

The Time of the Church

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost



St. Paul Lutheran Church
November 8 & 9, 2025

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.

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

“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

“Sing with All the Saints in Glory”

LSB 671

- 1 Sing with all the saints in glory,
Sing the resurrection song!
Death and sorrow, earth’s dark story,
To the former days belong.
All around the clouds are breaking;
Soon the storms of time shall cease;
In God’s likeness we awaken,
Knowing everlasting peace.

- 2 Oh, what glory, far exceeding
All that eye has yet perceived!
Holiest hearts for ages pleading
Never that full joy conceived.
God has promised, Christ prepares it;
There on high our welcome waits.
Ev’ry humble spirit shares it,
Christ has passed the_ternal gates.

- 3 Life eternal! Heav’n rejoices:
Jesus lives who once was dead.
Shout with joy, O deathless voices!
Child of God, lift up your head!
Life eternal! Oh, what wonders
Crowd on faith; what joy unknown,
When, amid earth’s closing thunders,
Saints shall stand before the throne!

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Stand as you are able

Kyrie

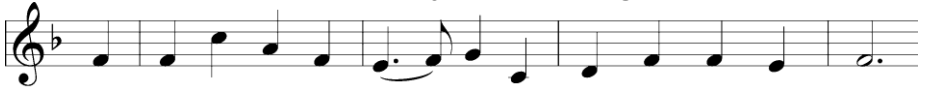
Lord, Have Mercy



C 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.

Silence for individual prayer

Living God, Your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy and pity. Grant us the fullness of Your grace to lay hold of Your promises and live forever in Your presence; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 3:1-15

¹Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ²And the angel of the Lord appeared to him

in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. ³And Moses said, "I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned." ⁴When the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." ⁵Then he said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." ⁶And he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. ⁷Then the Lord said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, ⁸and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. ⁹And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. ¹⁰Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt." ¹¹But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?" ¹²He said, "But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain." ¹³Then Moses said to God, "If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" ¹⁴God said to Moses, "I am who I am." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'I am has sent me to you.'" ¹⁵God also said to Moses, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations."

After the reading

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 148

A Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise him in the heights!

C Praise him, all his angels;
praise him, all his hosts!

- A** Praise him, sun and moon,
praise him, all you shining stars!
- C** **Praise him, you highest heavens,
and you waters above the heavens!**
- A** Let them praise the name of the Lord!
For he commanded and they were created.
- C** **And he established them forever and ever;
he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.**
- A** Praise the Lord from the earth,
you great sea creatures and all deeps,
- C** **fire and hail, snow and mist,
stormy wind fulfilling his word!**
- A** Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars!
- C** **Beasts and all livestock,
creeping things and flying birds!**
- A** Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the earth!
- C** **Young men and maidens together,
old men and children!**
- A** Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted;
his majesty is above earth and heaven.
- C** **He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his saints,
for the people of Israel who are near to him. Praise the Lord!**

Epistle Reading

2 Thessalonians 2:1-8, 13-17

¹Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we ask you, brothers, ²not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by a spirit or a spoken word, or a letter seeming to be from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come. ³Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, ⁴who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God. ⁵Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? ⁶And you know what is restraining him now so that he may be revealed in his time. ⁷For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work. Only he who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way. ⁸And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the

Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming.....¹³But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth.¹⁴To this he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.¹⁵So then, brothers, stand firm and hold to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by our spoken word or by our letter.¹⁶Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace,¹⁷comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

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.



C These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



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

Holy Gospel Reading

Luke 20:27-40

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the twentieth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁷There came to [Jesus] some Sadducees, those who deny that there is a resurrection,²⁸and they asked him a question, saying, “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies, having a wife but no children, the man must take the widow and raise up offspring for his brother.²⁹Now

there were seven brothers. The first took a wife, and died without children. ³⁰And the second ³¹and the third took her, and likewise all seven left no children and died. ³²Afterward the woman also died. ³³In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had her as wife.” ³⁴And Jesus said to them, “The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage, ³⁵but those who are considered worthy to attain to that age and to the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage, ³⁶for they cannot die anymore, because they are equal to angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection. ³⁷But that the dead are raised, even Moses showed, in the passage about the bush, where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. ³⁸Now he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for all live to him.” ³⁹Then some of the scribes answered, “Teacher, you have spoken well.” ⁴⁰For they no longer dared to ask him any question.

After the reading

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven

(All may bow:

and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man); and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn of the Day

“Christ Is Surely Coming”

LSB 509

- 1 Christ is surely coming Bringing His reward,
Alpha and Omega, First and Last and Lord:
Root and Stem of David, Brilliant Morning Star;
Meet your Judge and Savior, Nations near and far!
- 2 See the holy city! There they enter in,
All by Christ made holy, Washed from ev'ry sin:
Thirsty ones, desiring All He loves to give,
Come for living water, Freely drink, and live!
- 3 Grace be with God's people! Praise His holy name!
Father, Son and Spirit, Evermore the same;
Hear the certain promise From the_ eternal home:
“Surely I come quickly! Come, Lord Jesus, come!”

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Sermon

“They Are Coming” 2 Thessalonians 2:1-8, 13-17

Stand as you are able

Prayer of the Church

Greeting of Peace

Offering

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.

LWML Mites will be collected following the service.

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.

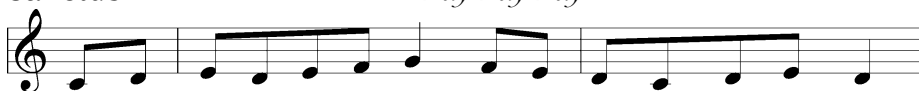
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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.

Invitation to Communion

P Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Happy are those who are called to His Supper. *John 1:29; Revelation 19:9*

C Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed. *Matthew 8:8*

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God



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

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 look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

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 15 – 16 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Malachi 4:1-6, 2 Thessalonians 3(1-5) 6-13, Luke 21:5-36



Flowers on the Altar For

John & Marlene Weber

for all Veterans & 10 Uncles who served in WWII

Worship Assistants

	Sat. Nov 8 – 5:30pm	Sun. Nov 9 – 9:00am
Head Usher:	Dave Kelley	Jon Barz
Organist:	David Pitt	David Pitt

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

Ramen Noodles

Bar Soap

Dish Soap

Facial Tissue

Evaporated Milk

Pumpkin

Stuffing Mix

Anniversaries This Week

11-Pastor & Katy Crawford

Baptismal Birthdays

8-Kayla Budewitz

9-Ethan Kelley

10-Jon Barz

10-Austin Tuomi-Litka

10-Nate Tuomi-Litka

10-Lydia Weland

14-Sebastian Fox

Birthdays This Week

9-Nate Tuomi-Litka

12-Austin Tuomi-Litka

14-Dick Kokemiller

November 1 & 2 statistics

In-Person Attendance:	107
Views* on Facebook:	19
Overall Participation:	126

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

REMINDER: There is a Voters Meeting after church on Sunday (tomorrow) November 9th.

GRIEFSHARE: St. Paul will be hosting a GriefShare - Surviving the Holidays event on Saturday, November 15th from 9:30-12:00. The event is a helpful, encouraging seminar for people facing the holidays after a loved one's death. The seminar features video interviews with counselors, grief experts, and other people who have experienced the holidays after their loved one's death and who offer practical suggestions and reassurance. These people share honestly about:

- Being prepared for surprising emotions that may hit over the holidays
- What to do about traditions and other coming changes
- How to handle holiday parties and invitations
- How to survive potentially awkward moments with other people
- Where to find comfort, strength, and hope in a seemingly hopeless time

Those who attend will receive a Survival Guide filled with practical tips, encouraging words, journaling ideas, and exercises for daily help through the holiday season.

The event will include brunch and a keepsake. Registration can be completed at: <https://find.griefshare.org/events/278800>

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Schedule for the Week

22nd Sun aft Pentecost Sat. Nov 8	5:30pm	Divine Service
22nd Sun aft Pentecost Sun. Nov 9	8:00am 9:00am 10:30am	Choir Practice Divine Service Voters Meeting/Sunday School
Mon. Nov 10	6:00pm	Mission Circle Meeting
Tues. Nov 11	1pm – 3pm	GriefShare Support Group
Wed. Nov 12	8:15am	TOPS
Thur. Nov 13	4pm – 5:30pm	Confirmation
Fri. Nov 14		
23rd Sun aft Pentecost Sat Nov 15	9:30am – 12pm 5:30pm	GriefShare-Surviving the Holidays Divine Service
23rd Sun aft Pentecost Sun. Nov 16	8:00am 9:00am 10:30am	Choir Practice Divine Service Bible Study/Sunday School

Zach Barz Presentation: He will be speaking on his mission work in Costa Rica on Sunday, November 23rd during Sunday morning Bible Study. He will also be answering questions about his mission work. There will also be food during this time.

LCEF Ministry Clarity Prayer Prompt

Let us pray for wisdom in our planning and attentive ears that hear God's Word and obey it as we pray – **Matthew 7:24 “Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock.”**

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)

Jayne Niemeier (relation to Dave & Sue Krause)

Raymond Kruser (brother-in-law of Dave & Sue Krause)

Zeke Pergande (son of Dan & Doris Pergande)

Mark Goetschius (brother of A.J. Osterkamp)

Toni Jo Stelpflug (niece of Doris Pergande)

Matthew Kittle (brother of Greg Kittle)

Rhonda Kittle (sister-in-law to Greg Kittle)

Brittni Strege (niece of Richard & Kim Weed)

Kenny Stelpflug (brother of Doris Pergande)

Dan Pergande, Debra Spear, Richard Weed, Jill Adams, Jim LuGrain

For our members who are homebound:

Laverne Ball (Ennoble Manor), Nancy Clark, Jean Henningsen (Sunnycrest Manor), Judy Pergande, Doris Pergande, Dusty Colby, Jan Anderson, Jayson Eichman (Harmony), Dick Kokemiller (Luther Manor), Damaris Eichman

Additional Prayer Requests

**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.*