

The Last Sunday of  
The Church Year  
The Sunday of the Fulfillment



“Watch therefore,  
for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

Matthew 25:13



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21 November A+D 2021

Welcome in Jesus' name to our guests this holy day. We pray God's richest blessings to you as we hear His Word and receive His gifts. If you're visiting for the first time, please sign our guestbook in the narthex.

Worship at St. Paul's is conducted according to the historic, liturgical worship patterns of the Christian Church throughout the ages. The rhythm of worship is from our God to us, and then from us back to Him. He gives His gifts, and together we receive and extol them.

The Lord's Supper is offered every Sunday of the month. St. Paul's observes the practice of close communion. Members of sister congregations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod are encouraged to commune with us. *We ask visitors who are not members of the LC-MS to speak with one of our pastors if you are interested in learning more about our church and communion practices.*

*"The Second Coming of Christ" ~ The Sunday of the Ten Virgins*

*By Faith We Are Prepared for Christ's Return*

*"The day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night" (1 Thess. 5:1-11). The arrival of the bridegroom will be sudden and unexpected. Therefore you are to be watchful and ready like the five wise virgins. "For you know neither the day nor the hour" when the Son of Man is to return. (Matt. 25:1-13). The lamps are the Word of Christ. The oil in the lamps is the Holy Spirit, who works through the Word to create and sustain the flame of faith in Christ. The foolish are those who do not give proper attention to the working of the Holy Spirit in baptism, preaching, and the supper, and so their faith does not endure. The wise, however, are those who diligently attend to these gifts of the Spirit, and who therefore have an abundance of oil. The flame of faith endures to the end. By God's grace they are received into the eternal wedding feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, the new heavens and the new earth created by the Lord for the joy of His people (Is. 65:17-25).*

Service notes: The Johnson Family Kantorei will provide music for the 8 a.m. service, and the Gloria Dei Choir will provide music at 10:45 a.m. Distribution music at the 10:45 a.m. service will be played by Matthew Waggoner. Pastor Frank is the organist.

Opening Prayer: O Lord, our God, as we come before You to worship You in spirit and truth, we ask You to open our hearts to the ministry of Your Word. Lead us to truly repent of our sins, believe in Jesus Christ as our only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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*The flowers on the altar are to the glory of God  
and in honor of Bob and Diane Machmuller's 37<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary,  
which they will celebrate on November 23<sup>rd</sup>.*

# Divine Service

## Setting One

*Prelude: Partita on "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers".....by Kevin J. Sadowski*

**During the singing of the first hymn please stand for the procession of the cross, symbolic of Christ's presence among us.**

Hymn: "Rejoice, Rejoice Believers".....LSB #515  
(Kantorei/Choir vs. 3)



1 Re - joyce, re - joyce, be - liev - ers, And let your lights ap - pear;  
2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain Pro - claim the Bride - groom near;  
3 The saints, who here in pa - tience Their cross and suf - f'ings bore,  
4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, And dark - er night is near.  
Go forth as He ap - proach - es With al - le - lu - ias clear.  
Shall live and reign for - ev - er When sor - row is no more.  
A - rise, O Sun so longed for, O'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing And soon is draw - ing nigh.  
The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; The gates wide o - pen stand.  
A - round the throne of glo - ry The Lamb they shall be - hold;  
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, We plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; At mid - night comes the cry.  
A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; The Bride - groom is at hand.  
In tri - umph cast be - fore Him Their di - a - dems of gold.  
The day of earth's re - demp - tion That sets Your peo - ple free!

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**Pastor:** In the name of the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, Jesus Christ, the Coming One.

**Cong:** Amen.

**Pastor:** This is the Day which the Lord has made.

**Cong:** Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**Pastor:** Come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus.

**Cong:** The author and perfecter of our faith.

**Pastor:** On this, the final day of the Church year, we devote our attention to the fulfillment of God's promise, the return of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. For that day, be dressed and ready. Be on guard, be alert. Be sober minded, be vigilant. Be at peace O Christians, and rejoice!

A reading from Revelation 22

The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.<sup>18</sup> I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book,<sup>19</sup> and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are

described in this book. <sup>20</sup> He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! <sup>21</sup>

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you all. Amen.

Pastor: This is the word of the Lord.

Cong: Thanks be to God.

## Confession and Absolution

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

## Service of the Word

**Introit** (*congregation chants bold*) Ps:39:4-5, 7-8; antiphon: Is. 35:10

The ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with | singing;\*  
everlasting joy shall be up- | on their heads.

They shall obtain glad- | ness 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 be- | fore 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 trans- | gressions.\*

Do not make me the scorn | of the fool!

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,\*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

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**Kyrie** LSB 152

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C Amen.

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.

**☐ This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:  
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day.....LSB p. 156

Pastor: 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.

Cong: Amen

Old Testament Reading ~ *Isaiah 65:17-25*

<sup>17</sup>For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind. <sup>18</sup>But 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. <sup>19</sup>I 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. <sup>20</sup>No 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. <sup>21</sup>They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. <sup>22</sup>They 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. <sup>23</sup>They 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. <sup>24</sup>Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear. <sup>25</sup>The 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.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

Cong: Thanks be to God.

(Saturday) Gradual (*Kantor*) *Ps. 45:14-15*

In many-colored robes [the king's daughter] is led | to the king,\*  
with her virgin companions following be- | hind her.  
With joy and gladness they are | led along\*  
as they enter the palace | of the king.

8:00 a.m. Gradual (*Kantorei*) "*Christ Is Surely Coming*" (*LSB 509:1,3*)

*10:45 a.m. Gradual (Choir) "Now Thank We All Our God" ..... Setting by Henry V. Gerike*

*"In You, O Lord, do I take refuge; for You are my rock and my fortress; for Your name's sake You lead me and guide me. Into Your hand I commit my spirit; You have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God. Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voices, Who wondrous things has done, In whom His world rejoices; Who from our mothers' arms Has blest us on our way With countless gifts of love And still is ours today. I trust in You; You are my God. My times are in Your hand, O Lord."*

The Epistle Lesson ~ *1 Thessalonians 5:1-11*

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. <sup>2</sup>For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup>While 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. <sup>4</sup>But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. <sup>5</sup>For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. <sup>6</sup>So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. <sup>7</sup>For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. <sup>8</sup>But 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. <sup>9</sup>For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup>who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. <sup>11</sup>Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

Cong: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia Verse (*Kantorei/Gloria Dei Choir*) *Rev. 21:2*

Alleluia. I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heav- | en from God, \*  
prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. Alle- | luia.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 25<sup>th</sup> chapter.

Cong: Glory to You, O Lord.

*Matthew 25:1-13*

<sup>1</sup>"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup>Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup>For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, <sup>4</sup>but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. <sup>5</sup>As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. <sup>6</sup>But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' <sup>7</sup>Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup>And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' <sup>9</sup>But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' <sup>10</sup>And 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. <sup>11</sup>Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' <sup>12</sup>But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' <sup>13</sup>Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Cong: Praise to You, O Christ.

**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

### 516 Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying



1 "Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing," The watch - men on the  
 2 Zi - on hears the watch - men sing - ing, And all her heart with  
 3 Now let all the heav'ns a - dore Thee, Let saints and an - gels



heights are cry - ing; "A - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!"  
 joy is spring - ing; She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.  
 sing be - fore Thee With harp and cym - bals' clear - est tone.



Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es And at the thrill - ing  
 For her Lord comes down all - glo - rious, The strong in grace, in  
 Of one pearl each shin - ing por - tal, Where, join - ing with the



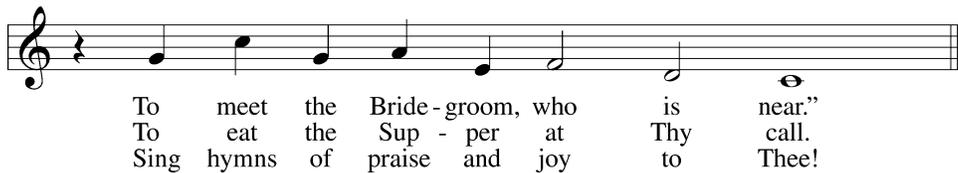
cry re - joic - es: "Oh, where are ye, ye vir - gins wise?  
 truth vic - to - rious; Her star is ris'n, her light is come.  
 choir im - mor - tal, We gath - er round Thy ra - diant throne.



The Bride - groom comes, a - wake! Your lamps with glad - ness take!  
 Now come, Thou Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son,  
 No eye has seen the light, No ear has heard the might



Al - le - lu - ia! With brid - al care Your - selves pre - pare  
 Hail! Ho - san - na! We en - ter all The wed - ding hall  
 Of Thy glo - ry; There - fore will we E - ter - nal - ly



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**Sermon: *Stay Awake!*" Matthew 25:1-13**

*Stand*

Prayer of the Church

*Sit*

Offering ~ *EIN' FESTE BURG IST UNSER GOTT* ("A Mighty Fortress Is Our God") Setting by Johann Nicolaus Hanff

*Stand*

Service of the Sacrament

*We welcome members of our sister congregations of the LCMS to join us in receiving the Lord's Supper. Other visitors are welcomed forward to receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms to indicate this desire.*

**Preface**

LSB 160

- P The Lord be with you.
- C **And also with you.**
- P Lift up your hearts.
- C **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**
- P It is truly good, 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, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**Sanctus**

LSB 161

- C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:  
 Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.  
 Hosanna. Hosanna.  
 Hosanna in the highest.  
 Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
 Hosanna in the highest.**

**Lord's Prayer**

**The Words of Our Lord**

**Pax Domini**

LSB 163

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

**Agnus Dei**

C Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

10:45 a.m. "The Day Is Surely Drawing Near".....arr. Grimpo

**514 The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us**



1 The Bride-groom soon will call us, "Come to the wed-ding feast."  
2 There shall we see in glo - ry Our dear Re-deem-er's face;  
3 There God shall from all e - vil For - ev - er make us free,  
4 In that fair home shall nev - er Be si - lent mu - sic's voice;



May slum-ber not be - fall us Nor watch - ful - ness de - crease.  
The long - a - wait - ed sto - ry Of heav'n - ly joy takes place:  
From sin and from the dev - il, From all ad - ver - si - ty,  
With hearts and lips for - ev - er We shall in God re - joice,



May all our lamps be burn - ing With oil e - nough and more  
The pa - tri - archs shall meet us, The proph - ets' ho - ly band;  
From sick-ness, pain, and sad - ness, From trou - bles, cares, and fears,  
While an - gel hosts are rais - ing With saints from great to least



That we, with Him re - turn - ing, May find an o - pen door!  
A - pos - tles, mar - tyrs greet us In that ce - les - tial land.  
And grant us heav'n - ly glad - ness And wipe a - way our tears.  
A might - y hymn for prais - ing The Giv - er of the feast.

## 672 Jerusalem the Golden



1 Je - ru - sa - lem the gold - en, With milk and hon - ey blest—  
2 With-in those walls of Zi - on Sounds forth the joy - ful song,  
3 A - round the throne of Da - vid, The saints, from care re - leased,  
4 O sweet and bless - ed coun - try, The home of God's e - lect!



The prom - ise of sal - va - tion, The place of peace and rest—  
As saints join with the an - gels And all the mar - tyr throng.  
Raise loud their songs of tri - umph To cel - e - brate the feast.  
O sweet and bless - ed coun - try That faith - ful hearts ex - pect!



We know not, oh, we know not What joys a - wait us there:  
The Prince is ev - er with them; The day - light is se - rene;  
They sing to Christ their lead - er, Who con - quered in the fight,  
In mer - cy, Je - sus, bring us To that e - ter - nal rest



The ra - dian - cy of glo - ry, The bliss be - yond com - pare!  
The cit - y of the bless - ed Shines bright with glo - rious sheen.  
Who won for them for - ev - er Their gleam - ing robes of white.  
With You and God the Fa - ther And Spir - it, ev - er blest.

## 510 A Multitude Comes from the East and the West



1 A mul - ti - tude comes from the east and the west  
2 O God, let us hear when our Shep - herd shall call  
3 All tri - als shall be like a dream that is past,  
4 The heav - ens shall ring with an an - them more grand



To sit at the feast of sal - va - tion  
In ac - cents per - sua - sive and ten - der,  
For - got - ten all trou - ble and mourn - ing,  
Than ev - er on earth was re - cord - ed.



With A - bra - ham, I - saac, and Ja - cob, the blest,  
That while there is time we make haste, one and all,  
All ques - tions and doubts have been an - swered at last,  
The blest of the Lord shall re - ceive at His hand



O - bey - ing the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion.  
And find Him, our might - y de - fend - er.  
When ris - es the light of that morn - ing.  
The crown to the vic - tors a - ward - ed.



Have mer - cy up - on us, O Je - sus!  
Have mer - cy up - on us, O Je - sus!  
Have mer - cy up - on us, O Je - sus!  
Have mer - cy up - on us, O Je - sus!

## 639 Wide Open Stand the Gates



1 Wide o - pen stand the gates a - dorned with pearl, While  
2 He speaks the Word the bread and wine to bless: "This  
3 The cher - u - bim, their fac - es veiled from light, While



round God's gold - en throne The choirs of saints in  
is My flesh and blood!" He bids us eat and  
saints in won - der kneel, Sing praise to Him whose



end - less cir - cles curl, And joy - ous praise the Son!  
drink with thank - ful - ness This gift of ho - ly food.  
face with glo - ry bright No earth - ly masks con - ceal.



They watch Him now de - scend - ing To vis - it wait-ing earth.  
All hu - man thought must fal - ter— Our God stoops low to heal,  
This sac - ra - ment God gives us Binds us in u - ni - ty,



The Lord of Life un - end - ing Brings dy - ing hope new birth!  
Now pres - ent on the al - tar, For us both host and meal!  
Joins earth with heav'n be - yond us, Time with e - ter - ni - ty!

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## Thank the Lord

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- C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His  
name. He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in  
joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

## Post-Communion Collect

- 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.
- C** Amen.

## Benediction

LSB 166

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.
- C** Amen.

## 941 We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God



1 We praise You and ac-knowl-edge You, O God, to be the Lord,  
2 The band of the a-pos-tles in glo-ry sing Your praise;  
3 You, Christ, are King of glo-ry, the ev-er-last-ing Son,  
4 You sit in splen-did glo-ry, en-throned at God's right hand,



The Fa-ther ev-er-last-ing, by all the earth a-dored.  
The fel-low-ship of proph-ets their death-less voic-es raise.  
Yet You, with bound-less love, sought to res-cue ev-'ry-one:  
Up-hold-ing earth and heav-en by forc-es You com-mand.



To You all an-gel pow-ers cry a-loud, the heav-ens sing,  
The mar-tys of Your king-dom, a great and no-ble throng,  
You laid a-side Your glo-ry, were born of vir-gin's womb,  
We know that You will come as our Judge that fi-nal day,



The cher-u-bim and ser-a-phim their prais-es to You bring:  
Sing with the ho-ly Church through-out all the world this song:  
Were cru-ci-fied for us and were placed in-to a tomb;  
So help Your ser-vants You have re-deemed by blood, we pray;



"O ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord God of Sab-a-oth;  
"O all-ma-jes-tic Fa-ther, Your true and on-ly Son,  
Then by Your res-ur-rec-tion You won for us re-prieve—  
May we with saints be num-bered where prais-es nev-er end,



Your maj-es-ty and glo-ry fill the heav-ens and the earth!"  
And Ho-ly Spir-it, Com-fort-er— for-ev-er Three in One!"  
You o-pened heav-en's king-dom to all who would be-lieve.  
In glo-ry ev-er-last-ing. A-men, O Lord, a-men!

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**Postlude: Finale from Partita on "THAXED"** ("We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God") by Jeffrey Blerch

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In our prayers we remember: Barb Hansen, Art Gardner, Jean Akre, Judy Meyer, Roger Escritt, Dixie Roberts, Wes Walker, Chris Rochleau, Elizabeth Bowerman, Carol Brockmann, Mary Ann Wege, Allen Timm, Jean Volkens, Bill Storey, Helen Nelson, Brad White, Elaine Goodwin (Pastor Tews & Karen Burns sister), Donny Kadereit (son of Don & Marsha Kadereit), Jonathan Freeman (student of Coreen Trost), Sigrid Stoufer (friend of Don & Marsha Kadereit); Trent Casey (friend of the Harris' and Meldrum's), Ty Moreno's Uncle Vincent, Stan Hofman (friend of Dr. C and Rosemary);

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Those celebrating a wedding anniversary this week: Bob & Diane Machmuller, Bob & Dianna Finch.



News and Notes



No Christ Academy this week.

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Thanksgiving Eve Worship ~ Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

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The Church Office and SPLECC Office will be closed on Friday.

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"We pray for God's light to shine on all of our decisions and that every aspect of our lives would be fulfilled within the boundaries of His Law and Gospel. We do not want our worry to guide our search for daily bread (Matthew 6:25-34). Rather, we rely on God's Promise and receive what He has provided with thanksgiving. For we know that with Jesus we have daily bread that endures, even to everlasting life (John 6:28-29)." *Rev. Justin A. Herman, University Lutheran Church, West Lafayette, Indiana – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*



**Poinsettias for the Christmas Season**

**\$6.00 per plant**

**Orders due: December 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Make checks payable to: St. Paul's**

**Number of Plants** \_\_\_\_\_

**In Memory/Honor of:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Given by:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Christian Book Club  
Hosts: Nate & Becca Heinicke, 510 S 8th St.  
Book: The Lord of the Rings- Fellowship of the Ring Book 2  
When: December 30th, 7 p.m.



*Please Join Us  
for our  
2021 Christmas Recitals*

*Given by  
Students of St. Paul's Music Conservatory*

*Friday, December 3 at 6:30 p.m.  
Saturday, December 4 at 10:00 a.m.*

*St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
Fellowship Hall*

*Refreshments will follow.*



Leaves!

It is that time of year again-leaves have fallen and bags are filled. If you have bags of leaves, we would be happy to stop by and pick them up. We use these to make organic compost for our garden. Please call or text Deb Mohling (712-310-4010) with your name, address, and a time that works best for you to have us stop and pick them up. THANKS



**Opportunities for Growth: November 21-28, 2021**

**Sunday: 11/21/21**

9:30 a.m. ~ SS/BC  
12:00 p.m. – Harvest Dinner

**Monday: 11/22/21**

6:00 p.m. – Hand Bells

**Tuesday: 11/23/21**

6:00 a.m. – Men’s Breakfast Club  
8:00 a.m. – TEWSday Crew  
9:00 a.m. – Chapel – SPLECC  
11:30 a.m. – Staff Meeting

**Wednesday: 11/24/21**

9:00 a.m. Chapel - SPLECC

**No Christ Academy**

7:00 p.m. – Thanksgiving Eve Worship

**Thursday: 11/25/21 - Thanksgiving**

**Friday: 11/26/21 – Church Office/SPLECC Closed**

**Saturday: 11/27/21**

5:30 p.m. – Worship - C

**Sunday: 12/1/19 ~ 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent**

8:00 a.m. ~ Worship - C

9:30am ~ SS/BC

10:45 a.m. ~ Worship – C



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