

8:00 AM WORSHIP NOVEMBER 17, 2024

PASTOR ROB GOODWIN
PASTOR MARK GEARIG
PASTOR BILL GRUENINGER

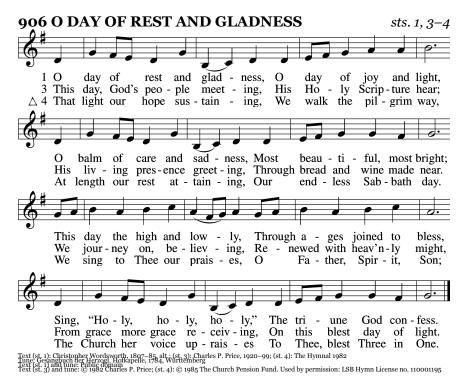
ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN IS A CHURCH WHERE THOSE LONGING FOR A *DIFFERENT* LIFE FIND A *GRACE-FILLED* LIFE IN JESUS.



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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS



The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Pastor**

Congregation Amen.

EXHORTATION

LSB 151

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. **Pastor**

But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and Congregation

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

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all **Pastor** 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.

Lord, have mercy. Congregation

For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord. Assistant

Congregation Lord, have mercy.

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 Assistant

the Lord.

Lord, have mercy. Congregation

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

Congregation Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. Assistant

Congregation Amen.



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.

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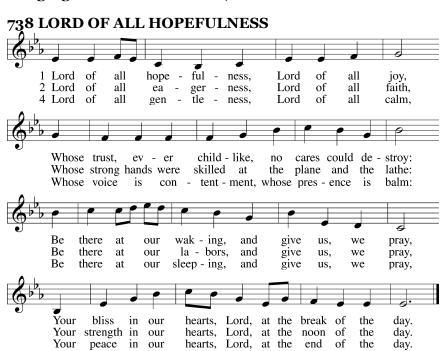


GOSPEL READING

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the twelth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord. Congregation

Reading Mark 12:41-44 Pastor This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Congregation Praise to You, O Christ.**



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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.

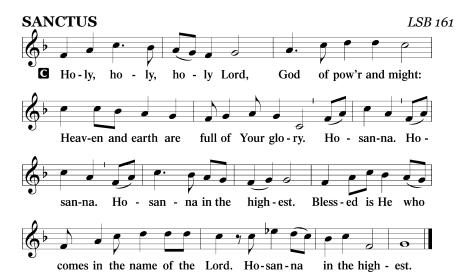
Pastor Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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:



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

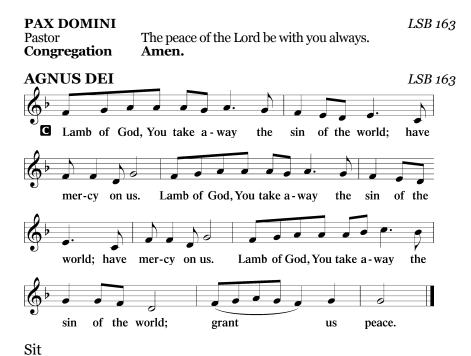
forever and ever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

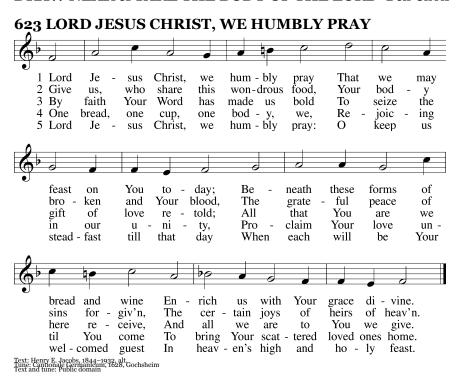
Pastor

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 + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."



DRAW NEAR & TAKE THE BODY OF THE LORD Bell Choir

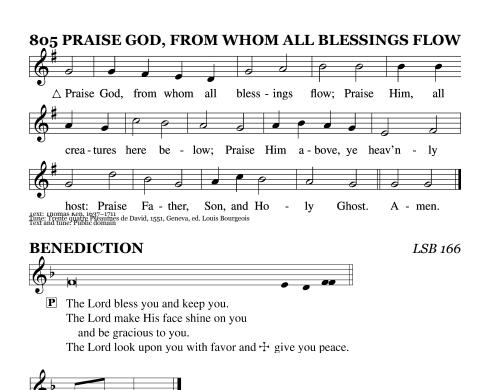


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THE DISMISSAL

Pastor The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart + in peace.

Congregation Amen.



ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

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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



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.

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

