

The Last Sunday of the Church Year  
The Sunday of the Ten Virgins  
"The Second Coming of Christ"



*Watch, therefore, for you know neither the  
day nor the hour.*      *Matthew 25:13*

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church**  
239 Frank Street, Council Bluffs, IA  
November 23, 2025

**Welcome** to all members and visitors! We are pleased to have you with us as we receive Christ's gifts and as we respond in thanks and praise. Guests, please sign the guest register in the narthex. If you need assistance, please ask one of the ushers. Prayers of preparation for worship can be found on the inside front cover of the hymnal.

**The Lord's Supper is offered** every Sunday of the month. St. Paul's observes the biblical practice of closed 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 LCMS** to speak with one of our pastors if you are interested in learning more about our church and communion practices. Those not communing with us at this service are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms to indicate this desire.

### **Those Serving Us**

Preacher/Liturgist: Rev. Nathan Sherrill

Organist: Rev. Timothy Frank

Choir: High School Choir

### **The Word in Music**

Prelude: "Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying" – Settings by Wayne Wold and Michael Costello

Offering: "Wake, Awake, For Night Is Flying"- Setting by Johann Gottfried Walther

Postlude: Toccata from Symphony 5 – Charles-Marie Widor

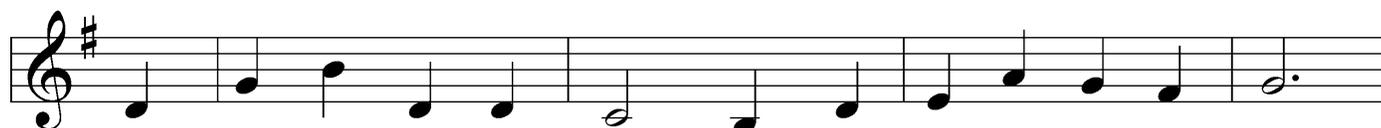
**Service Notes:** Just like Ezekiel, Daniel and Revelation, Isaiah ends his book of prophecy with messages relating to the end of all things. When the prophets speak about "the last things" they speak symbolically about Jerusalem and Israel as the Church, that is, all who believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. On this Sunday, we rejoice in the promise that the LORD will create all things new one day, and rejoice in His bride, the Church eternally.

## Divine Service Setting 1

### 515 Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers



1 Re - joice, re - joice, 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' rings 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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*Stand*

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

### Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

### Exhortation

*LSB 151*

- 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.*

## Confession of Sins

*LSB 151*

- 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.

## Absolution

*LSB 151*

- 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 ✠ 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 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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**and sorrow and sighing shall | flee away.**

## Kyrie

*LSB 152*

**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

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

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**A** 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.

**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let  
us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C** Amen.

## This Is the Feast

*LSB 155*

**C** 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**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

O Lord, absolve Your people from their offenses that, from the bonds of our sins which by reason of our frailty we have brought upon ourselves, we may be delivered by Your bountiful goodness; 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 Reading**

*Isaiah 65:17–25*

<sup>17</sup>“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.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Gradual**

**“Jerusalem the Golden”**

*(LSB 672)*

**Epistle**

*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.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Alleluia and Verse

*LSB 156*

**C** Alleluia.

**Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life.**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 25:1–13*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] “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.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

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



To meet the Bride - groom, who is near."  
To eat the Sup - per at Thy call.  
Sing hymns of praise and joy to Thee!

**Sermon**            **“The LORD Is Creating All Things New”**    *Isaiah 65:17-25*

*Stand*

**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.

## Prayer of the Church

*Sit*

## Offering

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## Service of the Sacrament

*We welcome communicant 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.

### Proper Preface (Abbreviated)

*LSB 161*

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . 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

*LSB 162*

**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.**

### **The Words of Our Lord**

**P** 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**

*LSB 163*

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

**C** Amen.

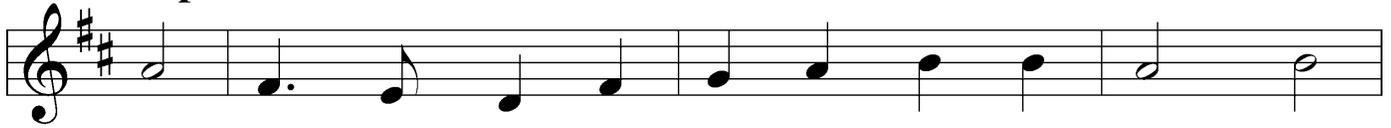
### **Agnus Dei**

*LSB 163*

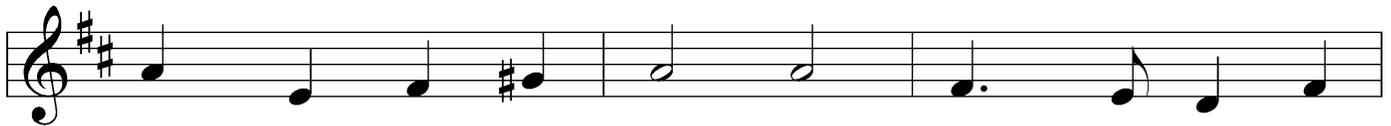
**C** Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

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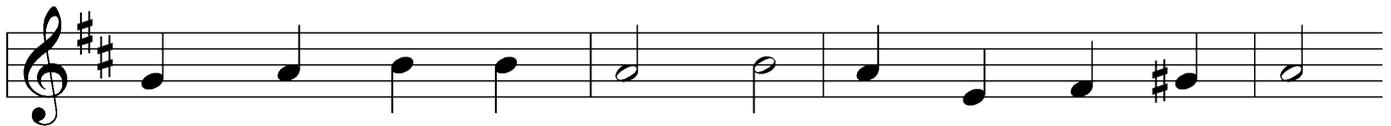
## 639 Wide Open Stand the Gates



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!

## 677 For All the Saints



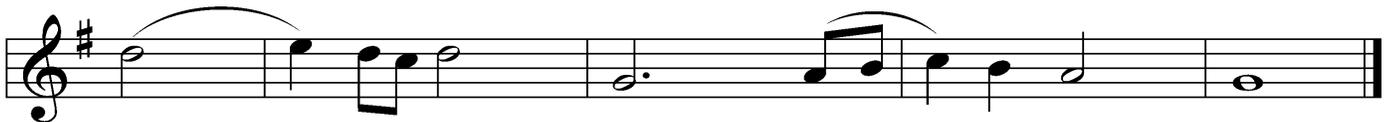
1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;  
3 Oh, may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,  
4 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine!



Who Thee by faith before the world confessed, Thy  
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;  
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old And  
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine; Yet



name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.  
win with them the victor's crown of gold!  
all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

5 And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long,  
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,  
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

6 The golden evening brightens in the west;  
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest;  
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

7 But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day:  
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
The King of Glory passes on His way.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!



# 797 Praise the Almighty



1 Praise the Al - might - y, my soul, a - dore Him!  
 2 Trust not in rul - ers; they are but mor - tal;  
 3 Bless - ed, oh, bless - ed are they for - ev - er  
 4 Pen - i - tent sin - ners, for mer - cy cry - ing,  
 △ 5 Praise, all you peo - ple, the name so ho - ly



Yes, I will laud Him un - til death; With songs and  
 Earth - born they are and soon de - cay. Vain are their  
 Whose help is from the Lord Most High, Whom from sal -  
 Par - don and peace from Him ob - tain; Ev - er the  
 Of Him who does such won - drous things! All that has



an - thems I come be - fore Him As long as  
 coun - sels at life's last por - tal, When the dark  
 va - tion can noth - ing sev - er, And who in  
 wants of the poor sup - ply - ing, Their faith - ful  
 be - ing, to praise Him sole - ly, With hap - py



He al - lows me breath. From Him my life and  
 grave en - gulfs its prey. Since mor - tals can no  
 hope to Christ draw nigh. To all who trust in  
 God He will re - main. He helps His chil - dren  
 heart its a - men sings. Chil - dren of God, with



all things came; Bless, O my soul, His ho - ly name.  
 help af - ford, Place all your trust in Christ, our Lord.  
 Him, our Lord Will aid and coun - sel now af - ford.  
 in dis - tress, The wid - ows and the fa - ther - less.  
 an - gel host Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
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 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
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## Thank the Lord

*LSB 164*

- 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

- A** 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 ✠ 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 - tyrs 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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## Opportunities for Growth

Today	8:00 a.m.	Divine Service
	9:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Class, Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Divine Service
Monday	6:00 p.m.	NO Bells or Choir
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Thanksgiving Eve Service
Thursday		Happy Thanksgiving
Next Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Divine Service
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class
	10:45 a.m.	Divine Service

## The Congregation at Prayer

Those ill or recovering: *Lance Maness, Diane Machmuller, Mary Johannes, Elizabeth Bowerman, Trent Casey, John Shafer (father of Kelli Salin), Tina Lamason (sister of Brad White), Cole (cousin of Kelli Salin), Lu Schwery (mother of Denise Krohn), Pastor North Sherrill, Rev. Lee Seetin (cousin of Kent Seetin), Andrea Williams (Jeff and Ronda Thomas' niece), Brian Nohr (friend of Jeff & Ronda Thomas), Ethel Engel (mother of Coreen Trost), Steve and Alynn Cory* and all our shut ins.

Our missionaries: Deaconess Sandra Rhein & Ms. Becky Bartelt

Our local missions: St. Paul's Early Childhood Center & St. Paul's Music Conservatory

**Prayer Request Cards** are now available in the Church Narthex on the lectern side table, in the pamphlet holder rack, on the information table in the Church Lounge, and in the Church Office. You may complete the Prayer Request Card and give to an Usher before the start of each Worship Service, or place in the collection plate during the Offering. Pastors will include the Prayer Requests during the Prayer of the Church. During the week you may complete the Prayer Cards and place on Heidi's desk in the Church Office. Prayer Request Cards will eventually be placed in the new cardholders to be installed soon in the church pews. If you have any questions, please contact your Elder. Thank you. - Your St. Paul's Elders.

## News and Notes

**The flowers on the altar** today are given to the glory of God in honor of our US Military by Bob and Kathy Seipold.

**Please stop by the Media Center Room** after Worship Services on Sunday mornings and see the new Audio Mixer purchased with St. Paul's Memorial Funds. The new audio mixer allows the Media Team enhanced capabilities to eliminate background noise, along with keeping the audio and video channels in sync during "Live" streaming of Worship Services and other events at St. Paul's. The Media Team will be glad to show you all the capabilities of the new mixer. Thank you again to all who have donated over the past year to St. Paul's Memorial Fund.

**St. Paul's Altar Guild is asking for volunteers** to help give the Church Sanctuary a "deep cleaning" on Wednesday afternoon, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 2:00pm to 4:30pm. If you can help, please contact Kathleen Seipold (402-250-8729), Amy (712-310-2457), or the Church Office (712-322-4729). Thank you.

**Volunteers are needed** to help set up the outdoor Nativity display on the east side of the Church on Wednesday afternoon, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, beginning at 4:30pm, weather permitting. If you can help, please contact Bill Wege at 402-212-3204, or the Church Office at 712-322-4729. Thank you.

**Save the Date!** – Dale and Julia Burris are having their annual Christmas Tree OPEN HOUSE on **Sunday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm. \$5 per person or \$10 per family.**

## **Catechism**

### *The Close of the Commandments*

*What does God say about all these commandments?*

**He says, "I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments." (Exodus 20:5-6)**

*What does this mean?* God threatens to punish all who break these commandments. Therefore, we should fear His wrath and not do anything against them. But He promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore, we should also love and trust in Him and gladly do what He commands.



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6:30 PM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2025 \*

10:00 AM

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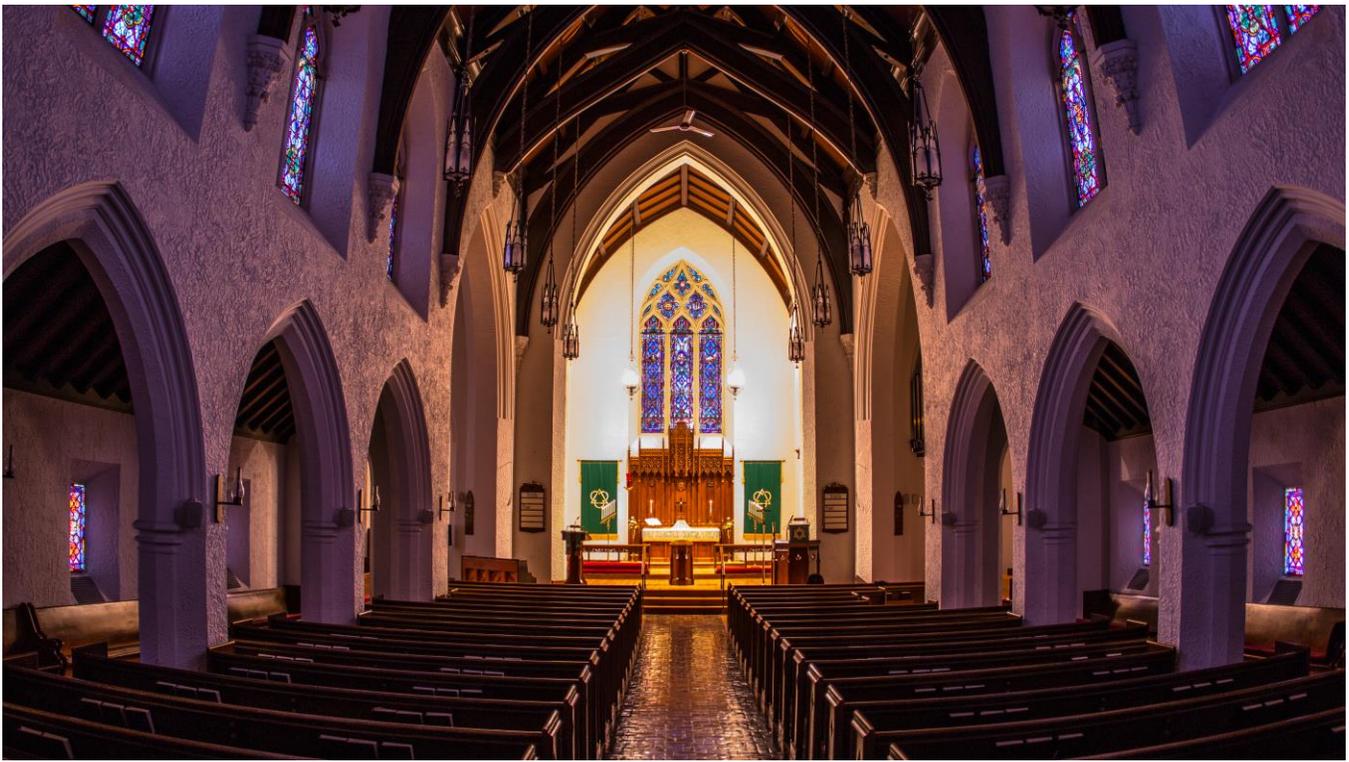
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