

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.

Accessibility & Safety: As snow melts and creates ice, please drop off those with mobility needs at the side canopy doors and ask an usher for wheelchair assistance if needed.

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: 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 Kettler, Amanda Lanteigne, Rick Martins, 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.

UPCOMING BIBLE STUDY

Please join us for a Bible Study on the Book of Romans on Wednesday evenings at 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.

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.

ST. PAUL'S SENIOR SUPPER

Join us for fellowship, conversation, and community at our **St. Paul's Senior Supper held the last Monday of every month at 6:00 PM** in the **downstairs hall**. Enjoy a shared meal, and connect with others. For this month, supper is on **Monday, April 27th**, with an RSVP deadline of **Friday, April 24th**. Please RSVP to the Church office. We look forward to sharing the evening with you!

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.

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!

THANK YOU!

Thanks to all who helped with services over Holy Week, and especially to Ina & Alex, Sandi & Colin, and Don & Karen. Your hard work and creativity enhanced our worship by directing us to the truth of Easter.

SEW LONG FOR NOW!

Quilting group has ended this year, a BIG THANK YOU to the quilting group - **Valerie Kehler, Kathy Sobering, Linda Sawatzky, Dianne Woroniuk, Emily Klassen, Ruth Topnik, Ingrid Schubert, Debbie Lang, June Holme, Marlene Suderman, Valerie Martin, Laurette Kihn, Crystal Lawrence, Rose Bakx, Sandra McSweeney, Carla Turton, Cheryl Andres, Belinda Massey, Karen Mantie, and Gary Kletke** for delivering to The Urban. A BIG THANK YOU to the Steinbach Mennonite Brethren ladies quilting group, who supplied us with over 40 tops. The 105 quilts made will be going to The Urban, Steinbach Outreach, and Agape House. Very much appreciated for all the donations of sheets, material, and supplies because we would not have been able to make the quilts without all your help. *"And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased."* Hebrews 13:16

THANK YOU

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

ATTENDANCE: April 12
Traditional Service - 131
Family Service - 53
Sunday School - 38
OFFERING: \$7,586.75



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Sunday, April 19th, 2026 Welcome to our Traditional Worship Service on this Third Sunday of Easter

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, April 19th

9:30 AM - Traditional Service

11:00 AM - Family Service

Sunday School

Monday, April 20th

6:30 PM - Junior Youth

Tuesday, April 21st

9-12 - Agape House Meeting

Wednesday, April 22nd

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 23rd

6:30 PM - Senior Youth

Friday, April 24th - Senior Supper RSVP Deadline

Sunday, April 26th

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 EASTER APRIL 19, 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: *“He Lives!”*

Kyrie: Hymnal p. 203

Gloria: Hymnal p. 204

Prayer of the Day

L: O God,

C: your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

GOD’S WORD: Ashely Gerbrandt

FIRST READING: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

^{14a} Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: ³⁶“Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.” ³⁷ Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” ³⁸ Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” ⁴⁰ And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” ⁴¹ So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

L: I love the Lord, who has heard my voice, and listened to

my supplication,

C: for the Lord has given ear to me whenever I called.

L: The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me; came to grief and sorrow.

C: Then I called upon the name of the Lord: “O Lord, I pray you, save my life.”

L: How shall I repay the Lord for all the good things God has done for me?

C: I will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

L: I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all God’s people.

C: Precious in your sight, O Lord, is the death of your servants.

L: O Lord, truly I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

C: I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the Lord.

L: I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all God’s people,

C: in the courts of the Lord’s house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:17-23

¹⁷ If you invoke as Father the one who judges impartially according to each person’s work, live in fear during the time of your exile. ¹⁸ You know that you were ransomed from the futile conduct inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. ²⁰ He was destined before the foundation of the world but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. ²¹ Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your trust and hope are in God. ²² Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual affection, love one another deeply from the heart. ²³ You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: Hymnal p. 205

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 24:13-35

C: Glory to you, O Lord

¹³ Now on that same day two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” ¹⁹ He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him.” ²⁵ Then he said to

them, “Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” ²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. ²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” ³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴ They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Message

Hymn of the Day: *“Bread Of Life, Our Host And Meal” #464*

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

“Around You, O Lord Jesus” #468

“How Sweet The Name Of Jesus” #620

“Day By Day” #790

“Thy Word”

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: *“For The Bread Which You Have Broken” #494*

Dismissal

L: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

C: He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

L: Go in peace. Praise the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.