

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Trinity

November 10, 2024 9:30 a.m.

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.

Hebrews 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 our Pastor, 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.

As We Gather

"WORSHIP" has become one of the most misunderstood words in the Christian community. What does it really mean? How are we to do it? Why do we do it? These are just a few of the many questions that people ask about "worship". Today is the first of a three-week sermon series that will focus on "WORSHIP". Today's major topic is "The Purpose of WORSHIP. Week 2 will be "The Plan of WORSHIP" and Week 3 will be "The Props of WORSHIP." We pray that this series will be a blessing to your understanding of why we do what we do in God's house as well as help you grow in your relationship with your Creator, your Redeemer, and your Faith Giver.

Stand

Hymn of Invocation

God Himself Is Present

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+ 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,
- 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

Ps. 95:1-4; antiphon: Ps. 95:6-7a

Oh come, let us worship and bow down;

let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

For He is our God,

and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving;

let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

For the LORD is a great God,

and a great King above all gods.

In His hand are the depths of the earth;

the heights of the mountains are His also.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

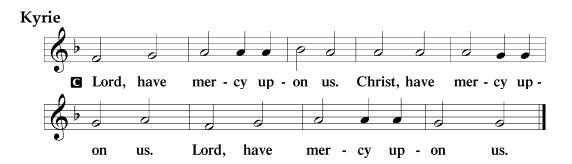
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.



Gloria in Excelsis



Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And with thy spirit.
- P Let us pray. Stir up, O Lord, the wills of Your faithful people that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by You be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Exodus 3:1-10

¹Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ²And the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. ³And Moses said, "I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned." ⁴When the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." ⁵Then he said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." ⁶And he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

⁷Then the LORD said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, ⁸and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. ⁹And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. ¹⁰Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt."

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Gradual Psalm 116:8, 1

You have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling. I love the LORD, because He has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy. Epistle Hebrews 5:1-5

¹For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ²He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. ³Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people. ⁴And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

⁵So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him,

"You are my Son, today I have begotten you";

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

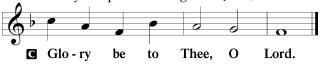
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Alleluia and Verse

Alleluia! With You is the fountain of life; in Your light do we see light. Alleluia!

Holy Gospel John 4:21-24

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourth chapter:



²¹Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. ²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."



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.

Sit

Hymn of the Day

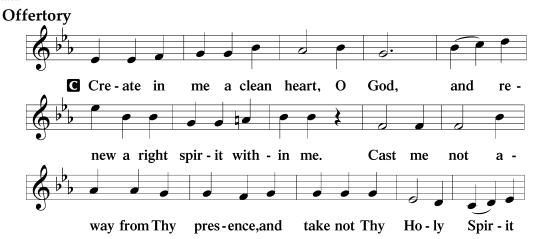
All Glory, Laud, and Honor

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Sermon

Offering/LWML Mites







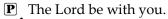
Prayer of the Church

At the end of each petition:

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

→ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT →

Preface





P Lift up your hearts.

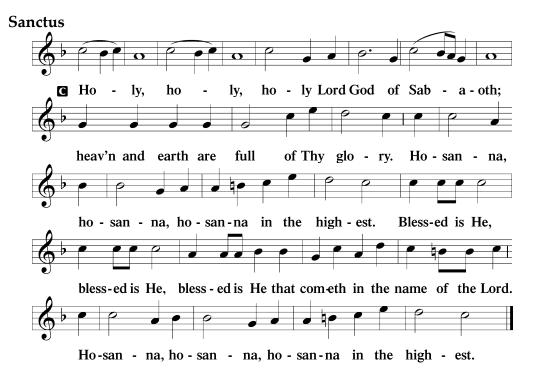


P Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.



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 on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



The Lord's Prayer

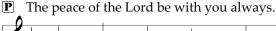
Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy Will be done on earth as it is in Heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but 🕂 deliver us from evil. For Thine is the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

The Words of Our Lord

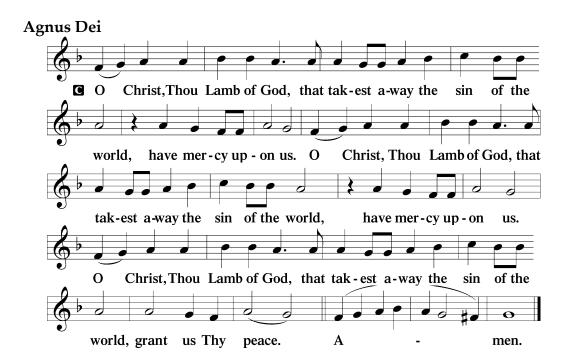
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + Body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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."

Pax Domini







Distribution Hymns

| Be Still, My Soul | 752 |
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| Hear Us, Father, When We Pray | 773 |
| In Thee Is Gladness | 818 |

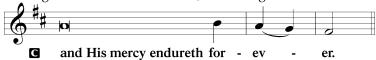
Stand

Nunc Dimittis



Thanksgiving

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



P 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

P The Lord be with you.



P Bless we the Lord.



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.



Hymn of Departure

Almighty Father, Bless the Word

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BULLETIN NEWS

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Event</u> | <u>Location</u> |
|------------------------|-------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| Sunday, November 10 | 9:30am | Divine Service | Sanctuary |
| | 11:00am | Adult Bible | Irmer Hall |
| | | Sunday School | Library |
| Monday, November 11 | | Church Office Closed | |
| Wednesday, November 13 | 5:00am | Board Meeting | Library |

| <u>ANNIVERSARIES</u> | BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS |
|--|-----------------------|
| 11/13 – William & Cymantha Ashby-Makeley | 11/15 – Kathleen Cook |

ANNUAL VOTERS' ASSEMBLY – SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2024

All voting members of St. Paul Lutheran Church are expected to attend the annual voters' assembly on Sunday, **November 17, 2024**. Among the agenda items will be the 2025 church budget presented by the Board of Directors for voter approval. The meeting will follow the Divine Service. There will be no Sunday School or Adult Bible Class that day.

UNANSWERED BIBLE QUESTIONS

Issues, Etc., a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio, will have Pastors Bryan Wolfmueller and Brian Kachelmeier respond to your unanswered Bible questions. You can submit your question via email: talkback@issuesetc.org, Facebook: facebook.com/issuesetc, X: @IssuesEtc or the Issues, Etc. Comment Line: (618) 223-8382. You can listen to the interview at your convenience at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app or a podcast provider.

LET US PRAY FOR...

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

IMMEDIATE CONCERN:

Cymantha Makeley (Ashby) – health issue. Sharon Meyer – looking for high-paying job.

ON-GOING CONCERNS:

Charlie Cook – exp. procedure to heal bladder

Dorothy Paxton, recovering from ankle surgery

Nigel Proctor – suffering from severe digestive issues

Wayne Bartels – ongoing health issues

Nicholas Jimenez, Linda Rossow, Jim Rucker, Pat Haas

Kevin Stamm – health issues

Suzi Riley - suffering from sleep apnea

Jorge Jimenez – fighting cancer
Rose Tressler – health issues

FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Rei Irmer (sister of Louise Ahrens) prayers for continued healing.

David Wies (cousin of Vickie Hulteen) diagnosed with leukemia and will be undergoing treatment.

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

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.

THOSE WHO ARE GRIEVING:

Trudy and her family (friend of Darlene Hulteen). Trudy's sister died.

MISSIONARIES SUPPORTED BY ST. PAUL:

Rev. Dr. Daniel Jastram and wife, Joan, serving in Japan. PSWD Missions

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

The Substitute Pastors and their families 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): Jackson Buffington, Lucas Butterfass, Nathanael Dyjak, Juan Garcia, Robert Gilmore, Tiffany Gilmore, Robert Majewski, Mike Nguyen, Ethan Peterman, Andy Smiley, Jacob Wilson

OUR SHUT-INS: Anne Smith