

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, March 9th, 2025 Welcome to our Family Worship Service On this 1 Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 9th
9am - Confirmation
9:30 - Worship Service
9:30 - Sunday School
Coffee Time!!
11am - Family Worship

Monday, March 10th
6:30 - Junior Youth

Tuesday, March 11th
7pm - Council Meeting

Wednesday, March 12th
10am - Quilting
6:30pm - Senior Youth
7pm - Midweek Lenten Service

Sunday, March 16th
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!

Mid-Week Lenten & Holy Week Service Schedule

Ash Wednesday, March 5
7pm Service

Wednesday, March 12
7pm Service

Wednesday, March 19
7pm Service

Wednesday, March 26
7pm Service

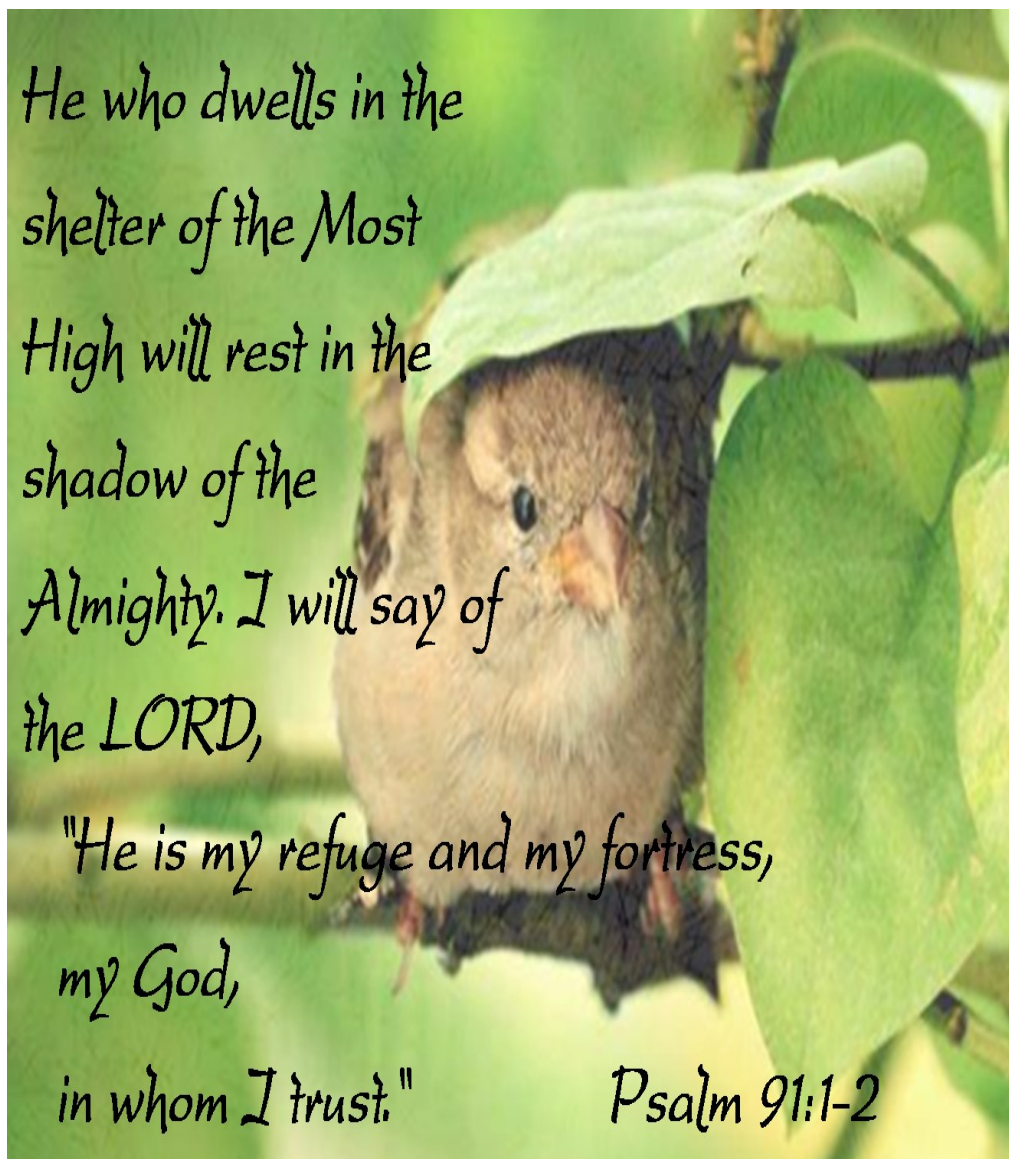
Wednesday, April 2
7pm Service

Wednesday, April 9
7pm Healing Service

Palm Sunday, April 13
10am Service

Maundy Thursday, April 17
7pm Service

Good Friday, April 18
10am Service



He who dwells in the shelter of the Most

High will rest in the shadow of the

Almighty. I will say of the LORD,

"He is my refuge and my fortress, my God,

in whom I trust." Psalm 91:1-2





THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT MARCH 9TH, 2025

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG: “*Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me*”

GATHERING: PSALM 91:1-2, 9-16

L: You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty -

C: you will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my stronghold, my God in whom I put my trust.”

L: Because you have made the LORD your refuge, and the Most High your habitation,

C: no evil will befall you, nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.

L: For God will give the angels charge over you, to guard you in all your ways.

C: Upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.

L: You will tread upon the lion cub and viper; you will trample down the lion and the serpent.

C: I will deliver those who cling to me; I will uphold them, because they know my name.

L: They will call me, and I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honour them.

C: With long life will I satisfy them and show them my salvation.

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 neighbors; 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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray together,

C: O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHURCH COUNCIL INSTALLATION

CHILDREN’S LESSON

SONG: “*At The Cross (Love Ran Red)*”

GOD’S WORD

FIRST READING: DEUTERONOMY 26:1-11

¹When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it,

and settle in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, “Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.” ⁴When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, ⁵you shall make this response before the LORD your God: “A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, ⁷we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.” You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. ¹¹Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: ROMANS 10:8b-13

^{8b}“The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL: LUKE 4:1-13

C: Glory to you, O Lord

¹Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ²where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” ⁴Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’” ⁵Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” ⁸Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’” ⁹Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,’ ¹¹and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’” ¹²Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” ¹³When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

SONG: “*Lord, I Need You*”

APOSTLES’ CREED

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING “*Create In Me A Clean Heart*”

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Let us pray together,

C: God of mercy and compassion, your Word calls us home to faith and love. Accept all we offer you this day; in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. 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 indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise, almighty God and everlasting Father, through Jesus Christ your Son. For in these forty days you lead us into the desert of repentance that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline we may grow in grace and learn to be your people once again. Through fasting, prayer and acts of service you bring us back to your generous heart. Through study of your holy word you open our eyes to your presence in the world and free our hands to welcome others into the radiant splendour of your love. As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast with joyful hearts and minds we bless you for your mercy and join with saints and angels for ever 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: All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread.

COMMUNION SONGS

“*Come Unto Jesus*”

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

L: Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION

L: Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him; and the blessing and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

C: Amen

SENDING SONG: “*Blessed Be Your Name*”


DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

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

MEMORIAL DONATION

We have received a memorial donation in loving memory of **James Ketler** (March 15, 2022) from wife Ruth, daughters Brigitte and Andrea and grandchildren Michael and Elena. “*The beautiful memory left in behind will always remain in our hearts.*”

We have also received a memorial donation from Ray & Flora Schalla and Susan Nickel in loving memory of their father, **Her- man W. Schalla** (March 10, 1998). “*We always have you close to us, forever in our hearts.*”

CHOIR

If you would like to sing in the choir for Good Friday and Easter Sunday, practices will be Wednesdays after the Midweek Lenten Services 8:00pm starting March 12th. Men, we need your voices! Contact Susan Nickel for more information!

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN SING

To mark the half-way point of Lent, and to sneak in a little Easter joy prematurely, you, your friends and your voices are invited to our Congregational Hymn Sing taking place here at the church on March 23rd at 6:30. Please email Pastor Tim or the office with your favourite hymns and/or songs right away. If you don’t email, there’s a paper in the bulletin for you! We’d love to have an hour’s worth of congregational favourites! And yes, on this Sunday, we’ll sing all the Hallelujahs you want ☺!

NEW DIRECTORIES

Please submit an updated digital photo of your family to the office! There is going to be a new edition of the Pictorial Directory in time for September! Kids have grown older, kids have been added, parents have grown grayer and time has passed for all. If you still feel your old picture still looks like you, great - it won’t change! Get this info to Jen in the office ASAP.

THANK YOU

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

ATTENDANCE: February 23, 2025
Traditional - 102
Contemporary - 37
Sunday School - 16 students, 9 teachers
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