



8:00 AM WORSHIP
NOVEMBER 17, 2024

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ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN IS A CHURCH WHERE
THOSE LONGING FOR A *DIFFERENT* LIFE
FIND A *GRACE-FILLED* LIFE IN JESUS.



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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

906 O DAY OF REST AND GLADNESS

sts. 1, 3-4



1 O day of rest and glad - ness, O day of joy and light,
 3 This day, God's peo - ple meet - ing, His Ho - ly Scrip - ture hear;
 △ 4 That light our hope sus - tain - ing, We walk the pil - grim way,



O balm of care and sad - ness, Most beau - ti - ful, most bright;
 His liv - ing pres - ence greet - ing, Through bread and wine made near.
 At length our rest at - tain - ing, Our end - less Sab - bath day.



This day the high and low - ly, Through a - ges joined to bless,
 We jour - ney on, be - liev - ing, Re - newed with heav'n - ly might,
 We sing to Thee our prais - es, O Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son;



Sing, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," The tri - une God con - fess.
 From grace more grace re - ceiv - ing, On this blest day of light.
 The Church her voice up - rais - es To Thee, blest Three in One.

Text (st. 1): Christopher Wordsworth, 1807-85, alt.; (st. 3): Charles P. Price, 1920-99; (st. 4): The Hymnal 1982
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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

INVOCATION

Pastor In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
 Congregation Amen.

EXHORTATION

LSB 151

Pastor If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
 Congregation **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

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

CONFESSION OF SINS

LSB 151

Pastor Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
 Congregation **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

LSB 151

Pastor 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.
 Congregation Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

KYRIE

Assistant In peace let us pray to the Lord.
Congregation **Lord, have mercy.**

Assistant For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
Congregation **Lord, have mercy.**

Assistant 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.
Congregation **Lord, have mercy.**

Assistant For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
Congregation **Lord, have mercy.**

Assistant Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
Congregation **Amen.**

940 HOLY GOD, WE PRAISE THY NAME *st. 5*

△ 5 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,
three we name Thee; Though in es - sence on - ly one,
Un - di - vid - ed God we claim Thee And, a - dor - ing,
bend the knee While we own the mys - ter - y.

Text: Latin, c. 4th cent.; German version Katholisches Gesangbuch, 1774, Vienna; tr. Clarence A. Walworth, 1820-1900, alt.
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Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Proverbs 11:24-25*

Assistant This is the Word of the Lord.
Congregation **Thanks be to God.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING *2 Corinthians 9:6-11*

Assistant This is the Word of the Lord.
Congregation **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE *LSB 156*

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

GOSPEL READING

Pastor The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the twelfth chapter.
Congregation **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Reading *Mark 12:41-44*

Pastor This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Congregation Praise to You, O Christ.

738 LORD OF ALL HOPEFULNESS



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



Whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
Whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:



Be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
Be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,
Be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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OFFERING

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Bell Choir

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

LSB 160

Pastor The Lord be with you.
Congregation **And also with you.**

Pastor Lift up your hearts.
Congregation **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
Congregation **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE (FULL)

Pastor It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

LSB 161

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

LORD'S PRAYER

LSB 162

Pastor Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
Congregation **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 OUR LORD

Pastor 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 \dagger 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

LSB 163

Pastor The peace of the Lord be with you always.
 Congregation **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI

LSB 163

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.

Sit

DRAW NEAR & TAKE THE BODY OF THE LORD Bell Choir

623 LORD JESUS CHRIST, WE HUMBLY PRAY

1 Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray That we may
 2 Give us, who share this won-drous food, Your bod - y
 3 By faith Your Word has made us bold To seize the
 4 One bread, one cup, one bod - y, we, Re - joic - ing
 5 Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray: O keep us

feast on You to - day; Be - neath these forms of
 bro - ken and Your blood, The grate - ful peace of
 gift of love re - told; All that You are we
 in our u - ni - ty, Pro - claim Your love un -
 stead - fast till that day When each will be Your

bread and wine En - rich us with Your grace di - vine.
 sins for - giv'n, The cer - tain joys of heirs of heav'n.
 here re - ceive, And all we are to You we give.
 til You come To bring Your scat - tered loved ones home.
 wel - comed guest In heav - en's high and ho - ly feast.

Text: Henry E. Jacobs, 1844-1932, alt.
 Tune: Cantionale Germanicum, 1623, Gochsheim
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Stand

THE DISMISSAL

Pastor The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart \dagger in peace.
 Congregation **Amen.**

805 PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

△ 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.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711
Tune: Trente quatre Psaumes de David, 1551, Geneva, ed. Louis Bourgeois
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BENEDICTION

LSB 166

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 A - men.

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FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

Flowers on the Altar are placed to the glory of God by Dick & Barb Light in celebration of their 44th wedding anniversary.

OPERATIONS

ATTENDANCE

Last weekend attendance in person:	451
Last weekend attendance online:	111
Average attendance for the last 4 weeks:	562

GIVING 2024

2024 Budget Goal:	\$2,170,000
YTD Giving:	\$1,561,309.35 (71.95% of budget goal)
Last Week's Offering:	\$29,644.61
Amount needed to meet 2024 budget goal:	\$608,690.65
Amount needed weekly through 12/29:	\$86,955.81

PLEDGE CARDS FOR 2025 ARE AVAILABLE
IN THE PEWS THIS WEEKEND.

SEMI-ANNUAL VOTERS MEETING

St. Paul’s Pastors & Elders invite members to gather for the Voters Meeting this Sunday, **November 17** at 12:00 PM. We will vote on the proposed 2025 budget and also on the change in the constitution of Unity/LSA. Additional congregational updates will be shared.

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT THANK YOU

Many thanks to all who helped with Advent by Candlelight this year. Your financial and volunteer support provided for a blessed evening for over 300 women from St. Paul’s and the community and allowed us to bless God’s Shelter of Love and the New Life Pregnancy Center each with \$259.

ENCOUNTER WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

Join us in the Loft at 9:15 AM next Sunday, **November 24**, for a special relaxed and interactive worship experience. Encounter Worship has all the elements of a typical service: music, a message, prayer, Communion, etc. presented in a way that makes it easy for anyone to encounter Jesus. Plus breakfast will be provided. Bring the whole family and your friends - there’s something for everyone.

UPWARD 2025 BASKETBALL & CHEER



REGISTER

For PreK-8th grade participants. Upward runs from 1/4/2025 thru 3/8/2025 on Saturdays.
PARENTS: Early Bird discount registration runs thru **November 30** so use the QR code to the left to register now.
Volunteers are needed to coach and officiate. To volunteer, scan the code to the right.



VOLUNTEER

ADVENT WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

This Advent we invite you to “Come & See” with lunch & worship at 12:00 PM in the Dining Room, and dinner at 5:30 PM in the Dining Room followed by worship at 6:30 PM in the Worship Center. Worship on Wednesdays will be from **December 4** through December 18.

ANGEL TREE

Angels are now available at the Angel Tree in the Fellowship Area. Take an angel off the tree, sign for it, then return your gifts - *with angel attached!* - back to the tree or the Church Office by Wednesday, **December 11**.

COMING UP AT SPL

NOVEMBER 17 - Semi-Annual VOTERS MEETING 12 PM (Worship Ctr.)

NOVEMBER 17 - ANGEL TREE Angels made available.

NOVEMBER 24 - ENCOUNTER WORSHIP 9:15 AM in the Loft.

NOVEMBER 24 - YOUTH THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION 4-6 PM

NOVEMBER 28 - THANKSGIVING WORSHIP 9 AM

NOVEMBER 28-29 - SPL & ELC Offices Closed

NOVEMBER 30 - UPWARD Basketball & Cheer, Early Bird discount registration deadline.

DECEMBER 1 - CHRISTMAS DECORATING at St. Paul's 11:30 AM

DECEMBER 4 - WED. ADVENT WORSHIP 12 PM & 6:30 PM

DECEMBER 8 - JINGLE JAM 9:15 AM

DECEMBER 11 - WED. ADVENT WORSHIP 12 PM & 6:30 PM

DECEMBER 11 - ANGEL TREE gifts due back at St. Paul's.

DECEMBER 18 - WED. ADVENT WORSHIP 12 PM & 6:30 PM

DECEMBER 21 - CAROL SING 6 PM

DECEMBER 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP 4 PM & 7 PM

DECEMBER 25 - CHRISTMAS WORSHIP 10 AM

