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Sunday, November 15th, 2026
Welcome to our Traditional Worship Service on this Twenty-Fifth Sunday of Pentecost

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, Alvin Fender, Chris Funk, Ed Harder, Tina Heckert, Phyllis Hood, Linda James, Pastor Debra Johnston, Gail Karman, Val & Nathan Kehler, Ruth Ketler, Emily Klassen, Paul Kletke, Amanda Lanteigne, Vera Lohr, Ed & Ellie Lowen, Pastor Al Maier, Rick Martins, Gordon & Iris Pylypjuk, Helmuth Renz, Phyllis Sawatzky, Tony Sawatzky, Peter Sawatzky, Ray Schalla, Shauna Sobering, Khrista Vogt, Mary Wiebe, Kathy Wintoniw (Abby & Julia), and Bishop Geoff Woodcroft.

ADVENT

Begins Sunday, November 29. Join us as we prepare for a Royal Appointment.

MIDWEEK ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICES

Midweek Advent Worship Services, "The Angels of Advent" will take place **December 2, 9, and 16 at 7:00pm**. Join us as we reflect on God's Word to Zechariah, Joseph and Mary.

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS CHOIR

If you love to sing, please come and join the choir. We will be singing each Sunday in Advent and on Christmas Eve. Practice is every Wednesday at 7:00 P.M. starting on November 4th.

THE MITTEN TREE

The "Mitten Tree" is up again and waiting to be wrapped in your warmth of donations. Greatly needed are mitts, toques, gloves, scarves, socks, sweaters and jackets. Personal hygiene items are also very welcome. These donations will once again support the Steinbach Community Outreach and Winnipeg Urban Missions Project. Donations may be dropped off at the Church office or placed at the Mitten Tree display. Any questions, please check with the office or contact Marilyn Engel at 204-326-6504.

VOLUNTEERS AND FENCING MATERIALS NEEDED

We are planning to install chain-link fencing around our outdoor air-conditioning equipment to help protect it from theft. We are looking for volunteers with fencing, construction, or related experience who would be willing to lend a hand with installation. We are also looking for chain-link fencing materials, posts, gates, and related hardware. If you can help with the installation or have materials available, please contact Chris Teetaert or speak with the Church Office. Your support is greatly appreciated!

SCOUTS FUNDRAISER

The Scouts are running a fundraiser right now by selling gift certificates for Country Meat & Sausage. Prizes are: **first $400; second $300; third $200; and fourth $100**. The draw will take place **Wednesday, November 25th**. Tickets are $5 each, and Gerry will have tickets available on Sundays. Please help support this amazing group of kids!

SENIOR SUPPER

Join us for an evening of fellowship, conversation, and a shared meal at Senior Supper, held on the last Monday of each month at 6:00 PM in the downstairs hall. Our next gathering is on November 30th. Please RSVP to the Church Office by November 27th.

SOUND BOOTH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for volunteers to help serve in the sound booth! **Ages 8 and older are welcome to volunteer.** No experience is necessary-training will be provided! If you are interested in learning more or would like to volunteer, please speak with the church office.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our Sunday School is still in need for more teachers/volunteers, any commitment is valued, whether weekly, bi-weekly, monthly, or even as an emergency substitute. Please sign up on the board near the Education Wing or contact Irene at (431) 366-4093, or Elli at (204) 381-1644.

THANK YOU

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

ATTENDANCE: November 8th
Traditional Service - 127
Family Service - 43
Sunday School - 40

OFFERING: $14,199.20



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, November 15th
9:30 AM - Traditional Service
11:00 AM - Family Service
Sunday School

Monday, November 16th
6:30 - Junior and Senior Youth

Wednesday, November 18th
8:30 AM - Morning Prayer
7:00 PM - Scouts
7:00 PM - Pioneer Girls
7:00 PM - Bible Study

Friday, November 20th
6:30 PM - Young Adults

Sunday, November 22nd
9:30 AM - Traditional Service
11:00 AM - Family Service
Sunday School



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

Twenty-Fifth Sunday of Pentecost
November 15th, 2026

Welcome & Announcements

Confession & Forgiveness

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

L: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

L: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

L: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn: *"Holy God We Praise Your Name"* **#414**

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: Amen.

Kyrie – 203 Hymnbook

Gloria – 204 Hymnbook

Prayer of the Day

L: Righteous God,

C: our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God's Word: Crystal Lawrance

First Reading: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

7 Be silent before the Lord God, for the day of the Lord is at
hand! The Lord has prepared a sacrifice; he has consecrated his
guests. 12 At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I
will punish the people who settle like dregs in wine, those who
say in their hearts, "The Lord will not do good, nor will he do
harm." 13 Their wealth shall be plundered and their houses laid
waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them.
14 The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the
sound of the day of the Lord is bitter; the warrior cries aloud
there. 15 That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and
anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and
gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, 16 a day of trumpet
blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the
lofty battlements. 17 I will bring such distress upon people that
they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against
the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like dust and their flesh
like dung. 18 Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save
them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the
whole earth shall be consumed, for a full, a terrible end he will
make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 90:1-12

L: Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another.

C: Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, from age to age you are God.

L: You turn us back to the dust and say, "Turn back, O children of earth."

C: For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past and like a watch in the night;

L: you sweep them away like a dream, they fade away suddenly like the grass:

C: in the morning it is green and flourishes; in the evening it is dried up and withered.

L: For we are consumed by your anger; we are afraid because of your wrath.

C: Our iniquities you have set before you, and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

L: When you are angry, all our days are gone; we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

C: The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength even eighty; yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly and we are gone.

L: Who regards the power of your wrath? Who rightly fears your indignation?

C: So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

1 Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers
and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to
you. 2 For you yourselves know very well that the day of
the Lord will come like a thief in the night. 3 When they
say, "There is peace and security," then sudden
destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come
upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! 4
But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for
that day to surprise you like a thief; 5 for you are all
children of light and children of the day; we are not of
the night or of darkness. 6 So, then, let us not fall asleep
as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober, 7 for
those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are
drunk get drunk at night. 8 But since we belong to the
day, let us be sober and put on the breastplate of faith
and love and for a helmet the hope of salvation. 9 For
God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining
salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 who died for
us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live
with him. 11 Therefore encourage one another and build
up each other, as indeed you are doing.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: Hymnbook – p. 205

Holy Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 14 "For it is as if a man,
going on a journey, summoned his slaves and
entrusted his property to them; 15 to one he gave five
talents, to another two, to another one, to each
according to his ability. Then he went away. At once 16
the one who had received the five talents went off and
traded with them and made five more talents. 17 In the
same way, the one who had the two talents made two
more talents. 18 But the one who had received the one
talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his
master's money. 19 After a long time the master of those
slaves came and settled accounts with them. 20 Then the
one who had received the five talents came forward,
bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed
over to me five talents; see, I have made five more
talents.' 21 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and
trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few
things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into
the joy of your master.' 22 And the one with the two talents
also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to
me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' 23 His
master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy
slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put
you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your
master.' 24 Then the one who had received the one talent
also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were
a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and
gathering where you did not scatter, 25 so I was afraid, and
I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have
what is yours.' 26 But his master replied, 'You wicked and
lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not
sow and gather where I did not scatter? 27 Then you ought
to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my
return I would have received what was my own with
interest. 28 So take the talent from him, and give it to the
one with the ten talents. 29 For to all those who have, more
will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from
those who have nothing, even what they have will be
taken away. 30 As for this worthless slave, throw him into
the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and
gnashing of teeth.' "

L: The gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Message

Hymn of the Day: *"Take My Life"* **#685**

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the People

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

Doxology - #884

Offertory Prayer

L: Let us pray together,

C: Eternal God, our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, 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. 130

L: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, an gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this in 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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

L: Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Invitation to Communion

L: In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in. Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

Communion Songs:

"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly" **#461**
"Lamb Of God" **#336**
"Higher Ground"
"Beautiful Savior" **#838**

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 God, we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal. You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly. Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Benediction

L: The holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God, today and always.

C: Amen.

Sending Song: *"Shine Jesus Shine"* **#671**

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Encourage one another.

C: Thanks be to God.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Memorial Donations have been made by Mark & Valerie Thiessen, John & Doris Thiessen, Barry & Deb Rempel, Ron & Cheryl Andres, Ed & Karen Mantie, Rick & Gladys Derksen, Brad Krentz, Gerda Schinkel, and Dianne Woroniuk in loving memory of **Marcia Henzel,** who passed away on October 30, 2026. *"Dearly remembered and loved."*