



**Sunday, November 10, 2024
9:00 a.m.**

Welcome to St. Paul Lutheran Church

It is a joy to gather together for worship!

St. Paul Purpose Statement

Living Christ centered lives so we may love all, serve our community, and share the Word.

Sunday Worship Schedule

9:00 a.m. In-person worship with Holy Communion

10:00 a.m. In-person Sunday School – September – May

Communion

We celebrate Jesus' presence each week in Holy Communion. This is the Lord's Supper and Jesus invites us: whether you are a lifelong Lutheran, or just considering Christianity; if you are an infant or elderly; if your family has been in the United States for generations, or has only recently arrived; if you are LGBTQIA+ or straight; if you live with disabilities, chronic illness, or are able-bodied and currently healthy; if you are home-blessed or homeless; ... YOU are welcome at God's meal of grace at St. Paul.

Accessibility

Handicap parking, entrance, wheelchair, and restrooms are available. Sound amplifiers and large print bulletins are available. Please ask an usher for assistance.

Children's Offering

The November and December children's offering will be for the ELCA Good Gifts. The children will vote on an item. Watch your announcements sheets to see what they chose.

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Prelude

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Robinson/Chris Rice version

Welcome/Announcements

GATHER

Confession and Forgiveness

P: All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins. Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our refuge, our delight, our beginning and our end.

All: Amen.

P: Let us come in truth before the one who loves us and has freed us from our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy, we confess that sin has taken hold of us and we are complicit in its power. We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest. Unbind us and set us free. Lead us again to the waters of rebirth, that we may live just and generous lives for the good of your world and the care of our neighbors, following in the servant way of Jesus.

All: Amen.

P: These words are trustworthy and true: Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross, swallowing up death forever. For his sake, you are † forgiven and God remembers your sin no more. Let your heart be glad again, and rejoice in your salvation.

All: Amen.

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray together:

All: O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Gathering Song

“Lord, Glory, You Have Bought Us”

ELW #707



1 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us with your life - blood
2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you glad - ly, free - ly,
3 Won - drous hon - or you have giv - en to our hum - blest
4 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us with your life - blood

as the price, nev - er grudg - ing for the lost ones that tre -
of your own. With the sun - shine of your good - ness melt our
char - i - ty in your own mys - te - rious sen - tence. “You have
as the price, nev - er grudg - ing for the lost ones that tre -

men - dous sac - ri - fice; and with that have free - ly giv - en
thank - less hearts of stone till our cold and self - ish na - tures,
done it all to me.” Na - ked, sick, in pris - on, hun - gry—
men - dous sac - ri - fice. Give us faith to trust you bold - ly,

bles - sings count - less as the sand to the un - thank - ful
warmed by you, at length be - lieve that more hap - py
in the least, your face we view, say - ing by your
hope, to stay our souls on you: but, oh, best of

and the e - vil with your own un - spar - ing hand.
and more bless - ed 'tis to give than to re - ceive.
poor and need - y, “Give as I have giv'n to you.”
all your grac - es, with your love our love re - new.

Text: Eliza S. Alderson, 1818–1889, alt.

Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

First Reading: 1 Kings 17:8-16

⁸The word of the LORD came to [Elijah,] saying, ⁹“Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” ¹⁰So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.” ¹¹As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” ¹²But she said, “As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.” ¹³Elijah said to her, “Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴For thus says the LORD the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the LORD sends rain on the earth.” ¹⁵She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

R: Word of God, Word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 146

R: Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

All: I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

R: Put not your trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there is no help.

All: When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish.

R: Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help, whose hope is in the LORD their God;

All: who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps promises forever;

R: who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger. The LORD sets the captive free.

All: The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

R: The LORD cares for the stranger; the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

All: The LORD shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

Children's Message

Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Gospel: Mark 12:38-44

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 12th chapter

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁸ As [Jesus] taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, ³⁹ and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! ⁴⁰ They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

⁴¹ He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴² A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny.

⁴³ Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury.

⁴⁴ For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

P: The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

"We Are An Offering"

ELW #692

We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voic-es, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.

Text and Music: Dwight Liles, b. 1957
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Prayers of Intercession

P: Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation.

Each petition ends with these words:

P: Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you!

P: Let us share a sign of Christ's peace in whatever way you are comfortable.

MEAL

Offering

"O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"

Bates/Ward

Offering Prayer

P: Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup, you offered yourself in love for the world, and in this meal you nourish us with your life. Fill us with your abundance, that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger, trusting in your name.

All: Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

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

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**All: 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.**

Invitation to Communion

P: Behold, God is making all things new. Take your place in the new creation.

As you come forward for communion, you are invited to bring your pledge card and Time and Talent sheet up to the basket up front as a sign of your commitment to the mission and ministry of St. Paul.

Communion Music

“Lamb of God”

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

Perpoint/Kocher

Prayer after Communion

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God’s grace.

All: Amen.

P: Let us pray

Faithful God, you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink in the body and blood of your Son. Now send us out to labor with you, in service to the world you have made, and among the people you have made your home, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen

Blessing

P: The Ancient One, enthroned, the Crucified One, now risen, the Indwelling One, poured out, ☩ bless you now and forever.

All: Amen.

Sending Song

“Awesome God”

Our God is an awe - some God; He — reigns from —
heav - en a - bove with — wis - dom, — pow’r, and love. Our —
God is an awe - some God! Our God is an awe - some God! —

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Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Neander/Winkworth

We Remember in Prayer; those on our Home Visitation list and those on our prayer list: Bev Julien, Phyllis Jacobson, JoAnn Garcia, Barb Lenn, Lori Dewey, Betty Steinke, Michael Harting, Larry Wahler, JoDell Cruz, Sandy Julifs, and Lila Edeus.

Coffee Fellowship will be served following worship today in the Fellowship Hall hosted by Audrey Cox, Cathy Cox and Nancy Eilers in honor of Veteran’s Day. All are welcome!

Worship Assistants:

Presider: Pastor Kathy Burkheimer
Opener/Head Usher/Closer – Greg Zeigler
Acolytes – Arians family
Greeters – Nancy Beck, Bev Graunke
Ushers – Diane Yoeckel, Donna Kendall
Reader – Bev Julien
Sound – Bradyn Arians

Musicians:

Maureen Marrandino
Julie Woessner

Next week – November 17

Presider: Pastor Carol Soderholm
Opener/Head Usher/Closer – David Carrillo
Acolytes – *Volunteer Needed*
Greeters – Janie Billings, Susan Kuehl
Ushers – Keith Peugh, Mel Johnson
Reader – Keith Peugh
Sound – Greg Zeigler
Coffee Fellowship – *Volunteer Needed*

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