

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 the office.

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

Mid-Week Lenten & Holy Week Service Schedule

Wednesday, April 2
7pm Service

Wednesday, April 9
7pm Healing Service

Palm Sunday, April 13
10am Service

Maundy Thursday, April 17
7pm Service
with Holy Communion

Good Friday, April 18
10am Service

Easter Sunday, April 20
7:30am Sunrise Service
8:30am Breakfast Potluck
9:30am Worship 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

SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attention all Sunday School students (and teachers). Lots of exciting events coming your way, starting with a parade on Palm Sunday, April 13 AND we will be singing at the worship service. The service begins at 10am, but it is important **students are here by 9:30am** so we can practice. Then, Saturday, April 19, a fun morning of Easter crafts and other activities from 10-11:30am. Be sure to mark these dates on your calendar.

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 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.

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Sunday, March 30, 2025 Welcome to our Traditional Worship Service On this IV Sunday in Lent

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, March 30
10:00 - Worship Service
(no Sunday School or coffee time)

Wednesday, April 2
10am - Quilting Group
7pm - Midweek Lenten Service

Sunday, April 6
9am - Confirmation
9:30am - Worship Service
9:30am - Sunday School
Coffee Time!!
11am - Family Worship

ATTENDANCE

March 23, 2025: Traditional - 126; Family - 46
Sunday School - 37 students, 9 teachers
Lenten Service March 26 - 57

OFFERING: \$5,824.75

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 FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT MARCH 30, 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

"How Firm a Foundation" - #796

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 compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, 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 Darlene Schmidtke-Turner

FIRST READING: JOSHUA 5:9-12

⁹The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

¹⁰While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. ¹¹On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. ¹²The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSIVE READING: PSALM 32

L: ¹Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!

C: ²**Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile!**

L: ³While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, because of my groaning all day long.

C: ⁴**For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**

L: ⁵Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

C: ⁶**Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.**

L: ⁷You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

C: ⁸**"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; I will guide you with my eye.**

L: ⁹Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."

C: ¹⁰**Great are the tribulations of the wicked; but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.**

L: ¹¹Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

SECOND READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 5:16-21

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! ¹⁸All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (SUNG)

**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 15:1-3, 11b-32

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

¹ Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

³So he told them this parable: ^{11b}"There was a man who had two sons. ¹²The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. ¹³A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. ¹⁴When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need.

¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' ²⁰So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²²But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

²⁵"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' ²⁸Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' ³¹Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

L: The gospel of the Lord.

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

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling" - #608

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

"Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup - (WOV) #706

"Blessed Assurance" - (WOV) #699

"My Song Is Love Unknown" - (WOV) #661

"A New Commandment" - (WOV) #664

"Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God" - (WOV) #783

"Bind Us Together" - (WOV) #748

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 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 HYMN

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" - #611

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:
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.

CONDOLENCES

Our deepest condolences are extended to family, relatives and friends of Cari Doerksen, and especially to her daughters Sara and Emily. Cari passed away on Sunday, March 23 at the age of 51. The funeral service was held here on Friday with Rev. Tim Perry presiding. May our God of comfort and consolation surround you with his love and peace, now and in the days to come.

HOLY COMMUNION



Holy Communion is offered in the **TRADITIONAL FORMAT** today. Registration cards are available in the pews and at both entrances. Participants are asked to fill out a card and place it in the basket provided or in the offering plate. **All are welcome at God's table.**

Easter is fast approaching! If you or a family member would like to receive the sacrament of holy communion at home (or in hospital) during Holy Week (Monday-Thursday April 14-17) or Easter Week (Monday-Friday, April 21-25) please contact Pastor Tim or the Office to schedule a date and time.