

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

 **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 Pylypjuk, 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.**

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.

MEMORIAL DONATIONS


Memorial donations have been received in loving memory of: **Cari Doerksen**, who passed away March 23, 2025, from John and Doris Thiessen. *"The beautiful memory left behind will always remain in our hearts."*

Ken Romaniuk, who passed away April 6, 2021, from Jean Romaniuk. *"Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day. Unseen, unheard, but always near, still loved, still missed, and very dear."*

Danny Bekiaris, who passed away April 9, 2000, from Mona Bekiaris and family. *"Quietly remembered day by day, sadly missed along life's way."*

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.

 **EASTER FUN**

There will be Easter crafts, an egg hunt and a telling of the Easter Story on **Saturday, April 19** from 10-11:30am. Please plan on attending with your children and have some family fun!

HOLY WEEK

Holy Week is upon us! Please have a look at the list of services and activities coming up. An **Easter Breakfast Potluck will take place at 8:30am on Sunday, April 20.** Fruit, cheese, juice, milk, tea and coffee are provided, but please bring a dish of something to share!

SCOUTS FUNDRAISER

The Scouts are running a fundraiser right now by selling gift certificates for Country Meat & Sausage. Prizes are: first \$400; second \$300; third: \$200; and fourth \$100. The draw will take place Wednesday, May 7. Tickets at \$5 each may be purchased by contacting Stan or Gerry Funk at 204-346-3113. Please help support this amazing group of kids!

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who have participated in today's service, with special thanks to the Sunday School students and teachers for blessing us with their enthusiasm and songs of praise.

ATTENDANCE

April 6, 2025: Traditional - 147; Family - 39
Sunday School: Students - 34; Teachers - 10
April 9: Lenten Healing Service - 44
OFFERING: \$12,268.70



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Sunday, April 13th, 2025
Welcome to our Worship Service
on this Palm Sunday

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Today
10am - Worship Service with Palm Procession & singing by Sunday School

Monday, April 14
6:30pm - Junior Youth

Wednesday, April 16
6:30pm - Senior Youth
7pm - Scouts, Pioneer Girls

Thursday, April 17
7pm - Maundy Thursday Service with Holy Communion

Friday, April 18
10am - Good Friday Worship Service

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

Sunday, April 20
7:30am - Sunrise Service
8:30am - Breakfast Potluck
9:30am - Traditional Service



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!



PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 13TH, 2025

As they are able, the congregation assembles in the narthex.

GREETING

L: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
C: **Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!**

GOSPEL: Luke 19:28-40

²⁸After he had said this, [Jesus] went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, “Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’” ³²So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” ³⁴They said, “The Lord needs it.” ³⁵Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸saying, “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!” ³⁹Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” ⁴⁰He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

BLESSING OF THE PALMS

L: The Lord be with you.
C: **And also with you.**
L: Let us pray. Almighty and Loving God, the Hebrews acclaimed Jesus as the Messiah and King with palm branches in their hands, crying "Hosanna in the highest". We pray you, O Lord, bless these branches and make them holy. May we also, carrying them, crying out "Hosanna in the Highest" and "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord", acclaim Jesus as our Messiah and King and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life.
C: **Amen.**

PROCESSION

L: Let us go forth in peace.
C: **In the name of Christ, Amen.**

PROCESSIONAL SONG: “The King of Glory”

The congregation processes into the church during the song.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Sovereign God, you have established your rule in the human heart through the servanthood of Jesus Christ.
C: **By your Spirit, keep us in the joyful procession of those who with their tongues confess Jesus as Lord and with their lives praise him as Saviour, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

CHILDREN’S CHOIR

Children are dismissed for Sunday School

GOD’S WORD: Reader Shawn Sadler

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 50:4-9a

⁴The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens - wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. ⁷The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

L: The Word of the Lord.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSIVE READING: PSALM 31:9-16

L: Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.
C: **For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.**
L: I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbours, a dismay to my acquaintances; when they see me in the street they avoid me.
C: **Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind; I am as useless as a broken pot.**
L: For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around; they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.
C: **But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. I have said, “You are my God.**
L: My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.
C: **Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.”**

SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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 23:1-49

C: Glory to you, O Lord

¹Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. ²They began to accuse him, saying, “We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king.” ³Then Pilate asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?” He answered, “You say so.” ⁴Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, “I find no basis for an accusation against this

man.” ⁵But they were insistent and said, “He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place.”
⁶When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. ⁷And when he learned that he was under Herod’s jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. ⁸When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. ⁹He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. ¹¹Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. ¹²That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.
¹³Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, ¹⁴and said to them, “You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. ¹⁵Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. ¹⁶I will therefore have him flogged and release him.”
¹⁸Then they all shouted out together, “Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!” ¹⁹(This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) ²⁰Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; ²¹but they kept shouting, “Crucify, crucify him!” ²²A third time he said to them, “Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him.” ²³But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. ²⁴So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. ²⁵He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.
²⁶As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. ²⁷A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. ²⁸But Jesus turned to them and said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹For the days are surely coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.’” ³⁰Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us’; and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’” ³¹For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?”
³²Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴[[Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.”]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!” ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”
³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?” ⁴¹And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” ⁴²Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” ⁴³He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

⁴⁴It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, ⁴⁵while the sun’s light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.” Having said this, he breathed his last. ⁴⁷When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, “Certainly this man was innocent.” ⁴⁸And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. ⁴⁹But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.
L: The gospel of the Lord.
C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**
MESSAGE
HYMN OF THE DAY : “All Glory, Laud and Honor” - #344
APOSTLES’ CREED
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
SHARING OF THE PEACE
OFFERING
DOXOLOGY - #884
OFFERTORY PRAYER
L: Let us pray together. Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ.
C: **Amen.**
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INVITATION TO COMMUNION
L: All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread.
COMMUNION HYMNS
“Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal” - **#464**
“Beautiful Savor” - **#838**
“How Great Thou Art” - **#856**
“My Life Flows On in Endless Song” - **#763**
“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound” - **#779**
POST-COMMUNION PRAYER
L: Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father.
C: **Amen.**
THE BLESSING
L: May the Father, who so loved the world that he gave his only Son, bring you by faith to his eternal life. May Christ, who accepted the cup of sacrifice in obedience to the Father’s will, keep you steadfast as you walk with him the way of his cross. May the Spirit, who strengthens us to suffer with Christ that we may share his glory, set your minds on life and peace. And the blessing of Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, rest on you now and always.
C: **Amen**
SENDING HYMN
“Ride On, Ride On in Majesty” - **#346**
DISMISSAL
L: Go in peace. Share your bread.
C: **Thanks be to God!**