

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.

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, May 18: Traditional - 113; Family - 32
 Sunday School: Students - ; Teachers -
OFFERING: \$5,122.05

 * **Quilt Fundraiser - Silent Auction** *
 * The St. Paul's Quilting ladies will give ALL pro- *
 * ceeds to the Church Mortgage. *
 * There are reserved bids on all the quilts. The ending day *
 * will be July 6th, 2025. *



St Paul's
**CHURCH
 PICNIC**
 FOLLOWING 10:00AM SERVICE

JUNE 1ST
 Games & treats for children!
 Food & Fellowship for all!

BBQ meats & beverages provided
 A - L ~ bring a dessert; M-Z ~ bring a salad

**ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN
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Sunday, May 25, 2025
Welcome to our Family Worship Service
on this Sixth 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**
- Wednesday, May 21**
 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

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 25TH, 2025

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG: *"May The People Praise You"*

RESPONSIVE READING: PSALM 67

- L: May God be merciful to us and bless us;
may the light of God's face shine upon us.
**C: Let your way be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations.**
L: Let the peoples praise you, O God;
Let all the peoples praise you.
**C: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations on earth.**
L: Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
**C: The earth has brought forth its increase;
God, our own God, has blessed us.**
L: May God give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

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:
Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through 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: *"How Great Are You Lord"*

GOD'S WORD: Reader Jessica Hussein

FIRST READING: ACTS 16:9-15

⁹ During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰ When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. ¹¹ We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹² and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³ On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴ A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵ When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

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

SECOND READING: REVELATION 21:10, 22-22:5

¹⁰ And in the spirit [one of the angels] carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. ²² I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³ And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴ The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. ²⁵ Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶ People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷ But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. ^{22:1} Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³ Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴ they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

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

HOLY GOSPEL: JOHN 14:23-29

C: Glory to you, O Lord

²³ Jesus answered [Judas (not Iscariot),] "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴ Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. ²⁵ "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸ You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹ And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

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

MESSAGE

SONG: *"The Summons"*

APOSTLES' CREED

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERING SONG:

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 SONGS: *"Round The Table"*
"O Fount Of Love"

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: *"Benediction"*

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.

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.**

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.

IN LOVING MEMORY

 A memorial donation has been given by Ray & Flora Schalla, and Susan Nickel in loving memory of brother Ralph Schalla, (May 28, 1978).

FIRST COMMUNION CELEBRATION

 This morning we celebrate with **Alyssa Enns, Emma Funk, Calvin Jakob, Tesslyn Priest, Gabriella Sawatzky** and their families. They have successfully completed their First Communion class, and are now taking the next step in their friendship with Jesus. At the 9:30 service, they will be helping the ushers and elder as they lead us in worship and at 11:00, they will receive Holy Communion at the rail with their families. Please congratulate them and thank them for their help today!