

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

PRAYER REMINDERS

In your prayers this week, please remember: Andrew, Thouraya & Matteo Derksen, Mario & Kayla Dupont, Dalia Dyck, David Fitzpatrick, 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 Pylypjuk, Helmuth Renz, Tony Sawatzky, Ray Schalla, Khrista Vogt, Mary Wiebe, Kathy Wintoniw (Abby & Julia), and Bishop Geoff Woodcroft.

ACCESSIBILITY & SAFETY NOTICE

As snow melts and forms ice, please bring those with mobility issues to the side doors under the canopy. If needed, ask an usher to bring a wheelchair to the doors for assistance in moving up the inside ramp.

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.** We look forward to welcoming you and sharing the evening together!

PIANIST NEEDED

Our new band worship team is currently seeking a piano player to join the team. If you have a heart for worship and would like to share your musical gifts, we would love to hear from you! Please connect with Calvin Perry or Xavier Tee-taert for more information.

THANK YOU

to all who helped care for Tony after his fall last Sunday. We are very grateful for the blankets, the ambulance, the visits, phone calls and expressions of care. Tony and Linda

GOOD FRIDAY CHOIR

The choir will be singing at our Good Friday service and welcomes anyone who would like to join. **Rehearsals are held Wednesdays after the Lenten service and last 30-45 minutes.** All are welcome.

THANK YOU

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

ATTENDANCE: March 1st, 2026
Traditional - 140
Family - 56
Sunday School - 38
OFFERING: \$10,382.50

Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one God; to whom be dominion and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

- St. John Henry Newman

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Sunday, March 8th, 2026 Welcome to our Family Worship Service On this Third Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 8th

9:30 AM - Traditional Service

11:00 AM - Family Service

12:00 PM - Grade Five Communion Class

Monday, March 9th

6:30 PM - Junior Youth

Wednesday, March 11th

10:00 AM - Quilting Ladies

6:30 PM - Young Adults

7:00 PM - Pioneer Girls

7:00 PM - Scouts

7:00 PM - Lent Service - Choir practice following service

Thursday, March 12th

6:30 PM - Senior Youth

Sunday, March 15th

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 today. 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 OF LENT MARCH 8TH, 2026

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering Song: *“My Song Is Love Unknown”*

Gathering Psalm: Psalm 95

L: Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation

C: Let us come before God’s presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to the Lord with psalms.

L: For you, Lord, are a great God, and a great ruler above all gods.

C: In your hand are the caverns of the earth; the heights of the hills are also yours.

L: The sea is yours, for you made it, and your hands have molded the dry land.

C: Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

L: For the Lord is our God, and we are the people of God’s pasture and the sheep of God’s hand. Oh that today you would hear God’s voice!

C: “Harden not your hearts, as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert.

L: There your ancestors tested me, they put me to the test, though they had seen my works.

C: Forty years I loathed that generation, saying, “The heart of this people goes astray; they do not know my ways.”

L: Indeed I swore in my anger, “They shall never come to my rest.”

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: Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through 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: *“Humble King”*

GOD’S WORD: Charlene Freund

FIRST READING: Exodus 17:1-7

¹From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²The people quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.” Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?” ³But the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?” ⁴So Moses cried out to the Lord, “What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” ⁵The Lord said to Moses, “Go on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. ⁶I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, “Is the Lord among us or not?”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-11

¹Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. ⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹Much more surely, therefore, since we have now been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. ¹¹But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL: John 4:5-42

C: Glory to you, O Lord

⁵[Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. ⁷A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” ⁸(His

disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?” (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.” ¹¹The woman said to him, “Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? ¹²Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?” ¹³Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.” ¹⁵The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.” ¹⁶Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come back.” ¹⁷The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband,’ ¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!” ¹⁹The woman said to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.” ²¹Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” ²⁵The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” ²⁶Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.” ²⁷Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?” ²⁸Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ²⁹“Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” ³⁰They left the city and were on their way to him. ³¹Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” ³²But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” ³³So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” ³⁴Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. ³⁵Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. ³⁶The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ ³⁸I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.” ³⁹Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” ⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹And many more believed because of his word. ⁴²They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

Song: *“All Who Are Thirsty”*

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

“Jesus Feed Us”

Blessing

L: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

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: *“Psalm 139”*

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Believe the Good News!

C: Thanks be to God!