

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 proceeds 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

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Sunday, May 25, 2025 Welcome to our Traditional 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

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

L: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

L: Gracious God,

C: **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.**

L: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen

GATHERING HYMN

"Come, Thou Almighty King" - #408

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: 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.

GOD'S WORD: Reader Gladys Derksen

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.**

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.

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.**

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: 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

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" - # 807

APOSTLES' CREED

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY - #884

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.**

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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

COMMUNION HYMNS

"By Your Hand You Feed Your Children" - #469

"We Give Thee but Thine Own" - #686

"When Peace like a River" - #785

"The Love of God"

"My Savior's 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 HYMN

"Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart" - #800

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 **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.

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!

