

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: 9am - 4 pm 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, 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.**

REST HAVEN COMMUNION

On the second Monday of the month at 2pm, Pastor Tim celebrates a communion service open to all residents and especially for Lutherans. Chaplain Berg has very kindly invited any family members to join their loved one(s). If you are interested, feel free to come on by.

NEW ASSISTANT, NEW OFFICE HOURS

A special welcome to our new Office Assistant, **Tanisha Wiebe**. Beginning May 5, office hours will be 9am-4pm Monday through Friday. Thank you to Erna Martens, Kim Andres, Chris and Shari Teetaert, Darlene Chartier and Brad Mehling for providing orientation and support during the transition.

IN LOVING MEMORY

A Memorial Donation has been received from Harold and Jean Borkowsky and Family in loving memory of Harold's father, **Gottlieb Borkowsky**, who passed away April 25, 1992. "Treasured still with love sincere, memories of him we loved so dear."

A donation has also been received from Harold and Jean Borkowsky and Family, and Marilyn Levesque and family in memory of their beloved father, **Frank Schalla**, who passed away April 27, 1997. "Silent thoughts of times together are treasures that will last forever."

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.

SCOUTS FUNDRAISER

The Scouts are holding a fundraiser by selling gift certificates for Country Meat & Sausage. Prizes are: first \$400; second \$300; third: \$200; and fourth \$100. The draw will take place this coming Wednesday, May 7, so hurry and get your tickets before it's too late. 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 REOPENS

Please note that the library has reopened! If you are picking up books or DVDs, **make sure you sign out the item**. Thank you to Karen Neufeld and Ruth Topnik for the intense work done to ensure all is in order. Great job!

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 all who have participated in today's services.



ATTENDANCE

Sunday, April 27: Traditional - 134; Family - 38
Sunday School: Students - 26; Teachers - 12

OFFERING: \$4572.50

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Sunday, May 4, 2025
Welcome to our Family Worship Service
on this Third Sunday of Easter

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Monday, May 5
6:30pm - Junior Youth

Tuesday, May 6
12pm - Quilting Group Wind-up
5:30pm - Relational Ministries meeting
8:30pm - All Committees meeting

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

Sunday, May 11
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!



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 4TH, 2025

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG: “Be Unto Your Name”

GATHERING: PSALM 30

- L: I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up and have not let my enemies triumph over me.
- C: **O LORD my God, I cried out to you, and you restored me to health.**
- L: You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead; you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.
- C: **Sing praise to the LORD, all you faithful; give thanks in holy remembrance.**
- L: God’s wrath is short; God’s favor lasts a lifetime. Weeping spends the night, but joy comes in the morning.
- C: **While I felt secure, I said, “I shall never be disturbed.**
- L: You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains.” Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.
- C: **I cried to you, O LORD; I pleaded with my Lord, saying,**
- L: “What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?
- C: **Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me; O LORD, be my helper.”**
- L: You have turned my wailing into dancing; you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.
- C: **Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever .**

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.**

- 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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- L. Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C. **Amen.**

SONG: “I Will Rise”

GOD’S WORD: Reader Charlene Freund

FIRST READING: ACTS 9:1-6 (7-20)

¹ Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³ Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?” ⁵ He asked, “Who are you, Lord?” The reply came, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶ But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.” ⁷ The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. ⁸ Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹ For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. ¹⁰ Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, “Ananias.” He answered, “Here I am, Lord.” ¹¹ The Lord said to him, “Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, ¹² and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.” ¹³ But Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; ¹⁴ and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.” ¹⁵ But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; ¹⁶ I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.” ¹⁷ So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” ¹⁸ And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, ¹⁹ and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, ²⁰ and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, “He is the Son of God.”

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

SECOND READING: REVELATION 5:11-14

¹¹ Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹² singing with full voice, “Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!” ¹³ Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, “To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!” ¹⁴ And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” And the elders fell down and worshipped.

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

HOLY GOSPEL: JOHN 21:1-19

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

¹ After [he appeared to his followers in Jerusalem,] Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. ² Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. ³ Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They

said to him, “We will go with you.” They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴ Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵ Jesus said to them, “Children, you have no fish, have you?” They answered him, “No.” ⁶ He said to them, “Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. ⁷ That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. ⁸ But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

⁹ When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. ¹⁰ Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” ¹¹ So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹² Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, “Who are you?” because they knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

¹⁵ When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.” ¹⁶ A second time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Tend my sheep.” ¹⁷ He said to him the third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. ¹⁸ Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.” ¹⁹ (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, “Follow me.”

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

MESSAGE

SONG: “O Praise the Name (Anastasis)”

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.**

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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

COMMUNION SONG: “Come Unto Jesus”

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: “I Will Follow”

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!**