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The Last Sunday of the Church Year

November 26, 2023 9:30 a.m.

<u>This Morning's Hymns</u> 814 514 611 633 623 575 For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear." But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the Living God, the Heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in Heaven, and to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the Mediator of a New Covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better Word than the blood of Abel.

Hehrews 12:18-24

The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the Blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the Body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread . . . For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when He was betrayed took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and said, "This is My Body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup, after supper, saying, "This Cup is the New Covenant in My Blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.

1 Corinthians 10:16–17; 11:23–29

Who receives this sacrament worthily? Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words "for you" require all hearts to believe.

Luther's Small Catechism: The Sacrament of the Altar

Falsely are our churches accused of abolishing the Mass; for the Mass is retained among us and celebrated with the highest reverence. Nearly all the usual ceremonies are also preserved . . . For ceremonies are needed to this end alone: that the unlearned be taught what they need to know of Christ . . . The people are accustomed to partake of the Sacrament together, if any be fit for it, and this also increases the reverence and devotion of public worship. For none are admitted except they be first examined.

Augsburg Confession XXIV: Of the Mass

A Welcome to Our Visitors

Welcome to St. Paul Lutheran Church. We are glad that you have joined us this morning to receive from our gracious God and to offer Him your prayer, praise, and thanksgiving. If this is your first visit to St. Paul, or you have never received the Lord's Supper from Pastor Wahl, we ask that you speak with him or one of the elders before receiving Holy Communion. Children and adults who are not permitted to the Sacrament of the Altar may come forward and cross their arms against their chest to indicate they would like to receive a blessing at the rail.





- He fills the poor with good;
 He gives the suff'rers rest.
 The Lord hath judgments for the proud
 And justice for th'oppressed.
- His wondrous works and ways
 He made by Moses known,

 But sent the world His truth and grace
 By His belovèd Son.

← CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION ←

- **P** In the Name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P Our help is in the Name of the Lord,
- **C** who made Heaven and earth.
- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.
- P O Almighty God, Merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your Beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit

Psalm 39:4–5, 7–8; antiphon: Isaiah 35:10

The ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads.

They shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall | flee away.

O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days;

let me know how fleeting I am!

Behold, You have made my days a few handbreadths,

and my lifetime is as nothing before You.

Surely all mankind stands as a mere breath!

And now, O Lord, for what do I wait?

My hope is in You.

Deliver me from all my transgressions.

Do not make me the scorn of the fool!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

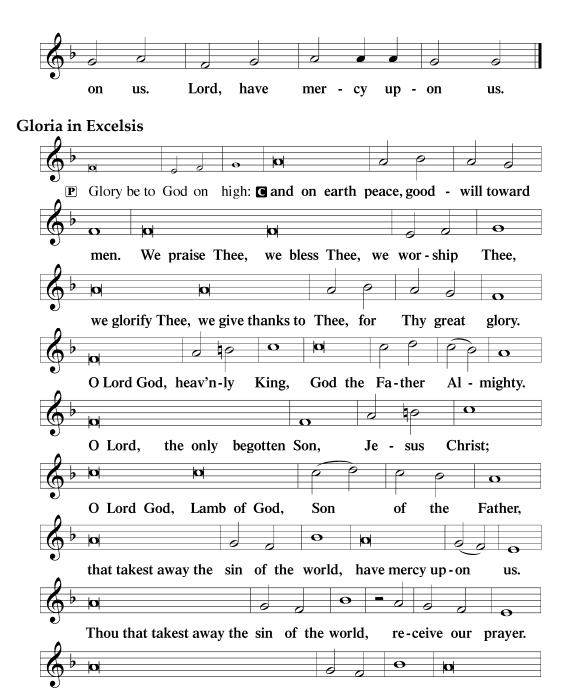
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is now, and will be forever. Amen.

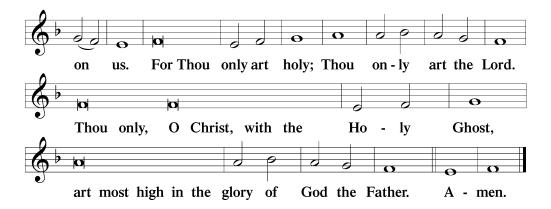
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Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



Salutation and Collect of the Day



P Let us pray. Lord God, Heavenly Father, send forth Your Son, we pray, to lead home His Bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

Old Testament Isaiah 65:17–25

In those days the prophet Isaiah said, "Therefore, thus says the LORD God: ¹⁷For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind. ¹⁸But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy, and her people to be a gladness. ¹⁹I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in My people; no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress. ²⁰No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not fill out his days, for the young man shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed. ²¹They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. ²²They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of My people be, and My chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. ²³They shall not labor in vain or bear

children for calamity, for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the LORD, and their descendants with them. ²⁴Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear. ²⁵The wolf and the lamb shall graze together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall not hurt or destroy in all My holy mountain," says the LORD.

L This is the Word of the Lord.



Gradual

Psalm 45:14-15



In many-colored robes she is led to the King, with her virgin companions following behind her. With joy and gladness they are led along* as they enter the palace of the King.

Epistle 1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. ⁴But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. ⁵For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. ⁶So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. ⁶For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. ⁶But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁶For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with Him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

L This is the Word of the Lord.



Stand

Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel Matthew 25:1–13



G Glo-ry be to Thee, O Lord.

At that time Jesus said to His disciples: 1"Then the Kingdom of Heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the Bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the Bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the Bridegroom! Come out to meet Him.' ⁷Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. ⁸And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' ⁹But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' ¹⁰And while they were going to buy, the Bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with Him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. ¹¹Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open to us.' ¹²But He answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' ¹³Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.



Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from Heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into Heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose Kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in One Holy Christian and Apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.





Sermon

Get Ready, Get Set, Go!

Rev. Randy Wahl

Offering

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Prayer of the Church

At the end of each petition:

- **P** Let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.

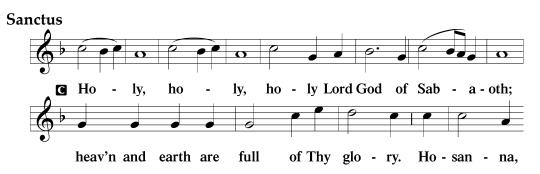
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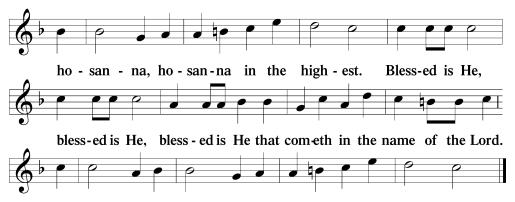
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Proper Preface

It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Holy Lord, Almighty Father, Everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the Virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of Heaven we laud and magnify Your Glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:





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

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy Will be done on earth as it is in Heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but + deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

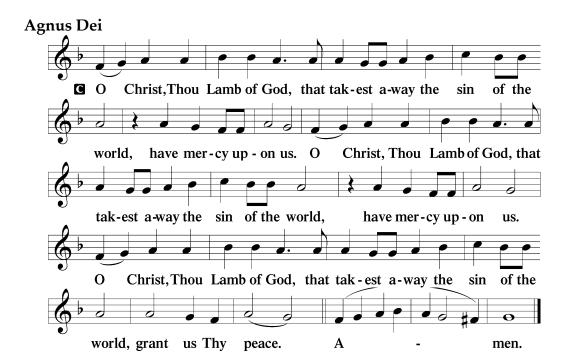
The Words of Our Lord

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + Body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My + Blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

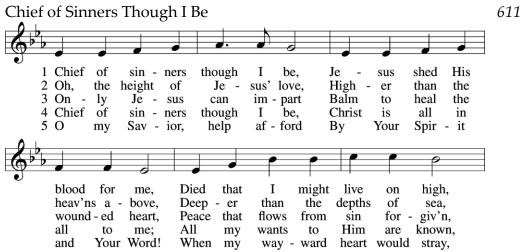
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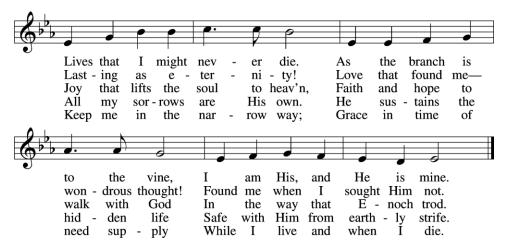




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Distribution Hymns

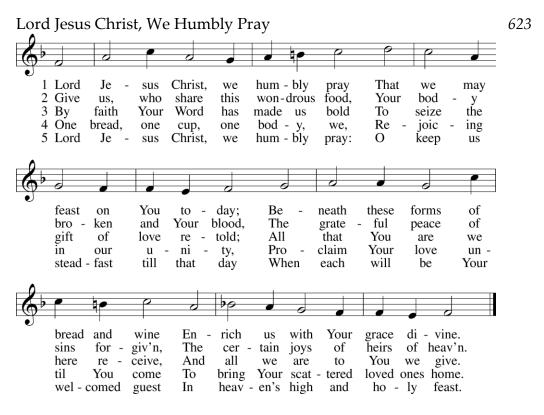






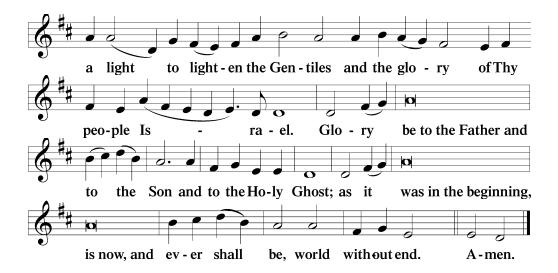
- Mighty Victim from the sky, Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie; You have conquered in the fight, You have brought us life and light. Alleluia!
- 6 Now no more can death appall, Now no more the grave enthrall; You have opened paradise, And Your saints in You shall rise. Alleluia!

- Easter triumph, Easter joy! △
 This alone can sin destroy;
 From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
 Newborn souls in You to be.
 Alleluia!
- 8 Father, who the crown shall give, Savior, by whose death we live, Spirit, guide through all our days: Three in One, Your name we praise. Alleluia!



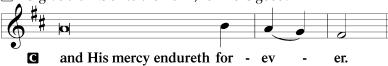






Thanksgiving

P O give thanks unto the LORD, for He is good.

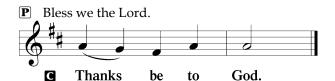


Let us pray. We give thanks to You, Almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Salutation and Benedicamus





Benediction

P The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.





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To God Alone be all the Glory!

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"To Shine Forth the Light of God's Love into Our World"

BULLETIN NEWS

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sunday, November 26	9:30am	Divine Service	Sanctuary
	11:30am	Christmas Decorating &	Irmer Hall
		Luncheon	
Wednesday, November 29	4:00pm	Confirmation Class	Pastor's Study
	7:00pm	Advent Service, Focus on the	Sanctuary
		Song of Advent	

<u>BIRTHDAYS</u>	<u>BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAY</u>
11/29 – Dennis Rodgers	12/01 - Joel Moreno
ANNIVERSARIES	
12/01 - Alberto & Amanda Acuña	

ACOLYTE TRAINING

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We will be having an Acolyte training after the service today.

CHURCH OFFICE COPY MACHINE

Donations are being requested for the purchase of a replacement copy machine for our church office. The cost is \$3,780.00 plus tax. If you would like to donate directly to this purchase, please label your donation with "Copy Machine" and place your donation in the offering plate. Thank you.

SOCIAL MINISTRY PROJECT - Cymantha Makeley

Social ministry's will be collecting canned and boxed food to help fill the shelves of the food pantry at the Lutheran Church on 51st Ave and Glendale. Let's all the people in need.

Midweek Advent Services

Wednesdays, Nov. 29, Dec. 6, Dec. 13, Dec. 20, 7:00 pm

STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT

"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work." 2 Corinthians 9:7-8.

At the end of each church year, it is requested that the members of the congregation submit a Tithe/Commitment Card. This is your "Stewardship Commitment" towards the work and ministry of the church for the coming year. Your Tithe/Commitment Card can be found in your box along with a letter from our Head Elder. Please prayerfully consider your Stewardship Commitment to the church for the upcoming year. We will be collecting those during the service today, November 26, 2023.

CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Save the Date. Sunday, December 17, 2023, we will be having our Christmas Congregational Potluck after the service. Please sign up on the chart in the Narthex with your name, dish, and number of people. We will be having a White Elephant gift exchange during the potluck.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS - Louise Ahrens

The deadline for poinsettia orders is Sunday, December 17, 2023. The plants will be placed in the chancel and sanctuary area around the altar on Christmas Eve & Christmas Day. The cost is \$10.00 per plant. Please place payment in the white pew envelope and indicate if the plants are "in honor" or "in memory" of a loved one.

LET US PRAY FOR...

Please keep this list available for your daily devotions. For prayer requests Church office (623) 846-2228, or email at <u>info@stpaullutheran-az.com</u>. <u>Prayer requests are removed after three weeks.</u>

IMMEDIATE CONCERNS:

Jeanne Schubring, recovering from total knee replacement surgery.

ON-GOING CONCERNS:

Randy Parker, receiving treatment for Leukemia.

Dennis Stonecypher, suffering an undiagnosed illness **Nigel Proctor** – suffering from severe digestive issues **Wayne Bartels** – recovering from brief hospitalization

Jonathan Brant – recovering from surgery

Rose Tressler - health issues

Nicholas Jimenez, Linda Rossow, Jim Rucker, Pat Haas

Kevin Stamm – recovering from surgery Debbie Dyjak – ongoing eyesight concerns Dennis Stonecypher – seeking employment Suzi Riley – suffering from sleep apnea Jorge Jimenez – fighting cancer

FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Bill Garber (cousin of Jeanne Schubring) diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.

Rei Irmer (sister of Louise Ahrens) going through 12-week Chemo treatment.

Sharon Wies (wife of Cliff Wies, cousin of Vickie Hulteen) diagnosed with metastatic lung cancer.

Nick Koontz (husband of Mary Howard's stepdaughter) diagnosed with leukemia.

Jean Lorenzen (mother of Debbie Dyjak) recovering from a fall and broke her arm.

MISSIONARIES SUPPORTED BY ST. PAUL:

Rev. Dr. Daniel Jastram and wife, Joan, serving in Japan. **Debbie Dyjak**, preparing to serve in Latvia

Rev. Steven Massey and son, Marco, serving in Guatemala. PSWD Missions

Rev. Stephen Oliver and wife, Maggie, and children, serving in Taiwan and the Asia Region.

PRAY FOR ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH/THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD:

The Rev. Randy Wahl and family

The Rev. Jeff Proctor and family

Sunday School teachers & children LCMS officers, congregations & schools Maryvale Preparatory Academy families & staff Lexington Life Academy families & staff

OUR NATION: For all elected and appointed public servants, and all who labor to maintain peace and order.

FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY (members, friends, or relatives): Lucas Butterfass, Erich Dyjak, Nathanael Dyjak, Juan Garcia, Robert Gilmore, Tiffany Gilmore, Robert Majewski, Mike Nguyen, Ethan Peterman, Andy Smiley, Jacob Wilson

OUR SHUT-INS: Anne Smith, Lois Carlson, Suzanne Berna

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