



Sunday, November 23, 2025
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

10:15 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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Christ the King Sunday

Affirmation of Baptism

Jeremiah's promise of the execution of "justice and righteousness in the land" finds ironic fulfillment in the execution of Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews. It appears utterly contradictory that a king should be crucified with a criminal. This victory appears for all the world as humiliating defeat. Yet through the gate of death Jesus opens the door to paradise.

Prelude

"King of Kings"

Hillsong

Welcome/Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

All: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Faithful God,

All: you have shown us the ways of your heart, yet we stray from your paths. We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression and do not embrace the freedom of your faithful promises. We ignore our neighbors. We exploit the earth. We reject your abundance, trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love. Repair our relationships, restore what we have broken, renew our hearts, and bring us to new life. Amen.

P: Hear the good news: God the Faithful One loves you, ☩ in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven, and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free.

All: Amen.

Gathering Hymn
 “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”
 ELW # 634, vs. 1, 2, 4, 5

Musical notation and lyrics for the hymn "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
 2 O seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race now ran - somed from the fall,
 4 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the gall,
 5 Let ev' - ry kind - red, ev' - ry tribe on this ter - res - trail ball

bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and crown him Lord of all.
 hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.
 go spread your tro - phies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.
 to him all ma - je - ty as - crite and crown him Lord of all.

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Text: Edward Perronet, 1726–1792, sts. 1–4; J. Rippon, A Selection of Hymns, 1787, sts. 5–6
 Music: CORONATION, Oliver Holden, 1765–1844

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, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, through Jesus

Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6
¹Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. ²Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. ³Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall no longer fear or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.
⁵The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: “The LORD is our righteousness.”

R: Word of God, Word of Life,
All: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Acts 16:6-10
⁶They went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia. ⁷When they had come opposite Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them; ⁸so, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas. ⁹During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” ¹⁰When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

R: Word of God, Word of Life,
All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel: Luke 23:33-43

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 23rd chapter.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

³³ When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left.

³⁴ [[Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵ And the people stood by watching, but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" ³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷ and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!"

³⁸ There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?" ⁴¹ And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴² Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom." ⁴³ He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

P: The Gospel of the Lord,

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Message

Sermon

"I Ask God to Help and Guide Me"

Hymn of the Day

"Borning Cry"

ELW # 732



Text: John C. Ylvisaker, b. 1937
Music: WATERLIFE, John C. Ylvisaker
Text and music © 1985 John Ylvisaker.

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Presentation and Prayer

P: On this special day we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these four young people, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making a public affirmation of their baptism this day – saying “yes” to the gift God has given them in their baptism and “yes” to the Lord’s call to faith and service.

P: Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for Mia, AJ, Alex, and Austin, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in holy baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

Profession of Faith

P: I ask you young people to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Confirmands Response: *I renounce them.*

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Confirmands Response: *I renounce them.*

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Confirmands Response: *I renounce them.*

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Affirmation

AJ, Alex, Austin, and Mia, you have made a public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God’s faithful people,

to hear the word of God and share in the Lord’s supper,

to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,

to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,

and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

If so, please answer with: *“I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.”*

P: People of God, do you promise to support these young people and pray for them in their life in Christ?

All: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Confirmation Blessing

Mia Jean Arians

Proverbs 31:25 - “Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come”

Adrian Thomas Avelar, Jr.

Psalm 23:1 – “The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.”

Alexavier Thomas Avelar

Romans 12:21 – “Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.”

Austin Ryan Petty

Luke 6:31 – “Do to others as you would have them do to you.”

P: Let us rejoice with these brothers and our sister in Christ.

C: We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

The assembly may applaud to acknowledge, celebrate, and honor the faith of AJ, Alex, Mia and Austin.

Prayers of Intercession

P: Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

P: Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

P: We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All: Amen.

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

“He Is Exalted”

Paris/Fettke

Offering Prayer

P: God of healing and hope, you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things. Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts. Nourish us with the abundance of your feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and forever.

All: Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you.

My heart is glad to say the words: You are ho - ly, God.

Text: Argentine traditional
Music: ARGENTINE SANTO, Argentine traditional

The 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: There is a place for you at the table of God. Come, receive the food that does not perish, a taste of life eternal.

Communion

Communion Music

“Lamb of God”

1 Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on
us. 2 Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

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

Music: Marty Haugen, b. 1950
Music © 1992 CPH Publishing

“Come to the Table”
Cloninger/Nystrom

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.
God of field and flower, wheat and grape, you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world. Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ’s name.
All: Amen

Blessing

P: The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you, God the Son save you, and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead. The holy Trinity bless you ☩ and grant you a faithful and courageous heart now and forever.
All: Amen.

Sending Song

“May You Run and Not Be Weary”



Text: Handt Hanson

Music: JOURNEY BLESSING, Handt Hanson

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Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Share the harvest.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“King of Kings”

Conty/Batya

A reception will follow worship this morning honoring our Confirmands. Please join them in the Fellowship Hall.

We Remember in Prayer; those on our Home Visitation list and those on our prayer list: John Renner, the Woodworth family, Michelle Klinger, Pastor Bree, Matt Friel, Sandy Julifs, Mike, Lori Dewey, Dylan Wescott, Phyllis Jacobson, and Betty Steinke

Placing our confidence in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection of our loved ones, we extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Marv Arians. Marv passed away Friday, November 14. He is Chad Arians' father.

May God's presence bring you comfort and peace.

Worship Assistants:

Opener/Head Usher – Mary Ordean

Closer – Chad Arians

Acolytes – Ordean family

Greeters – Keith Peugh, Dan Dir

Ushers – Gary Fields, Janie Billings

Reader – Keith Peugh

Sound – Bradyn Arians

Communion Assistant – Chad Arians

Altar Guild – Janie Billings, Susan Kuehl

Musicians:

Maureen Marrandino

Julie Woessner DeJonge

Next Week – November 30

Worship Assistants

Opener/Head Usher – Rayce Gale

Closer – Gabby Law

Acolytes – Altar Guild

Greeters – Diane Yoeckel, Nancy Beck

Ushers – Ruben & JoAnn Garcia

Reader – JoAnn Garcia

Sound – Greg Zeigler

Communion Assistant – Greg Zeigler

Altar Guild – Janie Billings, Susan Kuehl

Coffee Fellowship – *Volunteer Needed*