

### 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

## The Mitten Tree



Please donate mitts, toques, sweaters, scarves, gloves, gently used winter footwear and winter jackets. Everything goes to Steinbach Community Outreach and The Urban.

St Paul's Youth is Helping Steinbach Community Outreach

Please help us collect:

- Toilet paper
- Soap
- Shampoo
- Laundry Soap
- Toothpaste & Brushes
- Menstruation Products



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

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## Sunday, October 27th, 2024 Welcome to our Traditional Worship Service On this Reformation Sunday

**Sunday, October 27th**

- 9am - Confirmation
- 9:30 - Worship Service
- 9:30 - Sunday School
- Coffee Time!
- 11am - Family Worship

**Wednesday, October 30th**  
7pm - Small Catechism Study

**Sunday, November 3rd**  
10am - Worship Service  
Sunday School will gather after the candle lighting

**Wednesday, November 6th**  
7pm - Small Catechism Study

**Thursday, November 7th**  
6:30pm - Youth Group

\*\*\*PLEASE REMEMBER TO SIGN UP FOR COFFEE TIME!\*\*\*

### 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!**





# REFORMATION SUNDAY OCTOBER 27TH, 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

*"A Mighty Fortress In Our God" #504*

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: **Gracious Father, we pray for your holy catholic church. Fill it with all truth and peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in need, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## GOD'S WORD

### FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 31:31-34

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt - a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of

them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### RESPONSIVE READING: PSALM 46

L: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

C: **Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**

L: though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

C: **There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.**

L: God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken; God shall help it at the break of day.

C: **The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth melts away.**

L: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

C: **Come now, regard the works of the LORD, what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**

L: behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world; who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

C: **"Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."**

L: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

### SECOND READING: ROMANS 3:19-28

<sup>19</sup>Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup>For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. <sup>21</sup>But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, <sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, <sup>23</sup>since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; <sup>24</sup>they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; <sup>26</sup>it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus. <sup>27</sup>Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup>For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: #168 (sung)

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

L: If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.

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

### HOLY GOSPEL: JOHN 8:31-36

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

<sup>31</sup>Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." <sup>33</sup>They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?" <sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you,

everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

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

*"Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word" #517*

### APOSTLES CREED

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### SHARING OF THE PEACE

### OFFERING

DOXOLOGY - #884

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Let us pray,

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 Who Hunger, Gather Gladly" #461*

*"Faith of Our Fathers" #812*

*"Thy Word"*

*"Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus" #802*

*"Will You Let Me Be Your Servant" #659*

*"Blest Be the Tie That Binds" #656*

### 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

*"God Whose Almighty Word" #673*


### 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, Khrista Vogt and Rev Geoff Woodcroft.

## MEMORIAL

We have received a donation in loving memory of **Ernie Wintoniw** (October 28, 2014) from Kathy, Abby, Julia, Becky, Paul, Reagan and Rylee. *"Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, love leaves a memory no one can steal."*

## CHOIR

Thank you to all who have signed up to sing in our choir! Practices started on October 23rd but it isn't too late to join! Contact Susan Nickel if you have any questions.

## MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICE

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!

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

~A Cancer Support Group will be held Tuesday, October 29th at 7:15pm at Steinbach Evangelical Mennonite Church. This is open to all cancer patients and their primary caregivers.

\*Crossings Funeral Care is going to be hosting these 2 events in the not too distant future. This is open to the public.

~**Surviving the Holidays:** Provides encouragement, support and valuable tools to navigate the season. Join us for this 2-hour holiday seminar Wednesday, November 13, 2024 7-9pm

~**GriefShare:** Find hope and healing after the death of a loved one. Weekly Grief Support Group (13 weeks) Wednesdays, January 8 to April 2, 2025 7-8:30pm. For more info, contact Brad Kehler, GriefShare Host, 204-326-7203 or griefsharec@gmail.com.

## THANK YOU

~Thank you to all who have participated in today's services!  
~Pastor Tim would especially like to thank everyone who had a hand in last week's service. Everyone sounded wonderful and everything went smoothly!



# Reformation Day

**ATTENDANCE: October 20, 2024  
Worship Service - 205**

**OFFERING: \$3847**