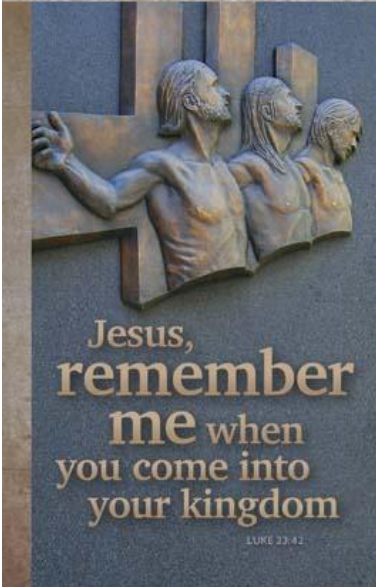


ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
127 YORK STREET, HANOVER, PA



## CHRIST THE KING

24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY

AFTER

PENTECOST

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## WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH!

If you are seeking a faith community, exploring faith, desire to be a part of our ministries, or have questions; please feel free to speak with the pastor.

### Our Purpose:

*We are called through Christ to praise God and love generously.*

### Guiding Principles:

As instruments of God's love, when you see us at our best you will see us:

- Generously** stewarding God's gifts of resources, time, and talents
- Serving** as God's hands & feet in ministries & missions of outreach to all
- Providing** for the care of God's people, both physically and spiritually
- Growing in Faith** through worship, study, and discernment
- Praising** God through music, word, and service
- Welcoming** all people into fellowship with God

### Important Worship Notes

*All liturgies are printed within this bulletin.*

***Children's activity bags and children's bulletins are located on the podium in the hallway on the pulpit side of the sanctuary. Children's activity bags are also located on the coat rack behind the door of the choir loft side of the sanctuary.***

**P:** Pastor

**C:** Congregation

**L:** Lay Reader

**A:** Assisting Minister

***If you are communing, please be sure to fill out a communion record card, for our church records, and place it in the offering plate. Thank you.***

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**INTRODUCTION**

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.

**THE GATHERING**

**WELCOME**

**\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

**C** **Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Faithful God,

**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.**

Hear the good news:

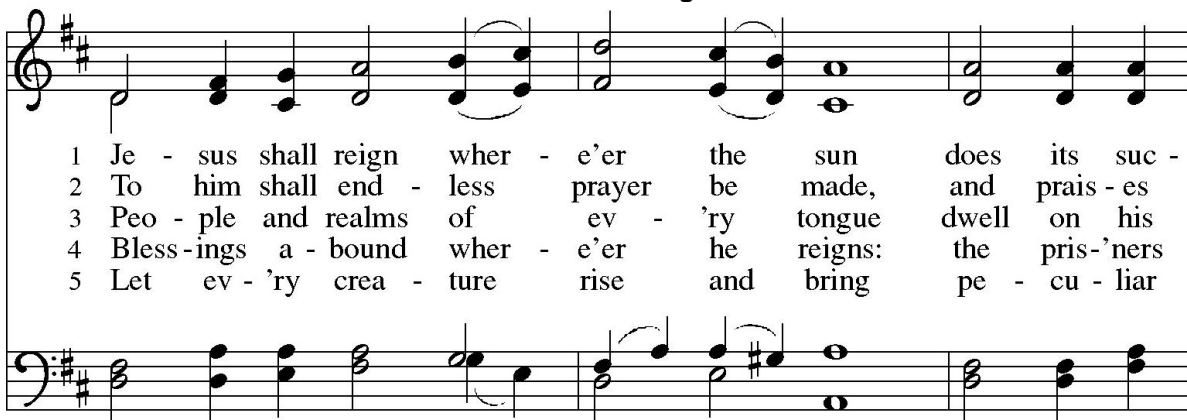
God the Faithful One loves you, ☩ in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven, and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free.

**C** **Amen.**

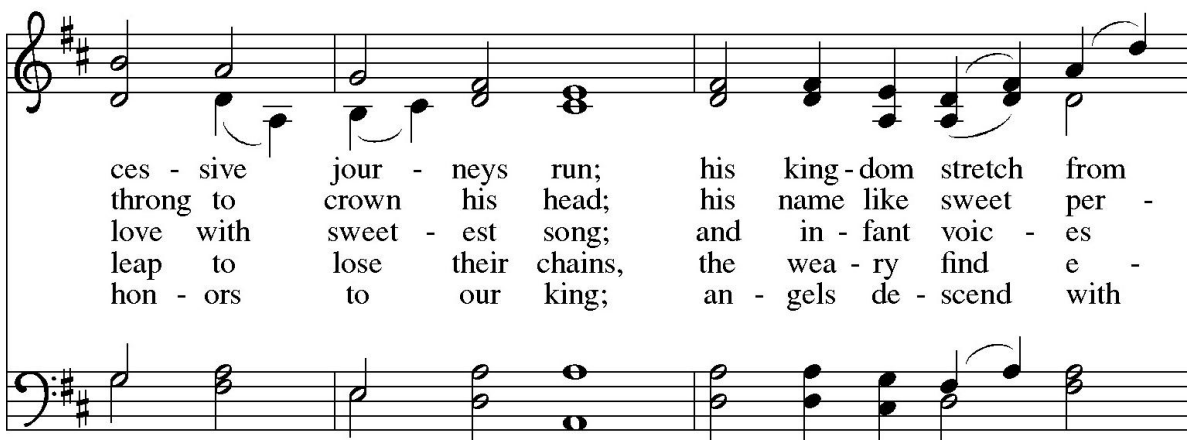
**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

*"Jesus Shall Reign"*

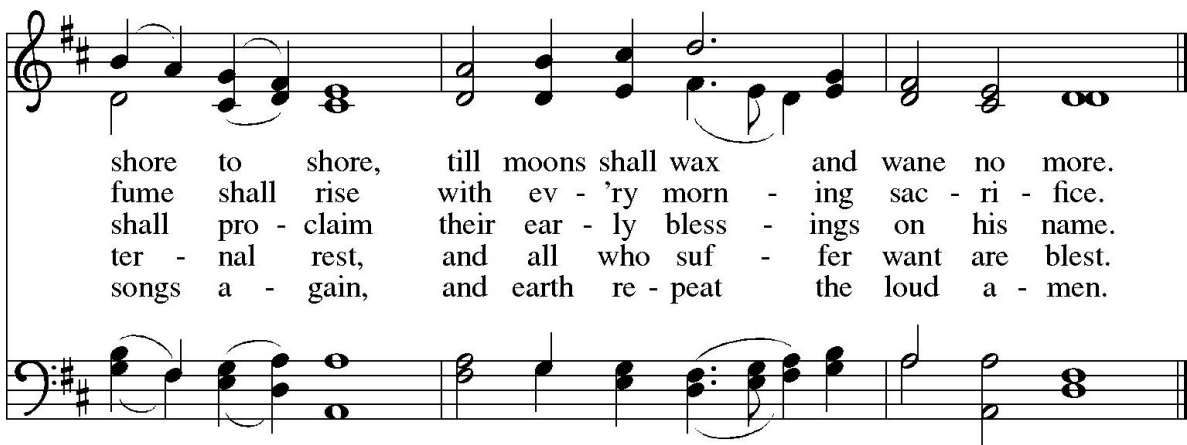
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1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -  
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es  
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his  
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners  
 5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from  
 thron'g to crown his head; his name like sweet per -  
 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es  
 leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -  
 hon - ors to our king; an - gels de - scend with



shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
 fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.  
 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.  
 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

## \*GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

## \*HYMN OF PRAISE



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.

2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.

3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:

Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;

Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.

on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.

Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.

Hear our prayer; re - store, for-give us; in your prom-ise firm we stand.

For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

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.

**C Amen.**

## THE WORD

### FIRST READING

Jeremiah 23:1-6

*Today's reading builds on the common, ancient Near Eastern metaphor of the king as shepherd. Judah's unjust rulers have caused their people, their "flock," to be scattered. Nevertheless, God will raise up a new and righteous shepherd who will rule a restored Judah.*

**L** The First Reading according to Jeremiah 23:1-6

<sup>1</sup>Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. <sup>2</sup>Therefore 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. <sup>3</sup>Then 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. <sup>4</sup>I 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.

<sup>5</sup>The 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. <sup>6</sup>In 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."

The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

### THE PSALM

Psalm 46

read responsively

**A** <sup>1</sup>God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**C** <sup>2</sup>**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**

<sup>3</sup>though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

<sup>4</sup>**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.**

<sup>5</sup>God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken; God shall help it at the break of day.

<sup>6</sup>**The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth melts away.**

<sup>7</sup> The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

<sup>8</sup> **Come now, regard the works of the LORD, what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**

<sup>9</sup> behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world; who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

<sup>10</sup> **“Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”**

<sup>11</sup> The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING

Colossians 1:11-20

*An early Christian hymn praises the mystery of the political, personal, and mystical Christ, the one who was present at creation and is eternally reigning with God.*

L The Second Reading according to Colossians 1:11-20

<sup>11</sup> May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully <sup>12</sup> giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. <sup>13</sup> He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup> in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

<sup>15</sup> He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, <sup>16</sup> for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup> He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. <sup>19</sup> For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup> and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav-ing word.



Let it burn like fire with-in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

## \*GOSPEL

Luke 23:33-43

*Amid scoffing and slander from those who sarcastically call him Messiah and king, Jesus reveals that to be Messiah and king is to give one's life for others. Here he uses his power to welcome a despised sinner to paradise but puts his own death into God's hands.*

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke 23:33-43

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>33</sup> 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. <sup>34</sup> [[Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. <sup>35</sup> 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!" <sup>36</sup> The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine <sup>37</sup> and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" <sup>38</sup> There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

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

The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

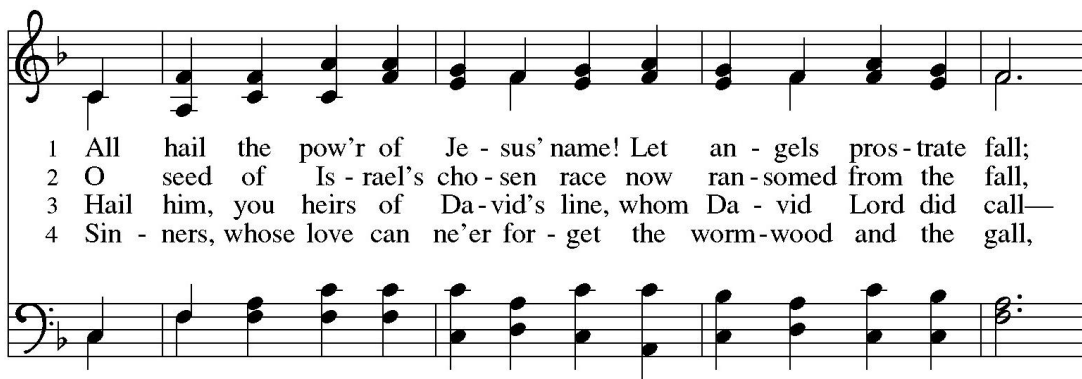
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***Following the Children's Sermon, Children and Children's Choir leaders are dismissed to Children's Choir rehearsal and will return for the Offertory Anthem.***

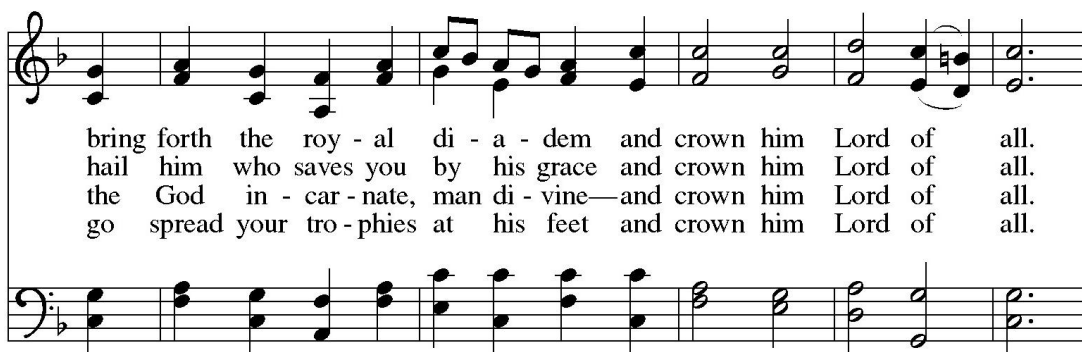


\*HYMN OF THE DAY *"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"*

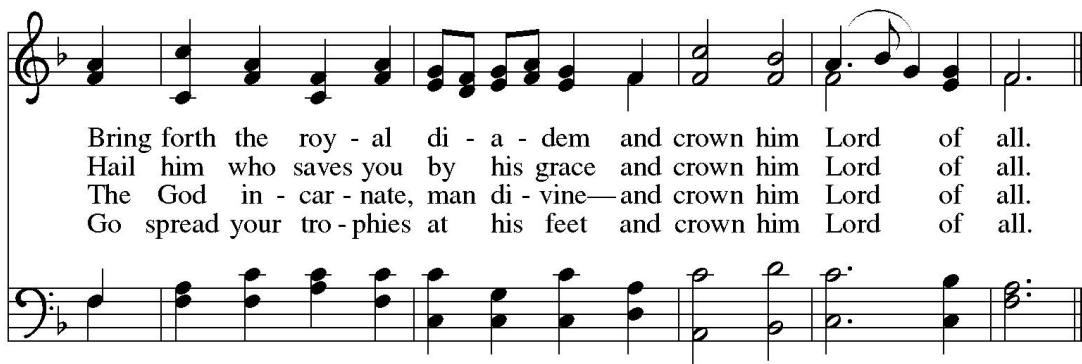
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1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;  
 2 O seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race now ran - somed from the fall,  
 3 Hail him, you heirs of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did call—  
 4 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the gall,



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.  
 the God in - car - nate, man di - vine—and crown him Lord of all.  
 go spread your tro - phies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.



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 Hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.  
 The God in - car - nate, man di - vine—and crown him Lord of all.  
 Go spread your tro - phies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.

5 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe  
 on this terrestrial ball  
 to him all majesty ascribe  
 and crown him Lord of all.

6 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng  
 we at his feet may fall!  
 We'll join the everlasting song  
 and crown him Lord of all.

## **\*NICENE CREED**

A Let us affirm our faith through the words of the Nicene Creed.

**C We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **\*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

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

*A brief silence.*

We pray for the church in the world, its leaders, and its mission to share the good news of healing and restoration. Inspire us to embody the beloved community in ways that faithfully witness to the Holy Spirit. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

We pray for the trembling mountains and glad streams of creation. Preserve and renew your coastlines, deep seas, forests, and grasslands. Guide all who tend flocks or care for creatures of all kinds. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for leaders and advocates in government, civic life, and public safety. Support equity across the globe, and heal division with accountability and truth. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for any who are hungry, living in poverty or desperation, weary in body or spirit, or sick. Comfort all in need of your tender care. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for this part of the body of Christ gathered around word and sacrament. Bring us into authentic community where all ages are valued and experience God's faithfulness together. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

We give thanks for all who have died in faith. May we remember them faithfully until we are gathered with you in the paradise you promise. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

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

**Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** **And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say,  
"Peace be with you," or similar words.*

*The assembly is seated.*

## THE MEAL

### OFFERING

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*"We Are Thankful"*

Jennings

Children's Choir

"We Are Thankful" words and music by Teresa Jennings

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*There are several ways of making your offerings to God during this time. One is to place your offering in our offering plates as they are passed. You can give electronically at <https://stpaulsyorkst.org/give> or scan the QR Code on the back page of this bulletin and when the plate passes by, you may simply meditate on the gifts that you are currently making online or monthly. We do have cards that you can put in the plate indicating that you give electronically. A supply of those cards is available at each entrance to the sanctuary.*

*If you are not able to give monetarily during this time, know that your prayers and praise are a pleasing offering to God. If you can give a little more during this time, please consider doing so as a way of supporting your fellow disciples who are not able to.*

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your

pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

### \*OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray,  
Merciful Father,

C **we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our  
selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love.  
Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ  
our Lord. Amen.**

### \*DIALOGUE

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also 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.**

### \*PREFACE

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:

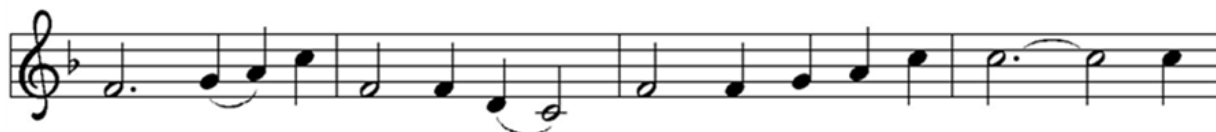
### \*SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



### **\*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

**P** Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

### **\*LORD'S PRAYER**

**P** Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

**C** **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** Taste and see that the Lord is good.

*All are welcome to commune.*

*If you wish to receive communion from your seat, please let an usher know.*

*Gluten free wafers and grape juice are also available.*

## \*AGNUS DEI



- 1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

## DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

### COMMUNION ANTHEM *"O God Beyond All Praising"* Adult Choir

arr. Holstein

"O God Beyond All Praising" words by Michael Perry, music by Gustav Holst, arr. by Jane Holstein

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1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,  
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,  
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,  
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son of Man!  
 robed in the flow'rs of spring;  
 bright in the spar - kling stars on high;  
 Son of God and Son of Man!

Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,  
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,  
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,  
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.  
 than all the an - gels in the sky.  
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!



## \*POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C** Amen.

## \*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**A** 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.

**C** 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.

**C** Amen.

## \*RECESSIONAL HYMN "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

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1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;  
2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,  
3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,  
4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave  
5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,

hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.  
whose arm those crim - son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;  
rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.  
and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.  
cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,  
No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,  
His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,  
All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;

and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.  
but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.  
who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.  
thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

## \*DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **We are called through Christ to praise God and love generously. Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

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\* Stand if you are able

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**NOVEMBER'S DESIGNATED GIVING** will go to ELCA World Hunger. As it has become a tradition here at St. Paul's, November is the month we emphasize our need to feed the hungry throughout the world. This is a daily problem for hundreds of millions of people all over the world. There are many worthy organizations who are dedicated to feeding and educating those who have had little hope in the past. One of those is ELCA World Hunger. As we prepare to enjoy our festive holidays, it is the prayer of St. Paul's Council that you will give, and that you will pray for those who receive our gifts.

	<u><b>November 23</b></u>	<u><b>November 30</b></u>
<b>Saturday night Worship</b>	Frank Hueske (11/22)	Bill & Deb Sowers (11/29)
<b>Assisting Minister:</b>	Frank Hueske	Deb Sowers
<b>Acolyte:</b>	Jocelyn Fissel	Nora Weible
<b>Lay Reader:</b>	Janet Haack	Frank Hueske
<b>Communion Distributors</b>	Donna Lehman	Dan Fuhrman
	Suzanne Butler	Sherry Cracium-Bolin
<b>Ushers:</b>	Sally Lovelace	Sally Lovelace
	Karen Mummert	Karen Mummert
<b>Altar:</b>	Amy Feeser	Amy Feeser
	Suzanne Butler	Suzanne Butler

**ONE VASE OF ALTAR FLOWERS** is sponsored to the glory of God and in honor of my son, Mark Moschell's 50th birthday, a blessing from God, by Lorraine Mason.

**ONE VASE OF ALTAR FLOWERS** is sponsored to the glory of God and in loving memory of our mother, Dot Kozlak's birthday by her daughters Angie Welty and Pam Miller.

**THE YELLOW ROSEBUD** is sponsored to the glory of God and in honor of Pete and Hazel Lehig's 69th wedding anniversary which was on November 10<sup>th</sup>.

**THE WORSHIP BULLETINS** are sponsored to the glory of God and in memory of Kenneth R. Wolfe by Nadine and family.

**THE ETERNAL FLAME** is sponsored to the glory of God and in memory of Lamar Bortner by the Weaver and Silver families.

**PASTOR'S APPRECIATION BRUNCH:** Please join us for a brunch celebrating Pastor Dan's service right after today's worship service in Fellowship Hall.

There will be **NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES** on Nov. 23 so that all can attend the reception for Pastor Yeiser.

**POINSETTIA ORDER FORMS** are available beside the bulletin baskets. **Deadline to order is today, November 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

**PLEASE CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING** to help decorate the Sanctuary for Advent. We will be decorating next Saturday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 9AM. Please come and be a part of it.

**ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO SERVE?** Have you felt that God may be calling you to a role of leadership at St. Paul's? God may have gifted you with qualities to serve on Church Council. If you've ever considered this leadership role, please speak to Pastor Dan, Frank Hueske, or Russ Kaltreider about becoming a nominee to run for Church Council.

**THE CHRISTIAN ED. COMMITTEE** will be hosting an Intergenerational Faith Formation activity on Dec. 28 in FELLOWSHIP HALL immediately following worship until 11:30 am.

**MID-WEEK DEVOTIONS ON WEDNESDAY** from 12:15 – 12:35 pm. All are welcome to join us in the church lounge.

**“CHRISTMAS BLESSING EXPRESS”** We are partnering with New Hope Ministries again this year to provide the basic life-needs for needy families this Christmas season. There is a table on display outside the pulpit entrance, with place cards. Each place card will have the name of a gift needed. If you could choose a place card and purchase the item and then place the gift on or under the table, you will make a big difference in a person's life. There are items on the cards for infant/toddlers, children, teens and adults. **Please do not wrap gifts.** New Hope needs to see the gifts to make a selection as to which family to give them to. Please place items in box by November 30<sup>th</sup>. They will be taken to New Hope. Thank you so much. The Faith In Action Committee

**CHRISTMAS FOOD BAGS** - This holiday season Grocery Ministry is providing Christmas dinner fixings for our participants. We're collecting canned yams, vegetables and cranberry sauce until December 7<sup>th</sup> in the red bin outside the pulpit doors. We're shopping for other ingredients and could use a few more shoppers! If you're available to shop (costs reimbursed), please let Deb or Bill Sowers or Diane Klunk know. Our community food needs continue to grow while our food resources continue to shrink amidst the government shutdown. We hope you will join us in showing the light of the world in Christ's birth to those in need.

**YOUR GENEROSITY MAKES A DIFFERENCE.** Scan the QR code to give online and support the mission and ministries of our church. Thank you for being a blessing!



**AN ADVENT BIBLE STUDY** will be held from the first Tuesday in Advent, December 2<sup>nd</sup> to December 23<sup>rd</sup> beginning at 10 AM in the conference room. The study is “Our Dear Christ Enters In”. During Advent, we are invited to simply let our dear Lord enter into our homes and into our lives? How does His entry into the world speak into and even change our approaches to this season? In this special series for Advent, we look at what happens when Christ enters in and makes our hearts His home.

**SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE:** Please contact Carmen Buckley in the church office or at [assistant@stpaulsyorkst.org](mailto:assistant@stpaulsyorkst.org)

Radio—Nov. 30, Dec. 14, 21 & 28 (\$60 per date or any portion you desire per date)

Altar Flowers—Nov. 30, Dec. 14 (2 vases at \$20 each); (2) 4-plant poinsettias for Dec. 24 at \$50 each

Communion Bread and Wine—Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14, 21 & 28 (\$12 each date)

Worship Bulletins—Nov. 30, Dec. 14, 21 & 28 (\$20 each date)

Eternal Flame—Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14 & 21 (\$10 each date)

**THE CHRISTIAN ED. COMMITTEE** is beginning to put together our schedule for Faith Formation leaders from Advent till March. Each week we are in need of a leader for the preK, K-6, and 7-12 groups. You can choose your activity from a menu of resources we make available to you. Please consider sharing your faith by volunteering for a Sunday! See Deb Sowers or contact the church office to volunteer.

**THE CHRISTIAN ED. COMMITTEE** continues to look for a person (or two!) to join our team of leaders for the 7-12th grade Faith Formation group. Currently the group meets 3 weeks out of the month (not on Sundays that the Confirmation group meets). Volunteers would serve as a mentor for the youth and use the "Faith Lens" article published weekly by the ELCA as a discussion guide for the class. No experience is necessary but for a desire to talk and share your faith with our youth. All that is needed is PA Clearances (we can help you get them!). You would serve as your schedule allows! See Deb Sowers or contact the church office to volunteer.

**THANK YOU** to all who have generously supported our Grocery Ministry crisis appeal! You donated over 300 cans of food as well as nearly \$100 (above what is normally collected throughout the month) in this first week alone. We are able to provide food for our neighbors but the need continues while the York County Food Bank and New Hope begin receiving inventory from government agencies. PLEASE KNOW that we are going to provide a full Christmas meal to our neighbors in a few weeks. Donations of canned yams/sweet potatoes and cranberry sauce are needed for this appeal. Place your donation in the box outside of the sanctuary by Dec. 6. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!!**

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE** is providing Advent devotionals and calendars for your Advent preparations! There will be both a weekly devotional (appropriate for ALL) as well as a daily devotional (more appropriate for adults). Items will be available on the counter outside of the sanctuary starting next Sunday. If you haven't already, consider joining the "Dear Christ Enters In" Bible Study group that will meet on Tuesday mornings. More information and a sign up is on the bulletin board outside of the Pastor's Office.

# ST. PAUL'S ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING AGENDA

## Sunday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> immediately following the 9:30 am Worship Service

- approve the proposed budget for 2026 (see below)
- to review the 2025 Annual Report (copies mailed and are available in the hallway)
- approval of updates to St. Paul's constitution to the congregation. (copies mailed and are available in the hallway)
- Election of Council members (to be announced)
- Council moved to the congregation at the Annual Meeting the motion to sell the St. Paul's parking lot located between the gray house and Levity Spa (formerly Poist Studios). St. Paul's has an offer of \$28,000 for the lot.

### 2026 PROPOSED BUDGET

	TOTAL				
	Jan - Mar 26	Apr - Jun 26	Jul - Sep 26	Oct - Dec 26	Jan - Dec 26
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>					
<b>Income</b>					
140000 • Parish Ministry Offerings	87,741.00	72,314.00	74,488.00	86,579.00	321,122.00
141100 • Unrestricted Bequests	0.00	14,000.00	0.00	0.00	14,000.00
141200 • Rents & Facility Donations	2,700.00	400.00	2,550.00	350.00	6,000.00
343300 • Grocery Ministry Donations	2,700.00	2,140.00	2,000.00	3,160.00	10,000.00
440100 • Property Maintenance Offerings	7,002.00	7,000.00	6,999.00	6,999.00	28,000.00
240100 • ELCA - Churchwide Offerings	7,500.00	5,500.00	4,900.00	7,100.00	25,000.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>107,643.00</b>	<b>101,354.00</b>	<b>90,937.00</b>	<b>104,188.00</b>	<b>404,122.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>					
<b>154000 • Pastoral Expenses</b>					
154100 • Pastor - Salary & Housing	19,403.00	19,401.00	19,401.00	19,400.00	77,605.00
154300 • Medical Insurance	4,002.00	4,000.00	3,999.00	3,999.00	16,000.00
154400 • Retirement Plan Contributions	2,328.00	2,328.00	2,328.00	2,328.00	9,312.00
154500 • Mileage Reimbursement	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	1,200.00
154600 • Continuing Education	252.00	250.00	249.00	249.00	1,000.00
154700 • Called Staff Vacation Repl.	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	1,000.00
154900 • Visitation Pastor	4,800.00	5,200.00	4,800.00	5,200.00	20,000.00
<b>Total 154000 • Pastoral Expenses</b>	<b>31,335.00</b>	<b>31,729.00</b>	<b>31,327.00</b>	<b>31,726.00</b>	<b>126,117.00</b>
<b>160000 • Building &amp; Grounds Expenses</b>					
160010 • Lay Staff Payroll - Building	7,538.00	8,793.00	7,536.00	8,793.00	32,660.00
160015 • Lay Staff PR Taxes - Building	579.00	673.00	576.00	672.00	2,500.00
160100 • Bldg Maint. and Housekeeping	750.00	750.00	750.00	750.00	3,000.00
160200 • Heat	4,750.00	1,110.00	120.00	1,020.00	7,000.00
160400 • Property Insurance	4,300.00	2,150.00	0.00	2,150.00	8,600.00
160500 • Electric	3,498.00	3,500.00	3,501.00	3,501.00	14,000.00
160600 • Water, Sewer, Stormwater	650.00	650.00	650.00	650.00	2,600.00
160700 • Refuse	140.00	140.00	135.00	135.00	550.00
160800 • Pest Control	200.00	200.00	0.00	400.00	800.00
160900 • Licenses & Fees	1,300.00	1,000.00	1,200.00	1,000.00	4,500.00
470100 • Property Maint. Projects	7,002.00	7,000.00	6,999.00	6,999.00	28,000.00
<b>Total 160000 • Building &amp; Grounds Expenses...</b>	<b>30,707.00</b>	<b>25,966.00</b>	<b>21,467.00</b>	<b>26,070.00</b>	<b>104,210.00</b>
<b>161000 • Administrative Expenses</b>					
161010 • Lay Staff Payroll - Admin	8,880.00	10,360.00	8,880.00	10,360.00	38,480.00
161015 • Payroll Taxes - Admin	678.00	792.00	678.00	792.00	2,940.00
161016 • Health Insurance - Admin	2,055.00	685.00	0.00	0.00	2,740.00
161100 • Bank Charges & Fees	300.00	300.00	300.00	350.00	1,250.00
161200 • Printing, Postage & Supplies	700.00	800.00	900.00	1,600.00	4,000.00
161300 • Accounting	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,200.00	4,200.00
161400 • Telephone/Internet	900.00	900.00	900.00	800.00	3,500.00
161500 • Office Equip./Maint. & Computer	1,050.00	1,050.00	1,050.00	1,150.00	4,300.00
160300 • Worker's Comp Insurance	600.00	300.00	0.00	300.00	1,200.00
161600 • Conferences/Conventions	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
161700 • Miscellaneous Expenses	253.00	249.00	249.00	249.00	1,000.00
<b>Total 161000 • Administrative Expenses</b>	<b>17,416.00</b>	<b>16,436.00</b>	<b>13,957.00</b>	<b>16,801.00</b>	<b>64,610.00</b>

	TOTAL				
	Jan - Mar 26	Apr - Jun 26	Jul - Sep 26	Oct - Dec 26	Jan - Dec 26
<b>162000 · Music &amp; Worship Committee</b>					
162010 · Lay Staff Payroll - Music	13,083.00	15,265.00	13,085.00	15,267.00	56,700.00
162015 · Payroll Taxes - Music	1,002.00	1,168.00	1,002.00	1,168.00	4,340.00
162016 · Music Replacement & Cont Ed	498.00	500.00	501.00	501.00	2,000.00
162100 · Choir & Music Supp. & Serv.	498.00	500.00	501.00	501.00	2,000.00
162200 · Worship Supplies	375.00	375.00	375.00	375.00	1,500.00
162300 · Organ & Piano Care	344.00	344.00	344.00	343.00	1,375.00
162400 · Streaming Expenses	132.00	130.00	129.00	129.00	520.00
<b>Total 162000 · Music &amp; Worship Committee</b>	<b>15,932.00</b>	<b>18,282.00</b>	<b>15,937.00</b>	<b>18,284.00</b>	<b>68,435.00</b>
<b>163000 · Parish Education Committee</b>					
163100 · Programming & Study Materials	876.00	876.00	875.00	873.00	3,500.00
163300 · Devotional Materials	177.00	175.00	174.00	174.00	700.00
163400 · Vacation Church School	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00
<b>Total 163000 · Parish Education Committee</b>	<b>1,103.00</b>	<b>1,051.00</b>	<b>1,049.00</b>	<b>1,047.00</b>	<b>4,250.00</b>
<b>165000 · Stewardship Committee</b>					
165100 · Offering Envelopes	900.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	900.00
165200 · Programs & Material	0.00	0.00	300.00	0.00	300.00
<b>Total 165000 · Stewardship Committee</b>	<b>900.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>300.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,200.00</b>
166000 · Faith In Action Committee	50.00	250.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
164000 · Evangelism Committee	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
351300 · Grocery Ministry Expenses	2,700.00	2,140.00	2,000.00	3,160.00	10,000.00
260100 · ELCA - Churchwide Payments	7,500.00	5,500.00	4,900.00	7,100.00	25,000.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>107,643.00</b>	<b>101,354.00</b>	<b>90,937.00</b>	<b>104,188.00</b>	<b>404,122.00</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>

## YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

Through October 31, 2025	Actual	Budget	Difference
Parish Ministries & Programing Donations	\$244,660	\$308,987	\$(64,327)
Pastoral Salary & Expenses	\$71,843	\$102,386	\$(30,543)
Building & Grounds Expenses	\$74,581	\$78,897	\$(4,406)
Music/Worship Salary & Expenses	\$50,790	\$54,509	\$(3,719)
Administrative Salary & Expenses	\$63,533	\$67,729	\$(4,196)
Parish Education Committee	\$2,148	\$6,126	\$(3,978)
Stewardship Committee	\$734	\$1,150	\$(416)
Faith in Action	\$293	\$250	\$43
Grocery Ministry	\$11,401	\$8,334	\$3,067
<b>Net Revenue (Deficit) YTD</b>	<b>\$(30,663)</b>		
ELCA Offerings	\$15,568	\$20,834	\$(5,266)
Investment / Endowment Earnings	\$179,308		
Monthly Designated Giving	\$11,203		
<b>October 31, 2025 – Balances:</b>			
Operating Checking & Savings	\$61,828		
Main Endowment	\$896,345		
Capital Loan (from Endowment)	\$82,994		
Other Restricted Funds/Accounts	\$153,120		

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** – We collected 42 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes this year! Special thanks to everyone who participated.

<b>SUN., NOV. 23</b>	8:30 am	Radio Broadcast – 95.3 FM & 1280 AM
	9:30 am	Worship Service – Christ the King
Immediately following Worship		Farewell Luncheon for Pastor Dan – Fellowship Hall
<b>MON., NOV. 24</b>	6:30 pm	Girl Scout groups – 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor
<b>TUES., NOV. 25</b>	10:30 am	L.I.U. Class – Youth Room
<b>WED., NOV. 26</b>	12:15 pm	Midweek Devotions – Lounge
<b>THUR., NOV. 27</b>		<b>HAPPY THANKSGIVING!</b>
<b>FRI., NOV. 28</b>	3:00 pm	Grocery Ministry prep – Gym
<b>SAT., NOV. 29</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Decorate the sanctuary – volunteers needed</b>
	9:00 am	Grocery Ministry – volunteers needed
	5:00 pm	Saturday Evening Service
	6:15 pm	Narcotics Anonymous – Fellowship Hall
<b>SUN., NOV. 30</b>	8:30 am	Radio Broadcast – 95.3 FM & 1280 AM
	9:30 am	Worship Service – 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent
		<b>Pastor Dan’s last day</b>
Immediately following Worship		Coffee Hour – lounge
		Faith Formation – Children - 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor
		Daily Discipleship class – nursery across from lounge
		Adult Choir II rehearsal
		Private Use – Fellowship Hall