

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.



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 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.

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.**

THANK YOU

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

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, May 18: Traditional - 109; Family - 47
Sunday School: Students - 27; Teachers - 8

OFFERING: \$4185



A big thank you to all!

The quilting ladies have finished their season, January-April. It was a great time with 78 quilts being finished! A big thank you to all the ladies, Valerie Kehler, Jackie Goertzen, Kathy Sobering, Glorian Mehling, Linda Sawatzky, Marlene Suderman, Emily Klassen, Ruth Topnik, Cheryl Andres, Laurette Kihn, Valerie Martin, Crystal Lawrence, Carla Turton, Debbie Lang, Diane Theriault, June Holme, Ingrid Schubert, Rose Bakx, Belinda Massey, Eva Doerksen, Sandra McSweeney, and Karen Mantie. Thank you for your time on Wednesdays, sewing tops together, tying quilts, hand stitching quilts, putting the quilts together, and sewing the edges to make the finished quilts. Thank you for all the help we had at the luncheon, the food and decorations were amazing. We appreciate the monetary, materials and supply donations, this would not happen without your help.

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Sunday, May 18, 2025 Welcome to our Family Worship Service on this Fifth Sunday of Easter

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, May 18

9:00am - Confirmation
9:30am - Traditional Service
Coffee Time
11:00am - Family Service

Tuesday, May 20

7:00pm - Council Meeting

Wednesday, May 21

6:30pm - Senior Youth
7:00pm - Scouts/Pioneer Girls

Saturday, May 24

10:00am - Communion Bread Baking

Sunday, May 25

9:00am - Confirmation
9:30am - Traditional Service
Coffee Time
11:00am - 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!

Alleluia
He is
Risen

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 18TH, 2025

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG: "10000 Reasons"

GATHERING: PSALM 148

- L: Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise God in the heights.
- C: Praise the Lord, all you angels; sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.**
- L: Praise the Lord, sun and moon; sing praise, all you shining stars.
- C: Praise the Lord, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.**
- L: Let them praise the name of the Lord, who commanded, and they were created,
- C: Who made them stand fast forever and ever, giving them a law that shall not pass away.**
- L: Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps;
- C: fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing God's will;**
- L: mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;
- C: wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds;**
- L: sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;
- C: Young men and maidens, old and young together.**
- L: Let them praise the name of the Lord, whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.
- C: The Lord has raised up strength for the people and praise for all faithful servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near 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.
- C: 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: Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through 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: "Fade with our Voices"

GOD'S WORD: Reader Chris Teetaert

FIRST READING: ACTS 11:1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ² So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³ saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" ⁴ Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵ "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶ As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷ I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' ⁸ But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' ⁹ But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' ¹⁰ This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹ At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹² The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³ He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴ he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' ¹⁵ And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶ And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁷ If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" ¹⁸ When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

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

SECOND READING: REVELATION 21:1-6

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; ⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." ⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶ Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

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

HOLY GOSPEL: JOHN 13:31-35

C: Glory to you, O Lord

³¹ When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³² If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³ Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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

MESSAGE

SONG: "Open up my eyes Lord"

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.

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 SONGS: "Holy Lord"

"Oh Lord You're Beautiful"

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: "Barocha"

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, The Family of 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, and Bishop Geoff Woodcroft.

IN LOVING MEMORY

The flowers on the altar have been placed in loving memory of Norman Holme, who passed on May 16th, 2020 by June Holme. "Gone are the days we used to share, but in our hearts you are always there".



A memorial donation has been given by Emily Klassen & Family in loving memory of husband, dad, and papa Ben Klassen, who passed on May 16th, 2023. "God has him in His keeping, we have him in our hearts. May he rest in peace."

CELEBRATING 60 YEARS

The bulletin this Sunday has been sponsored by Don and Dianne Woroniuk to celebrate their sixtieth wedding anniversary. We thank them for their generosity and offer our very best wishes and congratulations!

