

**“Do you see  
all these great  
buildings?”  
replied Jesus.**

**“Not one stone  
here will be left  
on another;  
every one will be  
thrown down.”**

**Mark 13:2, NIV**

**Sunday, November 17, 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 God's Global Barnyard through the ELCA Good Gifts. A gift to God's Global Barnyard will be used where needed most to support livestock, agriculture and other sustainable-development projects, which help farmers and families with the resources they need to thrive.

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### Prelude

*"We Gather Together"*

Larry Dalton

### 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.**

# Kyrie

In peace, let us pray to the Lord,  
 Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.  
 Lord, have mer - cy.

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.  
 Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,  
 let us pray to the Lord.  
 Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.  
 A - men, a - men.

# Hymn of Praise "This Is the Feast"

*Refrain*  
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
 2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and  
 blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.  
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and  
 Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

*Refrain*  
 hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

*Refrain*  
 gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

## Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray together:

**All: Almighty God, your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## First Reading: Daniel 12:1-3

<sup>1</sup>“At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. <sup>2</sup>Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. <sup>3</sup>Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.”

R: Word of God, Word of Life,

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm: Psalm 16

R: Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; I have said to the LORD, “You are my Lord, my good above all other.”

**All: All my delight is in the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble among the people.**

R: But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.

**All: I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods, never take their names upon my lips.**

R: O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.

**All: My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

R: I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me night after night.

**All: I have set the LORD always before me; because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

R: My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.

**All: For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the pit.**

R: You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

## 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 13:1-8

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter

**All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>As [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” <sup>2</sup>Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.”

<sup>3</sup>When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, <sup>4</sup>“Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” <sup>5</sup>Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. <sup>6</sup>Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. <sup>7</sup>When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. <sup>8</sup>For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be

earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Children’s Message**

**Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day**

**“My Lord, What a Morning”**

ELW #438

*Refrain*



My Lord, what a morn-ing; my Lord, what a morn - ing; oh,



my Lord, what a morn-ing, when the stars be - gin to fall.



- 1 You will hear the trum - pet sound,
- 2 You will hear the sin - ner cry, to wake the na-tions un - der - ground,
- 3 You will hear the Chris-tian shout,



look-ing to my God's right hand, when the stars be-gin to fall.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: BURLEIGH, African American spiritual

**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**

*“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful, Lord”*

David Cherwien

**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.

## Communion Music

### *"Lamb of God"*

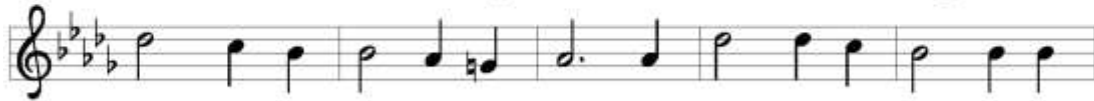
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -  
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## “When Peace Like a River”

ELW #785



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when  
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let  
3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my  
4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast  
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my  
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I  
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.  
help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.  
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

*Refrain*



It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828-1888

Music: VILLE DU HAVRE, Philip P. Bliss, 1838-1876

## 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.**

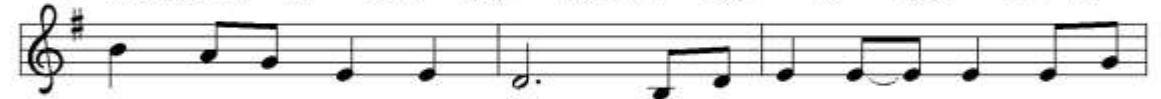
## Sending Song

### “Canticle of the Turning”

ELW #723



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the  
2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .  
3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a  
4 Though the na - tions rage from . . . age to age, we re -



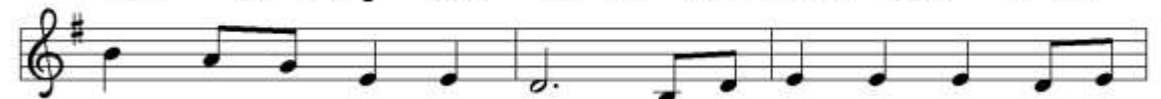
God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the  
work great . . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the  
stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your  
mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.  
depths of the past to the end of the age to be.  
jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . . from his throne.  
liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my  
Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to  
The hun - gry poor shall . . . weep no more, for the  
This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my  
those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the  
food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry  
prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?  
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



*Refrain*  
 My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

Text: Rory Cooney, b. 1952, based on the Magnificat  
 Music: STAR OF COUNTY DOWN, Irish traditional  
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**Musicians:**

Julie Woessner  
 Dawn Zeigler

**Next week – November 24**

Presider: Pastor Mark Luepke  
 Opener/Head Usher/Closer – Mary Ordean  
 Acolytes – Ordean family  
 Greeters – John Renner, Gary Fields  
 Ushers – Greg Zeigler, Dan Dir  
 Reader – Greg Zeigler  
 Sound – David Carrillo  
 Coffee Fellowship – *Volunteer Needed*

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**Dismissal**

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

*“My Life Is in You, Lord”*

Daniel Gardner

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

**Worship Assistants:**

Presider: Pastor Carol Soderholm  
 Opener/Head Usher/Closer – Chad Arians  
 Acolytes – Arians family  
 Greeters – Janie Billings, Susan Kuehl  
 Ushers – Keith Peugh, Mel Johnson  
 Reader – Keith Peugh  
 Sound – Bradyn Arians