

## 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](mailto: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

### 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 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.

### 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.

### 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 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.

### 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!

### THANK YOU

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



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## Thursday, December 25th, 2025

### Welcome to our Christmas Day Service





# CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

## DECEMBER 25TH 2025

### Welcome And Announcements

#### Confession and Forgiveness

L: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God, Wonderful Counselor, Mighty Savior, Prince of Peace.

**C: Amen.**

L: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

L: Trusting in God's steadfast love and faithfulness, let us confess our sin. Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

L: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**C: Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn: "O Come All Ye Faithful" #283**

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.**

**Kyrie - 203 Hymnbook**

**Gloria - "Angels We Have Heard On High" #289**

#### Prayer of the Day

L: All-powerful and unseen God,

**C: the coming of your light into our world had brightened weary hearts with peace. Call us out of darkness, and empower us to proclaim the birth of your Son, 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:** Viktor Horn

#### FIRST READING: Isaiah 62:6-12

<sup>6</sup>Upon your walls, O Jerusalem, I have posted sentinels; all day and all night they shall never be silent. You who remind the Lord, take no rest, <sup>7</sup>and give him no rest until he establishes Jerusalem and makes it renowned throughout the earth. <sup>8</sup>The Lord has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm: I will not again give your grain to be food for your enemies, and foreigners shall not drink the wine for which you have labored, <sup>9</sup>but those who harvest it shall eat it and praise the Lord, and those who gather it shall drink it in my holy courts. <sup>10</sup>Go through, go through the gates; prepare the way for the people; build up, build up

the highway; clear it of stones; lift up an ensign over the peoples. <sup>11</sup>The Lord has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to daughter Zion, "Look, your savior comes; his reward is with him and his recompense before him." <sup>12</sup>They shall be called, "The Holy People, The Redeemed of the Lord," and you shall be called, "Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken."

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

#### RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 97

L: The Lord reigns; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of the isles be glad.

**C: Clouds and darkness surround the Lord, righteousness and justice are the foundations of God's throne.**

L: Fire goes before the Lord, burning up enemies on every side.

**C: Lightnings light up the world; the earth sees and trembles.**

L: The mountains melt like wax before the Lord of all the earth.

**C: The heavens declare your righteousness, O Lord, and all the peoples see your glory.**

L: Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods! Bow down before the Lord, all you gods.

**C: Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, because of your judgments, O Lord.**

L: For you are the Lord, most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.

**C: You who love the Lord, hate evil! God guards the lives of the saints and rescues them from the hand of the wicked.**

L: Light dawns for the righteous, and joy for the honest of heart.

**C: Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, and give thanks to God's holy name.**

#### SECOND READING: Titus 3:4-7

<sup>4</sup>When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, <sup>5</sup>he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. <sup>6</sup>This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, <sup>7</sup>so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation:** Hymnbook-p. 205

#### HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 2:1-20

**C: Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>1</sup>In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup>This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup>All went to their own towns to be registered. <sup>4</sup>Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. <sup>5</sup>He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup>While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. <sup>7</sup>And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no place in the guest room. <sup>8</sup>Now in that same region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>Then an angel of the Lord stood before

them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup>But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for see, I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: <sup>11</sup>to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup>This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." <sup>13</sup>And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup>"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" <sup>15</sup>When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." <sup>16</sup>So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph and the child lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup>When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child, <sup>18</sup>and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them, <sup>19</sup>and Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup>The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told them.

L: The gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

#### MESSAGE

**Hymn of the Day: "O Little Town Of Bethlehem" #279**

**Apostle's Creed**

**Prayers of the People**

**Sharing of the Peace**

**Offering**

**Doxology - #884**

**Offertory Prayer**

L: Let us pray together,

**C: God of glory, great are your wonders among us and many are the blessings you bestow. Use us and these gifts for the needs of the world, that all the ends of the earth may rejoice in your saving grace, through Christ our Savior. 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, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our savior Jesus Christ. In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory, that, beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**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

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: God is now in flesh appearing. Come to the feast of joy!

**Communion Hymns**

*"The First Noel" #300*

*"It Came Upon A Midnight Clear" #282*

**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: Incarnate God, you are among us at this table. May we treasure this gift and ponder in our hearts the mystery of your presence. Move us to discover the wonders of your love in the everyday moments of our lives, through Christ born in us.

**C: Amen.**

**The Benediction**

L: The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of god and of his Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, rest on you and all you love now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**Sending Hymn: "Hark The Herald Angels Sing" #270**

**Dismissal**

L: Glory to God in the highest!

**C: And peace to God's people on earth!**

L: Go in joy. Embody God's redeeming grace.

**C: Thanks be to God.**