

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: forever.

C: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer - p. 134

Invitation to Communion

L: Come to the table! Feast on God's goodness and mercy.

Communion Hymns:

"Bread Of Life From Heaven" #474

"Beautiful Savior" #838

"How Great Thou Art" #856

"As The Deer"

"Higher Ground"

"To The River"

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: Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father.

C: Amen.

The Benediction

L: May the Father, who so loved the world that he gave his only Son, bring you by faith to his eternal life. May Christ, who accepted the cup of sacrifice in obedience to the Father's will, keep you steadfast as you walk with him the way of his cross. May the Spirit, who strengthens us to suffer with Christ that we may share his glory, set your minds on life and peace. And the blessing of Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, rest on you now and always.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn: "All Glory Laud And Honor" #364

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Believe the Good News!

C: Thanks be to God!

PRAYER REMINDERS

In your prayers this week, please remember: Andrew, Thouraya, and Matteo Derksen, Mario & Kayla Dupont, Dalia Dyck, David Fitzpatrick, Pastor Jack Frederick, Adelaide Freund, Chris Funk, Ed Harder, Tina Heckert, Linda James, Gail Karman, Val & Nathan Kehler, Ruth Ketler, Amanda Lanteigne, Rick Martins, Brenda Lee Olson, Mary Pelletier, Gordon & Iris Pylpjuuk, Helmuth Renz, Nathan Ricard & Megan Hunter, 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.** We look forward to welcoming you and sharing the evening together!

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.

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.

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!

IN LOVING MEMORY

A Memorial Donation has been made by Ray & Flora Schalla, in loving memory of **Fred Schalla** who passed on March 24th, 2009. "Dearly remembered and loved."

QUILTING LADIES DONATIONS NEEDED

The Quilting Ladies are currently looking for donations of materials such as gently used sheets, drapes, pillowcases, and similar fabric items in good condition. If you have any to give, please bring them to the Church office. Thank you for supporting this ministry!

ATTENDANCE: March 22nd, 2026

Traditional - 143

Family - 44

Sunday School - 35

OFFERING: \$ 5,620.05

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Sunday, March 29th, 2026 Welcome to our Traditional Worship Service On this Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 29th

10:00 AM - Traditional Service

12:00 PM - Grade 5 Communion Class

Monday, March 30th

6:00 PM - Senior Supper

No Junior Youth

Wednesday, April 1st

10:00 AM - Quilting Ladies

6:30 PM - Young Adults

7:00 PM - Pioneer Girls

7:00 PM - Scouts

Thursday, April 2nd

No Senior Youth

7:00 PM - Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, April 3rd - Office Closed

10:00 AM - Good Friday Service

Saturday, April 4th

10:30 AM - Easter Fun

Sunday, April 5th - Easter Sunday

7:30 AM - Family Service

9:30 AM - Traditional 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





PALM SUNDAY

MARCH 29TH, 2026

As they are able, the congregation assembles in the narthex

Greeting

L: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

C: Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

Gospel: Matthew 21:1-11

¹When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” ⁴This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet: ⁵“Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.” ⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!” ¹⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” ¹¹The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

Blessing of the Palms

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Let us pray. Almighty and Loving God, the Hebrews acclaimed Jesus as the Messiah and King with palm branches in their hands, crying "Hosanna in the highest". We pray, you, O Lord, bless these branches and make them holy. May we also, carrying them, crying out "Hosanna in the Highest" and "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord", acclaim Jesus as our Messiah and King and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life.

C: Amen.

Procession

L: Let us go forth in peace.

C: In the name of Christ, Amen.

Processional Hymn: *“Ride On King Jesus/Hosanna Lord We Lift Up Your Name”*

Prayer Of The Day

L: Sovereign God, you have established your rule in the human heart through the servanthood of Jesus Christ.

C: By your Spirit, keep us in the joyful procession of those who with their tongues confess Jesus as Lord and with their lives praise him as Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Children’s Choir

God’s Word: Shelley Mehling

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens - wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and

spitting. ⁷The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 31:9-16

L: Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble; my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

C: For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.

L: I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbours, a dismay to my acquaintances; when they see me in the street they avoid me.

C: Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind; I am as useless as a broken pot.

L: For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around; they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.

C: But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord. I have said, “You are my God.

L: My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

C: Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.”

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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: Matthew 27:11-54

C: Glory to you, O Lord

¹¹Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?” Jesus said, “You say so.” ¹²But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. ¹³Then Pilate said to him, “Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?” ¹⁴But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed. ¹⁵Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. ¹⁶At that time they had a notorious prisoner called Jesus Barabbas. ¹⁷So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, “Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?” ¹⁸For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. ¹⁹While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his

wife sent word to him, “Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.” ²⁰Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. ²¹The governor again said to them, “Which of the two do you want me to release for you?” And they said, “Barabbas.” ²²Pilate said to them, “Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?” All of them said, “Let him be crucified!” ²³Then he asked, “Why, what evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “Let him be crucified!” ²⁴So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, “I am innocent of this man’s blood; see to it yourselves.” ²⁵Then the people as a whole answered, “His blood be on us and on our children!” ²⁶So he released Barabbas for them, and after flogging Jesus he handed him over to be crucified. ²⁷Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor’s headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. ²⁸They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, ²⁹and after twisting some thorns into a crown they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” ³⁰They spat on him and took the reed and struck him on the head. ³¹After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him. ³²As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. ³³And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), ³⁴they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. ³⁵And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; ³⁶then they sat down there and kept watch over him. ³⁷Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, “This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.” ³⁸Then two rebels were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁹Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads ⁴⁰and saying, “You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.” ⁴¹In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, ⁴²“He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him.” ⁴³He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to, for he said, ‘I am God’s Son.’” ⁴⁴The rebels who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way. ⁴⁵From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. ⁴⁶And about three o’clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” ⁴⁷When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, “This man is calling for Elijah.” ⁴⁸At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. ⁴⁹But the others said, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.” ⁵⁰Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. ⁵¹At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. ⁵²The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. ⁵³After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. ⁵⁴Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, “Truly this man was God’s Son!”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

Hymn of the Day: *“Ride On Ride On In Majesty” #346 (Sung to tune of 676)*

Apostles’ Creed

Prayers of the People

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

Offertory Prayer

L: Let us pray together,

C: 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. 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 and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. For as the time of his passion and resurrection draws near the whole world is called to acknowledge his hidden majesty. The power of the life-giving cross reveals the judgement that has come upon the world and the triumph of Christ crucified. He is the victim who dies no more, the Lamb once slain, who lives for ever, our advocate in heaven to plead our cause, exalting us there to join with the angels and archangels, for ever praising you and singing:

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 our table with your presence.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

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