



8:00 AM WORSHIP
NOVEMBER 24, 2024
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PASTOR MARK GEARIG
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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

670 YE WATCHERS AND YE HOLY ONES

sts. 1, 3-4



1 Ye watch - ers and ye ho - ly ones, Bright
 3 Re - spond, ye souls in end - less rest, Ye
 △ 4 O friends, in glad - ness let us sing, Su -



ser - apts, cher - u - bim, and thrones, Raise the glad strain:
 pa - tri - archs and proph - ets blest: "Al - le - lu - ia,
 per - nal an - thems ech - o - ing: "Al - le - lu - ia,



"Al - le - lu - ia!" Cry out, do - min - ions, prince - doms,
 al - le - lu - ia!" Ye ho - ly Twelve, ye mar - tyrs
 al - le - lu - ia!" To God the Fa - ther, God the



pow'rs, Vir - tues, arch - an - gels, an - gels'
 strong, All saints tri - um - phant, raise the
 Son, And God the Spir - it, Three in



choirs: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 song: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 One: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"

Text: J. Athelstan L. Riley, 1858-1945, alt.
 Tune: Geistliche Kirchengesang, 1623; Köln
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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.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

LSB 204



1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro- claimed at Je-sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 15:10-11

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

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 20:32-35

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. Luke, the sixth chapter.
 Congregation **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Reading *Luke 6:30-38*

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

789 PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

1 Praise and thanks - giv - ing, Fa - ther, we of - fer For all things
 2 Bless, Lord, the la - bor We bring to serve You That with our
 3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing Food for Your chil - dren, By Your wise

liv - ing, Cre - at - ed good: Har - vest of sown fields, Fruits of the
 neigh - bor We may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, We would work
 guid - ing Teach us to share One with an - oth - er, So that, re -

or - chard, Hay from the mown fields, Bloss - om and wood.
 with You, Har - vest - ing, mill - ing For dai - ly bread.
 joic - ing With us, all oth - ers May know Your care.

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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 ✠ 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

MAKE ME A SERVANT

633 AT THE LAMB'S HIGH FEAST WE SING *sts. 1, 4, 8*

1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to
 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal
 Δ 8 Fa - ther, who the crown shall give, Sav - ior,

our vic - to - rious King, Who has washed us in the tide
 vic - tim, pas - chal bread; With sin - cer - i - ty and love
 by whose death we live, Spir - it, guide through all our days:

Flow - ing from His pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Three in One, Your name we praise. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Latin, c. 5th–10th cent.; tr. Robert Campbell, 1814–68, alt.
 Tune: Kirchengesang, 1566, Ivancice
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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 ✠ in peace.

Congregation Amen.

829 CHRIST THE ETERNAL LORD *sts. 1, 3, 5*

1 Christ the e - ter - nal Lord, Whose prom - ise here we claim,
 3 Christ the re - deem - ing Son, Who shares our hu - man birth,
 5 Christ the as - cend - ed King Ex - alt - ed high a - bove,

Whose gifts of grace are free - ly poured On all who name Your name;
 And by His death sal - va - tion won For ev - 'ry child of earth;
 Whose praise un - end - ing a - ges sing, Whom yet un - seen we love;

With thank - ful - ness and praise We stand be - fore Your throne,
 In - spire our hearts, we pray, To tell Your love a - broad,
 When mor - tal life is past Your voice from heav - en's throne

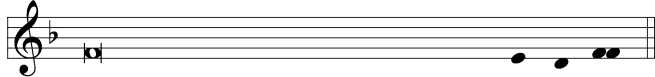
In - tent to serve You all our days And make Your glo - ry known.
 That all may hon - or Christ to - day And fol - low Him as Lord.
 Shall call Your chil - dren home at last To know as we are known.

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COLLECT GIVING CARDS

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.

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FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

Flowers on the Altar are placed to the glory of God by Nicki Peck and Dave Peck in loving memory of their mother, Doris, for her earthly birthday.

OPERATIONS

ATTENDANCE

Last weekend attendance in person:	431
Last weekend attendance online:	121
Average attendance for the last 4 weeks:	552

GIVING 2024

2024 Budget Goal:	\$2,170,000
YTD Giving:	\$1,585,304.96 (73.06% of budget goal)
Last Week's Offering:	\$23,995.61
Amount needed to meet 2024 budget goal:	\$584,695.04
Amount needed weekly through 12/29:	\$97,449.17

FORMER AND CURRENT CAT EMPLOYEES CAN HELP UNITY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

The Caterpillar Foundation is offering a limited time 2:1 matching program for gifts from employees and retirees from December 2-6. As an educational organization, UNITY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL is an eligible recipient for these matching gifts. That means your \$1,000 gift could turn into \$3,000 for Unity. To learn more, including details about the year-round 1:1 matching program, scan the QR code, or reach out to Brian Booth at bbooth@unitydecatour.org.



LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

We are looking for families and individuals who are willing to take a turn lighting the Advent wreath by reading prayers/lighting the candles at Sunday worship services during Advent. Willing to help? Please call the Church Office at (217) 423-6955

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

DONATE A CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA

Help us decorate the sanctuary this Christmas by donating a poinsettia for \$20 per plant. Look for the Poinsettia bulletin board in the Fellowship Area and follow the instructions. You can honor a loved one with your donation and you can take a plant home after worship on Christmas Day. The last day for donations is next Sunday, **December 1**, so visit the bulletin board today.

KICK OFF THE SEASON NEXT SUNDAY

On Sunday, **December 1**, after 10:30 AM Worship come lend a hand as we decorate the church for Christmas! All are invited to help us set the stage at SPL for this blessed time of the year. Later, take another opportunity to bring in the season as we go caroling throughout the community. Meet at the church at 2:00 PM to be sent out into the city, then gather back at 4:30 pm for an evening of food, fellowship, and fun. These are wonderful opportunities for the whole family to make the season joyful and bright!

ADVENT WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

This year our Advent theme is "Come & See" and we invite you to come together for lunch & worship at 12:00 PM in the Dining Room, or 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 **December 4th, 11th, and 18th**.

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 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 1 - CAROLING in the community; meet at SPL 2 PM

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 at SPL 6 PM

DECEMBER 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP 4 PM & 7 PM

DECEMBER 25 - CHRISTMAS WORSHIP 10 AM