

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

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.

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.

ANNUAL LADIES CHRISTMAS TEA

You're warmly invited to our Annual Ladies Christmas Tea on **Tuesday, December 9th, at 1:30 PM!** 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!

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!

YOUTH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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

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!

FLOWERS ON ORGAN & BULLETIN SPONSOR

The flowers on the organ, and the bulletin sponsor are in memory of **Edwin Grienke (Dec. 11, 2006)**, and **Katarina Grienke (Nov. 27, 2020)** from Marcia & Larry Henzel, Calvin Grienke, Mavis Krentz, Terence & Tracy Grienke, Marla & Monty Seper and Meriena & Brian Dowhy. *"Gone from our sights but never from our hearts. We will cherish your memory and thank God for you each day."*

WITH GRATITUDE

Pastor Tim and the Church Council would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to the Kreutzer family for their generous donation of the piano. The instrument will require approximately 3 weeks and 2 tunings to properly acclimate to the building, and we are hopeful it will be ready to enjoy for the Christmas season.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

The flowers on the Altar have been placed by **Darlene & Chris Turner**, and **Mike & Dorinda Penner** in this time of Advent to remember all those that have gone before us.

THANK YOU

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

ATTENDANCE: November 30, 2025
Traditional - 123
Family - 48
Sunday School - 54
OFFERING: \$8,032.5

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Sunday, December 7th, 2025 Welcome to our Traditional Worship Service On this 2nd Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 7th
9:30 AM - Traditional Service
11:00 AM - Family Service

Monday, December 8th
6:30 PM - Junior Youth

Wednesday, December 10th
6:30 PM - Young Adults
7:00 PM - Scouts
7:00 PM - Pioneer Girls
7:00 PM - Mid Week Advent Service

Thursday, December 11th
6:30 PM - Senior Youth

Sunday, December 14th
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 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 7TH, 2025

Welcome & Announcements

Scripture Sentence

L: The night is far spent, the day is at hand:

C: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness and let us put on the armour of light. (Romans 13:12)

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: Prepare us for your coming.

L2: We gather together to get ready for what? Only heaven knows. O Emmanuel,

C: Prepare us for your coming.

L1: We wait for the day when God will create a prevailing peace on the earth, and natural-born enemies turn into newborn friends. O Emmanuel,

C: Prepare us for your coming.

L2: We get ready for God to come close by laying our lives open to Jesus, asking him to sort through all our mixed motives. O Emmanuel,

C: Prepare us for your coming.

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

C: Amen.

Light Two Candles

Song: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" ELW 257, st.6

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 our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son.

C: By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; 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: Ashley Gerbrandt

FIRST READING: Isaiah 11:1-10

¹A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. ²The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

³His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see or decide by what his ears hear, ⁴but with righteousness he shall judge for the poor and decide with equity for the oppressed of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. ⁵Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist and faithfulness the belt around his loins. ⁶The wolf shall live with the lamb; the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the lion will feed together, and a little child shall lead them. ⁷The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of

the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the ad-der's den. ⁹They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy moun-tain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. ¹⁰On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

L: Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the king's son:

C: that he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice;

L: that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, and the hills, in righteousness.

C: Let him defend the needy among the people, rescue the poor, and crush the oppressor.

L: May he live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another.

C: Let him come down like rain upon the mown field, like showers that water the earth.

L: In his time may the righteous flourish; and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

C: Blessed are you, Lord God, the God of Israel; you alone do wondrous deeds!

L: And blessed be your glorious name forever, and may all the earth be filled with your glory. Amen.

SECOND READING: Romans 15:4-13

⁴Whatever was written in former days was written for our in-struction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of stead-fastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, ⁶so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the ancestors ⁹and that the gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the gentiles and sing praises to your name"; ¹⁰and again he says, "Rejoice, O gentiles, with his people"; ¹¹and again, "Praise the Lord, all you gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; ¹²and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the gentiles; in him the gentiles shall hope." ¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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 3:1-12

C: Glory to you, O Lord

¹In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ²"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." ³This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.'" ⁴Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then Je-rusalem and all Judea and all the region around the Jordan were going out to him, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁷But when he saw many of

the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? ⁸Therefore, bear fruit worthy of repentance, ⁹and do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor,' for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. ¹¹"I baptize you with water for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is more powerful than I, and I am not worthy to carry his san-dals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹²His win-nowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

L: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

Hymn of the Day: "On Jordan's Bank" #249 (sung to 719)

Apostle's Creed

Prayers of the People

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

Doxology - #884

Offertory Prayer

L: Nourishing God,

C: you are water in the wilderness and streams in the de-sert. Through this sacrament, satisfy our parched plac-es, 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 disci-ples, 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 for-

givenness 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

"O Lamb Of God" #336

"Rejoice, Rejoice Believer" #244

"On Eagle's Wings" #787

"The King Shall Come" #260

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: Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

The Benediction

L: May God himself, the God of peace, make you perfect and holy, and keep you safe and blameless, in spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; 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: "There's A Voice In The Wilderness" #255

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, Val & Nathan Kehler, Ruth Ketter, Pastor Al Maier, Rick Martens, Bruce Martin, Glo-rian Mehling, Ruby Myran, Mary Pelletier, Gordon & Iris Py-lypjuk, Helmuth Renz, Tony Sawatzky, Ray Schalla, Khrista Vogt, Mary Wiebe, Kathy Wintoniw (Abby & Julia), and Bishop Geoff Woodcroft.

HOLY COMMUNION

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