

### 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 16, 2025 Welcome to our Traditional Worship Service On this II Sunday in Lent

**Sunday, March 16**  
9am - Confirmation  
9:30am - Worship Service  
9:30am - Sunday School  
Coffee Time!!  
11am - Family Worship

**Monday, March 17**  
6:30pm - Junior Youth

**Wednesday, March 19**  
10am - Quilting Group  
6:30pm - Senior Youth  
7pm - Midweek Lenten Service

**Sunday, March 23**  
9am - Confirmation  
9:30am - Worship Service  
9:30am - Sunday School  
Coffee Time!!  
11am - Family Worship  
6:30pm - Hymn Sing

### 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

### 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: March 9, 2025**  
Traditional - 100  
Contemporary - 53  
Sunday School - 21 students, 10 teachers  
**OFFERING: \$5862**





# THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT MARCH 16, 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

*"As the Sun" #329*

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

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: **God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### GOD'S WORD

#### FIRST READING: GENESIS 15:1-12, 17-18

<sup>1</sup>After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a

vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." <sup>2</sup>But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." <sup>4</sup>But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." <sup>5</sup>He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." <sup>6</sup>And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness. <sup>7</sup>Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." <sup>8</sup>But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" <sup>9</sup>He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." <sup>10</sup>He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. <sup>11</sup>And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. <sup>12</sup>As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. <sup>17</sup>When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. <sup>18</sup>On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

#### RESPONSIVE READING: PSALM 27

L: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

C: **When evildoers close in against me to devour my flesh, they, my foes and my enemies, will stumble and fall.**

L: Though an army encamp against me, my heart will not fear. Though war rise up against me, my trust will not be shaken.

C: **One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God in the temple.**

L: For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter, hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high upon a rock.

C: **Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me. Therefore, I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music to the LORD.**

L: Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me.

C: **My heart speaks your message - "Seek my face." Your face, O LORD, I will seek.**

L: Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger. Cast me not away - you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my salvation.

C: **Though my father and my mother forsake me, the LORD will take me in.**

L: Teach me your way, O LORD; lead me on a level path, because of my oppressors.

C: **Subject me not to the will of my foes, for they rise up against me, false witnesses breathing violence.**

L: This I believe - that I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living!

C: **Wait for the LORD and be strong. Take heart and wait for the LORD!**

#### SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 3:17-4:1

<sup>17</sup>Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. <sup>18</sup>For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. <sup>19</sup>Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. <sup>20</sup>But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>21</sup>He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. <sup>4:1</sup>Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

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 13:31-35

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

<sup>31</sup>At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." <sup>32</sup>He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work.' <sup>33</sup>Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' <sup>34</sup>Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! <sup>35</sup>See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

L: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

#### MESSAGE

#### HYMN OF THE DAY

*"In the Cross of Christ I Glory" #324*

#### 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

*"Lamb of God" #336*

*"Children of the Heavenly Father" #781*

*"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" #803*

*"How Deep the Father's Love For Us"*

#### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

L: Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

#### THE BLESSING

L: God, who from the death of sin raised you to new life in Christ, keep you from falling and set you in the presence of his glory; and the blessing of Almighty God, Father Son and Holy Spirit remain among you now and always.

C: Amen

#### SENDING HYMN

*"O Jesus I Have Promised" #810*


#### 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, 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 **Henry Sobering** (March 14, 2023) from his wife Kathy and their family. *"Beautiful thoughts of one so dear, treasured forever, with love sincere."*

#### CONDOLENCES

Our condolences to Kurtis, Jennifer, Jayden and Brielle Krentz on the loss of their daughter and sister Tabrina on Tuesday, March 11th. Funeral arrangements are pending. *"May God embrace you with His comfort and sustain you by His grace."*

#### ANNOUNCEMENT FROM COUNCIL

It is our pleasure to announce that efforts are underway to fill the part time Parish Assistant position approved at the AGM. Thanks to everyone for your support. Church Council

#### HELP NEEDED

As many of you know, our organist, Eleanor Wiebe has invited Council to begin to plan for her retirement. She hopes to remain for a good while yet, we don't want to see her go, but it is time to begin planning for that eventuality. To help in that regard, Church Council would like to strike a Worship Planning Committee which would develop options for Church Council to discuss so that, when Eleanor decides it's time, we can celebrate her contribution to our common life and transition smoothly to a new phase of ministry. Council would like to see a broad representation on this committee, especially in terms of age and service attendance. If this work interests you, please contact Shari Teetaert, Chair of Worship and Music or Sylvia Nilsson Barkman, President of Council. And watch for more information.

#### 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!