

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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.

**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.

**Visitation:** If you are homebound or in the hospital or know of someone who is and would like to receive visits from our Visitation Team or receive communion at home, please call the office.

**Drop Box:** The drop box at the side entrance nearest to the office is available for envelopes or small items.

**Office Information:** Please have all announcements in to the office by Thursdays at 10am if you want them in the bulletin for the upcoming Sunday. Bulletins are printed by 11am on Thursdays. If you have events or meetings to go on the monthly calendar, get them to the office the Wednesday before the last Sunday of the month.

**Office Hours:** 9am - 4 pm Monday to Friday.

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

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## Sunday, January 18th, 2025 Welcome to our Traditional Worship Service on this II Sunday after Epiphany

### Calander Of Events

Sunday, January 18th

9:30 AM - Traditional Service

11:00 AM - Family Service

Monday, January 19th

6:30 PM - Junior Youth

Wednesday, January 21st

10:00 AM - Quilting Ladies

6:30 PM - Young Adults

7:00 PM - Pioneer Girls

7:00 PM - Scouts

Thursday, January 22nd

6:30 PM - Senior Youth

Sunday, January 25th -

9:30 AM - Traditional Service

11:00 AM - Family Service

### WHY WORSHIP MATTERS

Worship is central to the Christian life.

The crucified and risen

Christ is present at the center  
of the assembly gathered around  
the means of grace. Through the word  
proclaimed and sacraments celebrated,  
the Holy Spirit is at work.

Lives are changed.

Sins are forgiven.

The alienated are reconciled.

Strangers are welcomed.

Unbelief gives way to faith.

God is praised.

### 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

<sup>29</sup> [John the Baptist] saw  
Jesus coming toward him  
and declared, "Here is the  
Lamb of God who takes  
away the sin of the world!"



# SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY JANUARY 18TH, 2026

## Welcome & Announcements

### Confession & Forgiveness

L: Christ died to sin once for all, and now he lives to God. Let us renew our resolve to have done with all that is evil and confess our sins in repentance and faith.

**C: Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord, we come to you in sorrow for our sins, and confess to you our weakness and unbelief. We have lived by our own strength, and not by the power of your resurrection. We have lived by the light of our own eyes, as faithless and not believing. We have lived for this world alone, and doubted our home in heaven. In your mercy, forgive us and raise us again to new life in your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen**

L: Hear the Word of God: "if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness." In Christ + your sins are forgiven. Rest in his mercy.

**C: Amen.**

### Gathering Hymn: "O For A Thousand Tongues" #886

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 - 204 Hymnbook

### Prayer of the Day

L: Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

### GOD'S WORD: Jane Mayer

#### FIRST READING: Isaiah 49:1-7

<sup>1</sup>Listen to me, O coastlands; pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born; while I was in my mother's womb he named me. <sup>2</sup>He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. <sup>3</sup>And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." <sup>4</sup>But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord and my reward with my God." <sup>5</sup>And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength— <sup>6</sup>he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." <sup>7</sup>Thus says the Lord, the Re-

deemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

#### RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 40:1-11

L: I waited patiently upon the Lord, who stooped to me and heard my cry.

**C: The Lord lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my footing sure.**

L: The Lord put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the Lord.

**C: Happy are they who trust in the Lord! They do not turn to enemies or to those who follow lies.**

L: Great are the wonders you have done, O Lord my God! In your plans for us, none can be compared with you! Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! But they are more than I can count.

**C: Sacrifice and offering you do not desire; you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required.**

L: And so I said, "Here I Am; I come. In the scroll of the book it is written of me:

**C: "I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep within me."**

L: I proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly; I have not restrained my lips, O Lord, you know.

**C: I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from the great assembly.**

L: You are the Lord; do not withhold your compassion from me, may your steadfast love and your truth continually keep me safe.

#### SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

<sup>1</sup>Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, <sup>2</sup>To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: <sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind <sup>6</sup>just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you <sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup>He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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

#### HOLY GOSPEL: John 1:29-42

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

<sup>29</sup>[John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" <sup>30</sup>This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' <sup>31</sup>I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." <sup>32</sup>And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him." <sup>33</sup>I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>34</sup>And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One." <sup>35</sup>The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup>and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" <sup>37</sup>The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup>When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" <sup>39</sup>He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. <sup>40</sup>One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. <sup>41</sup>He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). <sup>42</sup>He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

L: The gospel of the Lord.

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

#### MESSAGE

Hymn of the Day: "Jesus Calls Us" #696

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the People

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

Doxology - #884

Offertory Prayer

L: Let us pray together,

**C: Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. Amen.**

Thanksgiving For The Word

The Lord's Prayer - p. 134

The Benediction

L: May the triune God, Father Son and Holy Spirit who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

Sending Hymn: "I Heard The Voice Of Jesus Say" #611

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

#### PRAYER REMINDERS

In your prayers this week, please remember: Mario & Kayla Dupont, Dalia Dyck, Adelaide Freund, Chris Funk, Ed Harder, Tina Heckert, Linda James, Val & Nathan Kehler, Ruth Kettler, 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.

#### 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 will be in 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!

#### 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.

#### SENIORS COMMUNITY DINNER

Are you finding winter nights long and lonely? Are you frequently eating alone? We invite you to join us for an evening of fellowship, conversation, and community at our Seniors Community Dinner on **Monday January 26th at 6:00 PM**. This gathering will take place in the downstairs hall **every month, on the last Monday of the month** and is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy a shared meal, connect with others, and build meaningful relationships. **Please RSVP to the church office, as RSVPs are mandatory.** We look forward to welcoming you and spending the evening together!

#### LIBRARY LOST & FOUND

A book titled "I Wish You Could Meet My Mom and Dad" by Tom Allen was recently found in the library. If this book belongs to you, it is available for pickup in the office. If the book was intended as a donation to the church library, please contact the office and let Tanisha know. Thank you very much.

#### WHITE GRAPE JUICE

If you are planning a trip to the United States and would be willing to pick up 2-3 jugs of **pure white grape juice** (or more if you have room), please contact the church office to let us know. We appreciate your assistance!

#### THANK YOU

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

**ATTENDANCE: January 11th, 2026**  
**Traditional - 125**  
**No Sunday School**  
**OFFERING: \$3,807.00**

