

**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
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**23RD SUNDAY
AFTER
PENTECOST
November 16, 2025**

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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

The end is near. There is no doubt about it. The warnings are dire. The tone of today's texts is ominous. But the baptized know how to live in the meantime. The baptized are strengthened for the living of these days in word and sacrament. The baptized rally around the invitation of the apostle: "Do not be weary in doing what is right."

THE GATHERING

WELCOME

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

C **Amen.**

Trusting in God's mercy, 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:

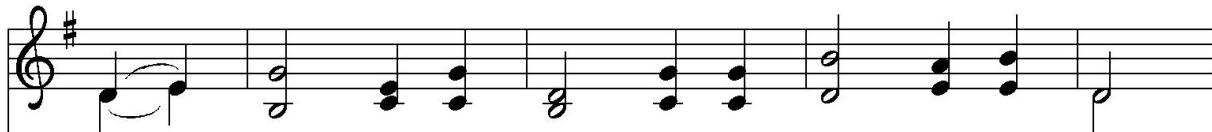
God the Faithful One loves you, ☩ in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven, and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free.

C **Amen.**

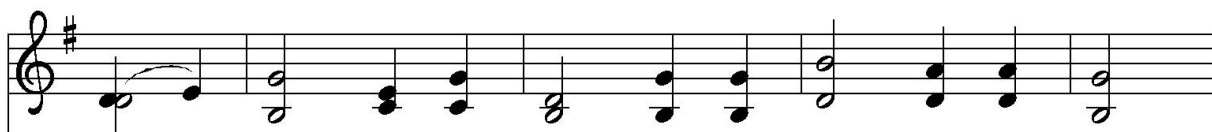
***GATHERING HYMN**

"How Firm a Foundation"

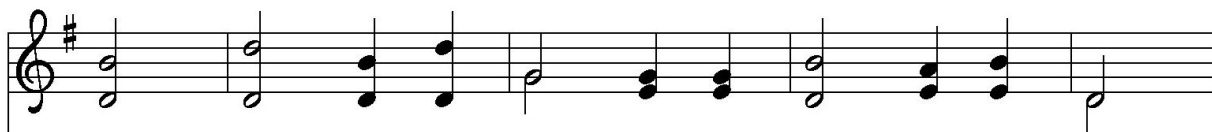
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1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
 3 "When through fi - 'ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,
 4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove

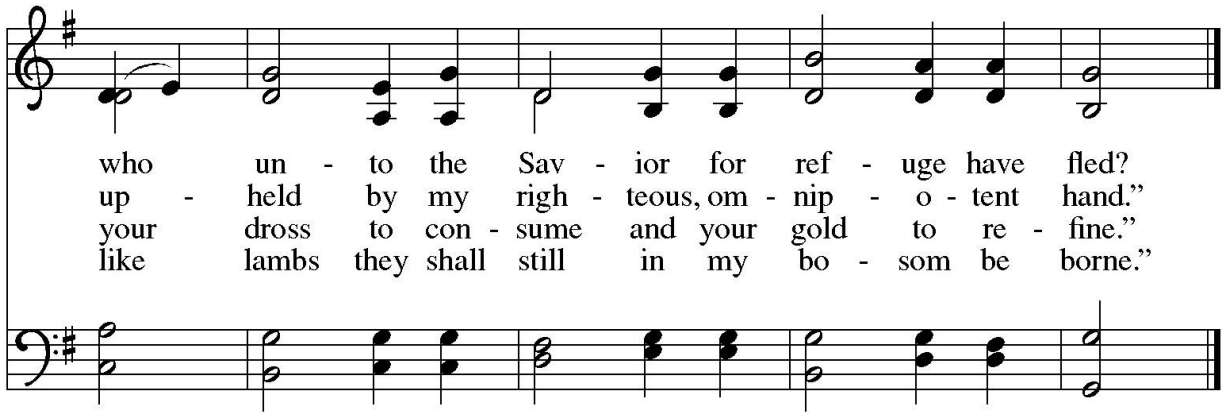


is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!
 for I am your God and will still give you aid;
 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.
 my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
 The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
 and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,





who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."
your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."
like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

*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, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C **Amen.**

THE WORD

FIRST READING

Malachi 4:1-2a

Malachi, whose name means “my messenger,” warns that “the day is coming.” On that day, the evil will be destroyed like stubble in a fire, but the “sun of righteousness” will shine on those who honor God.

- L The First Reading according to Malachi 4:1-2a
¹ See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ^{2a} But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.
The word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

Psalm 98

read responsively

- A ¹ Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things, whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.
- C ² **O LORD, you have made known your victory, you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**
³ You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
⁴ **Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**
⁵ Sing to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.

⁶ With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the king, the LORD.

⁷ Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who dwell therein.

⁸ Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to judge the earth.

⁹ The LORD will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity. Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Some members of the Thessalonian community, because of their belief in the nearness of Christ's return, had ceased to work, living off the generosity of other members of the community. The writer of this letter warns them bluntly that if they want to eat, they need to work.

L The Second Reading according to 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

⁶ Now we command you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from every brother or sister living irresponsibly and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷ For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not irresponsible when we were with you, ⁸ and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹ This was not because we do not have that right but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰ For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹ For we hear that some of you are living irresponsibly, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹² Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right. The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION





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 21:5-19

As history moves toward God's fulfillment there will be frightening signs and events. Before the end, believers will draw strength from their relationship to God and will be given the words they need to testify and to endure without fear.

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke 21:5-19

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

⁵When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, ⁶“As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.” ⁷They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” ⁸And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them. ⁹“When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” ¹⁰Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. ¹²“But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, ¹⁵for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your souls.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Russ Kaltreider

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.

SERMON

Russ Kaltreider

*HYMN OF THE DAY "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less!"

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- 1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and righ-teous-ness;
- 2 Whendark-ness veils his love-ly face, I rest on his un - chang-ing grace;
- 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus - tain me in the rag - ing flood;
- 4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, oh, may I then in him be found,



no mer-it of my own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
in ev-'ry high and storm - y gale my an - chor holds with-in the veil.
when all sup-ports are washed a-way, he then is all my hope and stay.
clothed in his righ-teous-ness a-lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is



sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

*APOSTLES' CREED

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

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

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.

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. 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.

God of roots and branches, defend the leaders of your church as they proclaim the gospel using discernment, wisdom, and brave testimony. Keep all the baptized on righteous paths in response to Christ's call. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of roaring seas, in a world of earthquake, famine, and plague, use your mighty power to nurture the land and all that lives upon it. Restore peoples and places experiencing natural disasters (*especially*). Strengthen organizations who provide aid to any in crisis. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of victory, among quests for power, guide those in government, courts, law enforcement agencies, and the military. Turn them from war and violence to actions of care that build up the common good. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of healing, where injustice and exploitation result in populations that are marginalized or underserved, accompany those abandoned by friends, hurt by family, and harmed by violence or oppression. Care for all who are ill, anxious, or in pain of any kind (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of new songs, in a congregation of faithful believers, energize us for compassionate service and delight us through worship and inspired prayer. Encourage your people in building equitable community where all are valued. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of every generation, we remember the saints with steadfast love and faithfulness (*especially*). Confident in Christ's victory over death, may we be inspired by the example of the faithful. 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 "When Peace Like A River"

Heritage Choir

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.

***OFFERING RESPONSE** "Create in Me a Clean Heart"

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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.

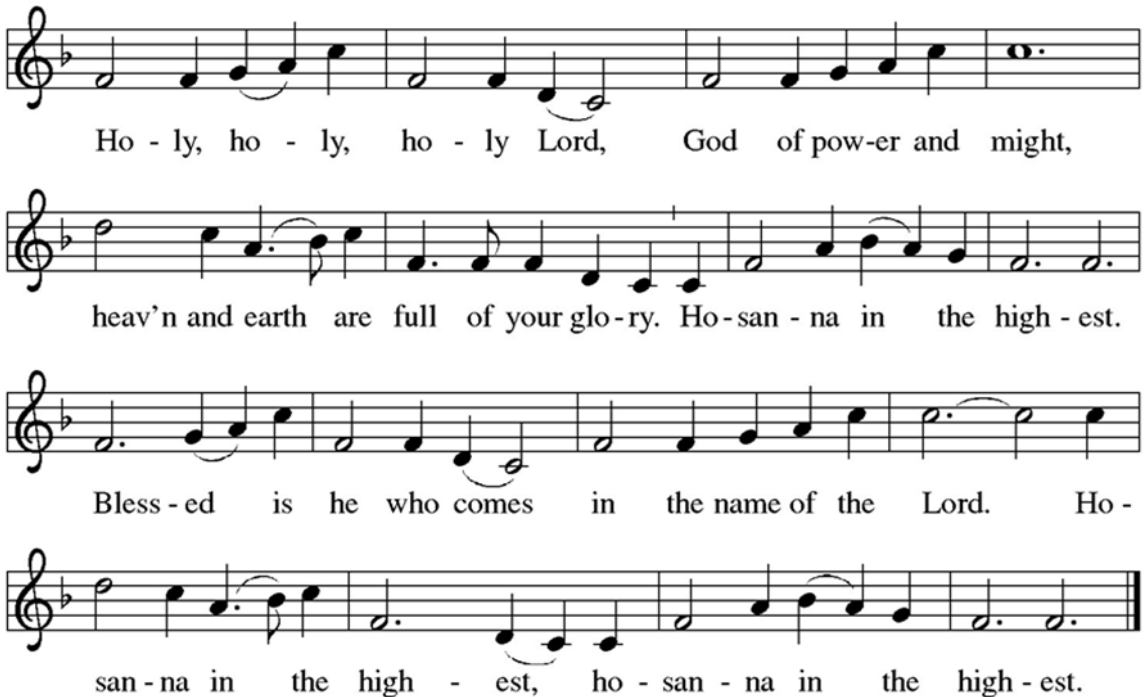
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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 -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*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.



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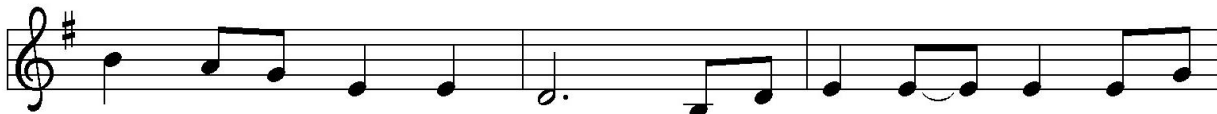
COMMUNION HYMN

"Canticle of the Turning"

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1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .
3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a
4 Though the na - tions rage from . . age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . . from his throne.
liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
The hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the
This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.



1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;
3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

The first system of the hymn features a treble and bass staff in B-flat major (two flats). The melody is in the treble staff, and the accompaniment is in the bass staff. The lyrics are for three parts: soprano (1), alto (2), and tenor/bass (3). The music concludes with a final chord in the bass staff.

let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.
let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The lyrics are for three parts: soprano, alto, and tenor/bass. The music concludes with a final chord in the bass staff.

Refrain
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing

The Refrain section begins with a treble and bass staff in B-flat major. The melody is in the treble staff, and the accompaniment is in the bass staff. The lyrics are for a single part. The music concludes with a final chord in the bass staff.

sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

The final system of the hymn features a treble and bass staff in B-flat major. The melody is in the treble staff, and the accompaniment is in the bass staff. The lyrics are for a single part. The music concludes with a final chord in the bass staff.

***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**

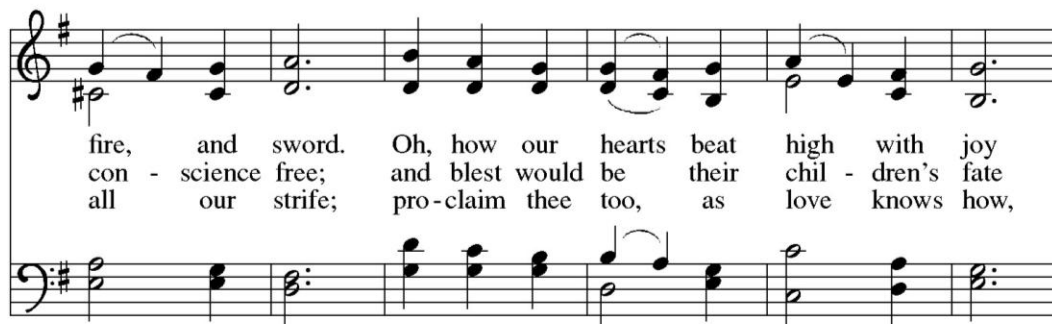
P The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you, God the Son save you, and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead.

C **Amen.**



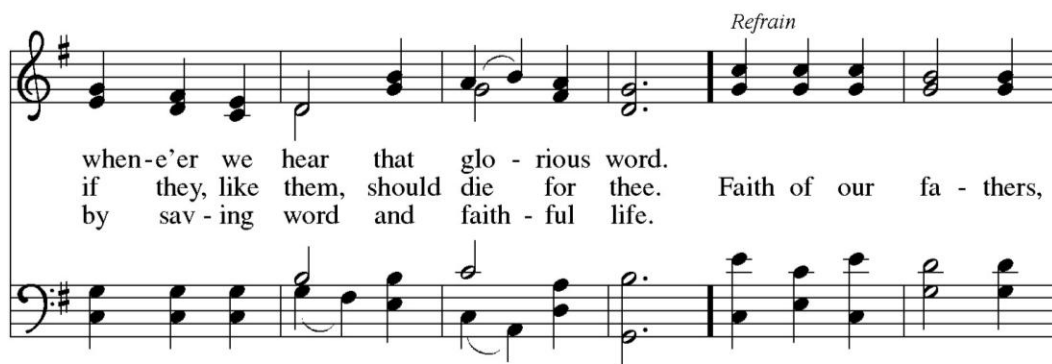


1 Faith of our fa - thers, liv - ing still in spite of dun - geon,
 2 The mar - tyrs, chained in pris - ons dark, were still in heart and
 3 Faith of our fa - thers! We will love both friend and foe in



fire, and sword. Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy
 con - science free; and blest would be their chil - dren's fate
 all our strife; pro - claim thee too, as love knows how,

Refrain



when - e'er we hear that glo - rious word.
 if they, like them, should die for thee. Faith of our fa - thers,
 by sav - ing word and faith - ful life.



ho - ly faith, we will be true to you till death.

***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

* Stand if you are able
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	<u>November 16</u>	<u>November 23</u>
Saturday night Worship	Linda Zellers (11/15)	Frank Hueske (11/22)
Assisting Minister:	Frank Hueske	Frank Hueske
Acolyte:	Dilynn Long	Jocelyn Fissel
Lay Reader:	Dan Fuhrman	Janet Haack
Communion Distributors	Cindy Schmidt	Donna Lehman
	Michelle Johnson	Suzanne Butler
Ushers:	Sally Lovelace	Sally Lovelace
	Karen Mummert	Karen Mummert
Altar:	Amy Feeser	Amy Feeser
	Suzanne Butler	Suzanne Butler

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.

ONE VASE OF ALTAR FLOWERS is sponsored to the glory of God and in honor of our 58th Wedding Anniversary on November 18th by Glenn and Jean Alwine.

ONE VASE OF ALTAR FLOWERS is sponsored to the glory of God and in honor of Stede and Harriet Mummert's 76th Wedding Anniversary on November 20th by the family.

JOIN US FOR COFFEE HOUR down the hall in the church lounge immediately following the 9:30 Worship Service.

PASTOR'S APPRECIATION BRUNCH: Next Sunday, November 23rd, Pastor Dan will be leading his next to last worship service as our Bridge Pastor. Please join us for a brunch celebrating Pastor Dan's service right after the 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.

To help ensure we have enough food, please sign up on the sheet in the lounge or by Pastor's office or let Carmen know you plan to attend. Thank you.

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

ST. PAUL'S BOOK CLUB will meet on **Wednesday, November 19, 2025 at 12:45pm** in the Conference Room. Join us for fellowship and good discussion. Bring a brown bag lunch and a drink. The Book Club will also be finding out what books we will read for 2026 at this meeting.

POINSETTIA ORDER FORMS are available beside the bulletin baskets. **Deadline to order is Sunday, November 23rd.**

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 7th 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.

“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 30th. They will be taken to New Hope. Thank you so much. The Faith In Action Committee

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

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.

INTERESTED IN MENTORING our older youth (grades 6-12). We have a small team of youth who meet for Faith Formation each week. One Sunday a month is Confirmation ministry, but we're looking for adults who would serve on a team of rotating mentors the other 3 weeks. Our group will use "Faithlens", a publication of the ELCA, that focuses on a current news topic in a small group discussion format. We provide the materials for you and there is NO prep needed. You would select the weeks you could serve. Interested? Contact the church office or Deb Sowers to join our team!

AN ADVENT BIBLE STUDY will be held from the first Tuesday in Advent, December 2nd to December 23rd 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. Sign up on the sign-up sheet across from Pastor's office so we can order books.

SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE: Please contact Carmen Buckley in the church office or at assistant@stpaulsyorkst.org

Radio—Nov. 23, 30, Dec. 7, 14, 21 & 28 (\$60 per date or any portion you desire per date)

Altar Flowers—Nov. 30, Dec. 14 (2 vases at \$20 each); Dec. 21 (1 vase at \$20),

(2) 4 plant poinsettias for Dec. 24 at \$50 each

Communion Bread and Wine—Nov. 23, 30, Dec. 7, 14, 21 & 28 (\$12 each date)

Worship Bulletins—Nov. 23, 30, Dec. 7, 14, 21, 24 & 28 (\$20 each date)

Eternal Flame—Nov. 23, 30, Dec. 7, 14 & 21 (\$10 each date)

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ST. PAUL'S ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING AGENDA

Sunday, Dec. 14th immediately following the 9:30 am Worship Service

- approve the proposed budget for 2026 (watch for the December/January Evangel)
- 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.

SUN., NOV. 16	8:30 am	Radio Broadcast – 95.3 FM & 1280 AM
	9:30 am	Worship Service – 23 rd Sunday after Pentecost
Immediately following Worship		Coffee Hour – lounge
		Faith Formation – Children - 2 nd floor
		Daily Discipleship class – nursery across from lounge
		Adult Choir II rehearsal
MON., NOV. 17	6:30 pm	Girl Scout groups – 2 nd floor
TUES., NOV. 18	10:30 am	L.I.U. Class – Youth Room
WED., NOV. 19	12:15 pm	Midweek Devotions – Lounge
	12:45 pm	St. Paul's Book Club - Conference Room – 2 nd Floor
	7:00 pm	Council Meeting – Conference Room – 2 nd Floor
THUR., NOV. 20	6:00 pm	Bellchoir rehearsal – Balcony of the Sanctuary
	6:30 pm	Cub Scouts – 2 nd Floor
	7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop 102 - Youth Room & Gym
	7:00 pm	Adult Choir rehearsal – Choir Loft in Sanctuary
FRI., NOV. 21	3:00 pm	Grocery Ministry prep – Gym
SAT., NOV. 22	9:00 am	Grocery Ministry – volunteers needed
	5:00 pm	Saturday Evening Service
	6:15 pm	Narcotics Anonymous – Fellowship Hall
SUN., NOV. 23	8:30 am	Radio Broadcast – 95.3 FM & 1280 AM
	9:30 am	Worship Service – 24 th Sunday after Pentecost
Immediately following Worship		Farewell Luncheon for Pastor Dan – Fellowship Hall