

### 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

### IN LOVING MEMORY

The flowers on the Organ are placed in loving memory of **Norman Holme**, who passed away May 16th, 2020 by June Holme and family. *"We remember him who once was here, and who, though absent, is just as dear."*

### IN LOVING MEMORY

A Memorial Donation has been made by Phyllis Wryha, in loving memory of **Norman Holme**, who passed on May 16, 2020. *"Loving thoughts and memories will stay with us forever."*

### IN LOVING MEMORY

A Memorial Donation has been made by Rick & Gladys Derksen, in loving memory of **Laurence Friesen**, who passed on April 4, 2026. *"As you were, you will always be, a beautiful part of our memory."*

### IN LOVING MEMORY

The flowers on the Altar are placed in loving memory of **Ben Klassen**, who passed away May 16th, 2023 by Emily Klassen and family. *"Gone but not forgotten, although we are apart your spirit lives forever in our hearts."*

### BULLETIN SPONSOR

The bulletin for this Sunday is sponsored by Darrell & Elaine Harder, Brent & Sherry Friesen, Shawn & April Harder, and their families in honor of their parents Henry & Evelyn Harder's 65th wedding anniversary which is on May 20th. *"And now these 3 things remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love." 1 Corinthians 13:13*

### MNO SOUTH AREA GATHERING UPDATE

"The MNO Area Gathering, "Being the Church Beyond the Perimeter" has been **postponed to October 24th.**"

### PENTECOST SUNDAY

Pentecost Sunday is next week! 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 Sawatsky, 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.

### 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!

### CHURCH PICNIC- HELP NEEDED

Our church picnic is coming up on June 14th, and we would love your help! We are looking for volunteers to assist with both set-up and take-down to make the day run smoothly. We are also in need of two people who are able to bring a BBQ and help with grilling during the picnic. If you are willing to lend a hand in any of these areas, please contact the church office. Thank you for helping make this a wonderful time of fellowship for everyone!

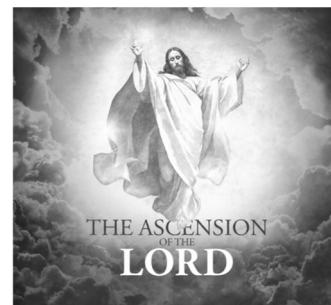
### COMING HOME QUESTIONNAIRE

As part of the Five Year Plan, church council is asking everyone to assist with planning programs and services by completing the Coming Home Questionnaire. Questionnaires can be found on a table near the entrance to the sanctuary and a table in the hallway outside the office. Completed questionnaires can be dropped off at the office or placed in the mail pocket on the office door. Your input is appreciated.'

### THANK YOU

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

**ATTENDANCE: May 10th, 2026**  
**Traditional Service - 132**  
**Family Service - 42**  
**Sunday School - 30**  
**OFFERING: \$6,575.00**



# ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF STEINBACH INC.

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## Sunday, May 17th, 2026 Welcome to our Traditional Worship Service on this Accession Day

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Sunday, May 17th**

**9:30 AM - Traditional Service**

**11:00 AM - Family Service**

**Sunday School**

**Monday, May 18th**

**No Junior Youth**

**Wednesday, May 20th**

**No Young Adults**

**7:00 PM - Scouts**

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

**Thursday, May 21st**

**No Senior Youth**

**Friday, May 22nd**

**Senior Supper RSVP Deadline**

**Sunday, May 24th - Confirmation Sunday**

**10:00 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.

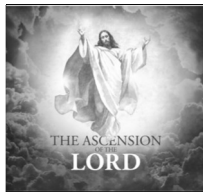
### OUR MISSION

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**





# ACCESSION DAY

MAY 17TH, 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: "Crown Him With Many Crowns" #855**

## 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 God,

**C: your only Son was taken into the heavens and in your presence intercedes for us. Receive us and our prayers for all the world, and in the end bring everything into your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one god, now and forever. Amen.**

**GOD'S WORD:** Acie Sobering

**FIRST READING: Acts 1:1-11**

<sup>1</sup>In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and teach <sup>2</sup>until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup>While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; <sup>5</sup>for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." <sup>6</sup>So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup>He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authori-

ty. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." <sup>9</sup>When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup>They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 47**

L: Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with a joyful sound.

**C: For the Lord Most High is to be feared: a great king over all the earth,**

L: who subdues the peoples under us, and the nations under our feet;

**C: who chooses our inheritance for us, the pride of Jacob, whom God loves.**

L: God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of the ram's horn.

**C: Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.**

L: For God is king of all the earth; sing praises with a song.

**C: God reigns over the nations; God is enthroned on high.**

L: The nobles of the peoples have gathered as the people of the God of Abraham. The rulers of the earth belong to God, who is highly exalted.

**SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:15-23**

<sup>15</sup>I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, <sup>17</sup>that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, <sup>18</sup>so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. <sup>20</sup>God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup>far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. <sup>22</sup>And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation:** Hymnal p. 205

**HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 24:44-53**

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

<sup>44</sup>[Jesus said to the eleven and those with them,] "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled."<sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in

his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised, so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." <sup>50</sup>Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. <sup>51</sup>While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup>And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, <sup>53</sup>and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Message

**Hymn of the Day: "Lord Enthroned In Heavenly Splendor" #475**

## Nicene 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, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ; who, enthroned forever at your right hand, intercedes for us as our great high priest. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**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

*"Now We Join In Celebration" #462*

*"Let Us Go Now To The Banquet" #523*

*"On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand" #437*

*"Just As I Am" #592*

## 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: "Alleluia! Sing To Jesus" #392**

## 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 Ketler, Paul Kletke, Amanda Lanteigne, Ed Lowen, Rick Martins, Mary Pelletier, Gordon & Iris Pylppjuk, Helmuth Renz, Tony Sawatzky, Ray Schalla, Khrista Vogt, Mary Wiebe, Kathy Wintoniw (Abby & Julia), and Bishop Geoff Woodcroft.

