

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

L: 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: "Where Cross The Crowded Ways Of Life" #719

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 Ketter, 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.

AGM ANNOUNCEMENT

The Annual Meeting will be held on February 22 at 2 pm in the upper hall. Those standing for election are:

Elder - 3 year term - Shelley Mehling

Trustee - 3 year term - Nathan Wiebe

Deacon - 3 year term - Sheldon Borkowsky

Deacon - 3 year term - Kathy Wintoniw

Sunday School Superintendent - 1 year term - Irene Sawatzky & Ellie Jakob

2027 Nominations Chair - Dorinda Penner

LIBRARY NOTICE

The Church library will be closed for 2 weeks after Feb. 8th for inventory. You are welcome to sign books out until then; all outstanding library books must be returned by Feb. 8th. Please use the book return box located outside the library. Thank you!

WHITE GRAPE JUICE

Planning a trip to the US? Would you be willing to pick up 2-3 jugs of **pure white grape juice**? Please contact the church office. We appreciate your assistance!

ST. PAUL'S SENIOR SUPPER

Join us for fellowship, conversation, and community at our **St. Paul's Senior Supper 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. RSVPs are mandatory. The RSVP deadline is the Friday before the dinner** (e.g. for the supper on February 23, the cutoff is Friday, February 20). We look forward to welcoming you and sharing the evening together!

RIEL DAY WEEKEND EVENTS:

Join us for **one contemporary service** of Holy Communion **Sunday, February 15 at 10:00 am**. Then, join us for our **Family Funday on Monday, Feb 16 from 1-4 PM** at **CD Trees (28141 35 Rd E, Sarto MB R5G 1M5)**. Enjoy hay rides, sledding and games. Munch on hotdogs, and sweet and savory snacks.

LENT 2026

Lent begins **February 18 with an Ash Wednesday service** here at the church **at 7:00**. We will continue with mid-week services. See the posters around the building for details.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Pastor Tim seeks **7 volunteers** to read Scripture on **Good Friday (April 3)**. Please contact him or Tanisha.

HYMN SING

Sunday March 15th, at 7 is our congregational hymn sing. Please phone or email the office with your favorites. The cut off date is **March 10th**.

THANK YOU

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

ATTENDANCE: February 1st, 2026

Traditional - 110

Family - 37

Sunday School - 27

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Sunday, February 8th, 2026 Welcome to our Traditional Worship Service On this Fifth Epiphany of our Lord

Sunday, February 8th
9:30 AM - Traditional Service
11:00 AM - Family Service

Monday, February 9th
6:30 PM - Junior Youth

Wednesday, February 11th
10:00 AM - Quilting Ladies
6:30 PM - Young Adults
7:00 PM - Pioneer Girls
7:00 PM - Scouts

Thursday, February 12th
6:30 PM - Senior Youth

Sunday, February 15th
10:00 AM - Family Service

Coming Up:
Monday, February 16th
1-4 PM - Family Funday at CD Trees

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





FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY FEBRUARY 8TH, 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: "Christ Be Our Light" #715

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: Lord God,

C: with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GOD'S WORD: Sheldon Borkowsky

FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:1-12

¹Shout out; do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. ²Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments; they want God on their side. ³"Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day and oppress all your workers. ⁴You fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. ⁵Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you

call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? ⁶Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? ⁷Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them and not to hide yourself from your own kin? ⁸Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you; the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. ^{9a}Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, "Here I am." ^{9b}If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, ¹⁰if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. ¹¹The Lord will guide you continually and satisfy your needs in parched places and make your bones strong, and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water whose waters never fail. ¹²Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 112:1-10

L: Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord and have great delight in God's commandments!

C: Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.

L: Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness will last forever.

C: Light shines in the darkness for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

L: It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice.

C: For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

L: They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; their heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord.

C: Their heart is established and will not shrink, until they see their desire upon their enemies.

L: They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever; they will hold up their head with honor.

C: The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; the desires of the wicked will perish.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 2:1-16

¹When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the testimony of God to you with superior speech or wisdom. ²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴My speech and my proclamation were made not with persuasive words of wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. ⁶Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are being destroyed. ⁷But we speak God's wisdom, a hidden mystery, which God decreed before the ages for our glory ⁸and which none of the rulers of this age understood, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him"— ¹⁰God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the

Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹For what human knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. ¹²Now we have received not the spirit of the world but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. [¹³And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual. ¹⁴Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. ¹⁵Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny. ¹⁶"For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.]

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: Hymnbook - p. 205

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 5:13-20

C: Glory to you, O Lord

[Jesus said:] ¹³"You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot. ¹⁴"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. ¹⁷"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

L: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

Hymn of the Day: "This Little Light Of Mine" #677

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

"Around You O Lord Jesus" #468

"How Deep The Fathers Love"

"The Love Of God"

"My Jesus, I Love 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

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