

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

"This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."



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Sunday, January 12th, 2025 Welcome to our Traditional Worship Service On this The Baptism of Our Lord

Sunday, January 12th

10am - Worship Service Celebrating Baptisms and Re-Affirmation of Baptisms. Come joint he party for cake & coffee after service!

No Sunday School

Monday, January 13th

6:30pm - Junior Youth *NEW* Grades 5-8

Tuesday, January 14th

7pm - Council Meeting

Wednesday, January 15th

10am - Quilting Group

6:30pm - Senior Youth *NEW* Grades 9-12

Sunday, January 19th

9am - Confirmation

9:30am - Worship Service

9:30am - Sunday School

Coffee Time!!

11am - Family Worship

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!





THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

JANUARY 25TH, 2025

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

L: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

L: Gracious God,

C: **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.**

L: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen

GATHERING HYMN

"The River"

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.**

KYRIE - #155

CANTICLE OF PRAISE - #162

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray,

C: **Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

BAPTISMS

GOD'S WORD

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 43:1-7

¹But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. ²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. ³For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. ⁴Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you, I give people in return for you, na-

tions in exchange for your life. ⁵Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; ⁶I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth - ⁷everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSIVE READING: PSALM 29

L: Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

C: **Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

L: The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

C: **The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendour.**

L: The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

C: **the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

L: The voice of the LORD bursts forth in lightning flashes.

C: **The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

L: The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare. And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"

C: **The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

L: O LORD, give strength to your people; give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

SECOND READING: ACTS 8:14-17

¹⁴Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit ¹⁶(for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). ¹⁷Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: #168 (sung)

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

L: A voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

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

HOLY GOSPEL: LUKE 3:15-17, 21-22

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

¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." ²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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

"Christ, When for us You Were Baptized" #304

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY - #884

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Let us pray,

C: **God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. Amen.**

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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

L: The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.

COMMUNION HYMNS

"In Christ Alone"

"Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways" #772

"Thy Word"

"On Eagle's Wings" #787

"There is a Redeemer"

"What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine" #774

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

L: Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray.

C: Amen.

THE BLESSING

L: May the triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love.

C: Amen

SENDING HYMN

"Let All Things Now Living" #881

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Live in hope.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

PRAYER REMINDERS

In your prayers this week, please remember:

Cari Doerksen, Dalia Dyck, Adelaide Freund, Chris Funk, Tina Heckert, Herta Kihn, Tabrina Krentz, Ruby Myran, Gordon & Iris Pylypjuk, Tony Sawatzky, Ray Schalla, Helmuth Renz, Khrista Vogt, Mary Wiebe, Bishop Geoff Woodcroft and Don Woroniuk.



BAPTISMS

Today, we are celebrating the baptisms of **Joan & Jerry Friesen** and **Agatha Fuller**, as well as the re-affirmation of baptism for Kathy Wintoniw, Marilyn Suderman, Emily Klassen, Glorian Mehling and Jean Romaniuk. Then to top it all off, we are cele-

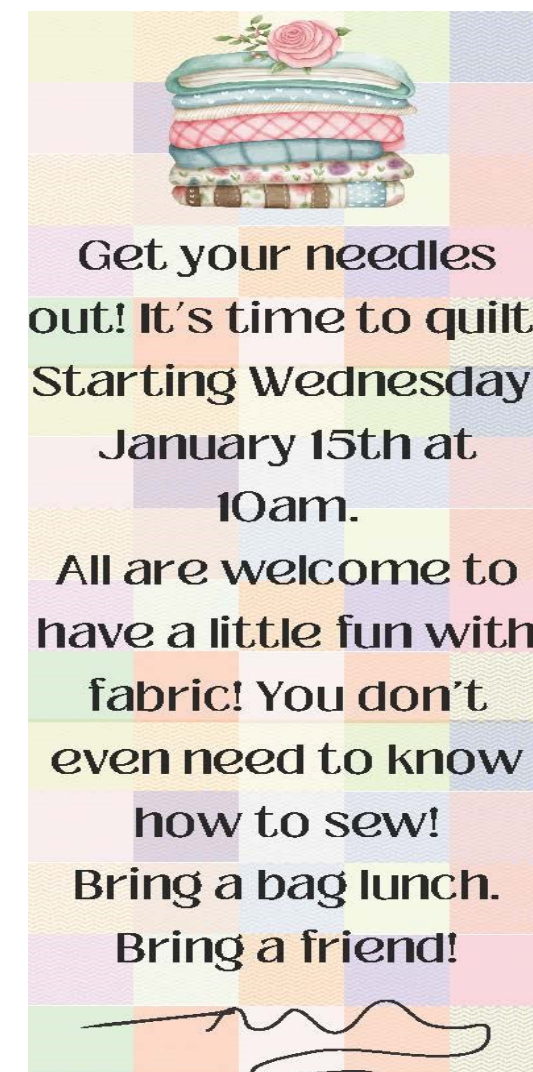
brating everyone's baptism today, but in particular, those who were baptized in 2024! There is going to be a Baptismal Birthday Party after the service and all are welcome to join in the fun!

MEMORIAL DONATION

We have received a memorial donation from John & Doris Thiessen in loving memory of **Jim Lohr** (December 17, 2024). *"Time goes on but memories stay, as near and dear as yesterday."*

SOUP & PIE FUNDRAISER

The friends and family of Dalia Dyck are hosting a community wide Soup & Pie Fundraiser on Sunday, January 19th at Friedensfeld Hall from 11am to 2pm to help raise money for Dalia's medical expenses at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN. Dalia is Barb Dyck's granddaughter and she has been battling an unknown illness her entire life. Her family has exhausted all Canadian avenues of treatment/diagnosis and have decided that this is the best option for Dalia to try and help her. While there, she will be undergoing a battery of tests and have multiple appointments with multiple specialists. This will all have to be paid for as well as travel, lodging and meals for her and her parents while they are doing all of this. Please consider supporting Dalia and her family and come out for a yummy lunch!



ATTENDANCE: January 5, 2025

Traditional - 91

Family - 34

Sunday School - 24 students, 12 teachers

OFFERING: \$3457