



# St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

November 23, 2025 – Last Sunday of the Church Year C



## Scripture/Anticipation

**Welcome!** Thank you for joining us for worship. In our service we gather before our almighty God to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to strengthen ourselves through the study of God's holy and powerful Word, and through the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

**Restrooms and a drinking fountain** are located on the right in the hallway outside the sanctuary. We have **personal hearing devices**. If you need one, please let an usher know before the service. If you are a parent with young children, we want you to know that we love having children worship with us since worship includes them, too. At the same time, we know that children sometimes like to make their presence known in spite of the best efforts to keep them quiet. For your convenience and in consideration of those seated near you, we have a **Family Room** located through the door in the back of the Fellowship Hall. The facility includes a TV, a window, and speakers so that you can still follow along with the worship service. **Busy bags** are also available near the central sanctuary doors.

**Prayer before worship:** God of glory, eternal King, help us, we pray, to recognize the signs of the end times around us and to live each day with the realization that it could be the Last Day. Move us to hate what is evil and cling to what is good. Keep us zealous in your service, joyful in hope, patient in affliction, and faithful in prayer, so that when the Day comes, we will be among those looking up to see our Savior coming in the clouds. In his name we pray. Amen.

## Personal Preparation for Holy Communion

*Q: What does God tell me about myself in his holy Word?*

A: He says I am a sinner and deserve only his punishment.

*Q: What should I do if I am not aware of my sins or am not troubled by them?*

A: I should examine myself according to the Ten Commandments and ask how well I have carried out my responsibilities as a husband or wife or single person, as a parent or child, an employer or employee, a teacher or student. Have I loved God with all my heart, gladly heard his Word, and patiently endured affliction? Have I been disobedient, proud, or unforgiving? Have I been selfish, lazy, envious, or quarrelsome? Have I lied or deceived, taken something not mine, or given anyone a bad name? Have I abused my body or permitted indecent thoughts to linger in my mind? Have I failed to do what is right and good?

*Q: When I realize that I have sinned against God and deserve his punishment, what should I do?*

A: I will confess before God all my sins, those which I remember as well as those of which I am unaware. I will pray to God for his mercy and forgiveness.

*Q: How do I receive his gracious forgiveness?*

A: His Word assures me that Jesus led a pure and holy life for me and died on the cross for me to pay the full price for all my sins. Through faith in Jesus, I have been clothed in my Savior's perfect righteousness and holiness.

*Q: What further assurance do I have that Jesus is mine and I am his?*

A: In Holy Communion he gives me his body and blood together with the bread and wine as a truly life-giving food and drink to unite me with him and my fellow believers. By means of this sacrament, Jesus not only forgives my sins but sweeps away all my doubts about his love for me, gives me his own strength to live a God-pleasing life, and grants me a joyful foretaste of heaven.

*Q: How can I be sure that I receive all these blessings in the Lord's Supper?*

A: I have his own word spoken as his last will and testament on the night before he died. There he tells me: ***"Take and eat; this is my body. Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me."***

*Q: How will I respond to this priceless gift from Jesus?*

A: I will daily thank and praise him for his love to me. With his help I will fight temptation, do my best to correct whatever wrongs I have done, and serve him and those around me with love and good works.

Lord Jesus, with joy and gratitude I now come to your table to receive the precious food of your life-giving body and blood. May it strengthen me to remain in you as you remain in me, so that I bear much fruit in devoted service to you and in acts of kindness to others. Amen.

# God Has Spoken by His Prophets

CW 639

*God's prophetic promises will always come true, even if we must wait for their fulfillment for a time.*



- 1 God has spo - ken by his proph-ets, spo - ken his un-chang-ing Word,
- 2 God has spo - ken by Christ Je - sus, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Son,
- 3 God is speak-ing by his Spir - it, speak-ing to our hearts a - gain,



each from age to age pro-claim-ing God, the one, the right-eous Lord.  
bright-ness of the Fa-ther's glo - ry, with the Fa - ther ev - er one;  
in the age-less Word de - clar - ing his own mes-sage, now as then.



In the world's de-spair and tur-moil one firm an - chor holds us fast:  
spo - ken by the Word in - car - nate, God from God, be - fore time was;  
Thro' the rise and fall of na-tions one sure faith is stand-ing fast:



God is King, his throne e - ter - nal, God the first and God the last.  
Light from Light, to earth de-scend-ing, he re - veals our God to us.  
God a - bides, his Word un-chang-ing, God the first and God the last.

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**Pastor:** In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation:** Amen.

## Confession

**P:** If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**C:** If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

P: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**C: Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

P: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## **Lord, Have Mercy**

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## Glory Be to God in Heaven (HYMN TO JOY)

CW 1042



1 Glo - ry be to God in heav - en, peace to those he  
2 On - ly Son of God the Fa - ther, Lamb who takes our



loves so well. On the earth let all his peo - ple speak his  
sin a - way, now with him in tri - umph seat - ed— for your



grace, his won - ders tell: Lord, we praise you for your glo - ry,  
mer - cy, Lord, we pray: Je - sus Christ, most high and ho - ly,



might - y Fa - ther, heav - en's King; hear our joy - ful  
Sav - ior, you are God a - lone in the glo - ry



ad - o - ra - tion and ac - cept the thanks we bring.  
of the Fa - ther with the Spir - it, Three in One!

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**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

## Prayer of the Day

**P:** Let us pray: Eternal God, merciful Father, you have appointed your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of his return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for your own from the foundation of the world; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

## First Reading

*Habakkuk 1:1–3; 2:1–4*

*Habakkuk was called to share that God’s certain deliverance was coming to save his suffering people.*

## Heading

<sup>1</sup>The threatening oracle which the prophet Habakkuk saw.

## Habakkuk's Complaint About Judah's Corruption

<sup>2</sup>How long, LORD, must I cry for help, but you do not listen?

I call out to you, “Violence!” but you do not save!

<sup>3</sup>Why do you cause me to see injustice?

Why do you overlook misery?

Devastation and violence confront me.

There is strife, and tensions rise.

<sup>1</sup>I will stand at my watch post and station myself on the city wall. I will look to see what he will say to me, and what answer he will give to my complaint.

## The LORD Responds

<sup>2</sup>Then the LORD answered me. He said:

Record the vision and write it plainly on tablets so that a herald may run with it.

<sup>3</sup>Indeed, the vision is waiting for the appointed time. It longs for fulfillment and will not prove false. If it seems slow in coming, wait for it, because it will certainly come and will not be delayed.

<sup>4</sup>Look, his soul is puffed up and is not righteous within him  
—but the righteous one will live by his faith.

P: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

# Psalm of the Day – From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee

Psalm 130F sts. 1–3



1 From depths of woe I cry to thee, Lord, hear me,  
2 Thy love and grace a - lone a - vail to blot out  
3 There - fore my hope is in the LORD and not in



I im - plore thee. Bend down thy gra - cious  
my trans - gres - sion; the best and ho - liest  
mine own mer - it; it rests up - on his



ear to me, my prayer let come be - fore thee.  
deeds must fail to break sin's dread op - pres - sion.  
faith - ful word to them of con - trite spir - it



If thou re - mem-b'rest each mis - deed, if each should  
Be - fore thee none can boast - ing stand, but all must  
that he is mer - ci - ful and just; this is my



have its right - ful meed, who may a - bide thy pres - ence?  
fear thy strict de - mand and live a - lone by mer - cy.  
com - fort and my trust. His help I wait with pa - tience.

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## Second Reading

Revelation 22:6–13

*We eagerly await Christ's second coming, knowing that his Word is certain and true.*

### Jesus Is Coming Soon

<sup>6</sup>The angel said to me, “These words are faithful and true. The Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place.”

<sup>7</sup>“And look: I am coming soon! Blessed is the one who holds on to the words of the prophecy of this book.”

<sup>8</sup>I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. When I heard and saw them, I bowed down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed me these things. <sup>9</sup>But he said to me, “Do not do it! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers the prophets, and also with those who hold on to the words of this book. Worship God!”

<sup>10</sup>The angel also said to me:

Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, because the time is near.

<sup>11</sup>Let the one who is unjust continue to be unjust.

Let the one who is filthy continue to be filthy.

Let the one who is just continue to do what is just.

Let the one who is holy continue to be holy.

### Jesus Speaks

<sup>12</sup>Look, I am coming soon and my reward is with me, to repay each one according to what he has done. <sup>13</sup>I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**





## Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 24:42

P: Alleluia! Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. Alleluia!

## Gospel

Luke 12:35–40

*We watch and wait for Jesus return, since—even though we don't know when—his return is certain.*

## Be Ready!

<sup>35</sup>“Be dressed, ready for service, and keep your lamps burning. <sup>36</sup>Be like people waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. <sup>37</sup>Blessed are those servants, whom the master will find watching when he comes. Amen I tell you: He will dress himself and have them recline at the table, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup>Even if he comes in the second or third watch, they will be blessed if he finds them alert. <sup>39</sup>But know this: If the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. <sup>40</sup>You also be ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour when you are not expecting him.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise be to you, O Christ!**



# Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending

CW 487

*With eyes toward the skies, we eagerly anticipate Jesus' return, to bring us home forever with him.*



1 Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing,  
 2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold him  
 3 Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion  
 4 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee

once for ev - 'ry sin - ner slain;  
 robed in glo - rious maj - es - ty;  
 still his daz - zling bod - y bears,  
 high on thine e - ter - nal throne;

thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing  
 those who set at naught and sold him,  
 cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion  
 Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,

swell the tri - umph of his train:  
 pierced and nailed him to the tree,  
 to his ran - somed wor - ship - ers.  
 claim the king - dom as thine own.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
 deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly  
 With what rap - ture, with what rap - ture, with what  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

lu - ia! Christ re - veals his end - less reign.  
 wail - ing, shall their true Mes - si - ah see.  
 rap - ture, gaze we on those glo - rious scars!  
 lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone!

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## We'll Be There Soon.

*Questions to think about after hearing the sermon:*

- 1) Because Jesus is coming soon, what will I do with God's Word this week?
- 2) What are a few specific steps I can take to keep my enthusiasm for Jesus' return from going away?
- 3) How can I help others understand the relationship of grace, faith, and works, such as in verse 12?

## Nicene Creed

**C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## Offering

***To our guests:** Our offering is not a debt we owe God but a way that we return to God a portion of what he generously gave to us. Our motivation, then, is not obligation but love for God. Please do not feel obligated to contribute. We're happy that you're with us to hear about God's love for you.*

**NOTE:** At this time we are not passing the offering plates. You can place your offering in the plate in the Gathering Area as you leave today.

## Adult Confirmation

*Confirmation Promises*

*Confirmation Verses*

*Exhortation to the Congregation*

*Prayer*

### Prayer of the Church

P: Loving God and Lord, you created the universe that surrounds us and the globe on which we live. You control all things through your Son, who sits at your right hand in glory.

**C: Comfort us with the promise of your eternal presence.**

P: Give your Word power as it works in our hearts and minds. Clear away our confusion, and demolish our doubts. Send your Spirit to strengthen both our confidence in your promises and our desire to live according to your will.

**C: Take away our love of sinning, and restore us each day by your grace.**

P: The signs of the times warn us that the end of time is near. Protect us from scoffers who sneer at your truth. Spare us and Christians around the world from all forms of hate and persecution.

**C: Give us courage to carry the cross with patience and joy.**

P: Instill in the hearts of our children a desire to follow you as they prepare for future days. Help them distinguish between what is passing and what is eternal, between instant thrills and lasting joy. Encourage more young people to prepare for service in the public ministry of the gospel.

**C: Mold us and move us to be good examples for our youth.**

P: Hold in your care, Lord, those who are experiencing physical or emotional pain and all who are afflicted by disease or facing death. Pour out your compassion on the grieving, and comfort the mourners who miss someone they loved.

**C: Move us to pray for these brothers and sisters and to help when we can.**

P: Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

*Silent prayer*

P: Whether we pray together or alone, you have promised to hear and answer us. Give us patience to accept your blessings in whatever way you send them. In your love and wisdom, prepare us for the day when you will take us to be with you forever.

**C: Hear us for Jesus' sake. Amen.**

**Preface**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them up to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

**Proper Preface**

P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who preserves his Church to the end of time, when he will come again as king to judge all people and take his own to glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

## Sing, “Holy, Holy, Holy” (ELLACOMBE)

CW 1047

1 Sing, “Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts on high,  
2 Ho - san - na in the high - est! How blest is Christ our King,  
your ev - er - last - ing glo - ry fills earth and sea and sky.”  
who died as our Re - deem - er, e - ter - nal life to bring!  
Our voic - es cry, “Ho - san - na!” Lord, hear our hum - ble plea:  
How blest are you, Lord Je - sus, now com - ing in God’s name!  
in mer - cy, come and save us; in love, come set us free.  
“Ho - san - na in the high - est!” our grate - ful hearts pro - claim.

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## Prayer of Thanksgiving

P: We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus’ death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son’s body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## Lord’s Prayer

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

## Words of Institution

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: Amen.**

## Lamb of God, Our Savior (WEM IN LEIDENSTAGEN)

CW 1054



1 Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, Christ, who takes a - way  
2 Je - sus, in your mer - cy, make us pure with - in;  
3 Let your end - less mer - cy ev - er - more in - crease;



all the world's trans - gres - sions, lis - ten as we pray:  
cleanse us by your per - fect sac - ri - fice for sin.  
com - fort us with par - don, calm us with your peace.

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## Distribution

**To our guests:** *Scripture teaches us that those who commune together are expressing a unity in faith and in all of Scripture's teachings. This is called close communion. If you are not a member of St. Paul's, the Wisconsin Synod, or the Evangelical Lutheran Synod, you will want to learn what we teach and have the opportunity to express that unity at your confirmation before you commune with us. If you are interested in taking a class to learn more about our teachings, or if you have any questions, please speak with our pastors.*

# By Faith

CW 868

By faith we cling to the Words of the Lord and hold to them until his return.



1 By faith we see the hand of God  
2 By faith our fa - thers roamed the earth  
3 By faith the proph - ets saw a day



in the light of cre - a - tion's grand de - sign,  
with the pow'r of his prom - ise in their hearts,  
when the longed - for Mes - si - ah would ap - pear



in the lives of those who prove his faith - ful - ness,  
of a ho - ly cit - y built by God's own hand,  
with the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death



who walk by faith and not by sight. v. 2  
a place where peace and jus - tice reign. Refrain  
and rise tri - um - phant from the grave. v. 4



We will stand as chil-dren of the prom - ise; we will fix our



eyes on him, our soul's re - ward. Till the race is fin - ished and the



work is done, we'll walk by faith and not by sight.



4 By faith the church was called to go  
in the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost  
to deliver captives and to preach good news  
in ev'ry corner of the earth. **Refrain**

5 By faith this mountain shall be moved  
and the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail,  
for we know in Christ all things are possible  
for all who call upon his name. **Refrain**

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## Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness

CW 573

*The righteous life Jesus lived and the holy blood he shed are the guarantee of heaven forever.*



1 Je - sus, your blood and right - eous - ness my beau - ty  
2 Bold shall I stand in that great day; who can a  
3 Lord, I be - lieve your pre - cious blood, which at the  
4 Lord, I be - lieve, were sin - ners more than sands up -



are, my glo - rious dress; mid flam - ing worlds, in  
word a - gainst me say? Ful - ly ab - solved through  
ver - y throne of God pleads for the cap - tives'  
on the o - cean shore, you have for all a



these ar - rayed, with joy shall I lift up my head.  
these I am from sin and fear, from guilt and shame.  
lib - er - ty, was al - so shed in love for me.  
ran - som paid, for all a full a - tone - ment made.

5 When from the dust of death I rise  
to claim my mansion in the skies,  
this then shall be my only plea:  
Jesus has lived and died for me.

6 Jesus, be worshiped endlessly!  
Your boundless mercy has for me,  
for me and all your hands have made,  
an everlasting ransom paid.

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P: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

**C: his mercy endures forever.**

P: Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

**C: we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

P: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

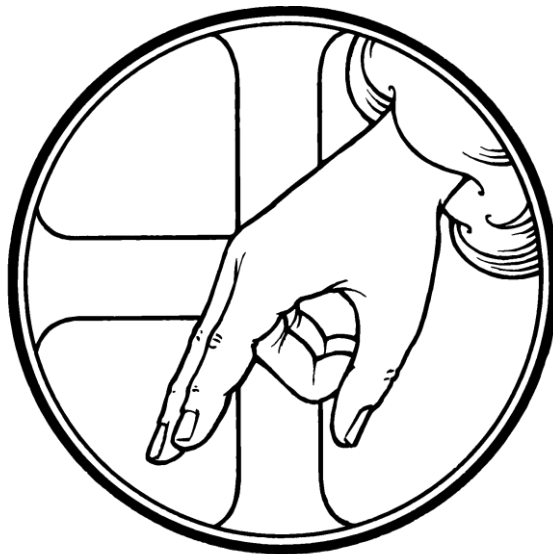
## **Blessing**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ✚ give you peace.

**C: Amen.**



# Lord, When Your Glory I Shall See

CW 884

*A joy beyond all measure will be ours in the presence of our Savior God when he brings us home to him.*

Lord, when your glo - ry I shall see and taste your king-dom's  
plea - sure, your blood my roy - al robe shall be, my  
joy be - yond all mea - sure! When I ap - pear be - fore your  
throne, your right - eous - ness shall be my crown; with  
these I need not hide me. And there, in gar - ments rich - ly  
wrought, as your own bride I shall be brought, to  
stand in joy be - side you.

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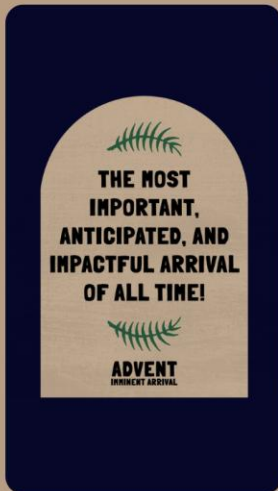
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**Nov 30**

**The King**

**Dec 7**

**The Judge**

**Dec 14**

**The Messiah**

**Dec 21**

**Emmanuel**

*Video Preview*



*St Paul's Lutheran*

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## + Ministry Notes +

### **Our good day in God's house continues after worship, too.**

Our after-worship adult Bible Class time is a great time for good Christian encouragement as we grow in the Word together and take time to pray for one another. Today we will have a special study focused on mental and emotional health for Christians. Sunday School for the children is at the same time.

### **Congratulations to our newest members!**

Welcome to all of our newest members! We pray that God will continue to draw you ever closer to Christ as we **gather, grow, and go** together!

### **Thanksgiving is coming, and that's a deliciously good thing**

This **Wednesday, November 26** all are welcome at our **Thanksgiving Eve** service at 6 PM, followed by a pie and ice cream social (all are welcome to bring a pie or just their appetite).

### **Tis the season (soon™)**

Following Sunday School and a special Christmas Bible Study on **November 30** we will be decorating for the Christmas season! Many hands make light work, so if you are able, please plan to stick around to help out.

### **Who feels like singing?!**

For those who are able to join us, on **Wednesday, December 3 at 6 PM** we will be using several songs recorded in Luke's Gospel to help us prepare for our Christmas celebrations. All are welcome to join for this service of readings, songs, and prayers.

### **All aboard this train**

Soon, St. Paul's family member Justin Shue will leave on deployment. To support Justin and Emily and family, there is a "meal train" set up here: <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/rolzil> If you need technical help (or if you just don't want to use a computer or smartphone), see tech support (aka Pastor James) to get signed up. Thanks!

## **Helping others worship well**

Welcoming to our worship space, letting people know what's coming in worship, and leaving our worship space in tip-top shape—this is how our ushers help us worship well. Current ushers, there is a signup for a blessedly busy December in our fellowship area. If you have not served in this incredibly helpful and also quite fun way but you'd like to, please talk with Pastor James.

## **Much Mulch Must Be Managed**

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## **Can you fix it?**

We are looking for a maintenance supervisor for our campus. If the Lord has blessed you with the skill and time, please consider this wonderful (and paid) position, and speak with Rob Banker if interested or have questions.

## **Make a friend this month**

Each month the congregations in our North Florida Lutheran Women's Mission Society circuit take turns befriending a world and a home missionary, and November is our month!

Please shower our missionaries and their families with cards, letters and emails of thanks and encouragement for the important work they do. Anything you can think of to refresh their spirits and gladden their hearts--children's artwork, gift cards, etc.! And remember them in your prayers - throughout the month of November and beyond!

### **WORLD MISSIONARY**

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## Our Christian Stewardship of God's Gifts

*Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful. – 1 Cor. 4:2*

**LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE:** 128

**PREACHER:** James Saatkamp

**ACCOMPANIST:** Justin Siegler

**STREAMING:** Bill Hoeltke

**LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS:** \$5,925

**PRESIDING MINISTER:** Tim Rosenow

**USHERS:** Bruce Salzmann and Rick Freihofer

**FLOWERS:** Patti Bussinger (in memory of Jerry)

## Let's pray this week!

*birthdays* | **Ranae Hansen** (11-23), **Jocelyn Sargent** (11-23); **Erin Elder** (11-25); **Nathan Scruton** (11-27); **Brenda Rivers** (11-28); **Rachel Scruton** (11-28); **Joshua Teller** (11-28)

*anniversaries* | (none this week)

*homebound members* | **Dave Brandt**, **Bee Grunig**, **John Hambel**, **Leona Harms**, **Leon and Barbara Johnson**, **Susan Rammel**, **Kathy Saracione**, **Josephine Throo**, and **Paula Vitolo**

*health* | **Linda Bond** (upcoming surgery); **Tom Colwell** (ongoing pain and cancer treatment); **Madison Duncan** (Becky Ramsey's daughter, ongoing autoimmune issues); **Tom Hutchison** (recovery from his medical procedure); **Rick Robinson** (recovering from a fall); **Barbara Sadler**, **Kathy Babcock** (Barbara's daughter), and **Kathy's daughters** (genetic health issues); **Nancy Scruton** (recovering from her medical procedure); **Jim Teller** (ongoing heart issues)

## Serving in worship next week

*Ushers:* 11/26 Bruce Salzmann and Tom Leinberger; 11/30 Gary Warren and Bruce Salzmann

*Streaming:* 11/26 Bill Hartman; 11/30

## This Week | November 23rd – 29th

**MON-FRI** – NO SCHOOL (Thanksgiving Break)

**WED** – Isaiah Bible Study 10 AM; Thanksgiving Eve Service 6 PM; Pie and ice cream social after

**THU** – Happy Thanksgiving!

## Upcoming Events

**November 30** – Decorating for Christmas

**December 3** – Midweek Advent Service 6 PM

**December 13** – Advent by Candlelight

**December 14** – Christmas Caroling (meet at 3:15 PM)

**December 16** – PreK-Kindergarten Christmas Service 6 PM

**December 18** – 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Christmas Service 6 PM

# Who We Are

## (Our Mission)

*St. Paul's Lutheran Church is a family. Like any family, we have our strengths and we have our weaknesses. We experience successes and we experience struggles. These are the things which unite us. For we know that we aren't perfect, but our Heavenly Father is; and he has loved us with a perfect love, sending his Son Jesus to die on the cross for our sins and to give us eternal life in heaven. With that same love, he comes to us through his Word, the Bible, to equip us and encourage us as we live in a world which can leave us feeling discouraged and hopeless at times. So, as a family, we **gather** together around God's Word in church and in Bible classes. We have a school where children can **grow** in their relationship with our Heavenly Father and where we can **go** to share the love of Jesus with them. We want as many people as possible to know the joy and hope which we have as members of God's family.*

*If you would like to learn more about our church family or the ministries we offer through our church, school, and preschool, please speak with our pastor, principal, preschool director, faculty, or one of our members.*

*Thank you for being a part of our church family today!*



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