

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



Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 (NRSV)

¹O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

²You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

³You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

⁴Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.

⁵You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

⁶Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

¹³For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

¹⁴I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

¹⁵My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

¹⁶Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed.

¹⁷How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

¹⁸I try to count them-they are more than the sand; I come to the end-I am still with you.

Devotion

Scary. God knows too much. I want to have a few secrets. I do not want my life to be an open book. There are some chapters I don't want anyone to know about. There are some thoughts, some feelings, some words, some deeds that I don't want anyone, and certainly not God, to know about me. Ah, but God does. And it makes me uncomfortable! Ah, but God does. And God still loves me! From conception, from birthing, to my dying. God knows my thoughts, my feelings, my words and my actions. Truly God knows me better than I know myself. I am known beginning to end, top to bottom, front to back, inside and out. And still God loves and accepts me. That's comforting. Thanks be to God!

Prayer
Kind and Loving God, thank you for knowing me, loving me, accepting me, and ever encouraging me to live into your love. Continue to nudge me to look to Jesus for how to live each day in love for you and service to my neighbor. Help me to be a redeeming reflection of the love of Jesus. In Christ's strong name I pray.
Amen

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Sunday, January 21st, 2024 Welcome to our Traditional Worship Service On this III Sunday of Epiphany

TODAY

Sunday, January 21st

9am - Confirmation

9:30 - Traditional Service with Communion

9:30 - Sunday School

Coffee Time!!

11am - Contemporary Service with Communion

LOOKING AHEAD

Wednesday, January 24th

10am - Quilting

7pm - Theology on Tap

Thursday, January 25th

6pm - Youth Family Dinner

Sunday, January 28th

9am - Confirmation

9:30 - Traditional Service with Communion

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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!





THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY JANUARY 21ST, 2024

Welcome & Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, creator of darkness and light, word of truth, wind sweeping 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. We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us. Remember your covenant. Renew your creation. Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all. 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

"Songs of Thankfulness" #310

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 together: Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

C: Amen.

GOD'S WORD

FIRST READING: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

¹The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, ²"Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." ³So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. ¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 62:5-12

L: For God alone I wait in silence; truly, my hope is in God.

C: **God alone is my rock and my salvation, my stronghold, so that I shall never be shaken.**

L: In God is my deliverance and my honour; God is my strong rock and my refuge.

C: **Put your trust in God always, O people, pour out your hearts before the one who is our refuge.**

L: Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath; those of low estate cannot be trusted. Placed on the scales together they weigh even less than a breath.

C: **Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride; though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.**

L: God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, that power belongs to God.

C: **Steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord, for you repay all according to their deeds.**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

²⁹Brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, ³⁰and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, ³¹and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

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: Mark 1:14-20

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

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." ¹⁶As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea - for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

MESSAGE

Hymn of the Day

"Jesus Call Us" #696

Apostles Creed

Prayers of the People

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

Doxology - *"Love Has Come" #292*

Offering Prayer

L: Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you. 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.

C: **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving - p. 206-207

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer - p. 208

Communion Hymns

"Let Us Break Bread Together" #471

"There is a Balm in Gilead" #614

"On Eagle's Wings" #787

"There is a Redeemer"

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

L: Let us pray: Giver of every gift,

C: **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. 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

"Oh For A Thousand Tongues" #886

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 Paroisse 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!



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!

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.

THANK YOU DEPARTMENT

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



ATTENDANCE: January 14, 2024

Traditional - 111

Contemporary - 31

Sunday School - 20 students, 10 teachers

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