

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.

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**.

IN LOVING MEMORY

A Memorial Donation has been received from loving wife Mary and family, in loving memory of **Ron Borkowsky** who passed away February 21, 2009. *"Deep in our hearts your memory is kept, to love, to cherish and never forget."*

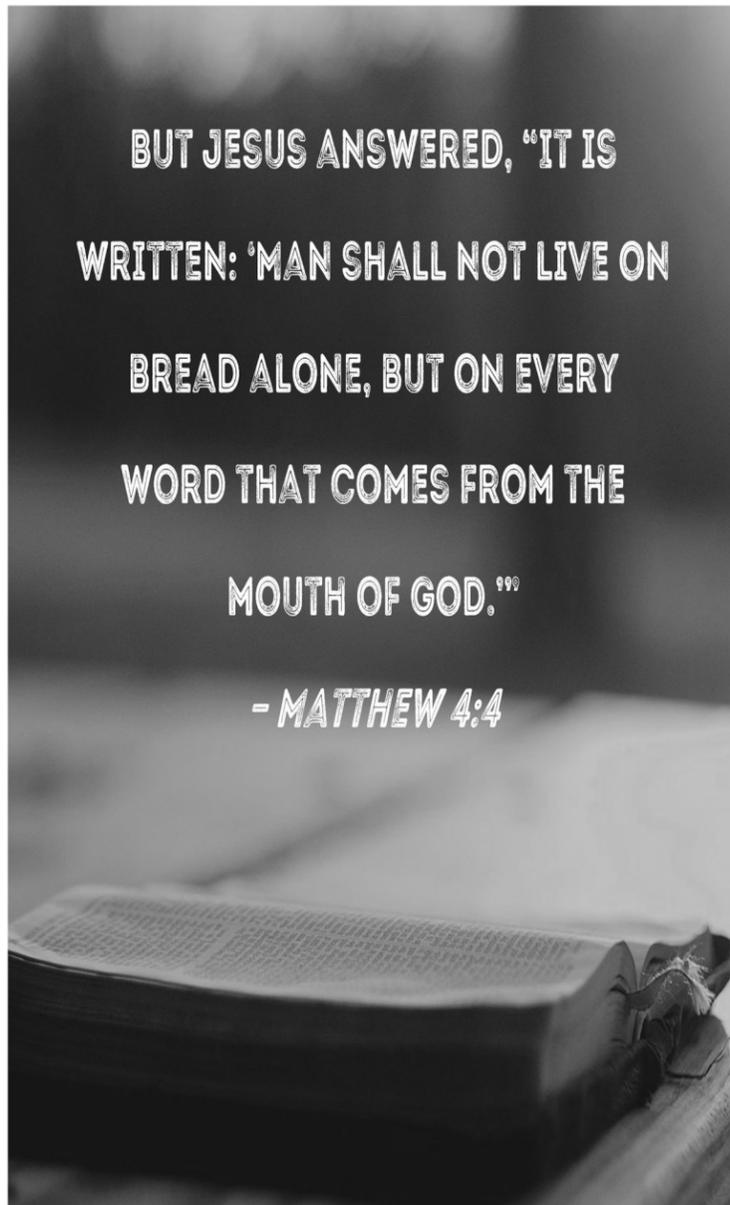
LIBRARY UPDATE

Good news! Our church library is now reopened. We encourage you to take a look through the collection. If you borrow a book, please sign it out so we can keep track of our library resources. Thank you!

THANK YOU

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

ATTENDANCE: February 15th, 2026
Family - 124
No Sunday School
OFFERING: \$3,955.20



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Sunday, February 22nd, 2026 Welcome to our Family Worship Service On this First Sunday of Lent

Sunday, February 22nd
9:30 AM - Traditional Service
11:00 AM - Family Service
2:00 PM - Annual Meeting

Monday, February 23rd
6:30 PM - Junior Youth

Wednesday, February 25th
10:00 AM - Quilting Ladies
6:30 PM - Young Adults
7:00 PM - Pioneer Girls
7:00 PM - Scouts
7:00 PM - Lent Service

Thursday, February 26th
6:30 PM - Senior Youth

Sunday, March 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





FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT FEBRUARY 22ND, 2026

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering Song: *“Cornerstone”*

Gathering Psalm: Psalm 32

L: Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!

C: Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile!

L: While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, because of my groaning all day long.

C: For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

L: Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt. I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.” Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

C: Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

L: You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

C: “I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; I will guide you with my eye.

L: Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you.”

C: Great are the tribulations of the wicked; but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.

L: Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

Confession and Forgiveness

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

L: Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt and blots out all offences. Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

L: For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

L: For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

L: For failing to recognize your coming reign, and for hindering the work of the Spirit: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

L: For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition, and for disdain the living water Christ offers: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

L: For disregarding the poor, and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

L: For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent, and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

L: God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound. Through faith, the free gift of God, you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead dwells in you, pours God's love into your hearts, and gives you life and peace.

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray together:

C: Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Kep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Children's Lesson

Song: *“Lord, I Need You”*

GOD'S WORD: Leah Rudy

FIRST READING: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

¹⁵The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶And the Lord God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.” ^{3:1}Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’” ²The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’” ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die, ⁵for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” ⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was a delight to the eyes and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Romans 5:12-19

¹²Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned ¹³for sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin in the likeness of Adam, who is a pattern of the one who was to come. ¹⁵But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. ¹⁶And the gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the gift following many trespasses brings justification. ¹⁷If, because of the one man's trespass, death reigned through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. ¹⁸Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. ¹⁹For just as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so through the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 4:1-11

C: Glory to you, O Lord

¹Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. ²He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. ³The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” ⁴But he answered, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’” ⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you,’ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’” ⁷Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” ⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, ⁹and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” ¹⁰Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’” ¹¹Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

Song: *“Indescribable”*

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the People

Sharing of the Peace

Offering Song: *Instrumental*

Offertory Prayer

L: Let us pray together,

C: O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name. 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. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. 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: Come to the table. Feast on God's goodness and mercy.

Communion Songs

“Nothing But The Blood”

“Blessed Be Your Name”

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: God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

The Benediction

L: Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity. The Father, Son and Holy Spirit, One God, our Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier bless and keep you now and always.

C: Amen.

Sending Song: *“Your Grace Is Enough”*

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Believe the Good News

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, Amanda Lanteigne, Rick Martins, Glorian Mehling, Brenda Lee Olson, Mary Pelletier, Gordon & Iris Pylpuk, Helmuth Renz, Tony Sawatzky, Ray Schalla, Khrista Vogt, Mary Wiebe, Kathy Wintoniw (Abby & Julia), and Bishop Geoff Woodcroft.

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!

AGM ANNOUNCEMENT

The Annual Meeting will be held on February 22 at 2 pm in the upper hall. Those standing for election are: Secretary - 1 year term - Jennifer Johnson
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