

## 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

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## Sunday, February 2nd, 2025 Welcome to our Family Worship Service On this IV Sunday after Epiphany

**Sunday, February 2nd**

9am - Confirmation

9:30 - Worship Service

9:30 - Sunday School

Coffee Time!!

11am - Family Worship

**Monday, February 3rd**

6:30pm - Junior Youth

**Wednesday, February 5th**

10am - Quilting

6:30pm - Senior Youth

**Sunday, February 9th**

9am - Confirmation

9:30 - Worship Service

9:30 - Sunday School

Coffee Time!!

11am - Family Worship

### 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 FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY FEBRUARY 2ND, 2025

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**GATHERING SONG:** *“I Will Worship”*

### GATHERING: PSALM 71:1-6

L: In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame.

**C: In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; incline your ear to me and save me.**

L: Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; you are my crag and my stronghold.

**C: Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.**

L: For you are my hope, O Lord GOD, my confidence since I was young.

**C: I have been sustained by you ever since I was born; from my mother’s womb you have been my strength; my praise shall be always of you.**

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Merciful God,

**C: you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbours; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ’s ways. Amen.**

L: God proclaims these words of assurance: “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine.” In Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God.

**C: Amen.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray together,

**C: Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.**

### CHILDREN’S LESSON

**SONG:** *“Let Us Be Known By Our Love”*

### GOD’S WORD

#### FIRST READING: Jeremiah 1:4-10

<sup>4</sup>Now the word of the LORD came to me saying, <sup>5</sup>“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.”

<sup>6</sup>Then I said, “Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.” <sup>7</sup>But the LORD said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am only a boy’; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. <sup>8</sup>Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD.” <sup>9</sup>Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me, “Now I have put my words in your mouth.

<sup>10</sup>See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

#### SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

<sup>1</sup>If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup>And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup>If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. <sup>4</sup>Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant <sup>5</sup>or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; <sup>6</sup>it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth. <sup>7</sup>It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. <sup>8</sup>Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. <sup>9</sup>For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; <sup>10</sup>but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. <sup>11</sup>When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. <sup>12</sup>For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. <sup>13</sup>And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

#### HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 4:21-30

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

<sup>21</sup>Then [Jesus] began to say to [all in the synagogue in Nazareth,] “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

<sup>22</sup>All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” <sup>23</sup>He said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Doctor, cure yourself!’ And you will say, ‘Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.’” <sup>24</sup>And he said, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet’s hometown. <sup>25</sup>But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; <sup>26</sup>yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. <sup>27</sup>

There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.” <sup>28</sup>When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. <sup>29</sup>They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. <sup>30</sup>But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### MESSAGE

**SONG:** *“Love Will Never Fail”*

### APOSTLES’ CREED

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### SHARING OF THE PEACE

### OFFERING

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Let us pray together,

**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.**

### THE TABLE

L: The Lord be with you!

**C: And also with you!**

L: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

L: It is right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, Holy Father, Almighty and Everliving God, Creator and Preserver of all things. And now we give you thanks because, in the wonder of the incarnation, your eternal Word has brought to the eyes of faith a new and radiant vision of your glory. In him we see our God made visible and so are caught up in love of the God we cannot see. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we glorify your name, forever praising you and singing:

**Song:** *“Holy, Holy, Holy Lord”*

L: On the night in which he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way, he took the cup after supper and said, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this in remembrance of me.” For whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes. Therefore we proclaim our faith:

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

L: Lord, our God, send your Holy Spirit so that this bread and cup may be for us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. May we and all your saints be united with Christ and remain faithful in hope and love. Gather your whole church, O Lord, into the glory of your kingdom.

### THE LORD’S PRAYER

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

### COMMUNION SONGS

*“If You Need Jesus”*

*“Sweet Jesus”*

### 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, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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 SONG:** *“As We Leave Here”*

### 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, Ray Schalla, Helmuth Renz, Khrista Vogt, Mary Wiebe, Bishop Geoff Woodcroft and Don Woroniuk.

### MEMORIAL DONATIONS

We have received a memorial donation from Kathy Wintoniw and Alvin Fender in loving memory of **Jennifer Dawn Kowaluk** (February 5, 2024). *“Your life was a blessing, your memory a treasure. You are loved beyond words and missed beyond measure.”*

Erwin & Norma Oswald have also made a memorial donation in loving memory of their dear brother **Edward Oswald** (January 5, 2025). *“The beautiful memory left behind will always remain in our hearts.”*

And last, but not least, Ray & Flora Schalla have made a memorial donation in loving memory of their beloved brother-in-law **Ben Nickel** (January 29, 2023). *“A twinkle in our eyes, hearts and now, heaven.”*

### FLOWERS

The beautiful floral arrangement on the organ has been placed in loving memory of **Jennifer Dawn Kowaluk** (February 5, 2024) by her mom Kathy Wintoniw, her daughters Abby & Julia Kowaluk and her sister Becky Janzen and family - Paul, Reagan and Rylee.

### 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.

### 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!

### 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.

### THANK YOU

Thank you to all who have participated in today’s services.

**ATTENDANCE: January 26, 2025**  
**Traditional - 119**  
**Contemporary - 50**  
**Sunday School - 25 students, 12 teachers**  
**OFFERING: \$15,247**