

### 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

# ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF STEINBACH INC.

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## Sunday, March 9, 2025 Welcome to our Traditional 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

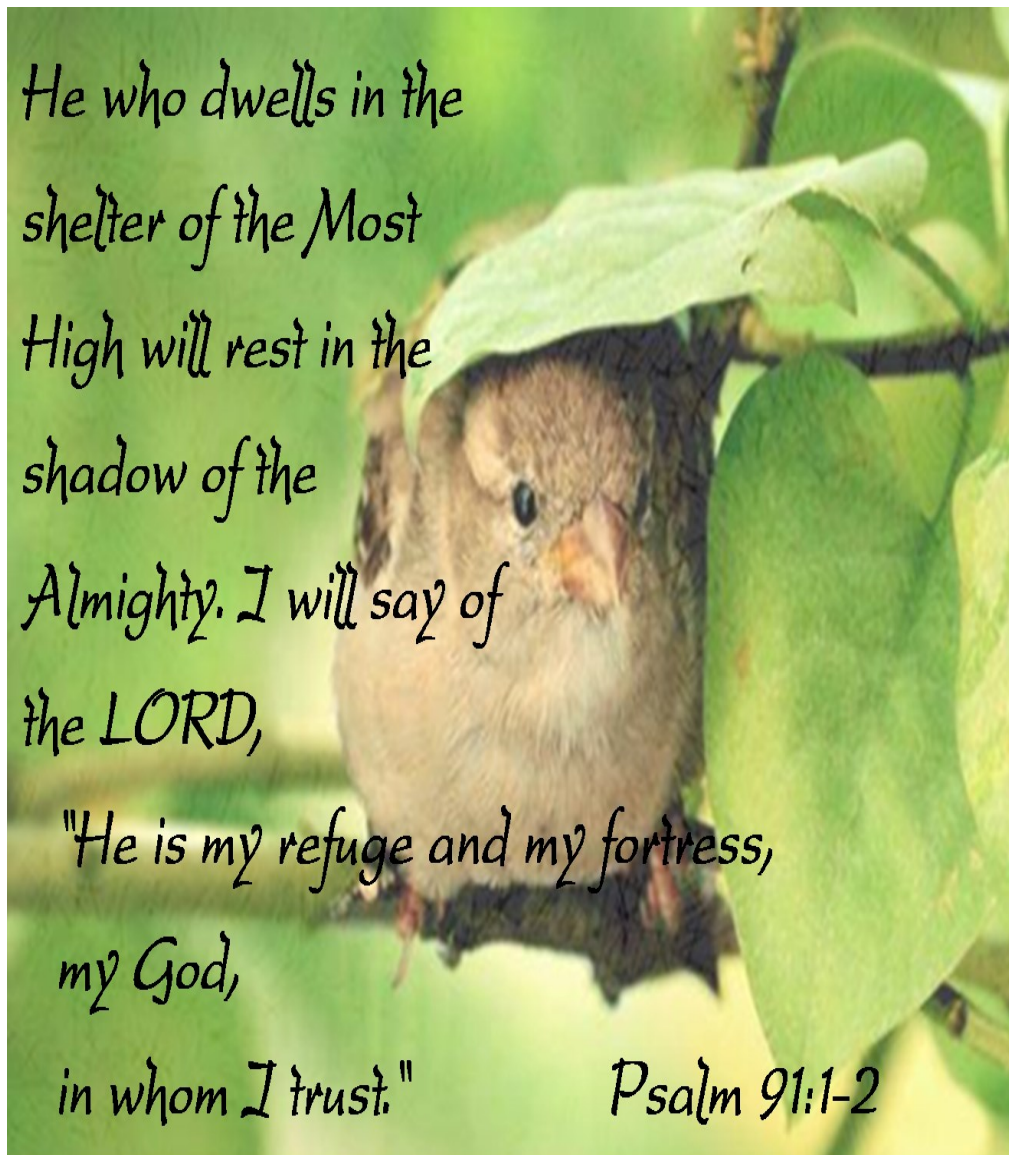
Wednesday, April 2  
7pm Service

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

### 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

*"O Lord Throughout These 40 Days" #319*

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.**

L: Our Lord Jesus Christ said: Hear O Israel, The Lord our God is one Lord; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the first and great commandment and the second is like it: You shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

C: **Lord, have mercy upon us, and write both these laws in our hearts, we pray.**

L: Lord, have mercy upon us.

C: **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

L: Lord, have mercy upon us.

### 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

### GOD'S WORD

#### FIRST READING: DEUTERONOMY 26:1-11

<sup>1</sup>When 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, <sup>2</sup>you 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. <sup>3</sup>You 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." <sup>4</sup>When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, <sup>5</sup>you 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. <sup>6</sup>When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, <sup>7</sup>we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. <sup>8</sup>The 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; <sup>9</sup>and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>10</sup>So 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. <sup>11</sup>Then 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.**

#### RESPONSIVE READING: 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.**

#### SECOND READING: ROMANS 10:8b-13

<sup>8b</sup>"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup>because 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. <sup>10</sup>For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. <sup>11</sup>The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." <sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. <sup>13</sup>For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (SING)

**Come, let us to the Lord our God with contrite hearts return;  
our God is gracious, nor will leave the desolate to mourn.**

#### HOLY GOSPEL: LUKE 4:1-13

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

<sup>1</sup>Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, <sup>2</sup>where 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. <sup>3</sup>The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." <sup>4</sup>Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'" <sup>5</sup>Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. <sup>6</sup>And 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. <sup>7</sup>If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." <sup>8</sup>Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" <sup>9</sup>Then 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, <sup>10</sup>for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' <sup>11</sup>and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" <sup>12</sup>Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" <sup>13</sup>When 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

#### HYMN OF THE DAY

*"Eternal Lord of Love, Behold our Church" #321*

#### APOSTLES' CREED

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

#### SHARING OF THE PEACE

#### OFFERING

#### DOXOLOGY - #884

#### 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.**

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#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

L: All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread.

#### COMMUNION HYMNS

*"Holy, Holy, Holy" #473 (3x)*

*"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less" #596*

*"Beneath the Cross of Jesus" #338*

*"There is a Redeemer"*

#### 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.

#### THE BLESSING

L: Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him; and the bless-

ing 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 HYMN

*"O Love How Deep" #322*


#### 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**

**Family - 37**

**Sunday School - 16 students, 9 teachers**

**OFFERING: \$6452**