

### 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](mailto: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

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## Sunday, May 3rd, 2026 Welcome to our Family Worship Service on this Fifth Sunday of Easter

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Sunday, May 3rd**

9:30 AM - Traditional Service

11:00 AM - Family Service

Sunday School

**Monday, May 4th**

6:00 PM - Senior Supper

6:30 PM - Junior Youth, Senior Youth, Young Adults

**Tuesday, May 5th**

7:00 PM - Parish Ed Meeting

**Wednesday, May 6th**

7:00 PM - Scouts

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

**Sunday, May 10th**

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



### 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**.

### 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, May 25th**, with an RSVP deadline of **Friday, May 22nd**. Please RSVP to the Church office. We look forward to sharing the evening with you!

### 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**.

### THANK YOU

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

**ATTENDANCE: April 26th, 2026**

**Traditional Service - 124**

**Family Service - 45**

**Sunday School - 32**

**OFFERING: \$8,017.05**

**THE 23rd WEEKEND FOR GUYS WHO LIKE MOVIES**  
*The Courage of Men Who Take a Stand.*

**Date: May 29-31** **Speaker: Pastor Tim Perry**

**Cost:** \$105 includes lodging, meals and snacks

**Lodging:** Bring bedding and towels. Most beds are bunk beds (mention if you need a bottom bunk)

**Food:** 3 meals on Sat., 2 on Sun., refreshments on Fri. night

**Registration & Dietary Requests:** Email John at [jdotkine@gmail.com](mailto:jdotkine@gmail.com) to register and discuss dietary requests. Please include your first & last name, and contact info

**Payment:** E-transfer \$105 to Alvin at [sudermanalvin@gmail.com](mailto:sudermanalvin@gmail.com). Indicate "Star Lake Retreat" on the transfer



# FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## MAY 3RD, 2026

### Welcome & Announcements

**Gathering Song:** *“In Christ Alone”*

### RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

L: In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.

**C: Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver me.**

L: Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.

**C: Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, for you are my tower of strength.**

L: Into your hands I commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O Lord, God of truth.

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

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

### 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.**

### Prayer of the Day

L: Almighty God,

**C: your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### Children’s Lesson

**Song:** *“Hymn Of Heaven”*

### GOD’S WORD: Shelley Mehling

### FIRST READING: Acts 7:55-60

<sup>55</sup>Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup>“Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened

and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” <sup>57</sup>But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. <sup>58</sup>Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him, and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. <sup>59</sup>While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” <sup>60</sup>Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:2-10

<sup>2</sup>Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation <sup>3</sup>if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. <sup>4</sup>Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and <sup>5</sup>like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup>For it stands in scripture: “See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” <sup>7</sup>This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,” <sup>8</sup>and “A stone that makes them stumble and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. <sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. <sup>10</sup>Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### HOLY GOSPEL: John 14:1-14

**C: Glory to you, O Lord**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>1</sup>“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to the place where I am going.” <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” <sup>8</sup>Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” <sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup>Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

### Message

**Song:** *“Who You Say I Am”*

### Apostles’ Creed

### Prayers of the People

### Sharing of the Peace

**Offering Song:** *Instrumental*

### 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 Table

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:

**Song:** *“Holy, Holy, Holy Lord”*

L: 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.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, 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 Songs

*“A Song Of Unity”*

*“All To Us”*

### Blessing

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

### 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 Song:** *“Goodness Of God”*

### 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, Dora Gerbrandt, Ed Harder, Tina Heckert, Linda James, Gail Karman, Val & Nathan Kehler, Ruth Ketter, Paul Kletke, Amanda Lanteigne, Rick Martins, Mary Pelletier, Gordon & Iris Pylypjuk, Helmuth Renz, 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 by Ed & Karen Mantie, in loving memory of **Adelaide Freund**, who passed on April 20th, 2026. *“Loving thoughts and memories will stay with us forever.”*

### IN LOVING MEMORY

A Memorial Donation has been made by Lori Hrabluik & Les Horvath, in loving memory of **Adelaide Freund**, who passed on April 20th, 2026. *“The beautiful memory left behind will always remain in our hearts.”*

### IN LOVING MEMORY

A Memorial Donation has been made by Rick & Gladys Derksen, in loving memory of **Adelaide Freund**, who passed on April 20th, 2026. *“As you were, you will always be, a beautiful part of our memory.”*

### PENTECOST SUNDAY

Pentecost Sunday is coming up **May 24th**. In honor of the day, please remember to wear red, orange, yellow or something otherwise fiery to celebrate the Holy Spirit’s creation of the Church! And please be in prayer for those who will be confirmed: **Jaxon Friesen, Jeremy Horn, Alayna Jakob, Brenden Oswald, Eric Sawatzky, Cameron Wiebe, and Brianne Wilson**. We are grateful to **Lisa Wilson** and **Calvin Perry** who have invested time and energy to prepare these young people to own their baptismal promises.

### THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCOUTS

Thank you to everyone who supported the Scouts in our most recent fundraiser. We are pleased to share that a total of \$5,400 was raised! Congratulations to our prize draw winners: **1st - Colin Smith, 2nd - Baba Kolowca, 3rd - Rob Barnett, and 4th - David Brown**. Thank you again for your generous support!

### 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>