

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

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

A memorial donation has been received in loving memory of **Fred Driedger**, who passed away April 21, 2019, from wife Shirley Driedger and family. "As time unfolds another year, memories keep you ever near."

A memorial donation has also been received from Duane and Marilyn Engel in loving memory of **Cari Doerksen**, who passed away March 23, 2025. "God has her in his keeping, we have her in our hearts."

BULLETIN SPONSORS

The bulletins for today have been sponsored by **Shane and Mary Pelletier** who celebrate 23 years of marriage today! To add to the excitement and wonder of this occasion, they are also sponsoring the bulletin in honor of **Robert and Arlene Dyck** who marked their 45th wedding anniversary yesterday, April 19. "As you share the memories of the past, may you look forward to even greater joys in the years to come. To God be the glory!"

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!

ATTENTION LIBRARY USERS

Please note that **the library will be closed** for a week or two to allow our librarians to take inventory. If you have any outstanding books, DVD's, and so on, please return them in order that a complete update may be done as quickly and efficiently as possible. Thank you.

NEW DIRECTORIES

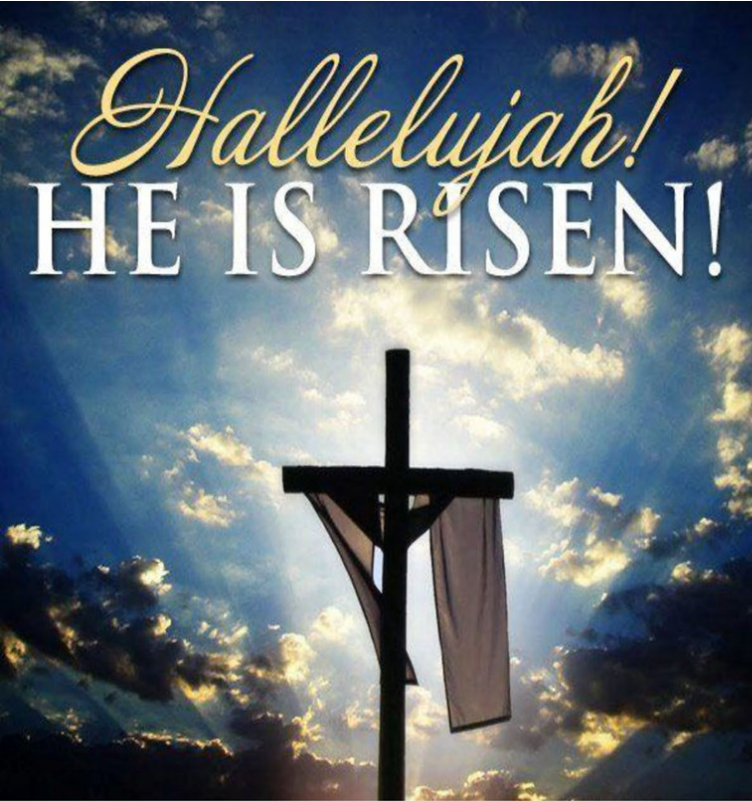
Please submit an updated digital photo of your family to the office! There is going to be a new edition of the Pictorial Directory in time for September! Kids have grown older, kids have been added, parents have grown grayer and time has passed for all. If you feel your old picture still looks like you, great - it won't change! Get this info to the office ASAP.

A NOTE ABOUT CONTRIBUTIONS

Reminder: If you are using a non-personalized pew envelope for your donation/contribution, please ensure that your **name and address** are on the envelope for tax receipt purposes.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who so generously gave of their time and talent to enhance our services during Holy Week and today: the ladies who made palm crosses, Lisa Wilson and company for pinning crosses, Ina Bloch and others for decorating, the serving group and all volunteers who helped with the Easter breakfast this morning, to the choir for sharing their gift of music Good Friday and today, and to all who have participated in today's services.



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Sunday, April 20th, 2025
Welcome to our Traditional Worship Service
on this Easter Sunday

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Monday, April 21
6:30pm - Junior Youth

Wednesday, April 23
6:30pm - Senior Youth
7pm - Scouts, Pioneer Girls

Sunday, April 27
9am - Confirmation
9:30am - Traditional Service
9:30am - Sunday School
Coffee Time
11am - Family 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!



EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 20TH, 2025

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

- L. Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- C. Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!
- L. In the name of the One who was, who is, and who is to come.
- C. Amen.

L. Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Water is poured into the font

- L. Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name.
- C. Baptized into you, O Living One, make us one as you are one.
- L. We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that wash away our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- C. Baptized into you, O Living One, make us one as you are one.
- L. We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power.
- C. Baptized into you, O Living One, make us one as you are one.
- L. Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.
- All. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today” - #365

- 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.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

- L. O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death.
- C. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

LIGHTING AND DEDICATION OF PASCHAL CANDLE

L. Brothers and Sisters in Christ, today we give thanks to God and we seek His blessing as we set apart our Paschal Candle as a sign of Christ's love. Let us pray. We give You thanks, O God, creator of the universe, for You have enriched our lives

with every good and perfect gift; You have commanded us to show Your splendor to our children; and You have invited us to praise You with lives of love, justice, and joy. Send Your blessing on this candle which we set apart today; may it be to us a sign of Christ, the light of the world, the light no darkness can overcome. To you, O God, be all glory and honor through your Son, Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

CHOIR: “Hallelujah for the Cross”

GOD’S WORD: Reader Jessica Hussein

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 65:17-25

- ¹⁷ I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind.
- ¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight.
- ¹⁹ I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress.
- ²⁰ No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.
- ²¹ They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
- ²² They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.
- ²³ They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—and their descendants as well.
- ²⁴ Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear.
- ²⁵ The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain.

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

RESPONSIVE READING: PSALM 118:1-2; 14-24

- L: Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good; God’s mercy endures forever.
- C: Let Israel now declare, “God’s mercy endures forever.”
- L: The Lord is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.
- C: Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous. “The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!
- L: The right hand of the Lord is exalted! The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!”
- C: I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.
- L: The Lord indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.
- C: Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks to the Lord.
- L: “This is the gate of the Lord; here the righteous may enter.”
- C: I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation.
- L: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.
- C: By the Lord has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.
- L: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 15:19-26

¹⁹ If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. ²¹ For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; ²² for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. ²³ But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴ Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (SUNG)

Alleluia! Lord and Savior:
open now your saving word.
Let it burn like fire within us;
speak until our hearts are stirred.
Alleluia! Lord, we sing
for the good news that you bring.

HOLY GOSPEL: LUKE 24:1-12

C: Glory to you, O Lord

¹ On the first day of the week, at early dawn, [the women] came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they went in, they did not find the body. ⁴ While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵ The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. ⁶ Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷ that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.” ⁸ Then they remembered his words, ⁹ and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰ Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹ But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹² But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

- L: The gospel of the Lord.
- C: Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Low in the Grave He Lay”

APOSTLES’ CREED

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY - #884

PRAYER OF BLESSING

- L. Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world.
- C: Amen.

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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

L: All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread.

COMMUNION HYMNS

“I Am the Bread of Life” - # 485
“Jesus Shall Reign” - #434
“He Lives”
“Because He Lives”
“Lead On, O King Eternal!” - # 805

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

- L: God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C: Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

- L: God the Father, by whose love Christ was raised from the dead, open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life. God the Son, who in bursting the grave has won a glorious victory, give you joy as you share the Easter faith. God the Holy Spirit, whom the risen Lord breathed into his disciples, empower you and fill you with Christ’s peace. And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.
- C: Amen

SENDING HYMN


“Thine Is the Glory” - #376

DISMISSAL


- L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
- L: Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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 Easter Week (Monday-Friday, April 21-25) please contact Pastor Tim or the Office to schedule a date and time.

ATTENDANCE

April 13: Traditional - 158
Sunday School: Students - 39; Teachers - 13

OFFERING: \$7,292.25