



St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

November 9, 2025 – Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost



Welcome! In our worship 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. **Personal hearing devices** are available on request to an usher. Our worship is for all, including young children! We-and God-love the sound of children in worship, but if you need to step out for a calming and quieting moment, 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. **Children's 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.

God Loves Me Dearly

CW 583 sts. 1–3

God's underserved love extends through Christ to all enslaved by sin and death—even me.



1 God loves me dear - ly, grants me sal -
2 I was in slav - 'ry, sin, death, and
3 He sent forth Je - sus, my dear Re -



va - tion, God loves me dear - ly, loves e - ven me.
dark - ness; God's love was work - ing to make me free.
deem - er, he sent forth Je - sus and set me free.

Refrain



There - fore I'll say a - gain: God loves me



dear - ly, God loves me dear - ly, loves e - ven me.

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Tune: German

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Invocation

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son (+), and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Confession

P: Dear Friends in Christ, the Bible says, “If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, *God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness*” (1 John 1:8-9). Therefore, as we gather together for worship in the presence of God, together we pray, humbly confessing our sins and asking for his forgiveness.

C: O Lord, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy, and in your faithfulness, come to my relief. Do not bring your servant into judgment, for no one living is righteous before you. Answer me quickly, O Lord; my spirit fails. Do not hide your face from me, for I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul. Teach me to do your will, for you are my God. (various Psalms)

Brief silence for meditation

P: We confess:

C: Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a troubled and repentant sinner, confess that I have sinned against you in my thoughts, my words, and my actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I am distressed by the sins that trouble me and am deeply sorry for them. I humbly ask for your forgiveness.

Lord, to You I Make Confession

CW 653 st. 1

1 Lord, to you I make con - fes - sion: I have sinned and
gone a - stray; I have mul - ti - plied trans - gres - sion,
cho - sen for my - self my way. Led by you to
see my er - rors, Lord, I trem - ble at your ter - rors.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: '1 Lord, to you I make con - fes - sion: I have sinned and'. The second staff continues: 'gone a - stray; I have mul - ti - plied trans - gres - sion,'. The third staff continues: 'cho - sen for my - self my way. Led by you to'. The fourth staff concludes: 'see my er - rors, Lord, I trem - ble at your ter - rors.' The score ends with a double bar line.

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Tune: Johann Crüger, 1598–1662, alt.

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P: Jesus says to his people, “If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven.” His death paid for the guilt of your sins and the sins of the whole world. Do you believe this?

C: Yes, I believe.

Lord, to You I Make Confession

CW 653 st. 4

4 Lord, on you I cast my bur - den— sink it in the
deep - est sea! Let me know your gra - cious par - don,
cleanse me from in - iq - ui - ty. Let your Spir - it
leave me nev - er, make me on - ly yours for - ev - er.

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P: Because of the promise of our Savior, Jesus, I forgive all your sins. Be assured that you are a redeemed child of God, bought with the blood of Jesus Christ. “The blood of Jesus purifies us from all our sins” (1 John 1:7). With your sins forgiven, know that you are an heir of eternal life. We pray together:

C: O Lord, my God, I called to you for help, and you answered me. I thank you for the love you have shown me in Jesus Christ, my Savior. Through him you have rescued me from the guilt of my sin and given me the peace of forgiveness. Help me fight against temptation, correct whatever wrongs I can, and serve you and those around me with love and good works. In Jesus’ name, I pray. Amen.

God Loves Me Dearly

CW 583 sts.4-5

Through Christ's sacrifice of himself, Jesus showed the eternal love of God we will return to him forever.



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The Word

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray: Lord God, forgive the wrongdoing of your people, and be gentle with us in our weakness. Deliver us from the bondage of our sin, and direct us to the path of righteousness; 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

Micah 7:18–20

There is no God like the LORD. He is defined by his forgiving love and grace.

- ¹⁸Who is a God like you, who forgives guilt,
and who passes over the rebellion of the survivors from his inheritance?
He does not hold onto his anger forever. He delights in showing mercy.
¹⁹He will have compassion on us again. He will overcome our guilty deeds.
You will throw all their sins into the depths of the sea.
²⁰You will give truth to Jacob and mercy to Abraham,
as you swore to our fathers from days of old.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

In the Morning I Will Sing

Psalms 63A

Pastor will chant the verses. The congregation is invited to sing the refrains.

Refrain

In the morn-ing I will sing, I will
sing glad songs to you, I will sing glad songs of praise to
you. I will sing glad songs of praise to you.
1 O God, you are my God; for you I long; for
you my soul is thirst-ing. My bod-y pines for you like a

dry, wea - ry land with - out wa - ter. So I gaze on you in the *Refrain*

sanc - tu - ar - y to see your strength and your glo - ry.

verse

2 For your love is bet - ter than life, my lips will speak your
praise. So I will bless you all my life, in your

name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a *Refrain*

ban - quet, my mouth shall praise you with joy.

3 On my bed I re - mem - ber you. On you I
muse through the night, for you have been my help; in the

shad - ow of your wings I re - joice. My soul clings to *Refrain*

you; your right hand holds me fast.

Second Reading

Romans 5:6–11

The gift of God's grace is most clearly seen in Christ's sacrificial death for sinners.

⁶For at the appointed time, while we were still helpless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷It is rare indeed that someone will die for a righteous person. Perhaps someone might actually go so far as to die for a person who has been good to him. ⁸But God shows his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

⁹Therefore, since we have now been justified by his blood, it is even more certain that we will be saved from God's wrath through him. ¹⁰For if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, it is even more certain that, since we have been reconciled, we will be saved by his life. ¹¹And not only is this so, but we also go on rejoicing confidently in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received this reconciliation.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Anthems

PreK-K Students

Jesus Loves Me

1) Jesus loves me this I know for the Bible tells me so.

Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong!

Refrain: *Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me.*

Yes, Jesus loves me. The Bible tells me so.

2) Jesus loves me, he who died heaven's gates to open wide.

*He has washed away my sin, let his little child come in. **Refrain***

God Bless America

(sung twice, second time with the congregation)

*God bless America, land that I love. Stand beside her and guide her
through the night with a light from above. From the mountains to the prairies
to the oceans white with foam, God bless America, my home sweet home (voice up)*

God bless America, my home sweet home (voice down).

Children's Devotion: "I can't see!"

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 19:9,10

P: Alleluia! Salvation has come to this house today, for the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost. Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 19:1–10

After Jesus showed him grace, Zaccheus responded by demonstrating the joy of his salvation.

¹Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. ²A man named Zacchaeus was there. He was a chief tax collector, and he was rich. ³He was trying to see who Jesus was, but since he was short, he could not see because of the crowd. ⁴He ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Jesus, because he was about to pass by that way. ⁵When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." ⁶He came down quickly and welcomed Jesus joyfully. ⁷When the people saw it, they were all grumbling because he went to be a guest of a sinful man.

⁸Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord, I am going to give half of my possessions to the poor. And if I have cheated anyone out of anything, I will pay back four times as much."

⁹Jesus said to him, "Today, salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

God Loved the World So That He Gave

CW 570

Paraphrasing John 3:16, this hymn celebrates the joy of knowing God's goodness, grace, and peace.



1 God loved the world so that he gave his on - ly
2 Christ is the sol - id rock of faith, who was made
3 God would not have the sin - ner die; his Son with
4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son for - gives the



Son the lost to save that all who would in
flesh and suf - fered death. All who con - fide in
sav - ing grace is nigh. His Spir - it in the
sins that you have done. You're jus - ti - fied by



him be - lieve should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
him a - lone are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
Word de - clares that we in Christ are heav - en's heirs.
Je - sus' blood; bap - tized, you are a child of God.

5 If you are sick, if death is near,
this truth your troubled heart can cheer:
Christ Jesus saves my soul from death;
this is the anchor of my faith!

6 Glory to God the Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To you, O blessed Trinity,
be praise now and eternally!

Text: Heiliges Lippen- und Hertzens- Opffer, Stettin, c. 1778; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt. Tune: George J. Elvey, 1816–1893 Text and tune: Public domain

Sermon

Luke 19:1-10

Best. Houseguest. Ever.

Thoughts to ponder after hearing the sermon:

- How will I see Jesus this week? (Pastor's note: DO NOT CLIMB ANY TREES.)
- How will I be Zacchaeus this week?

Apostles' Creed

C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
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.

Prayer of the Church

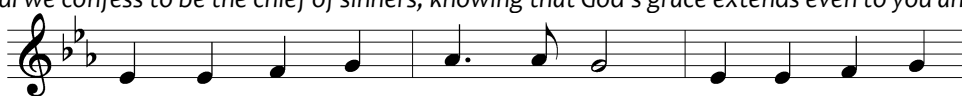
Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Chief of Sinners Though I Be

CW 578

With Paul we confess to be the chief of sinners, knowing that God's grace extends even to you and me.



1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed his
2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love, high - er than the
3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part com - fort to a
4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in
5 Strength - en me, O gra - cious Lord, by your Spir - it



blood for me, died that I might live on high,
heav'ns a - bove, deep - er than the depths of sea,
wound - ed heart, peace that flows from sin for - giv'n,
all to me; all my wants to him are known,
and your Word. When my way - ward heart would stray,



lives that I might nev - er die. As the branch is
last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty, love that found me—
joy that lifts the soul to heav'n, faith and hope to
all my sor - rows are his own. Safe with him in
keep me in the nar - row way; grace in time of



to the vine, I am his and he is mine!
won - drous thought— found me when I sought him not.
walk with God in the way that E - noch trod.
earth - ly strife, I a - wait the heav'n - ly life.
need sup - ply while I live and when I die.

Text: William McComb, 1793–1873, alt.

Tune: Richard Redhead, 1820–1901

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Prayer

C: Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Blessing

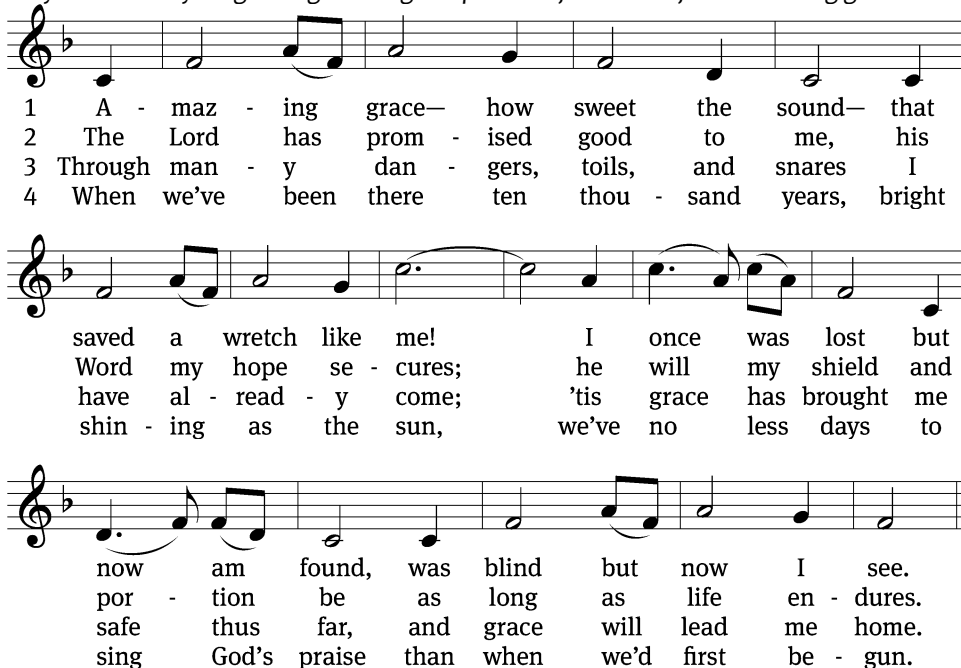
P: May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ...The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. (I Thessalonians 5:23, 28)

C: And also with you. Amen.

Amazing Grace

CW 576

Even eternity is not nearly long enough to sing the praises of the God of such amazing grace.



1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— that
2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
4 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
Word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found, was blind but now I see.
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Text (sts. 1–3): John Newton, 1725–1807, alt.; (st. 4): A Collection of Sacred Ballads, Richmond, 1790

Tune: Columbian Harmony, Cincinnati, 1829, ed. Benjamin Shaw; ed. Charles H. Spilman

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MINISTRY NOTES

Welcome! We're delighted that you worshipped with us today! Our adult Bible Class time and children's Sunday School (both following worship) is a great time for good Christian encouragement as we grow in the Word together and take time to pray for one another. Today's adult Bible Class will continue the study on reading the book of Revelation: The Distant Song Draws Near, focusing this time on "the Songs."

Thank you to the children of our Precious Lambs Preschool and St. Paul's Kindergarten for sharing their voices in the service today! We thank their parents and teachers for their work!

Thank you also to all those who have served our country in the armed forces. All are welcome to stay after the service for some coffee and cake as well as time for fellowship. Please note that we will take a group picture of all the veterans in attendance this morning.

This **Tuesday, November 11** we will host a Veterans' Day ceremony held in the sanctuary at 10 AM. Mr. Bill Merryman will be our guest speaker, and the ceremony will include songs from the children, flag folding, and essays.

Thanksgiving is coming: The children of our preschool and kindergarten will be celebrating Thanksgiving with their annual feast and the sailing of the Mayflower on **Friday, November 21**. The following week on **Wednesday, November 26** we will have a **Thanksgiving Eve** service at 6 PM, followed by a pie and ice cream social all are welcome to attend.

Following Sunday School and a special Christmas Bible Study on **November 30** we will be decorating for the Christmas season! Many hands will make light work of this light work.

LWMS "BEFRIEND A MISSION" MONTH AT ST PAUL'S

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!

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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

ATTENDANCE: 104

PREACHER: James Saatkamp

ACCOMPANIST: Justin Siegler

STREAMING: Bill Hoeltke

OFFERINGS: \$5,895

PRESIDING MINISTER: James Saatkamp

USHERS: Newton & Rochelle Trimmer

FLOWERS: Rochelle Trimmer

NEXT WEEK:

Ushers: Paul Althoff and Dan Cerney

Streaming: Josh Plum

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Birthday: Tim Davis (11-10), Luanne Teller (11-10); Nancy Kohrs (11-13)

Anniversary: Rick & Angie Freihofer (11-14 – 42 years!)

Tom Colwell (ongoing pain and cancer treatment); **Madison Duncan** (Becky Ramsey's daughter, ongoing autoimmune issues); **Dana Eynon** (continued shoulder recovery); **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 knee and heart issues); **Eleanor Welfel** (born to Seth and Gaia Welfel); **our homebound members:** Dave Brandt, Bee Grunig, John Hambel, Leona Harms, Leon and Barbara Johnson, Susan Rammel, Kathy Saracione, Josephine Throo, and Paula Vitolo.

This Week – November 9th – 15th

MON – Bible Info Class 6 PM

TUE – Veterans' Day Celebration 10:00-11:00 AM; Council of Ministry meeting 5:15 PM

WED – Isaiah Bible Study 10 AM

THU – Choir practice 6:30 PM

FRI – Morning chapel 8:30 AM; VPK afternoon chapel 12:30 PM

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 21 – PreK-K Thanksgiving Feast

November 26 – Thanksgiving Eve Worship @ 6 PM; Pie and ice cream social to follow

November 30 – Decorating for Christmas

December 3 – Midweek Advent Worship @ 6 PM

December 14 – Christmas Caroling (meet at 3:15 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 pastors, principal, preschool director, faculty, or one of our members.

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



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Justin Siegler *7th and 8th grade teacher*

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