

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

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.

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!

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 Ketter 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."*

YOUTH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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

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.

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.

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 Traditional 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

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

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: 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.

GOD'S WORD: Arleen & Robert Dyck

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.

RESPONSIVE READING: 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.

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.

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

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

Hymn of the Day: "Savior Of The Nations Come" #263 (tune of 663)

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 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. He is the one foretold by all the prophets, whom the Virgin Mother bore with love beyond all telling. John the Baptist was his herald and made him known when at last he came. In his love Christ fills us with joy as we prepare to celebrate his birth, so that when he comes again he may find us watching in prayer, our hearts filled with wonder and praise. And so, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your glory, and join in their unending hymn of praise:

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

"Come To The Table Of Mercy" #481 (sung x2)

"Jesus, The Very Thought Of Thee" #754

"Blessed Be The God Of Israel" #250

"Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming" #272

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: 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 Hymn: "Joy To The World" #267

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 Pylpjuuk, Helmuth Renz, Tony Sawatzky, Ray Schalla, Khrista Vogt, Mary Wiebe, Kathy Win-toniw (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.

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!