

## 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.

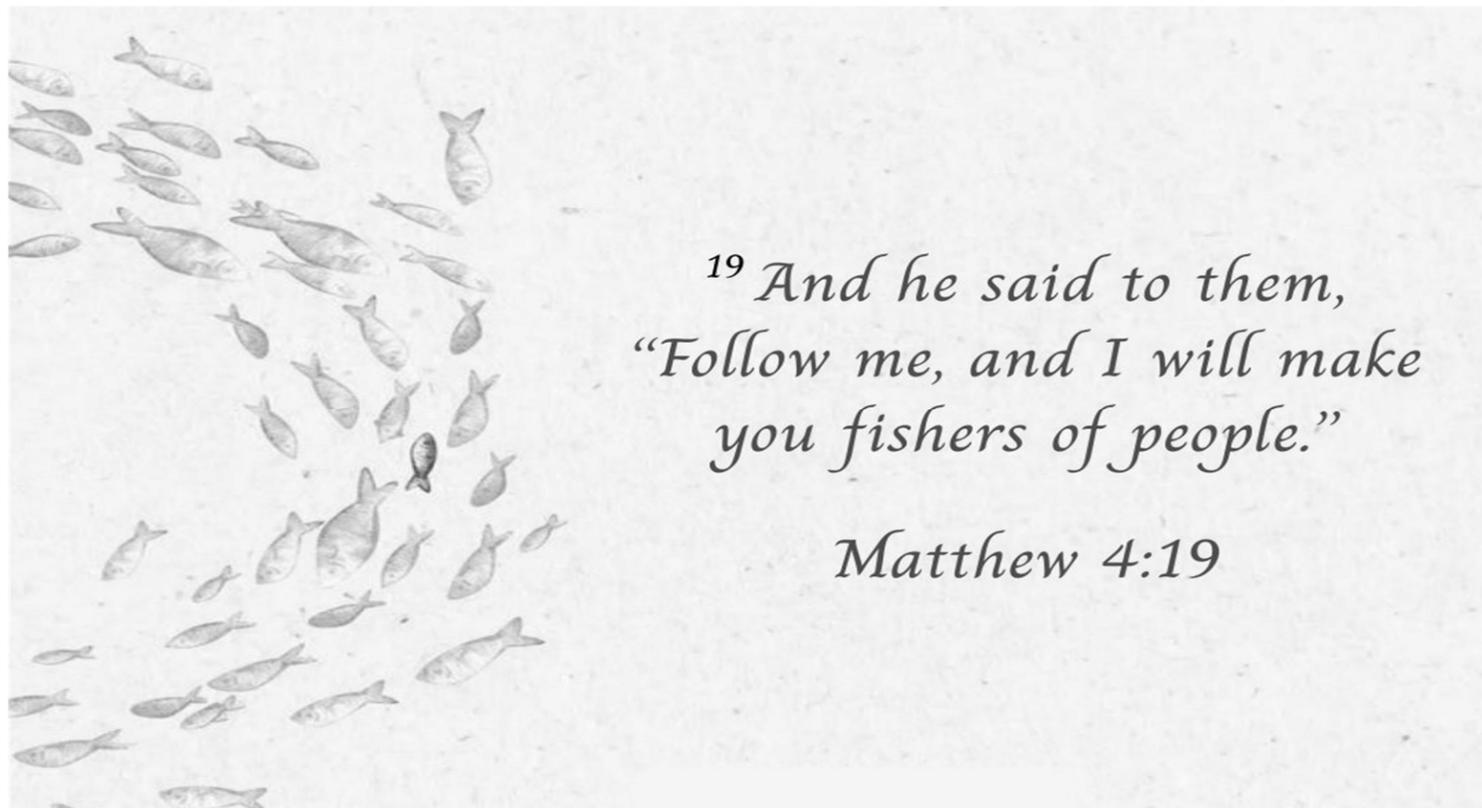
### SENIORS COMMUNITY DINNER

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!

### IN LOVING MEMORY

A Memorial Donation has been received from **Ray and Flora Schalla** in loving memory of **Ben Nickel**, who passed away **January 29, 2023**. *"Gone are the days we used to share, but in our hearts you are always there."*

**ATTENDANCE: January 18th, 2026**  
Traditional - 76  
Family - 29  
Sunday School - 36  
**OFFERING: \$7,667.5**



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## Sunday, January 25th, 2026 Welcome to our Family Worship Service On this III Sunday After Epiphany

**Sunday, January 25th**  
9:30 AM - Traditional Service  
11:00 AM - Family Service

**Monday, January 26th**  
6:30 PM - Junior Youth

**Wednesday, January 28th**  
10:00 AM - Quilting Ladies  
6:30 PM - Young Adults  
7:00 PM - Pioneer Girls  
7:00 PM - Scouts

**Thursday, January 29th**  
6:30 PM - Senior Youth

**Sunday, February 1st**  
9:30 AM - Traditional Service  
11:00 AM - Family Service

### 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**





# THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY JANUARY 25TH, 2026

## Welcome & Announcements

**Gathering Song:** “*Jesus Messiah*”

**Gathering Psalm: Psalm 27:1, 4-9**

L: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

**C: One thing I ask of the Lord; one thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek God in the temple.**

L: For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter, hide me in the hidden places of sanctuary, and raise me high upon a rock.

**C: Even now my head is lifted above my enemies who surround me. Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music to the Lord.**

L: Hear my voice, O Lord, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me.

**C: My heart speaks your message- “Seek my face.” Your face, O Lord, I will seek.**

L: Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger. Cast me not away-you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my salvation.

## Confession and Forgiveness

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Wonderful Counselor, Mighty Savior, Prince of Peace.

**C: Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

L: Reconciling God,

**C: we yearn for your presence to transform our grief, pain, and despair. We confess that we have not always prepared room in our hearts for your love; we have not always recognized your presence among us; we have not always embraced your message of peace. We cry out, weary with the burden of violence, oppression, and fear. We confess our failure to welcome the stranger; our participation in harming the innocent; our reluctance to embody your good news. Be born in us today and teach us to sing the joyful song of your salvation. Amen.**

L: God’s grace upon grace flows over you. Christ’s presence redeems the whole creation. Your sins are forgiven. Let the earth rejoice and be glad!

**C: Amen.**

## Prayer of the Day

L: Lord God,

**C: your loving kindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## Children’s Lesson

**Song:** “*Indescribable*”

**GOD’S WORD:** Val Martin

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:1-4**

<sup>1</sup>There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time [the Lord] brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. <sup>2</sup>The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. <sup>3</sup>You have multiplied exultation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. <sup>4</sup>For the yoke of their burden and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18**

<sup>10</sup>Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you but that you be knit together in the same mind and the same purpose. <sup>11</sup>For it has been made clear to me by Chloe’s people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. <sup>12</sup>What I mean is that each of you says, “I belong to Paul,” or “I belong to Apollos,” or “I belong to Cephas,” or “I belong to Christ.” <sup>13</sup>Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? <sup>14</sup>I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, <sup>15</sup>so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. <sup>16</sup>I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. <sup>17</sup>For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel—and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. <sup>18</sup>For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 4:12-23**

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

<sup>12</sup>Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. <sup>13</sup>He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup>so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: <sup>15</sup>“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles— <sup>16</sup>the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.” <sup>17</sup>From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” <sup>18</sup>As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. <sup>19</sup>And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.” <sup>20</sup>Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup>As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. <sup>22</sup>Immediately they left

the boat and their father and followed him. <sup>23</sup>Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## MESSAGE

**Song:** “*Cornerstone*”

## Apostles’ Creed

## Prayers of the People

## Sharing of the Peace

**Offering Song:** *Instrumental*

## Offertory Prayer

L: Let us pray together,

**C: God of majesty, no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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: 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. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. 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:

**Song:** “*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord*”

L: 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 for the 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.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

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## Invitation to Communion

L: Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! Come to the table; taste and see.

## Communion Songs

“*Even So Come*”

“*In Christ Alone*”

“*Abide*”

## Blessing

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

**C: Amen.**

## Post Communion Prayer

L: Radiant God, we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**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 Song:** “*Build Your Kingdom Here*”

## 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 Ketter, Pastor Al Maier, Rick Martins, Glorian Mehling, Mary Pelletier, Gordon & Iris Pylpyjuk, 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 **Traditional 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.

## 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.

## 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!

## 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.