

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

God Pause

Based on Revelation 1:4-8

John tells the churches that Jesus' birth, life, death, and resurrection are the promise that God has always been and always will be with us. Life is difficult however, especially if we don't learn from our experiences. At 90 years of age, in writing a new book, Amazing Grace: A Journey of Self-Discovery, I realized that God's grace was my constant companion, even when I was not consciously aware of it. As a child living in a foster home, abused in every way, I became emotionally depressed, and while attending seminary, I attempted suicide. But by God's grace I found the courage to not give up when life seemed hopeless, the strength to forgive the unforgivable, and the wisdom to live more consciously. I discovered the serenity to accept my true self, the perseverance to transform my weaknesses into strengths, and through the power of God and therapy I found recovery from my addictions and the healing of my brain of PTSD. This is my message of God's grace to the churches.

God, we are grateful that your divine presence is everywhere and always available. In faith we affirm that you are our Alpha and Omega. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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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.



ATTENDANCE

Maundy Thursday, April 17 - 58
Good Friday, April 18 - 175 (estimate)
Sunday, April 20: Sunrise Service - 62; Traditional - 193
OFFERING: \$8,622.50

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Sunday, April 27th, 2025
Welcome to our Family Worship Service
on this Second Sunday of Easter

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Monday, April 28
6:30pm - Junior Youth

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

Sunday, May 4
9am - Confirmation
9:30am - Traditional Service
9:30am - Sunday School
Coffee Time
11am - Family Service

LOOKING AHEAD:
Sundays, May 4 & 11 - Parish Assistant Stephen Bilski will preach at both services while Pastor Tim Perry is away on study leave.



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!



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 27TH, 2025

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG
“Living Hope”

GATHERING: PSALM 150

L: Hallelujah! Praise God in the holy temple; praise God in the mighty firmament.

C: Praise God for mighty acts; praise God for exceeding greatness.

L: Praise God with trumpet sound; praise God with lyre and harp.

C: Praise God with tambourine and dance; praise God with strings and pipe.

L: Praise God with resounding cymbals; praise God with loud clanging cymbals.

C: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Hallelujah!

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

L: Christ died to sin once for all, and now he lives to God. Let us renew our resolve to have done with all that is evil and confess our sins in repentance and faith.

L: **Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord, we come to you in sorrow for our sins, and confess to you our weakness and unbelief. We have lived by our own strength, and not by the power of your resurrection. We have lived by the light of our own eyes, as faithless and not believing. We have lived for this world alone, and doubted our home in heaven. In your mercy, forgive us and raise us again to new life in your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen**

L. Hear the Word of God: “if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.” In Christ your sins are forgiven. Rest in his mercy.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L. Let us pray together.

C. O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit’s breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHILDREN’S LESSON

SONG: “Because He Lives”

GOD’S WORD: Reader Sylvia Nilsson-Barkman

FIRST READING: Acts 5:27-32

²⁷When they had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸saying, “We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man’s blood on us.” ²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give

repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: REVELATION 1:4-8

¹John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. ⁸“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL: JOHN 20:19-31

C: Glory to you, O Lord

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” ²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” ³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

L: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

SONG: “King of Kings”

APOSTLES’ CREED

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERING SONG: “I Will Offer Up My Life”

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L. Let us pray together,

C: 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. 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: All glory is Yours, Almighty Father, for you chose us to be a people, a royal priesthood and holy nation, called from darkness into light to declare your mighty deeds. And when we turned from your way, you gave your only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross, whereon he stretched out his hands between heaven and earth to make atonement for our sin and reconcile us to you. Then, through your might, he was gloriously raised from the dead, defeating the powers of darkness, opening the kingdom of heaven to all believers, and ever living to make intercession for His own. Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we praise you, singing:

Song: “Holy, Holy, Holy Lord”

L: On the night he was betrayed the Lord Jesus took bread and when he had given thanks, he broke it, gave it to His disciples and said, “This is my body which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way, after supper, he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.” Send your Holy Spirit, Almighty Father, to sanctify us and these gifts of bread and wine that they may be for us the body and blood of Your Son our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Accept this, our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. And hear us, gracious Lord, as your covenant to serve you in newness of resurrection life is renewed, as we bear one another’s burdens and so fulfilling the law of Christ. Grant this, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

L: Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

COMMUNION SONGS

“O Come to the Altar”

“Behold the Lamb”

“Good Good Father”

BLESSING

L. The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

L: Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

C: Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

L: The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always.

C: Amen

SENDING SONG: “Build Your Kingdom Here”

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, Bishop Geoff Woodcroft and Don Woroniuk.

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.**

WELCOME TO ST. PAUL’S

Today we welcome through transfer of membership to St. Paul’s **Dan and Sandra McSweeney** who join us from Advent Lutheran Church in Thompson. May you be blessed as you worship and serve here.

At the same time, we welcome **Delvene, Jalen and Danica Langan** through transfer from Advent Lutheran Church as well. Though the Langans continue to reside in Thompson, we value their desire to be a part of St. Paul’s.

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!

LIBRARY USERS TAKE NOTE

Please note that **the library will be closed** for another 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.

CONTRIBUTIONS REMINDER

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

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who have participated in today’s services.

