

WORSHIP NOTES

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.

Need A Helping Hand? If you or someone you know needs assistance getting in or out of the church, please let us know. We're happy to arrange help - Your church family is here for you! Contact the office at office@stpaulsteinbach.org or (204)-326-3758.

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.

Drop Box: The drop box at the side entrance nearest to the office remains available for envelopes or small items.

YOUTH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

It has been another great year for the Junior and Senior Youth. We provide a setting where youth learn, grow in their faith, are encouraged, and have fun. As our numbers have increased, and so we can continue to flourish, additional adult volunteers are required. Please contact Parish Assistant Steve for more information.

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.

FALL BIBLE STUDY

Fall Bible Study resumes on Wednesday, Sept. 10 at 7pm here at the church and will run for 10 weeks. This Fall's theme is "Ask Him Anything!" Send your questions - Bible, theology, church history, liturgy, & worship, Lutheranism (really anything but math) - to Tanisha at office@stpaulsteinbach.org. Tanisha and Pastor Tim will tabulate all questions received. Watch for your top 10 questions in the August 31st bulletin.

JOIN OUR EMAIL LIST!

We're launching a church email blast for important announcements and reminders. ✓ Want to be included? Email your address to office@stpaulsteinbach.org.

✗ Don't want to be on the list? Email "Unsubscribe" to the same address.

TRAINING DAY - LET'S SERVE TOGETHER!

Join us on **Saturday, September 13**, from **10:00 AM to 2:00 PM** for a time of learning, preparation, and fellowship as we get ready to serve in the year ahead. **Lunch will be provided.** We're looking for volunteers in the areas of **Scripture reading, ushering, technology, communion helpers, altar guild, and elders.** **Sign-up sheets** are available just outside **Tanisha's office.** If you're interested but not currently involved in on of these ministries, you're still very welcome to sign-up— we'd love to have you join us! Please note: **Altar Guild and elders** don't need to sign up, but are encouraged to attend. Let's grow in faith and service together.

SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Sunday School is starting up again in **September**, and we'd love to grow our volunteer team! If you have a heart for kids and a little time to spare, this is a great way to serve. **Contact Cory Funk at 204-392-8293** to sign up!

PASTOR FRED IS RETIRING!

Pastor Fred Schneider is retiring this fall, just after celebrating his 67th birthday! Pastor Fred served as an intern at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in 1987 and 1988. We have been invited to send kind words, memories, or greetings to help celebrate this special milestone in his life and ministry. If you'd like to share your well wishes, you can email office@glcw.ca or call **780-352-5121**.

YOU'RE INVITED TO DAILY PRAYER SERVICES

Starting Monday September 8th, join us in the chapel for short, meaningful services of **Morning Prayer at 8:30 AM**, and **Evening Prayer at 4:00 PM**, led by Pastor Tim. Whether you're beginning your day or winding it down, these quiet moments of reflection and prayer are a beautiful way to draw closer to God and find peace in his presence. All are welcome!

COMING THIS FALL!

Starting September 2025, we'll be launching a Sunday School class for youth in Grades 9–12 (and those just a tad beyond). Stay tuned—more details to come!

FALL KICK-OFF - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH

Join us as we welcome a brand new season together! Our **Fall Kick-Off** begins with the **10:00 AM service**, featuring the **Blessing of the Backpacks** and **teacher installation.** After worship, stick around for **Sunday School Registration**, lunch and some good old-fashioned fun and games for all ages! If your last name begins with **A-L**, please bring **salad**; **M-Z**, bring a **dessert.** It's going to be a joyful Sunday - you won't want to miss it!

THANK YOU

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

ATTENDANCE: August 3rd, 2025

Family - 104

OFFERING: \$4, 712.50

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Sunday, August 10th 2025 Welcome to our Traditional Worship Service On this IX Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, August 10th
10:00 - Traditional Worship Service

Tuesday, August 12th
7:00 - Council Meeting

Sunday, August 17th
10:00 - Family Worship Service



WHY WORSHIP MATTERS

Worship is central to the Christian life.

The crucified and risen

Christ is present at the center

of the assembly gathered around

the means of grace. Through the word

proclaimed and sacraments celebrated,

the Holy Spirit is at work.

Lives are changed.

Sins are forgiven.

The alienated are reconciled.

Strangers are welcomed.

Unbelief gives way to faith.

God is praised.

Worship matters!

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!



**THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST
AUGUST 10TH 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 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 Savior and Lord. Amen.

L: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together in 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: "God Of Grace And God Of Glory" #705

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.

Kyrie - p. 203

Canticle of Praise - p. 204

Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray together,

C: Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Children's Lesson

GOD'S WORD: Leah Rudy

FIRST READING: Genesis 15:1-6

¹After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶And he believed the Lord, and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading: 33:12-22

L: Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord!
Happy the people chosen to be God's heritage!

C: The Lord looks down from heaven, and sees all humankind.

L: God sits firmly enthroned and watches all who dwell on the earth.

C: God fashions all their hearts and observe all their deeds.

L: A king is not saved by the size of the army, nor warriors rescued by their great strength.

C: The horse gives vain hope for victory; despite it's great strength it cannot save.

L: Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O Lord, Upon those who wait for your steadfast love,

C: to deliver their lives from death, and to keep them alive in time of famine.

L: Our innermost being waits for you, O Lord, our helper and our shield.

C: Surely, our heart rejoices in you, for in your holy name we put our trust.

L: Let your loving kindness, O Lord, be upon us, even as we place our hope in you.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. ⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." ¹³All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: "Alleluia" - p. 205

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: Luke 12:32-40

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

³³Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ³⁵"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. ³⁹"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

Hymn of the Day: "O Master Let Me Walk" #818

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the People

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

Doxology - #884

Offertory Prayer:

L: Let us pray together,

C: Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. 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: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

(Sung) Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution - p. 130

L: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C. Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

L: Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

C. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer - p. 208

Invitation to Communion

L: The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

Communion Hymns

"Soul, Adorn Yourself With Gladness" #488

"Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus" #802

"Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us" #789

"Children Of The Heavenly Father" #781

"Rock Of Ages, Cleft For Me" #623

BLESSING:

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

Post-Communion Prayer

L: Almighty Father, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.

C: Amen.

The Benediction

L: The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit bless you and give you peace.

C: Amen

Sending Hymn: "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus" #254 (Alternate Melody 631)

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER REMINDERS

In your prayers this week, please remember:

Mario & Kayla Dupont, Dalia Dyck, Adelaide Freund, Chris Funk, Ed Harder, Tina Heckert, Herta Kihn, Linda James, Glorian Mehling, Ruby Myran, Gordon & Iris Pylypjuk, Helmuth Renz, George Sawatzky, Ray Schalla, 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.