

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.

HAWAIIAN DINNER

We are 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!

HAWAIIAN DINNER TICKETS

Enjoy the entertaining Hawaiian Dinner to be held on January 24th! Tickets will be for sale between all Sunday services until **January 11th**. Tickets can also be purchased at the office on weekdays from 9AM-4PM.

OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR PICK-UP

Offering envelopes for 2026 are now available. A table has been set up in the narthex with your envelope package. The envelope boxes will be in alphabetical order by **last names**. Please take a moment after the service to stop by and pick yours up. If you don't see your envelope number, are new but do not have an envelope number, or have any questions, please contact the office and we'll be happy to help.

YOUTH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL IMPORTANT DATES

Dec. 20th - 10:00 AM program rehearsal in Sanctuary

Dec. 21st - Regular Sunday school day - continue rehearsal & Christmas cookie treat!

Dec. 24th - At 7:00 PM Christmas Program - please have children at the church 45 mins - 1 hour early to get ready.

MEMORIAL DONATION

A memorial donation has been given by Lorraine Pachal and family in honor of **Gordon Pachal**, who passed on **December 12th, 2020**. *"Deep in our hearts your memory is kept, to love, to cherish and never forget."*

MEMORIAL DONATION

A memorial donation has also been given by Ruth Ketler and family in honor of **Gordon Pachal**, who passed on **December 12th, 2020**. *"He lives with us in memory still, not just today, but always will."*

THANK YOU

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

ATTENDANCE: December 14, 2025
Traditional - 106
Family - 37
Sunday School - 40
OFFERING: \$28,617.5



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Sunday, December 21st, 2025 Welcome to our Family Worship Service On this 4th Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 21st
9:30 AM - Traditional Service
11:00 AM - Family Service

Monday, December 22nd
No Junior Youth

Wednesday, December 24th
7:00 PM - Christmas Eve Program

Thursday, December 25th
10:00 AM - Christmas Day Program
OFFICE CLOSED

Friday, December 26th
OFFICE CLOSED

Sunday, December 28th
10:00 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.**

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— not the result of works, so that no one may boast.

Ephesians 2:8-9



THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 21ST, 2025

Welcome & Announcements

Scripture Sentence

L: Lift up your heads, O gates; be lifted up, you everlasting doors;

C: and the King of glory shall come in. (Psalm 24:7)

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: Surprise us by your coming.

L2: We gather together to let God’s good news reorient our lives. O Emmanuel,

C: Surprise us by your coming.

L1: We wait for the day when all the world will see the sign that God is with us. O Emmanuel,

C: Surprise us by your coming.

L2: We are shocked by how God comes close even at this very moment. O Emmanuel,

C: Surprise us by your coming.

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

C: Amen.

Light All Four Candles

Song: “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” ELW 257, st. 5

Gathering Psalm: Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

L: Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

C: In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, stir up your strength and come to help us.

L: Restore us, O God; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

C: O Lord God of hosts, how long will your anger fume when your people pray?

L: You have fed them with the bread of tears; you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

C: You have made us the derision of our neighbors, and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

L: Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

C: Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand, the one you have made so strong for yourself.

L: And so will we never turn away from you; give us life, that we may call upon your name.

C: Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

Song: “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

Prayer of the Day

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

C: With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that hinders our faith, that eagerly we may receive your promises, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Children’s Lesson

Song: “Joy To The World”

GOD’S WORD: Erin Sadler

FIRST READING: Isaiah 7:10-16

¹⁰The Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, ¹¹“Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.”

¹²But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test.” ¹³Then Isaiah said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals that you weary my God also? ¹⁴Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son and shall name him Immanuel. ¹⁵He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. ¹⁶For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Romans 1:1-7

¹Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, ²which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, ³the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, ⁵through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the gentiles for the sake of his name, ⁶including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, ⁷To all God’s beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 1:18-25

C: Glory to you, O Lord

¹⁸Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be pregnant from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to divorce her quietly. ²⁰But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” ²²All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: ²³“Look, the virgin shall become pregnant and give birth to a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,” which means, “God is with us.” ²⁴When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife ²⁵but had no marital relations with her until she had given birth to a son, and he named him Jesus.

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: Offering (Christmas Offering)

Offertory Prayer

L: Let us pray together,

C: As the grain once scattered in the fields and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside are now united on this table in bread and wine, so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together from the corners of the earth into your kingdom. 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. 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 angles 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

“Come, Emmanuel”

“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

Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary be the mother of the promised savior: Fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your

holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

The Benediction

L: May God the Father, judge all-merciful, make us worthy of a place in his kingdom. May God the Son, coming among us in power, reveal in our midst the promise of his glory. May God the Holy Spirit make us steadfast in faith, joyful in hope and constant in love.

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, 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 **Continuous 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.

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.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY SERVICE

We will join with the parishioners at Paroisse S. Joachim in LaBroquerie on Thursday, January 22nd, at 7:00pm for our annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service. Pastor Tim hopes to be the preacher for the evening, but if grand-baby calls him away to Ontario, Pastor Terry Gudmundson will bring the sermon. Please join us as we pray that the Lord Jesus will strengthen the bonds of fellowship between our communities!

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.

PRAISE REPORT

We are thrilled to remove Ruby Myran from our prayer list. She is no longer fighting infections, has been in school consistently since fall, and is able to walk again. We give thanks to God for the wisdom of Ruby’s doctors, their good treatment, and His healing!