

SAVE YOUR STAMPS

We received a message from Steinbach United Church thanking us for stamp donations. Stamps we collect are dropped off there and their volunteers take them to the Canadian Bible Society in Winnipeg. CBS then sells the stamps to purchase bibles for inmates. Please bring your used stamps to the office and we'll help continue this awesome ministry.

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 being printed at 11am on Thursdays so don't miss the boat! 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.



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.

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.

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

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

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Sunday, January 14th, 2024 Welcome to our Traditional Worship Service On this II Sunday of Epiphany

TODAY

Sunday, January 14th
9am - Confirmation
9:30 - Traditional Service with Communion
9:30 - Sunday School
Coffee Time!
11am - Contemporary Service with Communion

LOOKING AHEAD

Wednesday, January 17th
10am - Quilting Group
7pm - Theology on Tap

Thursday, January 18th
7pm - Youth Group

Sunday, January 21st
9am - Confirmation
9:30 - Traditional Service with Communion
9:30 - Sunday School
Coffee Time!
11am - Contemporary Service with Communion



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!



Jesus Calls Us; O'er the Tumult #696

1 Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult
Of our life's wild, restless sea,
Day by day his clear voice sounding,
Saying, "Christian, follow me."

2 As of old St. Andrew heard it
By the Galilean lake,
Turned from home and toil and kindred,
Leaving all for his dear sake.

3 Jesus calls us from the worship
Of the vain world's golden store,
From each idol that would keep us,
Saying, "Christian, love me more."

4 In our joys and in our sorrows,
Days of toil and hours of ease,
Still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
"Christian, love me more than these."

5 Jesus calls us!
In your mercy,
Saviour, make us hear your call,
Give our hearts to your obedience,
Serve and love you best of all.

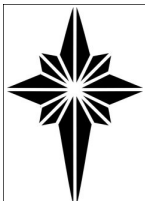
Devotion

While the lakeside context of Jesus' call to Andrew referenced in the hymn is missing from John's account of the story, the call is unmistakable. Andrew's experience of Jesus led him to say, "We have found the Messiah." Andrew heard Jesus' "clear voice sounding." The female poet and writer of the hymn, Cecil Frances Alexander, wrote it in Ireland in 1852, but the "tumult of our life's wild restless sea" has not quieted since nor has the allure of "the vain world's golden store." We live in a time when we are bombarded by voices on every side through a multitude of media, and images of the "world's golden store" are always paraded before us. It is easy for the voice of Jesus to be drowned out and anything but clear. Even so, people still hear the voice of Jesus and continue to follow, for in Jesus we find the path to life, life that is everlasting.

Prayer

Faithful Jesus, we truly live amid lamentation, tumult, and temptation. Keep our eyes fixed on you that our spirits might be strengthened and renewed. Amen.

Kurt Keljo '81 M.Div. Retired, Reynoldsburg, Ohio



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY JANUARY 14TH, 2024

Welcome & Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, Source of Divinity, Only Begotten, Word of truth, Holy Breath who broods over the waters.

C: Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: God, our rock and refuge,

C: **we pour out our hearts before you. We have known you but have not always loved you. We have wounded one another and sinned against you in thought word and deed. Remember your covenant for the sake of your Son. Renew your creation by the power of the Holy Spirit. Restore and forgive all who repent, that we might proclaim your good news. Amen.**

L: May Almighty God have mercy upon you. Pardon and deliver you from all your sin. Confirm you in all goodness and keep you to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Gathering Song

"How Firm A Foundation" #796

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 - p. 203

Canticle of Praise: *"Let All Things Now Living" #881*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray: Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give.

C: **May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

GOD'S WORD

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 3:1-20

¹Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. ²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. ⁴Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. ⁶The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." ¹¹Then the LORD said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. ¹²On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. ¹³For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. ¹⁴Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever." ¹⁵Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. ¹⁶But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." ¹⁷Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." ¹⁸So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the LORD; let him do what seems good to him." ¹⁹As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. ²⁰And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the LORD.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

L: LORD, you have searched me out; O LORD, you have known me.

C: **You know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.**

L: You trace my journeys and my resting places and are acquainted with all my ways.

C: **Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, but you, O LORD, know it altogether.**

L: You encompass me, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

C: **Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain to it.**

L: For you yourself created my inmost parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

C: **I will thank you because I am marvelously made; your works are wonderful, and I know it well.**

L: My body was not hidden from you, while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.

C: **Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written in your book; my days were fashioned before they came to be.**

L: How deep I find your thoughts, O God! How great is the sum of them!

C: **If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

¹²"All things are lawful for me," but not all things are beneficial. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be dominated by anything. ¹³Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food," and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. ¹⁴And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. ¹⁵Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! ¹⁶Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, "The two shall be one flesh." ¹⁷But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. ¹⁸Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. ¹⁹Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which

you have from God, and that you are not your own? ²⁰For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation: **"Alleluia"** - p. 205

**Alleluia! Lord and Saviour,
open now your saving word.
Let it burn like fire within us;
speak until our hearts are stirred.
Alleluia! Lord, we sing,
for the good news that you bring.**

HOLY GOSPEL: John 1:43-51

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

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." ⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" ⁴⁸Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." ⁴⁹Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" ⁵⁰Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." ⁵¹And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

MESSAGE

Hymn of the Day

"Will You Come and Follow Me" #798

Apostles Creed

Prayers of the People

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

Doxology - *"Love Has Come" #292*

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

L: Let us pray together: Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you.

C: **In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Word's of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

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: Let us pray. Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

The Blessing

L: God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you, bless you and remain with you always.

C: **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

"Be Thou My Vision" #793

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. You are God's beloved.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER REMINDERS



In your prayers this week, please remember: Janet Begalke-Smith, Cari Doerksen, Adelaide Freund, Chris Funk, Janet Harder, Tina Heckert, Herta Kihn, Marlene Klassen, Jennifer Kowaluk, Ruby Myran, Brooks Peters, Helmuth Renz and Khrista Vogt.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

The annual joint St. Pauls'/St. Joachim service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be held at the Pariosse St. Joachim in La Broquerie on Thursday, January 25th at 7:30pm. Pastor Tim will be delivering the message. Please plan on attending as this is a fantastic opportunity to worship and have fellowship with our neighbours!

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Theology on Tap will resume this Wednesday (the 17th) at the Church at 7:00pm. Over the next four Wednesdays, we will tackle the topic, "Demystifying Bible Study." This Wednesday's question will be, "Just what is the Bible anyway?" Call the office to register.

GREEN THUMB??

The Christmas poinsettias are by the offices. Please feel free to take one home and make it bloom!!

QUILTING

All are welcome, ladies and gents! Don't be shy guys! We gather every Wednesday for 10am. There are all types of jobs - tying quilts, cutting squares, sewing, so you don't need to be a "quilter". Bring a bag lunch and maybe a munchie to share! If you have any questions call Karen Mantie at 204-424-5433.

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, Feb 14 at 7pm. The remaining Wednesdays of Lent (Feb 21-Mar 20) will feature services of Evening Prayer entitled "With Awe and Love." Based on Martin Luther's Small Catechism, these services will be led by Pastor Annemarie, Pastor Tim, Steve Bilski and the St. Paul's youth group. Please join us!

COFFEE BREAK

The sign up sheet for winter 2024 is up! Please sign up for when you can help out with our coffee time. All the coffee drinkers and goody lovers thank you in advance for your efforts!

THANK YOU DEPARTMENT

Thank you to all who have assisted with the service today.

ATTENDANCE: January 7th
Traditional - 75
Contemporary - 39
Sunday School - 12 students, 7 teachers
OFFERING: \$4610