

## 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 23, 2025 Welcome to our Family Worship Service On this III Sunday in Lent

### 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

### POSITION AVAILABLE

**Join our team** as Office Assistant  
In addition to office tasks, this important position serves as a liaison between Our Pastor, staff, parishioners, committees and the community.

#### Duties:

Manage phone and communication  
Maintain church records  
Update website, presentation software and other technology  
Create bulletins and announcements  
Order supplies  
Assist Treasurer with contributions  
Support church programs  
Other duties as assigned

**Hours:** 35 hours/week

**Salary:** dependent on experience  
Health & dental benefits and pension offered

#### Apply to:

Send resume and cover letter to  
Brad Mehling [204-371-8723](tel:204-371-8723) [bmehling@mymts.net](mailto:bmehling@mymts.net)



### LIKE TO SING?

If you would like to sing in the choir for Good Friday and Easter Sunday, practices take place on Wednesdays after the Midweek Lenten Services at 8:00pm. Men, we need your voices! Contact Susan Nickel for more information!

### 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.

### 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 the office ASAP.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS CONGREGATIONAL HYMN SING TONIGHT 6:30pm

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

**Monday, March 24**  
6:30pm - Junior Youth

**Wednesday, March 26**  
10am - Quilting Group  
6:30pm - Senior Youth  
7pm - Midweek Lenten Service

**Sunday, March 30**  
10:00 - Worship Service (no Sunday School)  
Coffee Time!!

### 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 THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT MARCH 23RD, 2025

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GATHERING SONG

#### GATHERING: PSALM 63:1-8

L: O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

**C: Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, that I might behold your power and your glory.**

L: For your steadfast love is better than life itself; my lips shall give you praise.

**C: So will I bless you as long as I live and lift up my hands in your name.**

L: My spirit is content, as with the richest of foods, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

**C: when I remember you upon my bed, and meditate on you in the night watches.**

L: For you have been my helper, and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

**C: My whole being clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.**

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

L: Compassionate One,

**C: you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world. We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross. Amen.**

L: Beloved in Christ, God's arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home. In Christ your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God's house forever.

**C: Amen.**

### SONG

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray together,

**C: Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### CHILDREN'S LESSON

**GOD'S WORD:** Reader Cassandra Dyck

#### FIRST READING: ISAIAH 55:1-9

<sup>1</sup>Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk

without money and without price.

<sup>2</sup>Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

<sup>3</sup>Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

<sup>4</sup>See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.

<sup>5</sup>See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

<sup>6</sup>Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near;

<sup>7</sup>let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts;

let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

<sup>8</sup>For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.

<sup>9</sup>For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

#### SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 10:1-13

<sup>1</sup>I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, <sup>2</sup>and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, <sup>3</sup>and all ate the same spiritual food, <sup>4</sup>and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. <sup>5</sup>Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

<sup>6</sup>Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. <sup>7</sup>Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." <sup>8</sup>We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. <sup>9</sup>We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. <sup>10</sup>And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. <sup>11</sup>These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. <sup>12</sup>So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. <sup>13</sup>No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

#### HOLY GOSPEL: LUKE 13:1-9

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

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. <sup>2</sup>[Jesus] asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?" <sup>3</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. <sup>4</sup>Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? <sup>5</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

<sup>6</sup>Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. <sup>7</sup>So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' <sup>8</sup>He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. <sup>9</sup>If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### MESSAGE

### SONG

### APOSTLES' CREED

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### SHARING OF THE PEACE

### OFFERING

#### 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 forever 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

#### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

L: Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**C: Amen.**

#### BENEDICTION

L: May God the Father, who does not despise the broken spirit, give to you a contrite heart. May Christ, who bore our sins in his body on the tree, heal you by his wounds. May the Holy Spirit, who leads us into all truth, speak to you words of pardon and peace; and the blessing of Almighty God, Father Son and Holy Spirit remain among you now and always.

**C: Amen**

**SENDING SONG: "**


#### 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 DONATIONS

Memorial donations have been received in loving memory of:

\* **Fred Schalla**, who passed away March 24, 2009, from his uncle Ray and Flora Schalla. "Deep in our hearts your memory is kept, to love, to cherish and never forget."

\* **Eloise Auch**, who passed away March 26, 2022, from June Holme. "Silent thoughts of times together hold memories that will last forever."

### 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.

### THANK YOU

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

#### ATTENDANCE:

**March 5 - 53; March 12 - 46; March 19- 40**

**March 16, 2025**

**Traditional - 125; Family - 52**

**Sunday School - 25 students, 9 teachers**

**OFFERING: \$5,897.35**