

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 Traditional 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

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

"Come Thou Almighty King" #408

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: **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.**

GOD'S WORD

FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 1:4-10

⁴Now the word of the LORD came to me saying, ⁵"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."
⁶Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy."
⁷But 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."
⁸Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD."
⁹Then 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."
¹⁰See, 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.**

RESPONSIVE READING: 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.**

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 13:1-13

¹If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And 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. ³If 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. ⁴Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth. ⁷It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸Love 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. ⁹For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹When 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. ¹²For 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. ¹³And 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.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: #168 (sung)

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

L: You shall go to all to whom I send you. Do not be afraid, for I am with you.

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

HOLY GOSPEL: LUKE 4:21-30

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

²¹Then [Jesus] began to say to [all in the synagogue in Nazareth,] "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."
²²All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?"
²³He 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.'"
²⁴And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown."
²⁵But 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;
²⁶yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon.
²⁷There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian."
²⁸When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage.
²⁹They 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. ³⁰But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

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

"Lord Whose Love In Humble Service" #712

APOSTLES' CREED

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY - #884

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.**

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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

COMMUNION HYMNS

"Now we Join in Celebration" #462

"My God, How Wonderful Thou Art" #863

"When Peace Like a River" #785

"Here O My Lord"

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 HYMN

"Sent Forth by God's Blessing" #547

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

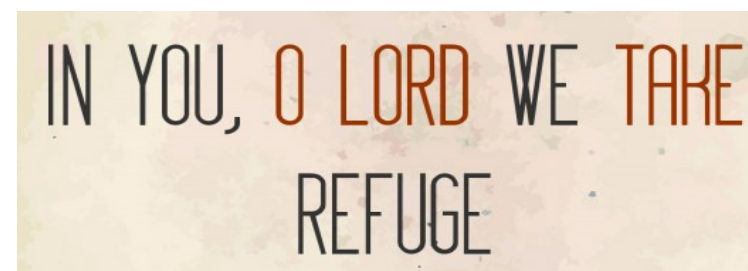
Have you moved in the last 5 years? Have you eliminated your land line and switched completely to cell service? Got an email address but don't receive our emails? New family picture? Contact the office and get your info updated! Jen may even ask you about wedding dates, birth dates, etc depending on 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