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





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Sunday, October 6th, 2024 **Welcome to our Traditional Worship Service On this XX Sunday after Pentecost**

Sunday, October 6th 9am - Confirmation 9:30 - Worship Service 9:30 - Sunday School Coffee Time! 11am - Family Service

Wednesday, October 9th 7pm - Study on the Small Catechism

Thursday, October 10th 6:30pm - Youth Group

Sunday, October 13th 9am - Confirmation 9:30 - Worship Service 9:30 - Sunday School Coffee Time!! 11am - Family Service



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

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HOLY COMMUNION

 \checkmark od feeds and renews us with the presence of Je-Usus 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!



WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

- L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.
- C: Amen.
- 1 . 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.
- Gracious God, L:
- 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.
- God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sim, 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

"Our Great Saviour"

- 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,
- C: Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.

GOD'S WORD

FIRST READING: GENESIS 2:18-24

¹⁸The LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." ¹⁹So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. ²¹So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out

of Man this one was taken." ²⁴Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

- L: The Word of the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE READING: PSALM 8

- L: O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! -
- C: you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children; you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.
- L: When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
- C: what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them, human beings that you should care for them? L:Yet you have made them little less than divine: with glory and honour you crown them.
- C: You have made them rule over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet:
- all flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field,
- C: the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.
- L: O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

SECOND READING: HEBREWS 1:1-4: 2:5-12

¹Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high. ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. ^{2:5}Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. ⁶But someone has testified somewhere, "What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? ⁷You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honour, ⁸subjecting all things under their feet." Now in subjecting all things to them. God left nothing outside their control. As it is. we do not yet see everything in subjection to them,⁹ but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honour because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. ¹⁰It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason, Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹²saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

- L: The Word of the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: #168 (sung)

- C: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- L: If we love one another. God lives in us and God's love is perfected in us
- C: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

HOLY GOSPEL: MARK 10:2-16

C: Glory to you, O Lord

²Some Pharisees came, and to test [Jesus] they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" ³He answered them.

"What did Moses command you?" ⁴They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." ⁵But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. ⁶But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' ⁷'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, ⁸and the two shall become one flesh.' So, they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate." ¹⁰Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹He said to them. "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; ¹² and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery." ¹³People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵Truly I tell vou, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." ¹⁶And he took them up in his arms. laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

- 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 "God, When Human Bonds Are Broken" #603

APOSTLES CREED

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY - #884

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- L: Let us prav.
- 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.

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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

COMMUNION HYMNS - ALL FROM WITH ONE VOICE

"Eat This Bread" **#706** "Blessed Assurance" #699 "A New Commandment" #664 (2x) "Seek Ye First the Kingdom" #783

"Bind Us Together" #748

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 almighty, God most merciful God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless you, keep you, and give you peace.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

"Lord Jesus, Think on Me" #599

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, Chris Funk, Janet Harder, Tina Heckert, Herta Kihn, Tabrina Krentz, Ruby Myran, Tony Sawatzky, Ray Schalla, Helmuth Renz, and Khrista Voqt.

MEMORIAL DONATION

We have received a memorial donation from Marci Klassen in loving memory of her mother Marlene Klassen (August 6, 2024). "Nothing can be more beautiful than the memories I have of you."

CHOIR

If you would like to sing in a choir for the Advent/Christmas season, please sign up by the office. If there is enough interest we will start practices on Wednesday, October 23rd from 7-8pm. We need men's voices too!! Watch the bulletin for updates or contact Susan Nickel.

ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY

Class started but there is still time to join in the fun! Come on Wednesdays at 7pm to learn or refresh your memory on Luther's Small Catechism. All are welcome!

LOOKING AHEAD

Fall has crept up on us and we are heading into October! A few highlights of upcoming events.

-Sunday, November 3rd (All Saints Day), we will be lighting candles in memory of our beloved saints who have gone before us. Please leave your completed form at the office or with the ushers. Deadline: Monday, October 28th.

-Advent starts on December 1st! There will be 4 mid-week Advent services focusing on Mary's Magnificat starting Thursday, November 28th at 7pm. Please plan on attending!

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who have participated in today's services!



ATTENDANCE: September 29, 2024 Traditional - 106 **Contemporary - 39** Sunday School - 35 students, 10 teachers

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