

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

IN LOVING MEMORY

A Memorial Donation has been made by Erwin & Norma Oswald, in loving memory of **Laurence Friesen**, who passed on April 4th, 2026. *"Loving thoughts and memories will stay with us forever."*

IN LOVING MEMORY

The flowers on the Altar have been placed by Harold & Jean Borkowsky and family, and Marilyn Levesque and family, in loving memory of **Frank Schalla**, who passed on April 27th, 1997. *"Just as you were, you will always be, treasured forever in our memory."*

IN LOVING MEMORY

A Memorial Donation has been made by Harold, Jean, Christie and Lori Borkowsky, in loving memory of **Gottlieb Borkowsky**, who passed on April 25th, 1992. *"As time unfolds another year, memories keep you ever near."*

125TH ANNIVERSARY

St. Joachim Roman Catholic Church in La Broquerie is preparing to celebrate their 125th anniversary. They are fundraising for necessary renovations. Being considered our sister church in the Christian Unity, we will provide them with a financial gift and the congregation may also support their fundraising raffle. Contact person is **Lucien at 204-981-7549**.

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.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

The Synod Council is seeking input to help plan the 2027 MNO Synod Convention. All members are encouraged to participate so that a wide range of voices is represented. The survey will remain open until **May 29th, 2026**.

Survey: <https://form.jotform.com/260915049265056>

HOLY COMMUNION

We have sufficient white grape juice for the time-being. Thank you to all who helped out during the latest shortfall! Please do not purchase white grape juice for the church without checking with the office first.

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!

MNO SOUTH AREA GATHERING – "BEING THE CHURCH BEYOND THE PERIMETER"

You are warmly invited to join us for a day of connection, encouragement, and fellowship at the MNO South Area Gathering on **June 6, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.** at **Church of the Cross in Morris, MB**.

This year's theme, *Being the Church Beyond the Perimeter*, invites us to spend intentional time together as we grow in faith and encourage one another as a church family. It will be a relaxed and meaningful day centered on community, conversation, and shared meals.

Lunch will be provided, with a cost of **\$10 per person** or a **freewill offering**. Please register by **May 29, 2026** by contacting the church office (Tanisha) or **Pastor Tim**.

THANK YOU

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

ATTENDANCE: April 26
Traditional Service - 128
Family Service - 35
Sunday School - 28
OFFERING: \$6,467.5



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Sunday, April 26th, 2026 Welcome to our Traditional Worship Service on this Fourth Sunday of Easter

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, April 26th

9:30 AM - Traditional Service

11:00 AM - Family Service

Sunday School

Monday, April 27th

6:00 PM - Senior Supper

6:30 PM - Junior Youth

Wednesday, April 29th

6:30 PM - Young Adults

7:00 PM - Scouts

7:00 PM - Bible Study on the Book of Romans

Thursday, April 30th

6:30 PM - Senior Youth

Sunday, May 3rd -

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 **Traditional 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 EASTER APRIL 26, 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: "Worship Christ The Risen King"

Apostolic Greeting

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.

Kyrie: Hymnal p. 203

Gloria: Hymnal p. 204

Prayer of the Day

L: O God,

C: our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

GOD'S WORD: Mavis Krentz

FIRST READING: Acts 2:42-47

⁴²[The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 23

L: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in 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: 1 Peter 2:19-25

¹⁹It is a commendable thing if, being aware of God, a person endures pain while suffering unjustly. ²⁰If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do good and suffer for it, this is a commendable thing before God. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. ²²"He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." ²³When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, having died to sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: Hymnal p. 205

HOLY GOSPEL: John 10:1-10

C: Glory to you, O Lord

[Jesus said:] ¹"Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. ⁷So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Message

Hymn of the Day: "Savior Like A Shepherd" #789

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

"Let Us Break Bread Together" #471

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" #733

"Jesus Savior Pilot Me" #755

"We Are An Offering" #692 (Sung X2)

"The Lord's My Shepherd"

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: "Lord Whose Love" #712

Dismissal

L: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

C: He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

L: Go in peace. Praise the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER REMINDERS

In your prayers this week, please remember: Mario & Kayla Dupont, Dalia Dyck, David Fitzpatrick, Pastor Jack Frederick, Chris Funk, Ed Harder, Tina Heckert, Linda James, Gail Karmann, Val & Nathan Kehler, Ruth Ketler, Paul Kletke, Amanda Lanteigne, Rick Martins, Mary Pelletier, Gordon & Iris Pyllyjuk, Helmuth Renz, Tony Sawatzky, Ray Schalla, Khrista Vogt, Mary Wiebe, Kathy Wintoniw (Abby & Julia), and Bishop Geoff Woodcroft.

CONDOLENCES

We extend our condolences to Donnie and Charlene Freund, Gaylene and Derrick Mehling and the extended Freund family on the passing of **Adelaide** on Monday morning, April 20, in her 100th year. Her funeral was held on Friday April 24th at St. Paul's. May she, with the souls of all the departed, rest in peace and rise in glory.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

The memorial service of Laurence Friesen will take place this evening (Sunday, April 26), at Birchwood at 6:00 PM. Please continue to keep Linda and the family in your prayers in the days ahead.

IN LOVING MEMORY

A Memorial Donation has been made by Jean Romaniuk, in loving memory of her husband **Ken Romaniuk** who passed in April 2021. *"Time cannot steal the treasures we carry in our hearts."*

IN LOVING MEMORY

A Memorial Donation has been made by Jean Romaniuk, in loving memory of our dear friends **Harry & Mary Ann Harder**. *"No longer in our lives to share, but in our hearts you're always there."*