

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.

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.

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!

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!

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

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF STEINBACH INC.

MEMBER OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



465 Henry Street, Steinbach MB R5G 0H1
204-326-3758 Fax 204-326-2548

email: office@stpaulsteinbach.org www.stpaulsteinbach.org

Lead Pastor: Reverend Dr. Tim Perry 438-969-1362

Youth & Young Adult Minister: Stephen Bilski 204-392-1444



Sunday, November 30th, 2025 Welcome to our Traditional 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.

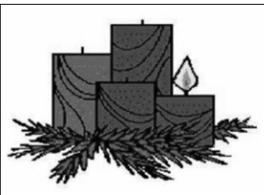
Come and hold in your hand and taste on your lips the

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

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.

Canticle Of Praise: "Fling Wide The Gate" v.1&4 only #259

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.

GOD'S WORD: Nichole Borkowsky

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. ⁴He 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.

RESPONSIVE READING: 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 judgment, 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."

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.

Gospel Acclamation: "Hark A Thrilling Voice" #246 v.1 (tune of 696)

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

Hymn of the Day: "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus" #254 (tune of 631)

Apostle's Creed

Prayers of the People

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

Offertory Prayer

L: Nourishing God,

C: you are water in the wilderness and streams in the desert. Through this sacrament, satisfy our parched places, that we may rejoice and be for the world signs of your kingdom come. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving - p. 129

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L: It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise, almighty God and everlasting Father, through Jesus Christ your Son. For when he humbled himself to come among us in human flesh, he fulfilled the plan you formed before the foundation of the world to open for us the way of salvation. Confident that your promise will be fulfilled, we now watch for the day when Christ our Lord will come again in glory. And so we join our voices with angles and archangels and with all the company of heaven to proclaim your glory for ever praising you and singing:

C: (sung) Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, 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. 132

L: Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life: Blessed are you for the birth of creation. Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light. Blessed are you for your promise to your people. Blessed are you in the prophet's hopes and dreams. Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will. Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

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 in remembrance of me

L: 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. Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

L: With this bread and cup we remember our Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

C: Come, Lord Jesus.

L: Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

L: All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer - p. 134

Invitation to Communion

L: Here is life. God is with us. Come, receive what God has promised.

Communion Hymns

"What A Feast Of Love" #487

"Amazing Grace" #779

"Children Of The Heavenly Father" #781

"O Master, Let Me Walk With You" #818

"How Deep The Fathers Love For Us"

The Blessing

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

C: Amen.

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 Hymn: "Lo He Comes" #435

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 Pylypjuk, 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 to-day**. 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).