

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

PALLIATIVE CARE UNIT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The new Palliative Care Unit is expected to open this spring and is currently seeking volunteers. A minimum of **10 volunteers** is required in order for Shared Health to provide training, and we are hopeful this number can be reached. For more information **scan the QR code** on the posters which can be found posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex, as well as the bulletin board beside the office, or call **204-346-7034**.

LIBRARY NOTICE

The Church library will be closed for approximately 2 weeks after February 8th to allow for inventory. You are welcome to continue signing books out until that time; however, all outstanding library books must be returned by February 8th. Books may be returned using the book return box located outside the library. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding!

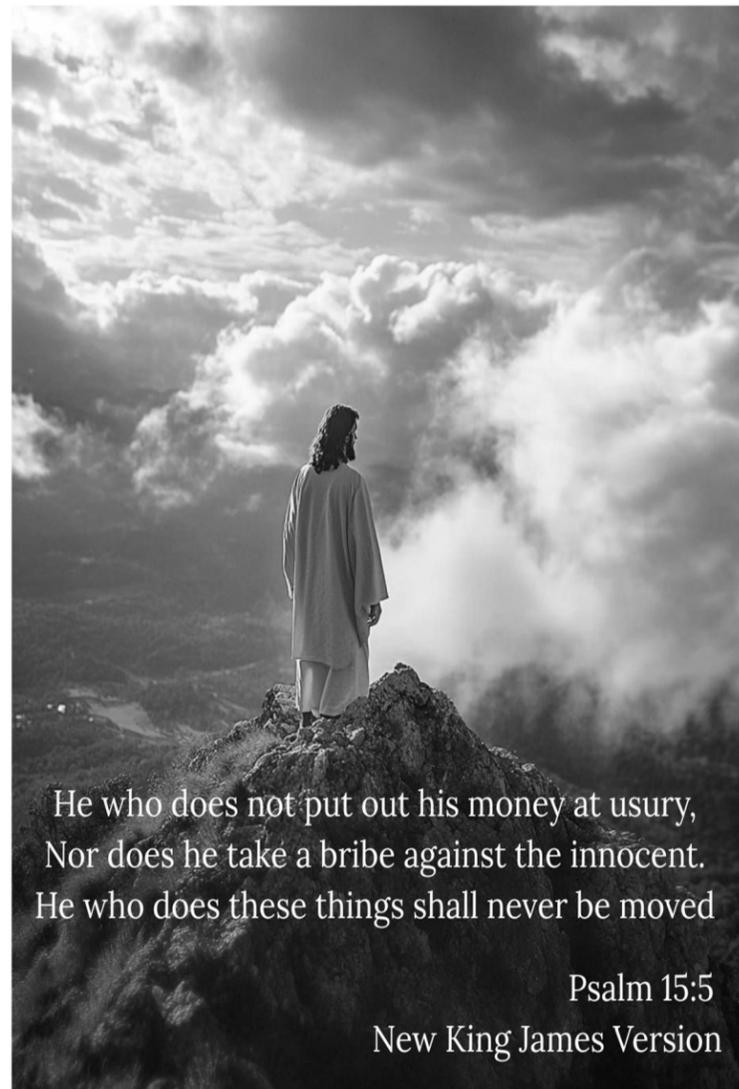
SENIORS COMMUNITY DINNER

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**. The dinner is held **on the last Monday of every month at 6:00 PM** in the **downstairs hall**. This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy a shared meal, connect with others, and build meaningful relationships. **Please RSVP to the Church office, as RSVP's are mandatory.** The **RSVP deadline is the Friday before the dinner** (for example, the supper is on February 23, the RSVP cutoff is Friday, February 20). We look forward to welcoming you and sharing the evening together!

THANK YOU

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

ATTENDANCE: January 25th, 2026
Traditional - 88
Family - 26
Sunday School - 21
OFFERING:\$2,965.00



He who does not put out his money at usury,
Nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.
He who does these things shall never be moved

Psalm 15:5
New King James Version

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Sunday, February 1st, 2026 Welcome to our Traditional Worship Service On this III Epiphany of our Lord

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

Monday, February 2nd
6:30 PM - Junior Youth

Wednesday, February 4th
10:00 AM - Quilting Ladies
6:30 PM - Young Adults
7:00 PM - Pioneer Girls
7:00 PM - Scouts

Thursday, February 5th
6:30 PM - Senior Youth

Sunday, February 8th
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

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





FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 1ST, 2026

Welcome & Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters.

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: "Come Thou Almighty King" #408

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,

C: you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GOD'S WORD: Susan Kreutzer

FIRST READING: Micah 6:1-8

¹Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. ²Hear, you mountains, the case of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the Lord has a case against his people, and he will contend with Israel. ³"O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! ⁴For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. ⁵O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord." ⁶"With what shall I come before the Lord and bow myself

before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? ⁷Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" ⁸He has told you, O mortal, what is good, and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 15

L: Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may abide upon your holy hill?

C: Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right, who speak the truth from their heart;

L: they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends; they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

C: In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the Lord. They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.

L: They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

¹⁸The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." ²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. ²⁶Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to abolish things that are, ²⁹so that no one might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰In contrast, God is why you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: Hymnbook - p. 205

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

C: Glory to you, O Lord

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²And he began to speak and taught them, saying: ³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. ⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. ⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. ⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. ⁸"Blessed are the pure in

heart, for they will see God. ⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. ¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

L: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

Hymn of the Day: "Blest Are They" #702

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the People

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

Doxology - #884

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 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. 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:

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. 130

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

Communion Hymns

"What Can Wash Away My Sin?"

"Chief Of Sinners Though I Be" #609

"O Master Let Me Walk With You" #818

"My Savior's Love"

"Here, O My Lord, I see Thee"

The Blessing

L: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. 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: 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: "Will You Let Me Be Your Servant" #659

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, Gail Karman, Val & Nathan Kehler, Ruth Ketler, Rick Martins, Glorian Mehling, Brenda Lee Olson, 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.

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!