

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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.

**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.

**Masks** are optional at all services.

**Visitation:** If you are homebound or in the hospital or know of someone who is and would like to receive visits from our Visitation Team or receive communion at home, please call Jen in the office and she'll make sure you are on the list!

**Drop Box:** The drop box at the side entrance nearest to the office is available for envelopes or small items.

**Office Information:** Please have all announcements in to the office by Thursdays at 10am if you want them in the bulletin for the upcoming Sunday. Bulletins are printed by 11am on Thursdays. If you have events or meetings to go on the monthly calendar, get them to the office the Wednesday before the last Sunday of the month.

**Office Hours:** 10am to 2pm, Monday to Friday

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

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## Sunday, September 1st, 2024 Welcome to our Traditional Worship Service On this XV Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 1st  
10am - Service

Sunday, September 8th  
10am - Service  
Fall Kick Off!

Tuesday, September 10th  
7pm - Council Meeting

Wednesday, September 11th  
7pm - Small Catechism Study

Thursday, September 12th  
6:30pm - Youth Group

Saturday, September 14th  
10am to 2pm - Worship Training Day

Sunday, September 15th  
9am - Confirmation  
9:30am - Service  
9:30am - Sunday School  
Coffee Time!!  
11am - 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 unless announced otherwise. 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.

KEEP IT REAL! BRING IT HOME!

### FALL KICK-OFF ADDITION

There will be a separate table for gluten-free foods. If you are bringing something gluten-free, please let us know when you drop it off so that we can place it accordingly.

PLEASE BRING LAWN CHAIRS OR BLANKETS  
TO SIT ON OUTSIDE.



### Devotion

Based on James 1:17-27

Got a Mirror? At 74 years old, I often look in the mirror and say, "Don't I know you?" James invites us to look in the mirror of the God who creates, redeems, and makes us holy. This reflection is a God-given view of people who are quick to listen but not quick to speak, of a people who are not controlled by anger. To look in the mirror is to see our lives as what God calls our lives to be. We are invited by Baptismal grace to be doers of God's word and not hearers only. We are invited to look into the perfect law of freedom and live out our baptismal promise. To look into the mirror of God who in Baptism has sent us into the creation. To have a religion that we use not to justify how we defile the creation but to respond to God's call to be people who care about the creation and all those who are separated and in distress.

### Prayer

Holy and Triune God, forgive us when we hear, see, and then forget. Make us hearers who remember and doers who act.

O. Wayne Shelksohn '81 M.Div.







# THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SEPTEMBER 1ST, 2024

## 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 Saviour 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

*"O For a Heart to Praise My God"*

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 - #155

Canticle of Praise - #162

### Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray together:

C: **O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.**

### Children's Message

GOD'S WORD: Reader Emily Doerksen

### FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

<sup>1</sup>So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. <sup>2</sup>You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you. <sup>6</sup>You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" <sup>7</sup>For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him?

<sup>8</sup>And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today? <sup>9</sup>But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 15

L: LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may abide upon your holy hill?

C: **Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right, who speak the truth from their heart;**

L: they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends; they do not cast discredit upon a neighbour.

C: **In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honour those who fear the LORD. They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.**

L: They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

### SECOND READING: James 1:17-27

<sup>17</sup>Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. <sup>18</sup>In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. <sup>19</sup>You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; <sup>20</sup>for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. <sup>21</sup>Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. <sup>22</sup>But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. <sup>23</sup>For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; <sup>24</sup>for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. <sup>25</sup>But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. <sup>26</sup>If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup>Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation: #168 (sung)

C: **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

L: God gave us birth by the word of truth so that we would become a kind of first fruits of creation.

C: **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

### HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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

<sup>1</sup>Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], <sup>2</sup>they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. <sup>3</sup>(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; <sup>4</sup>and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) <sup>5</sup>So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" <sup>6</sup>He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is

written, 'This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; <sup>7</sup>in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.' <sup>8</sup>You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition." <sup>14</sup>Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: <sup>15</sup>there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile. <sup>21</sup>"For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, <sup>22</sup>adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. <sup>23</sup>All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

L: The gospel of the Lord.

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

### Gospel Acclamation: #168 (sung)

C: **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

### MESSAGE

### Hymn of the Day

*"O God, My Faithful God" #806 (sung to tune of #840)*

### Apostles' Creed

### Prayers of the People

### Sharing of the Peace

### Offering

Doxology - #884

### Offertory Prayer:

L: Let us pray together:

C: **Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving - p. 129

Words of Institution - p. 130

The Lord's Prayer - p. 134

### Invitation to Communion

L: Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.

### Communion Hymns

*"What Feast of Love" #487*

*"Day By Day" #790*

*"Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross" #335*

*"I Stand Amazed in the Presence"*

### Post-Communion Prayer

L: Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

### The Blessing

L: God all mighty, God most merciful bless you, keep you, and give you peace.

C: Amen.

### Sending Hymn

*"Rise Up, O Saints of God" #669 (alternate melody)*

### Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Follow Jesus!

C: **Thanks be to God!**



## PRAYER REMINDERS



In your prayers this week, please remember:

Cari Doerksen, Adelaide Freund, Lorna Freund, Chris Funk, Janet Harder, Tina Heckert, Herta Kihn, Tabrina Krentz, Ruby Myran, Jeff Rempel, Helmuth Renz, Ray Schalla, and Khrista Vogt.

## HOLY COMMUNION



Holy Communion is offered in the **CONTINUOUS FORMAT** today. Participant cards are available in the pews and at both entrances. Participants are asked to fill out a card and place it in the basket provided or in the offering plate. All are welcome at God's table.

## WORSHIP TRAINING DAY

If you or your children would like to contribute to our worship at the 11:00 service, please save Saturday, September 14 for a half-day training retreat.

10-10:45am Sound and Easy Worship

11-11:45am Lutheran Worship

12-12:30pm Lunch (provided)

12:30-1:45pm Ushering, Altar Server/Communion, Reading & Praying

1:45-2pm closing prayer

Children 8 years of age and older are welcome; 6-7, with an accompanying adult. Sign up sheets are posted outside the Office. Please sign up so we know how much food to order!

## SUNDAY SCHOOL INSTRUCTORS

Love kids? Want to get involved somehow? Please consider being one of our intrepid Sunday School Instructors this fall! The goal is to have enough people in place that you get the opportunity to worship at the 9:30 service several times a month. If you want to take on a class full time, there is the 11am service to worship at as well! You don't need a teaching degree, just a heart for kids and the Gospel!

## ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY

Wednesdays this Fall, beginning on September 11 and running until November 27, Pastor Tim will take any who are interested through Luther's Small Catechism. Are you new to St. Paul's? Are you interested in preparing for baptism for your child(ren) or for yourself? Would you like to affirm or reaffirm your baptismal vows? Would you like to learn more about Christian faith in general or the Lutheran branch of its family tree in particular? Watch for a sign up sheet outside the office and let us know if you can join us! Feel free to invite a friend, too.

## CONDOLENCES

Condolences are extended to Adelaide Freund & Family on the passing of Reginald Freund on Aug. 19. The funeral service took place at Crossings Funeral Care, Steinbach, on Thursday, Aug. 29 with Rev. Tim Perry officiating. "May God embrace you with his comfort and sustain you by his grace."

## GIFTS OF REMEMBRANCE

Memorial Gifts have been received in loving memory of dear parents/grandparents, **Melvin Steffan** (Sept. 2, 1985), & **Ruby Steffan** (Sept. 1, 2021), from Don & Karen Neufeld & family, Darrell, Carol, Ryan & Keri Steffan. "Gone are the days we used to share, but in our hearts you are always there."

## THANK YOU!

To all who have participated in today's service!

**ATTENDANCE: August 25, 2024  
Service - 114**

**OFFERING: \$2,637.50  
August 2024 Online donations: \$13,277.00**