

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 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

Saturday, April 19  
10-11:30am  
Easter Crafts & Fun

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

God Pause

Based on Philippians 3:4b-14

Previous readings have portrayed “remembering” as positive when it involves recalling God’s past deliverance to encourage trust in God now. But in today’s address to the Philippians, Paul is determined to “forget” the past so he can focus on the journey of faith that still lies ahead. Here, Paul’s “forgetting” means disregarding the privileges he previously enjoyed, so that his life might be grounded in nothing other than the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Just as Christ willingly set aside his divine privileges to become a humble servant (2:5–11), Paul knows that having been claimed by Christ means serving Christ—a call that inevitably comes with sacrifice and suffering. Anything that seeks to define us or motivate our actions other than the self-giving love of Christ is to be continually crucified on the life-giving journey of faith. This message is both counter-cultural and freeing.

*Humble Christ, thank you for giving your life for us, so that we can truly live in and through you. Help us to serve others with the love you have given us. Amen.*

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Sunday, April 6, 2025  
Welcome to our Family Worship Service  
On this V Sunday in Lent

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Monday, April 7  
6:30pm - Junior Youth

Tuesday, April 8  
7pm - Church Council meeting

Wednesday, April 9  
10am - Quilting Group  
6:30pm - Senior Youth  
7pm - Lenten Healing Service

Sunday, April 13  
9:30am - Sunday School meets  
10am - Worship Service with Palm Procession  
& singing by Sunday School

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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 Fifth Sunday In Lent

## April 6th, 2025

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG: “God Will Make a Way”

GATHERING: PSALM 126

L: <sup>1</sup>When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, then were we like those who dream.

C: <sup>2</sup>**Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy. Then they said among the nations, “The Lord has done great things for them.”**

L: <sup>3</sup>The Lord has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed.

C: <sup>4</sup>**Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses of the Negeb.**

L: <sup>5</sup>Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.

C: <sup>6</sup>**Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.**

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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray together,

C: **Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

PARISH ASSISTANT INSTALLATION

CHILDREN’S LESSON

SONG: “Jesus Strong and King”

GOD’S WORD: Reader Xavier Teetaert

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 43:16-21

<sup>16</sup>Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, <sup>17</sup>who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: <sup>18</sup>Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. <sup>19</sup>I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. <sup>20</sup>The wild ani-

mals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, <sup>21</sup>the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 3:4b-14

<sup>4b</sup>If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup>circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup>as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

<sup>7</sup>Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. <sup>8</sup>More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. <sup>10</sup>I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

<sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup>Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL: JOHN 12:1-8

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

<sup>1</sup>Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup>There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. <sup>3</sup>Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus’ feet, and wiped hem with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. <sup>4</sup>But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, <sup>5</sup>“Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?” <sup>6</sup>(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) <sup>7</sup>Jesus said, “Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup>You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

MESSAGE

SONG: “Oh Praise”

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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

“Come Unto Jesus”

“I Am the Bread of Life”

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

L: Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and forever.

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: “Lord Reign in Me”

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: Emily and Sara Doerksen, Dalia Dyck, Adelaide Freund, Chris Funk, Tina Heckert, Herta Kihn, Glorian Mehling, Ruby Myran, Brenda Olson, Pastor Leslie Poulin, Gordon & Iris Pylpyjuk, Ray Schalla, Helmuth Renz, Pastor Trudy Thorinsen and the Congregation of Grace-St. John’s Carman, Khrista Vogt, Mary Wiebe, Anita Wiens, Don Woroniuk and Bishop Geoff Woodcroft.

HOLY COMMUNION

 Holy Communion is offered in the **CONTINUOUS 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-Thursdays April 14-17) or Easter Week (Monday-Friday, April 21-25) please contact Pastor Tim or the Office to schedule a date and time.

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

Memorial donations have been received in loving memory of **Cari Doerksen**, who passed away March 23, 2025, from Brad and Barb Mehling and Rick and Gladys Derksen. “God has her in His keeping, we have her in our hearts. May she rest in peace.”

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 followed by 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.

SPECIAL COFFEE TODAY

Everyone is warmly invited to the Special Coffee Time today as we welcome Stephen Bilski as St. Paul’s Parish Assistant. May God bless you and direct you as you faithfully serve God.

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

Thank you to the many, many people who supported us and continue to provide hope following the passing of our beloved mom and friend, Cari Doerksen. Thank you for your prayers, thoughtful words, gifts of food, cards, and heartfelt condolences. Special thanks to Pastor Tim, organist Eleanor Wiebe, the serving group, and all others who helped in any way at the funeral service and beyond. Your kindness warms the heart and soul.

- Sara and Emily Doerksen,  
Marilyn Levesque, Rebecca and Arthur

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

**ATTENDANCE**  
**March 30, 2025 - 137**  
**Lenten Service April 2 - 33**

**OFFERING: \$5,622.50**