

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

INFORMATION NEEDED

Have you moved in the last 5 years? Have you eliminated your land line and switched completely to cell service? Got an email address but don't receive our emails? New family picture? Contact the office and get your info updated! Jen may even ask you about wedding dates, birth dates, etc depending on how dismal your electronic record is! Not only do our records need a major updating, but the goal is also to publish a new directory featuring some of this updated info in the not-too-distant future!

A NEW BAND!

We would like to welcome our newly formed band of Amy, Calvin, Nathan and Xavier to the rotation! There isn't an official name for their group yet, but we are so very grateful that they have answered the call for musicians. We certainly appreciate their dedication and hard work.

LOOKING AHEAD

The annual congregational meeting is fast approaching. This is the big one where all the major decisions on how our church will be run for the next year is made. Elections, reports etc will be happening. This meeting is open to all congregation members. If you aren't sure of your membership status, please contact the office. Charlene Freund is the Nominations Chair. Please contact her at 204-381-1835 with any questions regarding elections. If you have a report to submit, please get it into the office by February 10th.



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Sunday, January 26th, 2025 Welcome to our Traditional Worship Service On this III Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday, January 26th

9am - Confirmation

9:30 - Worship Service

9:30 - Sunday School

Coffee Time!

11am - Family Worship

Monday, January 27th

6:30pm - Junior Youth

Wednesday, January 29th

10am - Quilting Group

6:30pm - Senior Youth

Sunday, February 2nd

9am - Confirmation

9:30 - Worship Service

9:30 - Sunday School

Coffee Time!

11am - Family Worship

Monday, February 17th - Family Fun Day @ CD Trees

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!





THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY JANUARY 26TH, 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

"Hail to the Lord's Anointed" #311

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 together,

C: **Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

GOD'S WORD

FIRST READING: NEHEMIAH 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

¹All the people [of Israel] gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. ²Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. ³He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. ⁵And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the

people stood up. ⁶Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. ⁸So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. ⁹And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. ¹⁰Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSIVE READING: PSALM 19

L: The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.

C: **One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

L: Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard,

C: **their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world, where God has pitched a tent for the sun.**

L: It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

C: **It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**

L: The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

C: **The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

L: The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever; the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

C: **More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

L: By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.

C: **Who can detect one's own offenses? Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

L: Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

C: **Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-31a

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free - and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. ¹⁴Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would

the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." ²²On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, ²⁵that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it. ²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ^{31a}But strive for the greater gifts.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: #168 (sung)

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

L: The Spirit of the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor, and to proclaim release to the captives.

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

HOLY GOSPEL: LUKE 4:14-21

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

¹⁴Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. ¹⁶When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: ¹⁸"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, ¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour." ²⁰And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

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

"Let Streams of Living Justice" #710

APOSTLES' CREED

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY - #884

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Let us pray together,

C: **God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good**

things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. 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

"Around You, O Lord Jesus" #468

"Just a Closer Walk With Walk With Thee" #697

"Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus" #802

"I Stand Amazed in the Presence"

"My Jesus I Love Thee"

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

L: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another

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

"Jesus Shall Reign" #434


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, Linda James, Herta Kihn, Tabrina Krentz, Ruby Myran, Gordon & Iris Pylypjuk, Ray Schalla, Helmuth Renz, Khrista Vogt, Mary Wiebe, Bishop Geoff Woodcroft and Don Woroniuk.

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

We have received memorial donations from Ruth Topnik, Karl & Irene Oswald and Charlene & Robert Graham in loving memory of **Edward Oswald** (January 5, 2025). *"To be together in the same old way would be our dearest wish today."*

FEED THE KIDS

Our Sunday School kids and our Youth Groups have the munchies!! Please donate cookies or boxes of gummies, Wagonwheels, granola bars, chips (please choose peanut / nut free stuff). Non-perishable donations can be bought to the church and put in the Sunday School Resource Room. Well labeled perishable donations can go in the freezer of the upstairs kitchen.

THANK YOU DEPARTMENT

Thank you to all who have assisted with the service today.

ATTENDANCE: January 19, 2024

Traditional - 105

Contemporary - 35

Sunday School - 25 students, 8 teachers

OFFERING: \$12,542