

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, December 8th, 2024 Welcome to our Traditional Worship Service On this II Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 8th

9am - Confirmation

9:30 - Worship Service

9:30am - Sunday School

Coffee Time!!

11am - Family Worship

Tuesday, December 10th

1:30pm - Annual Ladies Advent Tea

7pm - Council Meeting

Thursday, December 12th

6:30pm - Youth Group

7pm - Midweek Advent Service

Sunday, December 15th

9am - Confirmation

9:30 - Worship Service

9:30am - Sunday School

Coffee Time!!

11am - Family Worship

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!

My Soul Is Filled With Joy



A 4 WEEK ADVENT WORSHIP SERIES
ON MARY'S MAGNIFICAT

STARTING THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH AT 7PM

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
465 HENRY STREET, STEINBACH

CALL 204-326-3758 FOR MORE INFORMATION

Annual Ladies' Advent Tea

BRING FINGER FOOD
TO SHARE AND SLOW
DOWN FOR A BIT TO
ENJOY SOME LAUGHS,
MUSIC, FOOD AND EACH
OTHER!

Tuesday,
December
10th at
1:30pm





THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 8TH, 2024

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, alive in the world, reviving creation, arriving soon.

C: Amen.

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: God of mercy,

C: **we confess that we have sinned. We trust earthly powers and human authority alone. We grow fearful. We cling to false comforts.**

L: God of might,

C: **we confess that we have sinned. We have turned away from our neighbours. We have trusted false promises.**

L: God in our midst,

C: **we confess that we have sinned. We plead: come to us. Bring your mercy to birth in us.**

L: A righteous branch springs forth: it is Christ the Lord, our Saviour, in whom we have forgiveness, life, and mercy. By the power of the Holy Spirit, receive the grace and forgiveness of God through Christ Jesus, whose day draws near.

C: Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray,

C: **Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

GOD'S WORD

FIRST READING: MALACHI 3:1-4

¹See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight - indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. ²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSIVE READING: LUKE 1:68-79

L: Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel, you have come to your people and set them free.

C: **You have raised up for us a mighty Saviour, born of the house of your servant David.**

L: Through your holy prophets, you promised of old to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us,

C: **to show mercy to our forebears, and to remember your holy covenant.**

L: This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham: to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

C: **free to worship you without fear, holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life.**

L: And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,

C: **to give God's people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.**

L: In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

C: **to shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 1:3-11

³I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. ⁹And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: #168 (sung)

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

L: Prepare the way of the Lord. All flesh shall see the salvation of God.

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

HOLY GOSPEL: LUKE 3:1-6

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

¹In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John, son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. ⁵Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; ⁶and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

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

"There's a Voice in the Wilderness" #255

APOSTLES CREED

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY - #884

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Let us pray,

C: **God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.**

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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

L: God feeds us with tender mercy. Come to the table.

COMMUNION HYMNS

"Let Us Break Bread Together" #471

"Word of God, Come Down to Earth" #510

"Peace, Peace, Peace"

"There is a Redeemer"

"Jesus Paid it All"

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

L: Generous God, we thank you for the gift of life, for the bread of salvation. We thank you for coming among us, for leading us into peace. We thank you for showering us with mercy, for sending us into the world. Come, Lord Jesus, and go with us as we feed the hungry in your name.

C: Amen.

THE BLESSING

L: Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

"Fling Wide the Door" #259


DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

PRAYER REMINDERS

In your prayers this week, please remember:

 Cari Doerksen, Dalia Dyck, Adelaide Freund, Chris Funk, Jeremy Funk, Stan Funk, Janet Harder, Tina Heckert, Herta Kihn, Robert Krentz, Tabrina Krentz, Jim Lohr, Ruby Myran, Gordon & Iris Pylypjuk, Tony Sawatzky, Ray Schalla, Helmuth Renz, Khrista Vogt, Mary Wiebe and Bishop Geoff Woodcroft.

MEMORIAL DONATION

A memorial donation has been received from Lorraine Pachal, Terry & Rachel Pachal, Glen & Jody Davies and the grandchildren in loving memory of Gordon Pachal (December 12, 2020). *"Silent thoughts of times together hold memories that will last forever."*

DISCUSSION WITH THE BISHOP

Bishop Jason will be holding a discussion session here focusing on the church's value and purpose. The session will be held on Saturday, December 14th starting at 12:30pm. The

Bishop will use this information to generate change initiatives needed by the Synod in future planning and decision making. This is a great opportunity to have your ideas and concerns heard. All congregants are welcome to participate. Please leave your name with the office if you plan to attend.

CHRISTMAS HOME COMMUNION

If you or a loved one is unable to attend Christmas services (December 24th, 25th, 29th and January 5th) and would like to receive home communion from Pastor Tim during the Christmas Season (December 26th to January 6th) please phone the office to book a time. He is scheduling these visits in the morning, unless an alternate time works best for you.

LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION

Lutheran Men in Mission special meeting. If you have been involved with LMM in the past, please join us to discuss a special project. We will meet on December 8 after the 9:30 service at the back of the sanctuary for about 15 minutes.

THANK YOU

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



Thanks to Karen Neufeld, our librarian, for getting everything ready!

ATTENDANCE: December 1, 2024

Traditional - 181

Contemporary - 47

Sunday School - 33 Students, 10 Teachers

OFFERING: \$17,199