

Twenty-fourth Sunday
after Pentecost



St. Paul Lutheran Church
Nov 14 & 15, 2020

November 14, 2020 - 5:30pm

November 15, 2020 - 9:00am

WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP

Jesus has invited you here today.

Here, Jesus stills quaking hearts. Here, Jesus forgives the unspeakable. Here, Jesus comforts the lonely. Here, Jesus makes joy complete!

Here you will meet others Jesus has grabbed with His grace.

We invite you to sign a guest card in the pew rack, noting your attendance and place it in the offering plate as the offering is taken or you may sign the attendance book in the Fellowship Hall.

OUR MISSION

Gaining and nurturing disciples for Christ through the Word and Sacrament, and proclaiming to all people traditional Biblical truths as a congregation of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod.

HOLY COMMUNION

To Our Guests: We're glad you're here! Lutherans believe this sacrament is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine. Here he gives himself and all that he promises. Receiving the sacrament is also an expression of full unity in faith with those with whom you are communing. Based on this theological principle, if you are a member of a congregation that shares the confession of faith of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod and have been instructed concerning the Lord's Supper, you are welcome to commune with us today. We continue to pray for the day when all divisions in the body of Christ will cease. Anyone who wishes may receive a pastoral blessing by kneeling at the altar rail with your arms folded across your chest. If you desire to commune at St. Paul and would like to learn more about the Lutheran Church, please speak with the pastor.

To Those Communing Today: God's Word instructs those who come to the Lord's Table to first examine themselves. You may use the "Christian Questions with Their Answers" found on p.329-330 in the hymnal to guide you in self-examination.

Special communion procedures have been developed to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. Please follow the instructions of the pastor and ushers. Gluten free bread is available. Please ask the pastor or an usher before the service.

DIVINE SERVICE

Setting Two

PRELUDE

HYMN OF INVOCATION “The Clouds of Judgment Gather” LSB 513

Words are printed for silent meditation. Please refrain from singing for the sake of your neighbor.

- 1 *The clouds of judgment gather,
 The time is growing late;
 Be sober and be watchful,
 Our judge is at the gate:
 The judge who comes in mercy,
 The judge who comes in might
 To put an end to evil
 And diadem the right.*

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

- P** Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!
In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!
- C** **Enter not into judgment with your servant,
for no one living is righteous before you.**
- P** I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that you have done;
I ponder the work of your hands.
- C** **I stretch out my hands to you;
my soul thirsts for you like a parched land.**
- P** Teach me to do your will, for you are my God!
Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground!
- C** **For your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life!
In your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!**
- C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**
- P** Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!
In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!

KYRIE

- A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy**
- A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy**
- A** 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**
- A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us
pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy**
- A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord
- C** **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Gloria in Excelsis”

sung by cantor(s)

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

*Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father: We worship You, we give You thanks,
we praise You for Your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of
God: You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of
the Father, receive our prayer. For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You
alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.*

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Zephaniah 1:7-16

7Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is near; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice and consecrated his guests. 8And on the day of the LORD's sacrifice—"I will punish the officials and the king's sons and all who array themselves in foreign attire. 9On that day I will punish everyone who leaps over the threshold, and those who fill their master's house with violence and fraud. 10"On that day," declares the LORD, "a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate, a wail from the Second Quarter, a loud crash from the hills. 11Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar! For all the traders are no more; all who weigh out silver are cut off. 12At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the men who are complacent, those who say in their hearts, 'The LORD will not do good, nor will he do ill.' 13Their goods shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them." 14The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter; the mighty man cries aloud there. 15A day of wrath is that day, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, 16a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

After the reading

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 90:1-12

P Lord, you have been our dwelling place
in all generations.

C Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the
earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

P You return man to dust
and say, "Return, O children of man!"

- C** For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when it is past,
or as a watch in the night.
- P** You sweep them away as with a flood;
they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning:
- C** in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;
in the evening it fades and withers.
- P** For we are brought to an end by your anger;
by your wrath we are dismayed.
- C** You have set our iniquities before you,
our secret sins in the light of your presence.
- P** For all our days pass away under your wrath;
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.
- C** The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty;
yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly
away.
- P** Who considers the power of your anger,
and your wrath according to the fear of you?
- C** So teach us to number our days
that we may get a heart of wisdom.

EPISTLE READING

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

1Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. 2For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. 3While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. 4But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. 5For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. 6So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. 7For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. 8But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. 9For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. 11Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

After the reading

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Matthew 25:29a

- C** Alleluia. For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL READING**Matthew 25:14-30****P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the twenty-fifth chapter.**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

14[Jesus said:] “For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. 15To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. 16He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. 17So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. 18But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master’s money. 19Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. 20And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.’ 21His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ 22And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.’ 23His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ 24He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, 25so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ 26But his master answered him, ‘You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed and gather where I scattered no seed? 27Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. 28So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. 29For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. 30And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

*After the reading***P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.****HYMN OF THE DAY**

“We Give Thee But Thine Own”

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1 *We give Thee but Thine own,
 Whate'er the gift may be;
 All that we have is Thine alone,
 A trust, O Lord, from Thee.*

2 *May we Thy bounties thus
As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou bleesest us,
To Thee our firstfruits give!*

SERMON

“Investing 101”

Matthew 25:14-30

HYMN

“We Give Thee But Thine Own”

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5 *The captive to release,
To God the lost to bring,
To teach the way of life and peace,
It is a Christ-like thing.*

6 *And we believe Thy Word,
Though dim our faith may be:
Whate'er for Thine we do, O Lord,
We do it unto Thee.*

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APOSTLES' CREED

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING & ATTENDANCE CARDS

- An offering plate will be placed near the door as you exit
- To give online, go to stpauldbq.com/give
- You can also mail in or drop off your envelope in the mail slot next to the office entrance of the building

OFFERTORY

C What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?

I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people, in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Merciful Father,

C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us--ourselves, our time, our income, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary...evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

sung by cantor(s)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heav'n and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You...one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PAX DOMINI “The Peace of the Lord”

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

AGNUS DEI

C Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

FOR MEDITATION DURING THE DISTRIBUTION

Luther's Small Catechism: The Sacrament Of The Altar

How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?

Certainly not just eating and drinking do these things, but the words written here: “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.” These words, along with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main thing in the Sacrament. Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: “forgiveness of sins.”

Psalm 23

A Psalm of David

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters.

He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness

for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil,

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff,

they comfort me.

you anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, You give Your body and blood under bread and wine that we may know with certainty that our sins are forgiven by Your atoning sacrifice on the cross. Grant us so to eat Your body and drink Your blood, trusting in Your words that we may receive what you declare – the forgiveness of sins – and so live in You even as You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

“Nunc Dimittis”

C Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled.

My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people:

A light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P We give thanks to You ... one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
- C** Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“Creator of the Stars of Night”

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- 1 *Creator of the stars of night,
Thy people’s everlasting Light:
O Christ, Redeemer, save us all
And bear Thy servants when they call.*
- 5 *O Thou, whose coming is with dread
To judge the living and the dead,
Preserve us from the ancient foe
While still we dwell on earth below.*
- △6 *To God the Father and the Son
And Holy Spirit, Three in One,
Praise, honor, might, and glory be
From age to age eternally. Amen.*

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POSTLUDE



PREPARING YOURSELF FOR WORSHIP

In order to help prepare your selves for our worship services, we are listing below the scripture readings for the coming week.

November 21 & 22 – Christ the King Weekend

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24, 1 Corinthians 15:20-28, Matthew 25:31-46



FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR ARE FOR

John & Marlene Weber

in honor of all Veterans & 10 uncles who served in WWII

- **FOOD PANTRY** - For the month of November, we are collecting the following items for the Food Pantry:

Stuffing Mix Evaporated Milk Pumpkin Bar Soap
Facial Tissue Ramen Noodles Dish Soap

- **FLOWER CHART:** The flower chart is on the table in the fellowship hall. We have 1 open weekend in Nov. If you would like to have that weekend please sign up.

NOVEMBER 7 & 8 STATISTICS

In-Person Attendance:	63
Views* on Facebook:	26
Views on YouTube:	14
DVD's Distributed:	6
Overall Participation:	109

*The number of devices playing our service for one minute or longer. This does not account for groups who watched together on the same screen.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	Sat., Nov 14 @ 5:30pm	Sun., Nov 15 @ 9:00am
Head Usher:	Jon Walker	Jon Barz
Accompanist:	Laura Bee	Laura Bee
Cantors:		

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

16-Larry & Judy Marcue

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

18-Cam Wollshclager 18-Myles Worden
 20-Damaris Eichman 20-Annette Purnhage

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

14-Dick Kokemiller 15-Nancy Henry
 19-Andrew Bain 20-Kathryn Moyer

PRAYER REQUESTS

Mindful of the Father's great mercy shown to us in Jesus, we pray on behalf of those who are in need.

For those undergoing cancer treatment:

Roger Riechmann (father of Teri Riechmann & Sheila Zasada)
Rae Ann Wegner (sister of Kim Weed)
Jayme Niemeier (nephew of Dave & Sue Krause)
Donna Sue LeTendre (niece of Delores Lindsay)
Christa Wubben (daughter of Jerry & Jan Anderson)
Raymond Kruser (brother-in-law of Dave & Sue Krause)
Zeke Pergande (son of Dan & Doris Pergande)
Martha (godmother of Will Wehrspann)
Sally Bennett (sister of Delores Lindsay's spm-in-law)
Tom Engler (brother of Nancy Clark)
Deana Miller (friend of Jerry & Jan Anderson)
Mike Howes, Dan Pergande

For our members who are homebound:

Laverne Ball (Ennoble Manor), Katheryn Moyer (Care Initiatives), Lorraine Tegeler (Luther Manor), Jean Henningsen (Sunnycrest Manor), Doris Pergande, Nancy Clark, Marlene Lenaburg (Luther Manor), Georgia Knuth (Luther Manor Apts.), Judy Pergande, Dusty Colby

For our Healthcare Workers, Teachers and Parafessionals:

Laura Ayers, Elizabeth Capacchione, Erica Frey, Brianna Fry, Sue Hagemann (daughter of John & Marlene Weber), Angela Kelley, A.J. Osterkamp, Lauren Rusch (granddaughter of Dan & Carol Rusch), Stephanie Schap, Lydia Wehrspann, Sheila Zasada, Deanna (daughter of Bill & Sandi Heller), Becky (daughter-in-law of Bill & Sandi Heller), Jon Barz (University of Dubuque), Laura Bee (UW Platteville), Laura Walker (UW Platteville), Lisa Wehrspann (Table Mound)

Additional Prayer Requests

- Brenda Litka
- Lori Ollendick (daughter of Dick & Charlotte Tigges)
- Dennis Paar
- Ann Gartner (friend of Margaret Fox)
- John Kluesner (friend of Margaret Fox)
- Randy Streif (friend of Margaret Fox)
- Bill Heller
- Rev. Dr. Brian Saunders (Iowa East, District President)
- Tom Spear, Jr.
- Diane Buhr (friend of Margaret Fox)

**Note: The "additional" section of the prayer list will be cleared at the beginning of each month. If you would like a name to remain on the list into the next month, please contact the church office and we would be happy to continue praying for your intention.*

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SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

24th Sun aft Pentecost Sat. Nov 14	5:30pm	Worship Service w/Holy Comm.
24th Sun aft Pentecost Sun. Nov 15	9:00am	Worship Service w/ Holy Comm.
	10:15am	Bible Study/Sunday School
Mon. Nov 16		
Tues. Nov 17		“Prayers from the Parsonage” with Pastor & Katy (Facebook)
Wed. Nov 18	8:00am	TOPS
	4:30pm - 6pm	Confirmation - Zoom
Thur. Nov 19		
Fri. Nov 20		
Christ the King Weekend Sat Nov 21	5:30pm	Worship Service with Holy Comm.
Christ the King Weekend Sun. Nov 22	9:00 am	Worship Service with Holy Comm.
	10:15am	Bible Study/Sunday School

Prayers from the Parsonage will take place sometime between 5pm & 7pm depending on the kids feeding schedule that day. Thank you for your flexibility.