

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: Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

L: With all your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, 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 Hymns:

"Holy, Holy, Holy" (sung x3) #473

"Alas, And Did My Savior Bleed" #337

"The Old Rugged Cross"

"Jesus Paid It All"

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: 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 Hymn: "My Song Is Love Unknown" #343

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Believe the Good News!

C: Thanks be to God!

ST. PAUL'S SENIOR SUPPER

The senior Supper is held on the **last Monday** of every month at **6:00 PM** in the downstairs hall. RSVP to the Church office by the Friday before the dinner.

SCOUTS FUNDRAISER

\$5 tickets for **Country Meat & Sausage Gift Certificates**: 1st \$400 • 2nd \$300 • 3rd \$200 • 4th \$100. **Draw: April 22.** Contact **Stan (204-371-3839)** or **Gerry (204-346-3113)** to buy. Thank you for supporting our Scouts!

PRAYER REMINDERS

In your prayers this week, please remember: Andrew, Thouraya, and 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 Ketler, Amanda Lanteigne, Rick Martins, Glorian Mehling, Brenda Lee Olson, Mary Pelletier, Gordon & Iris Pylypjuk, Helmuth Renz, Nathan Ricard & Megan Hunter, Tony Sawatzky, Ray Schalla, Khrista Vogt, Mary Wiebe, Kathy Wintoniw (Abby & Julia), and Bishop Geoff Woodcroft.

IN LOVING MEMORY

A Memorial Donation has been made in loving memory of **Henry Sobering** who passed on March 14th, 2023. "Deep in our hearts your memory is kept to love to cherish and never forget." From loving wife Kathy, and family.

IN LOVING MEMORY

A Memorial Donation has been made in loving memory of **Herman W. Schalla** who passed on March 10th, 1998. "Treasured in everlasting memories." From Ray & Flora Schalla, and Susan Nickel.

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.

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.

EASTER FUN

Join us for a joyful morning of Easter crafts, an egg hunt, and the telling of the Easter Story on **Saturday, April 4th** from **10:30-11:30 AM**. Bring your children and come enjoy a fun and meaningful time together as we celebrate the hope and joy of Easter.

ATTENDANCE: March 8th, 2026
Traditional - 85
Family - 50
Sunday School - 32
OFFERING: \$ 3,675.00

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Sunday, March 15th, 2026 Welcome to our Traditional Worship Service On this Fourth Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 15th

9:30 AM - Traditional Service

11:00 AM - Family Service

12:00 PM - Grade 5 Communion Class

Monday, March 16th

6:30 PM - Junior Youth

Wednesday, March 18th

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 19th

6:30 PM - Senior Youth

Sunday, March 22nd

9:30 AM - Traditional Service

11:00 AM - Family Service

12:00 PM - Grade 5 Communion Class

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





**FOURTH SUNDAY OF
LENT
MARCH 15TH, 2026**

Welcome & Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

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

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: 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: "O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing" #886

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.

L: Our Lord Jesus Christ said: Hear O Israel, The Lord our God is one Lord; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the first and great commandment and the second is like it: You shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

C: Lord, have mercy upon us, and write both these laws in our hearts, we pray.

L: Lord, have mercy upon us.

C: Christ, have mercy upon us.

L: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray together:

C: Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

GOD'S WORD: Jessica Hussein

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

¹The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons."² Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.'³ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall

do, and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you."⁴ Samuel did what the Lord commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, "Do you come peaceably?"⁵ He said, "Peaceably. I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.⁶ When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely his anointed is now before the Lord."⁷ But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him, for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart."⁸ Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one."⁹ Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one."¹⁰ Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these."¹¹ Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him, for we will not sit down until he comes here."¹² He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him, for this is the one."¹³ Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 23

L: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

C: The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

L: You restore my soul, O Lord, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

C: Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

L: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

C: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:8-14

⁸Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Walk as children of light,⁹ for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true.¹⁰ Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord.¹¹ Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness; rather, expose them.¹² For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly,¹³ but everything exposed by the light becomes visible,¹⁴ for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: (Sing)

Come, let us to the Lord our God with contrite hearts return; our God is gracious, nor will leave the desolate to mourn.

HOLY GOSPEL: John 9:1-41

C: Glory to you, O Lord

¹As [Jesus] walked along, he saw a man blind from birth.

²His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"³ Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him."⁴We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work.⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."⁶When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes,⁷saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see.⁸The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?"⁹Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am he."¹⁰But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?"¹¹He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight."¹²They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."¹³They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind.¹⁴Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes.¹⁵Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see."¹⁶Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the Sabbath." Others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided.¹⁷So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."¹⁸The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight¹⁹ and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?"²⁰His parents answered, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind,²¹ but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself."²²His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue.²³Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."²⁴So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner."²⁵He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see."²⁶They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?"²⁷He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?"²⁸Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses.²⁹We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from."³⁰The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes.³¹We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will.³²Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind.³³If this man were not from God, he could do nothing."³⁴They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.³⁵Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"³⁶He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him."³⁷Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he."³⁸He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him.³⁹Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see may see and those who do see may become blind."⁴⁰Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind,

are we?"⁴¹ Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

Hymn of the Day: "Amazing Grace" #779

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the People

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

Doxology - #884

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.

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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. 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:

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: Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting, and your faithfulness endures from age to age. Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey. Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations. 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. With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

L: O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace on your table with your presence.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

L: Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise