 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.**

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: #168 (sung)

C: **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

L: Stand up and raise your heads your redemption is drawing near.

C: **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

#### 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.**

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: #168 (sung)

C: **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

### MESSAGE

#### HYMN OF THE DAY

*"Rejoice for Christ is King" #430*

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

#### SHARING OF THE PEACE

### OFFERING

DOXOLOGY - #884

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Let us pray,

C: **God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen**

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### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

L: God feeds us with tender mercy. Come to the table.

### COMMUNION HYMNS

*"Lamb of God" #336*

*"Beautiful Saviour" #838*

*"Christ Be Our Light" #517*

*"Hope, Hope, Hope"*

### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

L: Generous God, we thank you for the gift of life, for the bread of salvation. We thank you for coming among us, for leading us into peace. We thank you for showering us with mercy, for sending us into the world. Come, Lord Jesus, and go with us as we feed the hungry in your name.

C: Amen.

### THE BLESSING

L: Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

### SENDING HYMN

*"Lo! He Comes with Clouds" #435*

### DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

### 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). *"Dearly 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.

### 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

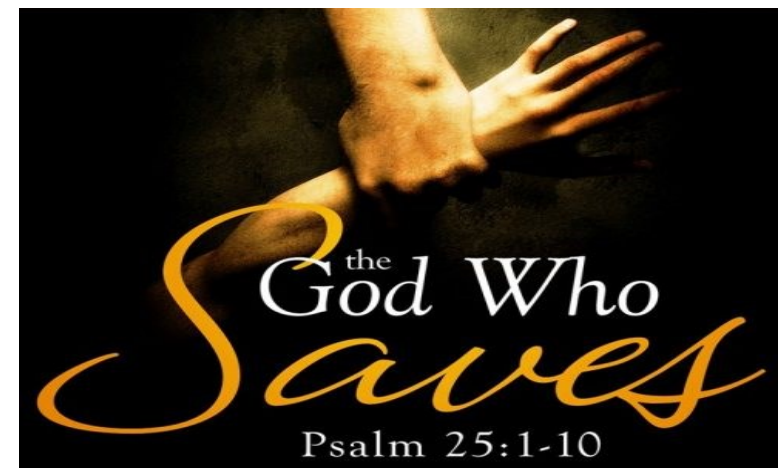
Are you interested in helping serve communion at the 9:30 service? Ever wonder why you never get asked? Could be you're not on the list of available people! Call our organizer, Linda Kihn at 204-371-7863 if you want to add your name to the rather short list of volunteers she has!

### 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!



**ATTENDANCE: November 24, 2024**

**Traditional - 157**

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

**OFFERING: \$14,342**