

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 16th , 2025 Welcome to our Traditional Worship Service On this VI Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday, February 16th
9am - Confirmation
9:30am - Worship Service
Coffee Time!!
11am - Family Service
No Sunday School - please worship as a family!

Monday, February 17th
1-4 pm - Family Fun Day @CD Trees

Wednesday, February 19th
10am - Quilting Group
6:30pm - Senior Youth

Sunday, February 23rd
9am - Confirmation
9:30am - Worship Service
9:30 - Sunday School
Coffee Time!!
11am - Family Service
1pm - Annual Meeting

Monday, February 24th
6:30pm - Junior Youth

Wednesday, February 26th
10am - Quilting Group
6:30pm - Senior Youth

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!



WINTER FAMILY FUN DAY

WHEN: Monday, February 17th
from 1 to 4pm

WHERE: CD Trees

WHAT: Sleigh Rides, Tobogganing,
Bonfire, Games, Food

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday, February 23
1pm

- ELECTIONS FOR COUNCIL
- OUR PATH FOR 2025
- WHAT HAPPENED IN 2024
- ANYTHING YOU NEED TO DISCUSS

OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS
-IF YOU ARE UNCERTAIN OF YOUR MEMBERSHIP STATUS, PLEASE CHECK WITH THE OFFICE



THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY FEBRUARY 16TH, 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: **Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.**

GOD'S WORD

FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 17:5-10

⁵ Thus says the LORD: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the LORD. ⁶ They shall be like a shrub in the desert and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. ⁷ Blessed are those who trust in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. ⁸ They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought, it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. ⁹ The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse - who can understand it? ¹⁰ I the LORD test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSIVE READING: PSALM 1

L: Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

C: **Their delight is in the law of the LORD, and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.**

L: They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

C: **It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

L: Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

C: **For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 15:12-20

¹² Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; ¹⁴ and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. ¹⁵ We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ - whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. ¹⁷ If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. ¹⁹ If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: #168 (sung)

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

L: Rejoice, and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven.

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

HOLY GOSPEL: LUKE 6:17-26

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

¹⁷ [Jesus] came down with [the twelve] and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. ¹⁸ They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹ And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. ²⁰ Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. ²¹ "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. ²² "Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³ Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. ²⁴ "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. ²⁵ "Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. "Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. ²⁶ "Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."

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

"Blest Are They" #728

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

"I Am the Bread of Life" #485

"Be Thou My Vision" #793

"My Life Flows on in Endless Song" #763

"Great is Thy Faithfulness" #733

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

"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness" #843

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, Glorian Mehling, Ruby Myran, Brenda Olson, Gordon & Iris Pylpuk, Ray Schalla, Helmuth Renz, Khrista Vogt, Mary Wiebe, Bishop Geoff Woodcroft and Don Woroniuk.

ALTAR GUILD HELP REQUIRED

The Altar Guild needs new people! This very important ministry is looking for people to serve as regular members and emergency replacements. It is in particular need for people willing to serve in July and August. Altar Guild is a vital and behind-the-scenes ministry which prepares our services of Holy Communion weekly and tidies the altar area. If you are interested please speak to Pastor Tim or Irene Schmidtke. The commitment

asked is 1-2 hrs/week as assigned (usually 8 weeks/year for regular members).

INSTRUMENTS NEEDED

In case you haven't noticed, we have a new band and they have been starting to play at the 11am service! They are in need of some musical instruments. If you have a guitar or electric drums to donate, please contact Shari Teetaert or the office.

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! FYI - if you don't submit a photo, your name isn't in the directory (this is the program's idea...). All I need is a digital head shot!

COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

Council positions open for elections:

President (2 year term): *Sylvia Nilsson-Barkman*

Vice President (2 year term): **Vacant**

Recording Secretary (1 year term): **Vacant**

Elder (3 year term): **Vacant**

Trustee (2-3 year terms): *Chris Teetaert, Vacant*

Deacons (3-3 year terms): *Amanda Lanteigne, Shari Teetaert, Kim Andres*

Sunday School Superintendent (1 year term): *Cory Funk*

Nominating Chairperson (1 year term): *Charlene Freund*

Charlene Freund is our current Nominating Chairperson. Please contact her at 204-381-1835 with any questions regarding elections or if you are interested in serving in any capacity. 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.



Psalm 1:6 KJV

ATTENDANCE: February 9, 2025

Traditional - 87

Contemporary - 36

Sunday School - 26 students, 10 teachers

OFFERING: \$7284