

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

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.

FUNDRAISER

The family and friends of Dahlia Dyck are planning one last fundraising before their trip to the Mayo Clinic. There is a Wing Night at Smitty's on Tuesday, February 25th from 6-8pm. Event Tickets include wings, fries and a drink. There are also Support Tickets available if you are unable to attend but still want to help. A silent auction is also being held during the event. Please contact Barb Dyck for tickets and information.



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

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Sunday, February 23rd, 2025 Welcome to our Traditional Worship Service On this VII Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday, February 23rd

9am - Confirmation

9:30 - Worship Service

9:30 - Sunday School

Coffee Time!!

11am - Family Worship

Monday, February 24th

6:30pm - Junior Youth

Wednesday, February 26th

10am - Quilting

6:30pm - Senior Youth

Sunday, March 2nd

9am - Confirmation

9:30 - Worship Service

9:30 - Sunday School

Coffee Time!!

11am - Family Worship

Monday, March 3rd

6:30pm - Junior Youth

Wednesday, March 5th

10am - Quilting

6:30pm - Senior Youth

7pm - Ash Wednesday Service

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 SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY FEBRUARY 23RD, 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, We That Love the Lord" #625

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: O Lord Jesus, make us instruments of your peace, that where there is hatred, we may sow love, where there is injury, pardon, and where there is despair, hope. Grant, O divine master, that we may seek to console, to understand, and to love in your name, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

GOD'S WORD

FIRST READING: GENESIS 45:3-11, 15

³Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. ⁴Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to

Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. ¹⁰You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' ¹⁵And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE READING: PSALM 37:1-11, 39-40

L: Do not be provoked by evildoers; do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

C: For they shall soon wither like the grass, and like the green grass fade away.

L: Put your trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and find safe pasture.

C: Take delight in the LORD, who shall give you your heart's desire.

L: Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD, and see what God will do.

C: The LORD will make your vindication as clear as the light and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.

L: Be still before the LORD and wait patiently. Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

C: Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.

L: For evildoers shall be cut off, but those who hope in the LORD shall possess the land.

C: In a little while the wicked shall be no more; even if you search out their place, they will not be there.

L: But the lowly shall possess the land; they will delight in abundance of peace.

C: But the deliverance of the righteous comes from you, O LORD; you are their stronghold in time of trouble.

L: You, O LORD, will help them and rescue them; you will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them, because in you they seek refuge.

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 15:35-38, 42-50

³⁵But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" ³⁶Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. ³⁸But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. ⁴²So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. ⁴³It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. ⁴⁴It is sown a physical body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. ⁴⁵Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. ⁴⁶But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. ⁴⁷The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. ⁴⁸As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of the heaven. ⁴⁹Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven. ⁵⁰What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: #168 (sung)

C: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

L: Love your enemies, and you will be children of the Most High; forgive, and you will be forgiven.

C: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

HOLY GOSPEL: LUKE 6:27-38

C: Glory to you, O Lord

[Jesus said:] ²⁷"But I say to you that listen, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹Do to others as you would have them do to you. ³²"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. ³⁶Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. ³⁷"Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

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

"Will You Let Me Be Your Servant" #659

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

"Around You, O Lord Jesus" #468

"Great is Thy Faithfulness" #733

"My Life Flows on in Endless Song" #763

"Saviour Like a Shepherd" #789

"Jesus Paid it All"

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

"Alleluia, Song of Gladness" #318

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, Phyllis Hood, Herta Kihn, Tabrina Krentz, Glorian Mehling, Ruby Myran, Brenda Olson, Gordon & Iris Pylpyjuk, 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!

THANK YOU

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

ATTENDANCE: February 16, 2025

Traditional - 91

Contemporary - 34

OFFERING: \$3079