

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.

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 Phyllis Wryha, in loving memory of **Adelaide Freund**, who passed on April 20th, 2026. *"In our memory you are always with us, as you always were before."*

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A Memorial Donation has been made by Bruce & Valerie Martin and family, in loving memory of **Margaret Kihn**, who passed on May 3rd, 2022, and **Albert Kihn**, who passed on May 4th, 2022. *"Deep in our hearts your memory is kept, to love and to cherish and never forget."*

IN LOVING MEMORY

The flowers on the Altar have been placed in loving memory of **Gerry Schmidtke**, May 10/44-Feb. 20/92 by Dr. Chris and Darlene Turner, Charlene & Don Freund, Robin & Austin Freund, Dorinda & Mike Penner, Kalynda, Matt, Daxton & Tateum Lewis, and Mickael Penner & Emma Harbottle. *"It is a deep mystery, this matter of Life and Death; until one day, we find the courage to accept that the living aren't meant to understand death, only to celebrate life and to remember that the only real death is forgetting."*

IN LOVING MEMORY

A Memorial Donation has been made by Rodney & Janice Beckman, in loving memory of **Dr. Laurence Friesen**, who passed on April 4th, 2026. *"The beautiful memory left behind will always remain in our hearts."*

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

You're warmly invited to 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*, focuses on connection, encouragement, and growing together in faith through a relaxed day of community, conversation, and shared meals.

KITCHEN SPRING CLEAN

A few ladies have kindly cleaned the kitchens. Any belongings found have been placed on a table at the rear entrance, please take anything that belongs to you. There will also be additional items available for anyone who would like them.

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: **Jaxsen 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.

WEEKEND FOR GUYS

Since 2001, Star Lake Lodge has hosted a men's weekend to build friendships, watch meaningful films, and have fun. This year's "Weekend for Guys Who Like Movies" runs May 29–31, focusing on "the courage of men who take a stand." For details, talk to Pastor Tim or check the posters around the building.

ST. PAUL'S SENIOR SUPPER

St. Paul's Senior Supper meets the last Monday each month at 6:00 PM downstairs. **This month: May 25 (RSVP by May 22)**. Please RSVP to the church office.

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**.

ALTAR GUILD

Altar Guild will meet on **Thursday, May 14** at 7:00 PM.

THANK YOU

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

ATTENDANCE: May 3rd
Traditional Service - 114
Family Service - 38
Sunday School - 27

OFFERING: \$4,630.00

Online Donations For The Month Of April: \$14,757.00

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Sunday, May 10th, 2026 Welcome to our Traditional Worship Service on this Sixth Sunday of Easter

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, May 10th - Mothers Day
9:30 AM - Traditional Service
11:00 AM - Family Service
Sunday School

Monday, May 11th
6:30 PM - Junior Youth

Tuesday, May 12th
7:00 PM - Council Meeting

Wednesday, May 13th
6:30 PM - Young Adults
7:00 PM - Scouts
7:00 PM - Bible Study on the Book of Romans

Thursday, May 14th
6:30 PM - Senior Youth
7:00 PM - Altar Guild Meeting

Sunday, May 17th
9:30 AM - Traditional Service
11:00 AM - Family Service
Family Worship in Church

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



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 10TH, 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: "Love Divine All Loves Excelling" #631

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: Almighty and ever-living God,

C: you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, 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: Nichole Borkowsky

FIRST READING: Acts 17:22-31

²²Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. ²³For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though

indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we, too, are his offspring.' ²⁹"Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 66:8-20

L: Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard.

C: Our God has kept us among the living and has not allowed our feet to slip.

L: For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us just as silver is tried.

C: You brought us into the net; you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

L: You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water, but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

C: I will enter your house with burnt offerings and will pay you my vows—

L: those that I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

C: I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the smoke of rams; I will give you oxen and goats.

L: Come and listen, all you who believe, and I will tell you what God has done for me.

C: I called out to God with my mouth, and praised the Lord with my tongue.

L: If I had cherished evil in my heart, the Lord would not have heard me;

C: but in truth God has heard me and has attended to the sound of my prayer.

L: Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, nor withheld unailing love from me.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:13-22

¹³Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: Hymnal p. 205

HOLY GOSPEL: John 14:15-21

C: Glory to you, O Lord

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷

This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you. ¹⁸"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Message

Hymn of the Day: "Holy Spirit Truth Divine" #398

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.

Doxology: #884

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

"Jesus Paid It All"

"The Love Of God"

"Take My Life" #685

"Let Us Go Now" #523

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: "Christ Be Our Light" #715

Dismissal

L: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

C: He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

L: Go in peace. Praise the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

