

St. Paul Lutheran Church

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Of all three years of the lectionary cycle, this year's All Saints readings have the most tears. Isaiah and Revelation look forward to the day when God will wipe away all tears; in John's gospel, Jesus weeps along with Mary and all the gathered mourners before he demonstrates his power over death. On All Saints Day we celebrate the victory won for all the faithful dead, but we grieve for our beloved dead as well, knowing that God honors our tears. We bring our grief to the table and find there a foretaste of Isaiah's feast to come.

***All Saints Sunday
In-Person Worship Service
November 3, 2024***

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

**Confession and Forgiveness*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
our refuge,
our delight,
our beginning and our end.

C: Amen.

P: Let us come in truth before the one who loves us
and has freed us from our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,

**C: we confess that sin has taken hold of us
and we are complicit in its power.**

We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest.

Unbind us and set us free.

**Lead us again to the waters of rebirth,
that we may live just and generous lives
for the good of your world
and the care of our neighbors,
following in the servant way of Jesus.**

Amen.

P: We trust that Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross,
swallowing up death forever.

For his sake, you are forgiven
and God remembers your sin no more.

Let your heart be glad and rejoice in your salvation.

C: Amen.

***Gathering Hymn: # 423 "Shall We Gather at the River"**



- 1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
- 2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
- 3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
- 4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;



with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?
we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.
soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

Refrain



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;



gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899

Music: HANSON PLACE, Robert Lowry

Remembrance of All Saints

P: On this All Saints Day, we remember all who have gone before us and give thanks to our Lord for the promise of resurrection life.

We, as followers of Christ, are connected and woven together with the saints who have come before us. Their lives and witness have been our anchor to the faith and love of Christ.

C: Today we give thanks for all those who have shown us the faith of Christ in their lives.

P: Today we give thanks to the God who opens the door to eternity for us and for those who have gone before us. Scripture reminds us, not one of us is worthy of the perfect love of God, and yet God wraps us in the righteousness of our Savior and sets a feast before us. Today as we light these candles of remembrance, we remember the light and witness of those who have died, a light which shines within each of us who still wait for the culmination of our faith.

C: May the light of their lives be remembered and the joy of salvation be celebrated.

P: May the light we share in our own lives mix with theirs and give glory to the God of peace.

We will now commemorate those saints who have died in the last year. A bell will be rung for each person whose name was submitted. A candle lit will be in remembrance of those who are held within the hearts of those worshipping with us from their homes, today.

Following the final name, you may form a line down the center aisle to light a candle to remember anyone you have loved and lost.

Geraldine Ace, Lowell Frantz, Robin Galloway, James Goodyear, Jim Kuder, Loretta Saporito, Tony Saporito

****Greeting & Call to Worship:***

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.

A: Lord you have formed and reformed your church throughout the ages

C: so that all may know you from the greatest to the least.

A: In this time, change us into your image.

C: Mold us into whatever you need to make you known in this time.

A: Reform us now, change our hearts and give us a deep faith.

C: Give us roots that help us to stand strong and limbs that are willing to bend to reach the broken.

**Prayer of the Day:*

A: Let us pray. Almighty God,

C: you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶ On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷ And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations;

⁸ he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.

⁹ It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 24

R: The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it;

**C: for he has founded it on the seas,
and established it on the rivers.**

R: Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?
And who shall stand in his holy place?

**C: Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,
who do not lift up their souls to what is false,
and do not swear deceitfully.**

R: They will receive blessing from the LORD,
and vindication from the God of their salvation.

**C: Such is the company of those who seek him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.**

R: Lift up your heads, O gates!
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!
that the King of glory may come in.

**C: Who is the King of glory?
The LORD, strong and mighty,
the LORD, mighty in battle.**

R: Lift up your heads, O gates!
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!
that the King of glory may come in.

**C: Who is this King of glory?
The LORD of hosts,
he is the King of glory.**

Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-6

¹ I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.”

⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ⁶ Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.”

R: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

R: Please rise for the reading of the Gospel.

****Gospel Acclamation:***

Alleluia. They are before the throne of God, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. Alleluia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to the book of John the eleventh chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

****Gospel Reading:*** John 11:32-44

³² When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” ³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴ He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” ³⁵ Jesus began to weep. ³⁶ So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” ³⁷ But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

³⁸ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” ⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!”

⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children’s Sermon

Sermon: Pastor Kristy Buyok

Hymn of the Day: # 422 “For All the Saints”

- 1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

- 2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

- 3 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine,
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

- 4 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Text: William W. How, 1823-1897

The Apostle's Creed

A: Together, let us confess our shared faith.

**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 (*universal*) church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers

A: Rooted in God's love, let us pray:

Silence is kept for reflection.

A: God of resurrection life, you know each of us inside and out and have promised us a life and love that outlives this world. Make us to live into that truth. Remove anything from us that holds us back. Fill us with such a strong desire to share this good news that our lives over-flow with stories of your greatness, so that future generations grow to know and love you. Merciful God,

C: hear us.

A: God of creation, all that you have made is good. Make us value all of your animals and plants, and care for them as you have. Keep us from harming anything that you care about or causing injury to anything you delighted in making. Merciful God,

C: hear us.

A: God of justice, guard this nation. Allow us to elect leaders who model your peace and humility, who care for the lowly and lift up the hurting. End the division that we have created and forgive us for the sin of not loving our neighbors. Make this a peaceful transition of power and put an end to all lies and deception that lead people astray. Merciful God,

C: hear us.

A: God who walks with us, be a friend to all who are lonely or hurting, encourage those who are in despair, heal any who are suffering. Especially we pray for: Doyle, Jim, Bob, Dave, Lorinda, Pat, Rochelle, Marilyn, Ron, Eileen, Harold, Don, Cindy, Matthew, Nolan, Karen, and Barb. Bring them your hope and healing. We also pray for the St. Paul families of the week: Sally, Jo, Mitch, Dana, Sheridan and Jilly. Merciful God,

C: hear us.

A: God who showed us by example how to serve others, bless the ministries of service in this congregation. Bless those who serve the Wednesday Night meals, those who donate to and deliver food to food pantries, those who make prayer shawls, Mark and the donut ministry, everyone who cares for our members and shows love and acceptance through gifts, time, and relationships of welcome. Merciful God,

C: hear us.

A: God of eternity, we give you thanks for our loved ones who have lived and who are now at peace with you. Make us certain that their existence continues in ways we can't understand until we can, one day, be reunited in your perfect kingdom that has no end. Merciful God,

C: hear us.

P: Lord we bring these prayers to you because we know that you hear us and trust that you want what is best for us and our world. Consider these and the prayers of our hearts which we offer now.

C: Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Offering: Thank you to everyone who continues to support our ministries. You may place your offering in the plates as they pass. You may also sign up for automatic giving or make an offering by clicking the donate button on our website: www.stplcsmithville.org

Offertory:

“Death Be Never Last”

Choir

*Text and music: Ray Makeever, b. 1943
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**Offertory Prayer*

P: Let us pray. Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup,

**C: you offered yourself in love for the world,
and in this meal you nourish us with your life.**

Fill us with your abundance,

**that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger,
trusting in your name.**

Amen.

**The Great Thanksgiving:*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should always and everywhere
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

By the witness of your saints

you show us the hope of our calling and give us a new vision
of what our lives could be.

Give us strength to run the race set before us,

that we may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory.

And so, with all the saints,

and all the choirs in heaven,

we praise your name and join their unending praise:

**C: Holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Words of Institution*

**The 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: In this meal we are joined with all those who feast in heaven at the banquet that has no ending.
Come to the table of eternity, set for you with the love and gift of your Savior.

Holy Communion

(All baptized Christians are welcomed at God's holy meal.)

P: This is the body of Christ given for you.

(You may eat your wafer)

P: This is the blood of Christ shed for you.

(You may drink the wine from your cup)

C: *Thanks be to God!*

Communion Hymn: "Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table"



1 Look who gath - ers at Christ's ta - ble! Hear the sto - ries
2 Clouds of light sur - round the ta - ble; an - cient fol - low -
3 Their sad sto - ries are re - peat - ed in a thou - sand
4 Bring your joy and bring your sad - ness, and pre - pare to



that they bring. Some are weep - ing; some are laugh - ing;
ers ap - pear, saints con - fess - ing how they wres - tled
dif - f'rent ways, but they share one thing in com - mon:
be sur - prised by the host whose hands are wound - ed,



some have songs they want to sing. Oth - ers ask why they're in -
with their guilt, their doubt and fear. Pe - ter tells of his de -
they all end in thanks and praise for the host who has in -
who will o - pen wide your eyes when he bless - es bread and



vit - ed, bur - dened by the wrong they've done. Christ in - sists they
ny - ing Christ was ev - er in his sight; Paul re - lates his
vit - ed north and south and east and west to con - verge a -
breaks it— truth and man - na from a - bove!— and then pass - es



all are wel - come. There is room for ev - 'ry - one.
fruit - less ef - forts to ob - lit - er - ate the light.
round this ta - ble, where all life is fed and blest.
wine that wa - kens in your heart the taste of love.

Text: Thomas H. Troeger, b. 1945

Music: COPELAND, Michael Corzine, b. 1947

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Communion Hymn: "Heaven Opened to Isaiah"



1 Heav-en o - pened to I - sa - iah, show-ing him God's glo-ri-ous
2 Ser - a - phim con - tin - ue sing - ing; cher - u - bim still lift their
3 One day heav - en will be o - pened and be - fore the Sav-ior's



throne: Lord of might, high and ex - alt - ed, tem - ple flow-ing
praise. Earth and all its crea-tures wor - ship; moon and stars are
throne, saints from ev - 'ry time and na - tion will be - gin their



with his robe. Ser - a - phim flew all a - round him,
still a - mazed. Now a - bove cre - a - tion's cho - rus
end - less song: "To our God of all sal - va - tion,



hum - bled at the ho - ly sight. As they cir - cled they were
comes an - oth - er fer - vent cry: all of earth's re - deemed are
to the high and ho - ly Lamb, to the bless - ed Ho - ly



sing - ing, call - ing out with all their might.
sing - ing, "Glo - ry to the Lord on high!"
Spir - it be for - ev - er praise. A - men!"



"Ho - ly, ho - ly, you are ho - ly," ev - 'ry



an - gel voice pro - claims; "All the earth re - flects your



glo - ry; ev - 'ry tongue sings out your praise!"

**Post Communion Blessing*

**Benediction*

**Sending Hymn:* “Bring Forth the Kingdom”

Refrain

**Bring forth the kingdom of mercy,
bring forth the kingdom of peace;
bring forth the kingdom of justice,
bring forth the city of God!**

- 1. You are salt for the earth, O people:
salt for the kingdom of God!
Share the flavor of life, O people:
life in the kingdom of God! *Refrain***
- 2. You are a light on the hill, O people,
light for the city of God!
Shine so holy and bright, O people:
shine for the kingdom of God! *Refrain***
- 3. You are a seed of the word, O people:
bring forth the kingdom of God!
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice,
grow in the kingdom of God! *Refrain***
- 4. We are a blest and a pilgrim people:
bound for the kingdom of God!
Love our journey and love our homeland:
love is the kingdom of God! *Refrain***

**Dismissal (with enthusiasm)*

A: Go in Peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

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Your Prayers Are Requested For:

*The Percy Family, Don, Cindy, Doyle, Jim, Dave, Lorinda, Rhonda, Eileen,
Harold, Bob, Karen Fisher, Matthew, Nolan, Barb, Carmen, Marilyn,
Rochelle, Mary Wilson, Pat, and Ron*

St. Paul Families of the week:

*Sally Sackett, and Jo Gregorich, and Mitch, Dana, Jilly Schauer, and
Sheridan Schauer*

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God

Thank you to those serving this morning

Pastor: Kristy Buyok
Cantor: Lesley Mast
Assisting Minister: Adrienne Karlen
Lector: Lynn Moomaw
Pianist: Joe Hennell
Communion Assistant: Lynn Moomaw
Altar Care: Rex & Beth Raff
Ushers/Greeters: Bob Race & Pat Badger
Bread Baker: Joyce Blough



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DVD copies are available for delivery to your home.
Please contact Pastor Kristy: (803) 673-1727.

This Week

Sunday:	Sanctuary Worship Sunday School Bible Journaling	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.
Monday:	<i>Pastor's Day Off</i> <i>Office Closed</i>	
Tuesday:	Quilting	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday:	Wednesday Meal Choir Bell Choir	5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:45 p.m.
Next Sunday:	Sanctuary Worship Sunday School	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.

Upcoming & Announcements

Our church family needs a few leaders for the New Year.

New council members should be frequently attending, full active members or our church who have a heart for peacemaking, who both love this place and our people, and who are willing to work toward the one goal of how we can best serve God and make Christ known in this place given the gifts and talents that we have available to us. If that sounds like you or someone you know, consider serving a council term and working for God's goals in this place.

People to People: Needs for the pantry in are: peanut butter, jelly, spaghetti sauce, spaghetti pasta, canned tuna, canned chicken, ravioli, spaghetti, canned fruit.

The toy department could use Cavs, Cleveland Brown's, or Guardian's t-shirts in sizes 12-18), teen body wash (boys and girls), liquid Mr. Clean, and paper towels. Thank you!



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Wednesday Night Meals – November Menu

November 6 – Italian casserole, garlic bread, salad and dessert

November 13 – Mexican casserole, chips with salsa, and nacho cheese, and dessert

November 20 – Kitchen Committee casserole, salad, and dessert

November 27 – Pizza, breadsticks, salad and dessert

Serving in November In-Person	11/3	11/10	11/17	11/24
Lay Reader	Lynn Moomaw	Pam Root	Mark Miller	Karen Marks
Assisting Minister	Adrienne Karlen	Hans Kwee	Lynn Moomaw	Kailyn Brown
Greeters/ Ushers	Bob Race Pat Badger	Nancy Percy David Svegel	Jerry & Kathy Meitzler	Bruce Blough Ernie Buyok
Communion Assistant	Lynn Moomaw	Tim Preston	Nancy Carr	Duane Eggeman
Altar Care	Rex & Beth Raff	Larry & Sandy Allen	Lyn Miller	Tim Preston
Bread Baker	Joyce Blough	Joyce Blough	Joyce Blough	Joyce Blough