

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.

Office Hours: 9am to 4pm, Monday to Friday

WARM UP WITH A GOOD BOOK

Our winter & Christmas themed books are now on display in the Church library! We invite you to stop by, explore the collection, and enjoy a cozy read this season. Please remember to sign out any books you borrow - your help keeps our library ministry running smoothly.

THANK YOU

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

ATTENDANCE: November 16th, 2025

Traditional - 128

Family - 49

Sunday School - 34

OFFERING: \$23,979.8



God Pause

Based on Luke 23:33-43

Devotion

Death is lonely, but Jesus' death was hardly solitary. Many fell into procession with him, including two others, who like him were criminals (Luke 23:32). His execution, like theirs, was quite public. It was intentionally staged out in the open, as a warning and threat from an empire that ruled by fear and force. How many people beloved by God have died as Jesus did on account of threats, arrest, and execution, some even by the Church as it sought power and wealth instead of loving service? We cannot erase our history as God's people, but we can help write new stories of hope as we walk with Jesus. He calls us to change death into life for neighbors falsely accused, children suffering violence, strangers who face death sentences because of malnutrition, illness, or poverty. The Risen Christ calls us to hear their cries and as he did, accompany them.

Prayer

Lord, Jesus Christ, may we hear your words of welcome, "Today you will be with me in Paradise," as we join hands with neighbors. Renew your work in the life of your people, the Church. Give us courage, strength, and the persistence of your love. Amen.

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Sunday, November 23rd, 2025 Welcome to our Family Worship Service On This Christ The King Sunday

Sunday, November 23rd

9:30 AM - Traditional Service

11:00 AM - Family Service

Chili Cook-Off After The 11:00 Service

Monday, November 24th

6:30 PM - Junior Youth

Wednesday, November 26th

6:30 PM - Young Adults

7:00 PM - Scouts

7:00 PM - Pioneer Girls

Thursday, November 27th

6:30 PM - Senior Youth

Sunday, November 30th

Advent 1

9:30 AM - Traditional Service

11:00 AM - Family Service

Upcoming:

Wednesday, December 3rd

Evening Prayer St. Nicholas

Morning Prayer: 8:30 AM
(Mon.-Thurs. in Chapel)

Evening Prayer: 4:00 PM
(Mon.-Thurs. in Chapel)



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!



CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY NOVEMBER 23RD, 2025

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering Song: “Cornerstone”

Gathering: Psalm 46

L: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

C: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;

L: though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

C: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

L: God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken; God shall help it at the break of day.

C: The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth melts away.

L: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

C: Come now, regard the works of the Lord, what desolations God has brought upon the earth;

L: behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world; who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

C: “Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”

L: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Confession and Forgiveness

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

C: Amen.

L: Trusting in God’s mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

L: Merciful and loving God,

C: you have shown us the ways of your heart, yet we stray from your paths. We forsake your ways for the way of sin and fail to embrace the freedom of your faithful promises. We do not love our neighbours as we ought, and do not care for what you have made. We reject your steadfast love. Have mercy on us. Forgive us. Renew our hearts, and bring us to new life. Amen.

L: Hear the good news: God who is ever faithful forgives all who repent. In Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven, and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free.

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

L: O God, our true life

C: to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into fit habitation for your divine majesty, 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: “*There Is A Redeemer*”

GOD’S WORD: Jessica Hussein

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23:1-6

¹Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. ²Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. ³Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall no longer fear or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord. ⁵The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: “The Lord is our righteousness.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Colossians 1:11-20

¹¹May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. ¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 23:33-43

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

³³When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴[[Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵And the people stood by watching, but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!” ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.” ³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹And we indeed have been condemned

justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” ⁴²Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom.” ⁴³He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

Song: “*Jesus Messiah*”

Apostles’ Creed

Prayers of the People

Sharing of the Peace

Offering Song: “*In Christ Alone*” - Instrumental

Offering Prayer

L: Let us pray together,

C: God of healing and hope, you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things. Fulfill that promise through us and these gifts. Nourish us with the abundance of your feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and forever. 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: With joy we praise you, gracious Father, for you have created heaven and earth, made us in your image, and kept covenant with us—even when we fell into sin. And now we give you thanks because you anointed Jesus Christ, your only Son, as the eternal priest and King of all. As a priest he offered up his life on the cross, that by his one sacrifice he might present to you an eternal kingdom; a kingdom of truth and life; a kingdom of justice, love and peace. Therefore we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name.

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 and said, “This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way, he took the cup after supper and said, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this in remembrance of me.” For whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes. Therefore we proclaim our faith:

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

L: Lord, our God, send your Holy Spirit so that this bread and cup may be for us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. May we and all your saints be united with Christ and remain faithful in hope and love. Gather your whole church, O Lord, into the glory of your kingdom.

The Lord’s Prayer - P. 134

Invitation to Communion

L: There is a place for you at the table of God. Come, receive the food that does not perish, a taste of life eternal.

Communion Songs:

“*Living Hope*”

“*In Christ Alone*”

“*How Great Is Our God*”

“*Jesus Feed Us*”

Blessing

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

Post-Communion Prayer

L: God of field and flower, wheat and grape, you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world. Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ’s name.

C: Amen.

The Benediction

L: The love of God the Father strengthen you, God the Son save you, and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead. The holy Trinity bless you and grant you a faithful and courageous heart now and forever.

C: Amen

Sending Song: “*God Of Wonders*”

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Share the harvest.

C: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER REMINDERS

In your prayers this week, please remember:

John, Mario & Kayla Dupont, Dalia Dyck, Adelaide Freund, Chris Funk, Ed Harder, Tina Heckert, Linda James, Val & Nathan Kehler, Ruth Ketler, Pastor Al Maier, Rick Martins, Glorian Mehling, Ruby Myran, Mary Pelletier, Gordon & Iris Pylpjuuk, Helmuth Renz, Tony Sawatzky, Ray Schalla, Khrista Vogt, Mary Wiebe, Kathy Wintoniw (Abby & Julia), and Bishop Geoff Woodcroft.

HOLY COMMUNION

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PRAYING WITH THE SAINTS IN ADVENT

The Sundays of Advent celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Midweek worship, grounded in the Sunday readings, offers an added time of prayer and praise as we honor December’s commemorations. As we look to Christ—our light breaking through the winter darkness—we also see that light reflected in ordinary lives. Join us Wednesdays at 7 p.m. as we reflect on Sts. Nicholas (Dec. 3), Ambrose (Dec. 10), and Lucy (Dec. 17), preparing our hearts to receive in faith what they now see face to face.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Cory is still looking for Sunday School teacher alternates and helpers. If you are interested in children’s ministry, please contact the office, or reach out to Cory **204-392-8293**.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR YOUTH

Sunday School for youth in grades 10-12 (and those just a little beyond) is underway! Join us each week as we grow together in faith, and friendship!

YOUTH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our junior youth numbers are increasing. Two additional adult volunteers are required. Please contact Parish Assistant Steve to sign up.