

The Time of the Church

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost



St. Paul Lutheran Church

Nov 11 & 12, 2023

Welcome to St. Paul

We are **broken** and **blessed** followers of Christ providing a **home** for all who wander the weary road.

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 meditation material in this bulletin to prepare yourself to receive the Sacrament.

The pastor will distribute the body of Christ followed by an usher with a tray of individual cups. The pastor will then follow with the Chalice.

Gluten free bread is available. Please ask the pastor or an usher before the service.

Divine Service

Setting Four (LSB page 203)

Prelude

Confession and Absolution

Stand as you are able and face the baptismal font

"Repentance, therefore, is nothing else than a return and approach to baptism, to resume and practice what has earlier been begun but abandoned" (Large Catechism)

The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

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

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

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

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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

Entrance Hymn

“The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us”

LSB 514



1 The Bride-groom soon will call us, “Come to the wed-ding feast.”
2 There shall we see in glo - ry Our dear Re-deem-er’s face;
3 There God shall from all e - vil For - ev - er make us free,
4 In that fair home shall nev - er Be si - lent mu - sic’s voice;



May slum-ber not be - fall us Nor watch - ful - ness de - crease.
The long - a - wait - ed sto - ry Of heav’n - ly joy takes place:
From sin and from the dev - il, From all ad - ver - si - ty,
With hearts and lips for - ev - er We shall in God re - joice,



May all our lamps be burn - ing With oil e - nough and more
The pa - tri - archs shall meet us, The proph - ets’ ho - ly band;
From sick-ness, pain, and sad - ness, From trou - bles, cares, and fears,
While an - gel hosts are rais - ing With saints from great to least



That we, with Him re - turn - ing, May find an o - pen door!
A - pos - tles, mar - tyrs greet us In that ce - les - tial land.
And grant us heav’n - ly glad - ness And wipe a - way our tears.
A might - y hymn for prais - ing The Giv - er of the feast.

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Kyrie

Lord, Have Mercy



☐ Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria In Excelsis

Glory to God in the Highest



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro- claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Amos 5:18-24

¹⁸Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD! Why would you have the day of the LORD? It is darkness, and not light, ¹⁹as if a man fled from a lion, and a bear met him, or went into the house and leaned his hand

against the wall, and a serpent bit him. ²⁰Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? ²¹I hate, I despise your feasts, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. ²²Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the peace offerings of your fattened animals, I will not look upon them. ²³Take away from me the noise of your songs; to the melody of your harps I will not listen. ²⁴But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

After the reading

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 70

A Make haste, O God, to deliver me!

C **O LORD, make haste to help me!**

A Let them be put to shame and confusion who seek my life!

C **Let them be turned back and brought to dishonor who desire my hurt!**

A Let them turn back because of their shame

C **who say, "Aha, Aha!"**

A May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you!

C **May those who love your salvation say evermore, "God is great!"**

A But I am poor and needy; hasten to me, O God!

C **You are my help and my deliverer; O LORD, do not delay!**

Epistle Reading

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

¹³But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

After the reading

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand as you are able

Alleluia and Verse



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

A Watch  therefore, for you know neither the day nor the  hour.



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 25:1-13

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the twenty-fifth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.


¹[Jesus said:] "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' ⁷Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. ⁸And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' ⁹But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' ¹⁰And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. ¹¹Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' ¹²But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' ¹³Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

After the reading

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

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.

Hymn of the Day

“Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying”

LSB 516



1 “Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing,” The watch - men on the
 2 Zi - on hears the watch - men sing - ing, And all her heart with
 3 Now let all the heav’ns a - dore Thee, Let saints and an - gels



heights are cry - ing; “A - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!”
 joy is spring - ing; She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.
 sing be - fore Thee With harp and cym - bals’ clear - est tone.



Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es And at the thrill - ing
 For her Lord comes down all - glo - rious, The strong in grace, in
 Of one pearl each shin - ing por - tal, Where, join - ing with the



cry re - joic - es; “Oh, where are ye, ye vir - gins wise?
 truth vic - to - rious; Her star is ris’n, her light is come.
 choir im - mor - tal, We gath - er round Thy ra - diant throne.



The Bride - groom comes, a - wake! Your lamps with glad - ness take!
 Now come, Thou Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God’s own Son,
 No eye has seen the light, No ear has heard the might



Al - le - lu - ia! With brid - al care Your - selves pre - pare
 Hail! Ho - san - na! We en - ter all The wed - ding hall
 Of Thy glo - ry; There - fore will we E - ter - nal - ly



To meet the Bride - groom, who is near.”
 To eat the Sup - per at Thy call.
 Sing hymns of praise and joy to Thee!

Text: tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, alt. Text and tune: Philipp Nicolai, 1556-1608

Sermon

"Keep Your Lamps
Trimmed and Burning"

Matthew 25:1-13

Stand as you are able

Prayer of the Church

Offering

Monetary offerings along with the congregation's gifts of bread and wine to be consecrated for Holy Communion are brought forward and presented to the Lord.

- To give online, go to stpauldbq.com/give

Offering Hymn

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly
host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Offering Prayer

P Merciful Father,

C We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us - our selves, 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

Holy Holy Holy



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You...Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✝ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✝ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

The Peace of the Lord

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Sit

For Meditation During The Distribution

Small Catechism - The First Article

Creation

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

What does this mean?

I believe that God has made me and all creatures; the He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey him. **This is most certainly true.**

Hymn During The Distribution

"Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"

LSB 515

Noisy Jar Offering

(change collected to support Lutheran Women's Missionary League Projects)

Post-Communion Canticle

Nunc Dimittis



1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Post-Communion Collect

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

C Amen.

Benedicamus

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

If you have not had a chance to fill out an attendance card today, please do so and place it in the offering plate near the back of the center aisle. Thank you.

Postlude

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Preparing Yourself For Worship

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

November 18 - 19 25th Sunday after Pentecost

Zephaniah 1:7-16, 1Thessalonians 5:1-11, Matthew 25:14-30



Flowers on the Altar For

John & Marlene Weber

For all Veterans, 10 uncles who served in WWII

November 4 & 5 statistics

In-Person Attendance:	81
Views* on Facebook:	19
Overall Participation:	100

*The number of post clicks. This does not account for groups who watched together on the same screen.

Worship Assistants

	Sat. Nov 11 - 5:30pm	Sun. Nov 12 - 9:00am
Head Usher:	Dennis Fry	Greg Kittle
Accompanist:	Dr. David Pitt	Dr. David Pitt

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

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

Anniversaries This Week

11-Pastor Jon & Katy Crawford

16-Larry & Judy Marcue

Baptismal Birthdays

None

Birthdays This Week

12-Austin Litka

14-Dick Kokemiller

15-Nancy Henry

- **Building Healthy Families:** We all need encouragement and hope in these difficult days - something real and substantive, not just the trite "have a nice day" or "think positive!" Where do we find truthful words that will make a difference? We - along with Simon Peter - confess, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life..." God's own Word has power to change our hearts and minds. Open your Bible or Bible app this week and choose one passage to commit to memory. Recite it over and over during the week and see what a difference it makes. You might even want to make a habit of memorizing a new verse each week! Do it on your own or join the LCMS Memory Verse Challenge ([https://www.lcms.org/worship/](https://www.lcms.org/worship/memory-verse-challenge) memory-verse-challenge). Lutheran Family Service www.LutheranFamilyService.org.
- **Reminder:** There will be an Open House on Saturday, November 18th from 3pm - 5pm for Dick Kokemiller who will be celebrating his 90th Birthday. **NO GIFTS PLEASE!** If you insist on giving a gift, please give it to the organ fund.
- **Voters Meeting:** There is a Voters Meeting following the 9am service tomorrow morning. There will be **NO** Bible Study.

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)
Jayme Niemeier (relation to Dave & Sue Krause)
Raymond Kruser (brother-in-law of Dave & Sue Krause)
Zeke Pergande (son of Dan & Doris Pergande)
Martha (godmother of Will Wehrspann)
Deana Miller (friend of Jerry & Jan Anderson)
Mark Goetschius (brother of A.J. Osterkamp)
Marlene Lenaburg (sister of Charlotte Tigges)
Toni Jo Stelpflug (niece of Doris Pergande)
Tiffany Crowe (daughter of Jim & Marion Crowe)
Brittni Strege (niece to Richard & Kim Weed)
Rhonda Kittle (sister-in-law to Greg Kittle)
Jerry (family friend of Richard & Kim Weed)
Heidi Zimmer & Pat Zimmer her caregiver (friends of Misty Lutz)
Dan Pergande, Debra Spear, Richard Weed

For our members who are homebound:

Laverne Ball (Ennoble Manor), Katheryn Moyer (Care Initiatives),
Nancy Clark, Jean Henningsen (Sunnycrest Manor), Judy Pergande,
Doris Pergande, Dusty Colby, Anne Prisk (Care Initiatives), Jayson
Eichman


Additional Prayer Requests

- Lori Ollendick (daughter Charlotte Tigges)
- the Walker family
- Kristine Patterson

**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 after Pentecost Sat. Nov 11	5:30pm	Worship Service w/Holy Comm.
24th Sun after Pentecost Sat. Nov 12	9:00am	Worship Service w/Holy Comm.
	10:30am	Voters Meeting
	10:30am	Sunday School
Mon. Nov 13	6:00pm	Mission Circle Meeting
Tues. Nov 14		
Wed. Nov 15	8:00am	TOPS
Thur. Nov 16		
Fri. Nov 17		
25th Sun after Pentecost Sat Nov 18	5:30pm	Worship Service w/Holy Comm. with Rev. Kincaid
25th Sun after Pentecost Sun. Nov 19	9:00 am	Worship Service w/Holy Comm. with Rev. Kincaid
	10:30am	Bible Study/Sunday School