

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 Traditional 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 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.

THANK YOU to all who have participated in today's services.



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 23, 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 Deer Runs to the River" - #331

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: **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.**

GOD'S WORD

Reader Michael Andres

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 55:1-9

¹Ho, 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.

²Why 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.

³Incline 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.

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

⁵See, 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.

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

⁷let 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.

⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.

⁹For 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.**

RESPONSIVE READING: 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.**

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 10:1-13

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

⁶Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷Do 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." ⁸We must not indulge in

sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. ¹⁰And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. ¹¹These 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. ¹²So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. ¹³No 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.**

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 13:1-9

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. ²[Jesus] asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?" ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴Or 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?" ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

⁶Then 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. ⁷So 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?' ⁸He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹If 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

HYMN OF THE DAY

"As Rain from the Clouds" - #508

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

"Come to the Table" (sung 2x) - #481

"Take My Life, That I May Be" - #685

"Around You, O Lord Jesus" - #468

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" - #351

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.**

THE BLESSING

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 HYMN

"Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross" - #335

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.

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