

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.

SWEET BLESSINGS WANTED!

Our Youth Group loves to gather, grow in faith, and share life together—and a plate of cookies makes it all the sweeter! If you'd like to donate an assortment of cookies for their weekly gatherings, your kindness will be a true treat. Donations may be dropped off at the office during the week or brought to the church kitchen on Sunday mornings. Thank you for supporting our youth with both love and cookies!

COMMUNION DURING THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

During this Christmas season, we want everyone to have the opportunity to share in communion. If you are unable to attend our Christmas service and would like to receive communion at home during Christmas week (Dec. 26-31), please contact the church office to make an appointment. We are thankful to share this season with you.

GIVE GIFTS FROM THE HEART THIS CHRISTMAS

Canadian Lutheran World Relief's new *Gift from the Heart catalogue* has something to inspire and delight anyone on your list this year. It's full of meaningful, tangible gifts that will touch your loved ones and share God's love with the world! Copies are available through the church, by emailing clwr@clwr.org, or you can shop online at clwr.org/GFTH.

HAWAIIAN DINNER

A "Hawaiian Dinner" fundraiser is being planned to help offset our mortgage payments. Volunteers are needed to assist with setting up the event. If you're able to help, please contact Sylvia at 204-326-3893 to sign up.

We are also collecting supplies for the event. We are specifically looking for lunch-sized brown paper bags and burlap. If you have questions or have supplies to donate, please contact Sandy at 204-346-4682. Thank you for supporting this fundraiser!

ANNUAL LADIES CHRISTMAS TEA

You're warmly invited to our Annual Ladies Christmas Tea! Bring a friend, bring finger food to share, and take a moment to slow down during this busy season. Enjoy some laughs, music, good food, and the gift of being together. We can't wait to spend this special time together!

THANK YOU

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

ATTENDANCE: November 23, 2025

Traditional - 151

Family - 51

Sunday School - 49

OFFERING: \$11,512.25



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Sunday, November 30th, 2025 Welcome to our Family Worship Service On this 1st Sunday of Advent

Sunday, November 30th

9:30 AM - Traditional Service

11:00 AM - Family Service

Monday, December 1st

6:30 PM - Junior Youth

Wednesday, December 3rd

6:30 PM - Young Adults

7:00 PM - Scouts

7:00 PM - Pioneer Girls

7:00 PM - Mid Week Advent Service

Thursday, December 4th

6:30 PM - Senior Youth

Sunday, December 7th

9:30 AM - Traditional Service

11:00 AM - Family Service

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!



THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT NOVEMBER 30TH, 2025

Welcome & Announcements

Scripture Sentence

L: Now is the time to wake out of sleep,

C: for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. (Romans 13:11)

Advent Wreath Liturgy

Song: “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” ELW 257, st. 1

Litany

L1: At every beginning there is a yearning for the one who is coming. O Emmanuel,

C: Wake us up to your coming.

L2: We gather together to expect the unexpected and imagine the unimaginable. O Emmanuel,

C: Wake us up to your coming.

L1: We wait for the day when God will recycle tanks into tractors and transform minefields into soccer fields. O Emmanuel,

C: Wake us up to your coming.

L2: We stay awake by telling stories that offer a glimmer of a future and agitate dormant hope within us. O Emmanuel,

C: Wake us up to your coming.

L1: Jesus, we welcome your presence now with the lighting of this candle, whose flame brings warmth to winter and fills this place with the glow of hope.

C: Amen.

Light The First Candle

Song: “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” ELW 257, st. 3

Gathering Psalm: Psalm 122

L: I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the Lord.”

C: Now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

L: Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity with itself;

C: to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the Lord.

L: For there are the thrones of judgement, the thrones of the house of David.

C: Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: “May they prosper who love you.

L: Peace be within your walls and quietness within your towers.

C: For the sake of my kindred and companions, I pray for your prosperity.

L: Because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek to do you good.”

Song: “Sing To The King”

Prayer of the Day

L: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come.

C: By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Children’s Lesson

Song: “Come Now Long Expected Jesus”

GOD’S WORD: Dorinda Penner

FIRST READING: Isaiah 2:1-5

¹The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. ²In days to come the mountain of the Lord’s house shall be established as the highest of the mountains and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. ³Many peoples shall come and say, “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.” For out of Zion shall go forth instruction and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. ⁴

He shall judge between the nations and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war any more. ⁵O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Romans 13:11-14

¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 24:36-44

C: Glory to you, O Lord

[Jesus said to the disciples,] ³⁶“About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so, too, will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two will be in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken, and one will be left. ⁴²Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you 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

Song: “We Are Waiting”

Apostles’ Creed

Prayers of the People

Sharing of the Peace

Offering Song: “Christmas Offering”

Offertory Prayer

L: Let us pray together,

C: As the grain once scattered in the fields and the grapes

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. We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord, who by his life, death, and resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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 that he was betrayed, Jesus took bread, broke it and gave it to them saying, Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you, do this in remembrance of me.

Similarly, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks and gave it to them saying, Drink from this, all of you, this is my blood of the new covenant which is poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me.

C: When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.

L: Holy God, let your Spirit come upon these gifts of bread and wine and let the power of your Spirit overshadow them, that they may become holy and be, for us, the body and the blood of Jesus Christ, your Son and Mary’s Son.

With this bread and this cup we remember that your mercy endures from age to age on all who seek you. We proclaim your greatness and might and the strength of your arm, as you scatter the proud and raise the lowly. Fill us and all who hunger with good things and remember with your saving help all in need of your mercy.

For you are the God of Abraham, of Issac, and of Jacob, of Mary and Joseph, of the saints of every age; the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom and with whom and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, we worship you gracious and holy God, for ever and ever.

C: Amen.

The Lord’s Prayer

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

“Jesus Messiah”

“All Who Are Thirsty”

Blessing

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

Post Communion Prayer

L: O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

The Benediction

L: Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you, scatter the darkness from before your path, and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory; and the blessing of

God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, rest on you and all whom you love, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sending Song: “Even So Come”

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. The Lord is coming soon!

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 Ketter, Pastor Al Maier, Rick Martins, Glorian Mehling, Ruby Myran, Mary Pelletier, Gordon & Iris Pylpyjuk, Helmuth Renz, Tony Sawatzky, Ray Schalla, Khrista Vogt, Mary Wiebe, Kathy Wintoniw (Abby & Julia), 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.

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**).

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.

YOUTH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our junior youth numbers are increasing. One additional female adult volunteer is needed. Please contact Parish Assistant Steve to sign up.

BLESSINGS OF THE MITTEN TREE

Thank you to all who have supported the “Mitten Tree” once again this year. What an array of colorful handmade winter wear has been gifted to our project! The talents and gifts shared by our congregation are an expression of your love, brining warmth and comfort to many in need. The Steinbach Community Outreach and The Urban have been blessed by your act of kindness.