

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, Pastor Jack Frederick, Adelaide Freund, Chris Funk, Ed Harder, Tina Heckert, Linda James, Gail Karman, Val & Nathan Kehler, Ruth Ketter, Amanda Lan-teigne, Rick Martins, 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 Kowaluk), and Bishop Geoff Wood-croft.

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences to Linda Friesen and family on the passing of **Laurence Friesen** on Saturday, April 4. May God embrace you with his comfort and sustain you by his grace. A memorial service for Laurence will be held on Sunday, April 26, 6:00pm, at Birchwood Funeral Chapel, Steinbach.

SPECIAL BIRTHDAY

Congratulations to **Vera Lohr** who will be marking her 90th birthday. May she be blessed with peace and joy in the days to come. Her children would appreciate your help in celebrating this joyous occasion at a Come and Go Tea on Saturday, April 18, 2:00-5:00pm in the Fireside Room, Pat Porter Active Living Centre, 10 Chrysler Gate, Steinbach. All are welcome to come and wish her well.

FIRST COMMUNION

Thank you to Cooper, Hugo, Peyton and Finn, the Grade 5 Sunday School Class, for their assistance at the 9:30 am service today. Having completed a study on Holy Communion, these young people will celebrate with their First Communion at the 11:00am Family Service today. May they be blessed as they partake of this Holy Meal.

UPCOMING BIBLE STUDY

Please join us for a Bible Study on the Book of Romans beginning Wednesday, April 15, 7:00 pm. All are invited to come and Discover the Power of the Gospel as we take a close look at the Apostle Paul's message to the churches in Rome.

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!

WEEKEND FOR GUYS

Since 2001, Star Lake Lodge has hosted a weekend for men to make new friends, watch movies exploring themes that are important in men's lives, and have a good time. This year's "Weekend for Guys Who Like Movies" will take place May 29-31 at Star Lake, focusing on "the courage of men who take a stand." For more details talk to Pastor Tim and/or check out the posters located at various locations throughout the building.

HOLY COMMUNION NEED

We are once again out of white grape juice. We will use red grape juice until we can obtain more. The red grape juice is a slightly darker color than the wine and is in the center of the tray where the white juice normally would be. If for any reason you do not want to risk accidentally taking wine, you are free to forego the juice. The sacrament received only in one kind, whether bread or wine/juice, is complete in itself.

Anyone heading out of province, please feel free to look for white grape juice that we can use in holy communion. Please alert the office before you go so we can give you just a couple of instructions.

FOR THE RECORDS

If your address has changed in the last year or will change, please let us know by contacting the church office at office@stpaulsteinbach.org or treasurer@stpaulsteinbach.org.

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!

THANK YOU

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

ATTENDANCE:

Maundy Thursday, April 2 - 70
Good Friday, April 3 - 162
Easter Sunday, April 5: Family - 39; Traditional - 239
No Sunday School
OFFERING APRIL 5: \$8,542.00

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Sunday, April 12th, 2026 Welcome to our Traditional Worship Service on this Second Sunday of Easter

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, April 12th
9:30 AM - Traditional Service
11:00 AM - Family Service

Monday, April 13th
6:30 PM - Junior Youth

Tuesday, April 14th
7:00 PM - Church Council Meeting

Wednesday, April 15th
10:00 AM - Quilting
6:30 PM - Young Adults
7:00 PM - Pioneer Girls
7:00 PM - Scouts
7:00 PM - Bible Study on the Book of Romans

Thursday, April 16th
6:30 PM - Senior Youth

Sunday, April 19th
9:30 AM - Traditional Service
Coffee Time
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



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 12, 2026

Thanksgiving for Baptism

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

L: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

C: Amen.

L: Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for your Spirit who hovered over the waters and brought forth life. Blessed are you.

C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

L: Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.

C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

L: Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.

C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

L: Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn: “*Lo, in the Grave He Lay*”

Kyrie: Hymnal p. 203

Gloria: Hymnal p. 204

Prayer of the Day

L: Almighty and eternal God,

C: the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ’s blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

GOD’S WORD: Reader Dayna Freund

FIRST READING: Acts 2:14a, 22-32

^{14a} Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: ²²“Fellow Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know ²³this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴But God raised him up, having released him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵For David says concerning him, ‘I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; ²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope. ²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades or let your Holy One experience corruption. ²⁸You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

²⁹“Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹Foreseeing this, David spoke

of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, ‘He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.’ ³²“This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 16

L: Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; I have said to the LORD, “You are my Lord, my good above all other.”

C: All my delight is in the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble among the people.

L: But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.

C: I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods, never take their names upon my lips.

L: O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.

C: My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a rich inheritance.

L: I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me night after night.

C: I have set the LORD always before me; because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

L: My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.

C: For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the pit.

L: You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:3-9

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead ⁴and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: Hymnal p. 205

HOLY GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

C: Glory to you, O Lord

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my

finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” ²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Message

Hymn of the Day:

“*O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing*” #386 (v. 1, 5-8)

Apostles’ Creed

Prayers of the People

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

Offertory Prayer

L: Let us pray together,

C: Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, 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, always and everywhere to give you thanks, almighty and eternal Father, and in these days of Easter to celebrate with joyful hearts the memory of your wonderful works. For by the mystery of his passion Jesus Christ, your risen Son, has conquered the powers of death and hell and restored in men and women the image of your glory. He has placed them once more in paradise and opened to them the gate of life eternal. And so, in the joy of this Passover, earth and heaven resound with gladness, while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation sing forever the hymn of your glory:

**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. 133

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 forever.

C: Amen.

The Lord’s Prayer

Invitation to Communion

L: Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.

Communion Hymns

“*Here Is Bread*” #483

“*Because He Lives*”

“*To The River*”

“*O, How I Love Jesus*”

Blessing

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

Post-Communion Prayer

L: Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus,

C: Amen.

The Benediction

L: May God the Father Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, God the Son, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Holy Spirit, Lord and Life-giver, our advocate and peace, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn: “*This Joyful Eastertide*” #391

Dismissal

L: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

C: He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

L: Go in peace. Praise the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

