

*I am
making
all things
new*

REVELATION 21:5



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WELCOME Thank you for being with us.

We are a Christian church within the Lutheran tradition (Evangelical Lutheran Church of America) and we welcome people of all Christian traditions as well as people of other faiths and people of little or no faith. Christian worship has been offered to God in this congregation for 188 years. By worshipping with us today, you become part of that living tradition.

Offerings Offerings are received during the liturgy. They are presented along with gifts of bread and wine at the altar. You may also donate via our website at www.stpaulsyork.org or use the QR Code provided.

Restrooms are available in the Good Shepherd Room (Springettsbury lobby) and the narthex (George St). Baby changing stations are provided in these restrooms as well as in the nursery which is accessed through the double doors front right.

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Parents, please do accompany your child to the restroom during the liturgy and wait with them. This is a way for us to practice good safety protocol within our building.



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All Saints Sunday
November 3, 2024
Holy Communion 8:00 & 10:30 AM
Musical Setting #1 Evangelical Lutheran Worship

PRELUDE

Preludio "Sine Nomine"

Herbert Howells

Stand turning to face the baptismal font.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of Baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.

Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.

At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

**We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.**

Shower us with your Spirit,
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

HYMN

I Know of a Sleep in Jesus Name (LBW 342)



1 I know of a sleep in Je - sus' name, a rest from all
 2 I know of a bless - ed e - ven - tide, and when I am
 3 I know of a morn - ing bright and fair when tid - ings of



toil and sor - row; earth folds in its arms my wea - ry
 faint and wea - ry, at times with the jour - ney sore - ly
 joy shall wake us, when songs from on high shall fill the



frame and shel - ters it till the mor - row; with God I am
 tried through hours that are long and drea - ry, then of - ten I
 air and God to his glo - ry take us, when Je - sus shall



safe un - til that day when sor - row is gone for - ev - er.
 yearn to lay me down and sink in - to peace - ful slum - ber.
 bid us rise from sleep; how joy - ous that hour of wak - ing!

APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

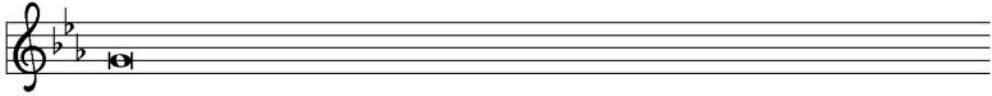
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For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



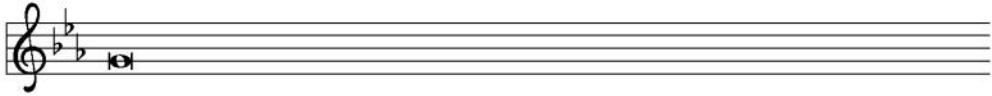
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

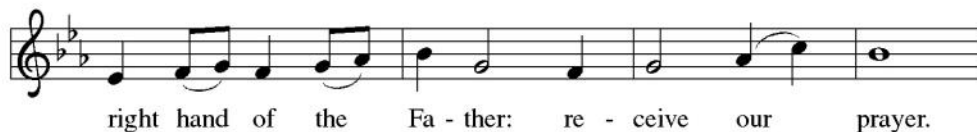
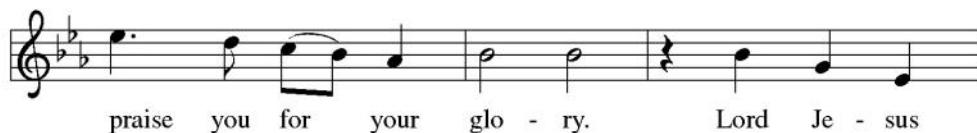
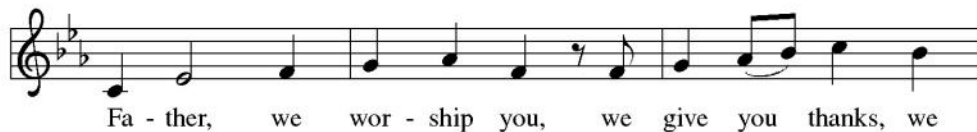
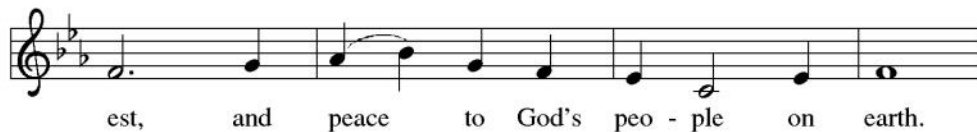
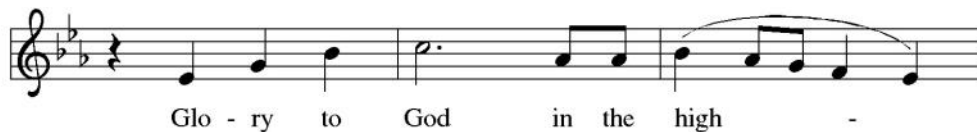


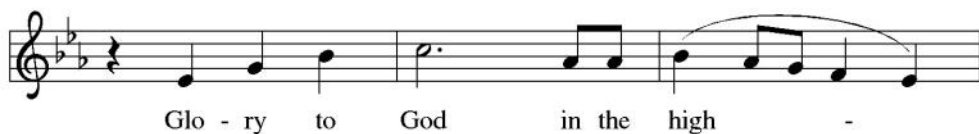
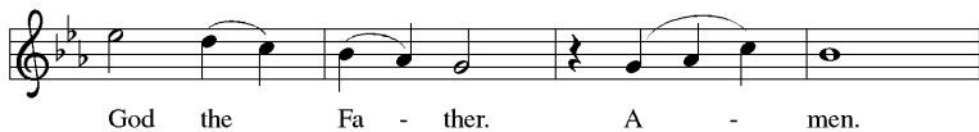
Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE





PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. . . Almighty God, whose people are knit together in one holy Church, the body of Christ our Lord: Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Sit

FIRST READING

Isaiah 25:6-9 *back page*

PSALM Psalm 24 *spoken antiphonally men odd verses, women even verses*

- ¹ The earth is the LORD's and all | that is in it,*
the world and all who | dwell therein.
- ² **For it is he who founded it up- | on the seas***
and made it firm upon the rivers | of the deep.
- ³ "Who can ascend the hill | of the LORD*
and who can stand in his | holy place?"
- ⁴ **"Those who have clean hands and | a pure heart,***
who have not pledged themselves to falsehood, nor sworn by what | is a
fraud.
- ⁵ They shall receive a blessing | from the LORD*
and a just reward from the God of | their salvation."
- ⁶ **Such is the generation of | those who seek him,***
of those who seek your face, O | God of Jacob.
- ⁷ Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O ever- | lasting doors;*
and the King of glory | shall come in.
- ⁸ **"Who is this | King of glory?"***
"The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, might- | y in battle."
- ⁹ Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O ever- | lasting doors;*
and the King of glory | shall come in.
- ¹⁰ **"Who is he, this | King of glory?"***
"The LORD of hosts, he is the | King of glory."

SECOND READING Revelation 21:1-6a *back page*

Stand

VERSE

Sung by all

The musical notation consists of three staves in G-clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first staff contains the melody for "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia," with a double bar line after the first "Al - le - lu - ia". The second staff continues the melody for "al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." and ends with a double bar line. The third staff is a lower register melody for the verse "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life." and also ends with a double bar line. The lyrics are written below the corresponding notes.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Repeat alleluia
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

HOLY GOSPEL John 11:32-44

The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

At the conclusion of the Gospel.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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Glory to you, O Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

SERMON

Pastor Reep

Stand

8:00AM Blessing And Dedication of Altar Appointments and Vestments (*insert*)

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin
Mary, and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

A brief silence.

O God, you call us by name and raise us to life. Rouse your church from slumber. Where we have held back in fear or shame, unbind us. Embolden us in our proclamation of your good news, that all may know abundant life. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

O God, you have founded your world on rivers and seas. Preserve fresh water and the creatures who call them home. Heal places of pollution and nourish places of drought. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

O God, you reign over all nations and peoples. Inspire us with wisdom and discernment as we elect legislators and leaders. May they govern with justice and uphold the dignity of all people. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

O God, you make your home among mortals. Come alongside those who weep this day. Befriend all who are lonely, encourage those in despair, and heal any who are suffering (*especially*). Abide with your faithful ones in love. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

O God, you set before us a feast of rich food. Sustain our ministries of fellowship and hospitality (*specific ministries may be named*). Strengthen the hands and hearts of all who prepare and serve food for our nourishment. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

O God, we give you thanks for saints, those of our day and of days before, who nurtured us in faith, who told us the stories of Jesus, and who cultivated among us the sense of our own vocation to follow your path. Help us not only to remember them, but also to follow their example, to nurture their expectant hope, and to live our lives so that others might see your love reflected in all that we say and do.

Donald Culp	11/5/23	Joseph Triggs 06/21/24
Chloe Eichelberger	12/02/23	Gloria Becker 08/03/24
Daniel Mays	12/21/23	Janet Berkheimer 08/24/24
Christopher Eisenhart	02/29/24	Linda Glassmyer 10/23/24
Larry Graffius	03/07/24	

Keep us grateful for the witness of the saints of all generations, and make us, like them, eager to follow your way. Then at the last, bring us with them to share in the inheritance promised through your Son. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

O God, we give thanks to you for those from our congregation who died this past year. We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

The ministers and congregation greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Sit

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

Organ

For All the Saints

Emma Lou Diemer

Stand OFFERTORY

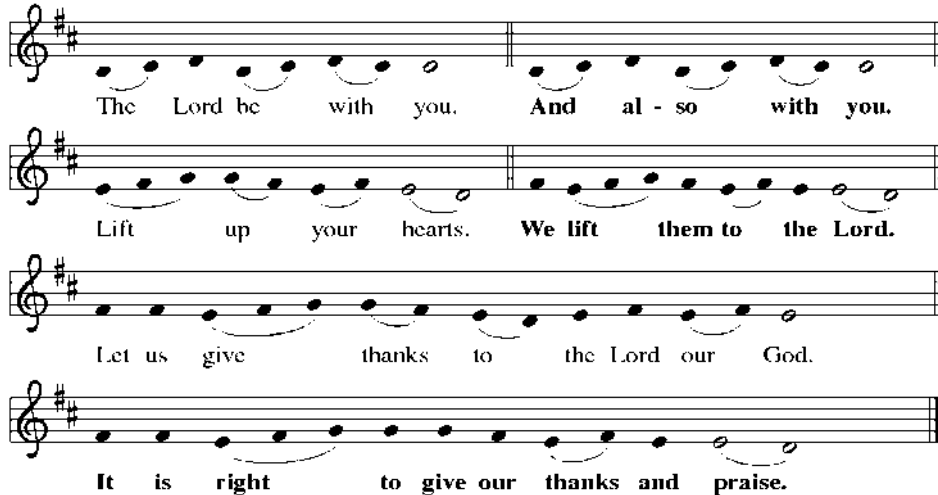


Praise God, from Whom all bless-ings flow; Praise Him, all crea-tures here be-low;
Praise Him a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host; Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost! A-men.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Merciful Father,
we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

DIALOGUE *Sung by Pastor and congregation*



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the witness of your saints you show us the hope of our calling, and strengthen us to run the race set before us, that we may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory. And so, with all the saints, with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

Sung by all.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,

that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, then, his death and resurrection, we lift this bread and cup before you, giving you thanks that you have made us worthy to stand before you and to serve you as your priestly people.

And we ask you:

Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your Church;

gather into one all who share this bread and wine;

fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth,

that we may praise and glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ.

Through him all glory and honor are yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church both now and forever. **Amen**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

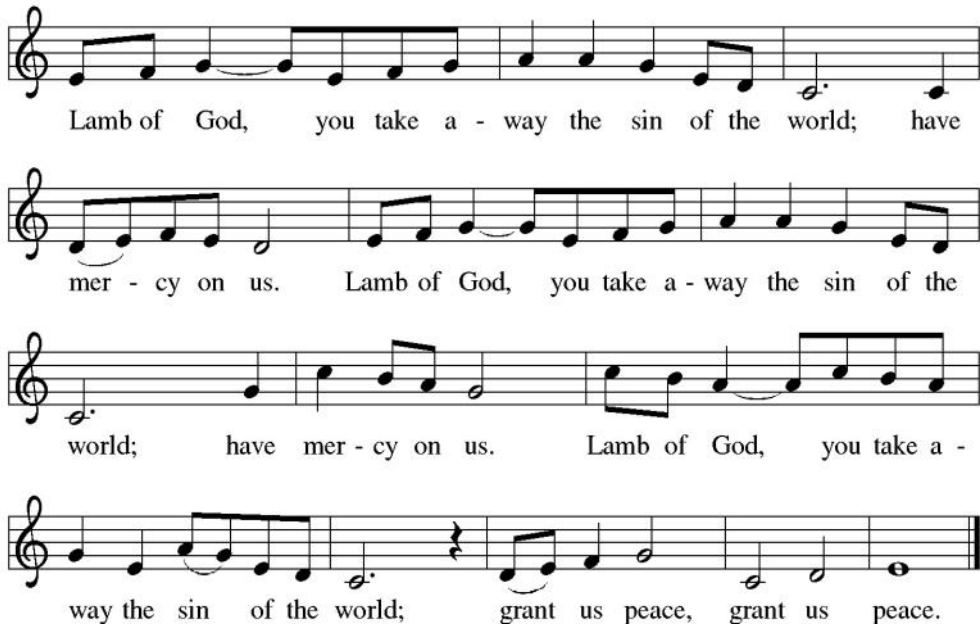
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**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

FRACTION RITE *a brief silence is kept*

AGNUS DEI *Sung by all.*



Sit

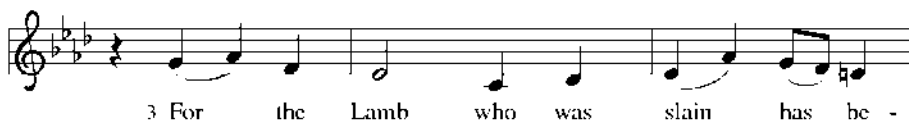
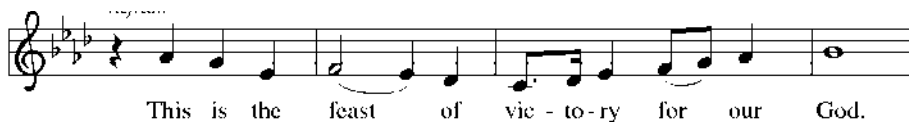
COMMUNION OF THE FAITHFUL

Holy Communion at St. Paul's Church is "open" to all believers who trust that the Risen Christ is present for his people in the Holy Eucharist.

Procedure for receiving Communion:

- 1. Come to communion using the center aisle.*
- 2. Take a communion glass from the tray of glasses.*
- 3. Take your place along the chancel step.*
- 4. The ministers will bring the host and wine to you.*
- 5. Place the used cup in an empty tray located on a credence table at the side aisle.*
- 6. Return to your pew using the side aisle.*

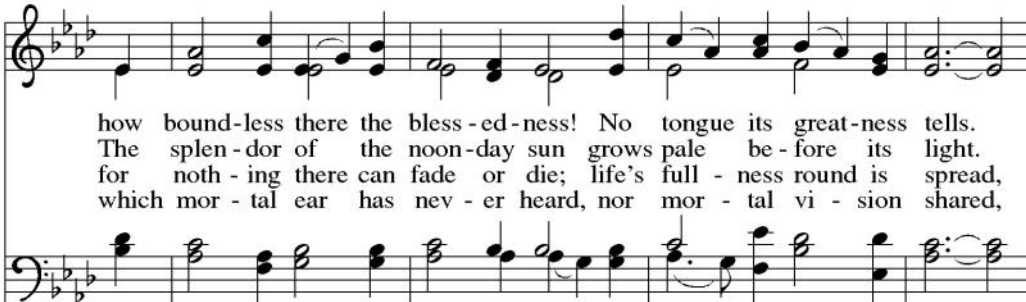
COMMUNION HYMN *This is the Feast of Victory*



COMMUNION HYMN *In Heaven Above*



1 In heav'n a - bove, in heav'n a - bove, where God our Fa - ther dwells:
2 In heav'n a - bove, in heav'n a - bove, what glo - ry deep and bright!
3 In heav'n a - bove, in heav'n a - bove, no tears of pain are shed,
4 In heav'n a - bove, in heav'n a - bove, God has a joy pre - pared,



how bound-less there the bless - ed-ness! No tongue its great-ness tells.
The splen - dor of the noon-day sun grows pale be - fore its light.
for noth - ing there can fade or die; life's full - ness round is spread,
which mor - tal ear has nev - er heard, nor mor - tal vi - sion shared,



There face to face, and full and free, the ev - er -
The might - y sun that goes not down, be - fore whose
and like an o - cean, joy o'er - flows, and with im -
which nev - er en - tered mor - tal thought, in mor - tal



liv - ing God we see, our God, the Lord of hosts!
face clouds nev - er frown, is God, the Lord of hosts!
mor - tal mer - cy glows our God, the Lord of hosts!
dreams was nev - er sought, O God, the Lord of hosts!

Stand

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. Almighty Father, in the Eucharist you give us a foretaste of the Lamb's Feast of Victory. Keep us faithful to you so that we, with all your saints in heaven, may at length celebrate the Feast which has no end in Christ our Lord. **Amen**

10:30 AM Te Deum Chancel Choir *We Praise Thee, O God* Mark Schweizer

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, Son, Holy Spirit, Bless you now and forever. **Amen**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

For All the Saints

Arthur Hutchings

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*The altar flowers are presented to the Glory of God
By Kem & Cindy Vaught*

***The Advent Altar Appointments And Vestments are presented in loving memory
of Gene R. Shue and our son, Neil Shue by Norma Shue and family.***

Annual Meeting & Dinner Noon - Sunday November 17

The Annual Meeting and Dinner will be held on Sunday November 17th at noon in Fellowship Hall. The Fellowship Committee is preparing for a delicious meal. The Congregation Council is preparing an agenda highlighting the many remarkable things that God is doing through the ministry of St. Paul's congregation. At the meeting the Nominating Committee will present their slate of persons willing to serve on; Congregation Council, Benevolence Committee, and Mutual Ministry Committee. These are important roles as they give shape and direction to our shared mission. The Finance Committee will present the proposed 2025 budget. Additionally we will receive reports from key areas of ministry. In order for the Fellowship Committee to prepare the food for the meal a sign-up sheet will be circulated through the congregation in early November. You may also call the church office to add your name to the list of attendees. In advance, thank you for your participation in our faith community.



This Week at St. Paul's

Sunday, November 3 All Saints Sunday

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist—Blessing of Paraments
 9:15 AM Sunday School for all ages
 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist—Live-Stream
 11:30 AM Women's Group—Christ Hall
 3:00 PM York Music Teacher's Recital
 6:30 PM AA Meeting—Community Room

Monday, November 4

10:30 AM Linda Glassmyer Funeral
 7:00 PM Preschool Committee Mtg—ZOOM

Tuesday, November 5

9:15 AM Fellowship Committee
 9:30 AM Pantry
 6:00 PM Create—Preschool thru Grade 6

Wednesday, November 6

No parking Springettsbury before noon
 10:00 AM Preschool with Pastor—Nave
 10:30 AM Bible Study—Christ Hall

Thursday, November 7

10:00 AM Preschool with Pastor—Nave
 6:30 PM Handbell Choir
 7:30 PM Chancel Choir—Choir Rm

Sunday, November 10

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist
 9:15 AM Sunday School for all ages
 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist—Live-Stream
 11:30 AM Holy Communion Class
 11:30 AM Second Sunday Sandwiches
 6:30 PM AA Meeting—Community Room

Serving the Lord with Gladness

DATE	TIME	Assisting Minister	Crucifer	Lector	Live stream	Greeters	Ushers	Altar Guild	Acolyte
11/3	8:00 AM	Bob Reed	Kirsten Barnes	James Palmer		Tim & Melissa Yakim	Team 1E: Jeff Riese, John Monk, Alex Bastian	Kathy Monk, Lois Ann Schroeder	Gwendolyn Bastian, Harrison Palmer
	10:30 AM	Janet Fitch	Larry Becker	Emily Reep	Allen Reep	Cindy & Kem Vaught	Team 1L: Dave Kopp, Darren Smith	Sandy Dickensheets, Tonya Cave	Paula & Drew Herdson

We Want to Hear from You

A small committee of church leaders has been established by the Church Council to research the pastoral needs of our congregation. The committee will conduct research through surveys, focus groups, and interviews to best understand what our congregation needs from our pastoral staff.

We need your help! A comprehensive survey of pastoral needs will be distributed in the church bulletin and online today. Please plan to complete the survey electronically or on paper. Here is a link to the survey: <https://forms.gle/kuXXXMPQEEiZuZeX6> that you can also access through St. Paul's website.

Paper copies can be returned to the box in the Good Shepherd Room. Surveys can be completed anonymously, and results will be shared with the church council to complete a ministry site profile when a call for a new pastor is necessary. **The survey will close on Friday, November 8.**

If you have any questions about the committee's work, please contact Nicki Herdson, Darren Smith, Christine Kates, Patty Snyder, Kathryn Garber, or Kem Vaught.

Proofreading is an important aspect of written communication. I can't tell you how many times the newsletter is proofed before printing. Then it is assembled and mailed out. When it arrives in my mailbox at home I open it, sit down and read it. That is when I identify multiple mistakes. The mistakes could have been easily corrected. For some reason they escaped the eyes of all who proofread the issue. The same is true for the Sunday worship folder.

Sometimes the mistakes don't change the intent of a particular thought. And at other times a simple mistake can totally change the intent and the particular thought. This was the case when I was newly ordained and I prepared an ad for the local newspaper.

All Saints Sunday is a day when we recognize both the Church Triumphant (those who have gone before us in faith, think heavenly court) and the Church Militant (those of us here on earth doing the work of God). I share with you my experience using the phrase the Church Triumphant in my first call congregation. I had arranged with the local newspaper for an Easter Sunday ad. The worship committee had approved the expense for a quarter page advertisement listing our Easter services and times. In 1989 print material brought a rather big bang for an advertising dollar and readership was high within the community. Our Easter ad read *The Church Triumphant Celebrates the Resurrection of our Lord*. It listed the church name and location and the service times and highlighted the music. Beautifully artistic in appearance it communicated the important information needed for anyone seeking a faith community in which to worship on Easter morning. I was pleased with it.

On Thursday morning of Holy Week the newspaper arrived. I opened the morning paper, folded it back to view the special section on Easter services within the community and saw the quarter page ad in elegant font, boldly announcing our liturgies. The quarter page ad certainly stood out, but not because of the size. Expecting to see *The Church Triumphant Celebrates the Resurrection of our Lord* the ad read *Church Tryouts for the Resurrection of our Lord*. I was horrified. My heart sank. I prayed people wouldn't see it. The more fervently I prayed the more people called to rib me about the ad. One colleague even asked if I had had any takers!

All Saints Sunday is a day when we recognize the Church Triumphant and the power and promise of resurrection. We remember those who have gone before us in Christian faith. We remember their lives, their acts of great kindness, their service to others, their contributions to the community of faith and to the neighborhood and to the world. This morning we remember: Donald Culp, Chloe Eichelberger, Danial Mays, Christopher Eisenhart, Larry Graffius, Joseph Triggs, Gloria Becker, Janet Berkheimer and Linda Glassmyer. We remember them as our sisters and brothers through Holy Baptism. And we remember God's promises to them and to us.

In the remembering we acknowledge our own place in the saint sinner relationship that is ours in Christ Jesus. We are part of the Church Militant. In this century the phrase Church Militant doesn't get used much. It seems to have passed out of fashion along with hymns like *Onward Christian Soldiers*. The Church Militant has its work to do. It is the work that Jesus calls the community in Bethany to do when Lazarus was raised from death to life. There remain stones that need to be rolled away, shrouds that need to be removed. The command of our Lord sets the believing community into action. It was true in Bethany and it is true today.

The Lazarus story is familiar to us. The children acted it out with song and dance during the Easter season. At one time I would venture to bet that most of society could identify Lazarus as Jesus' friend; the one that brought Jesus to tears at the news of his death. Even bystanders recognized that Jesus loved him. We don't have the whole story from the eleventh chapter of John's gospel. We get only the climatic conclusion from a long well-constructed plot line. And in the few verses assigned for today I am struck by two things.

First Jesus commands those who are gathered around, the mourners and the neighbors to "take away the stone." This may not seem all that important to you this morning but it is critically important that those in Jesus' presence listen to him and do as he commands. Taking away the stone was the first necessary thing that needed to be done in order for resurrection to take place. It was needed in preparation for Jesus' call to Lazarus; a call for him to come out from all that had been holding him.

Second. Jesus commands those gathered to "unbind" Lazarus. We know that Jesus called him by name and commanded him to "come out" but I want to recognize the work of the gathered community. That day in Bethany they were told to "unbind Lazarus and to let him go." As believers they were doing the work that Jesus called them to do. It is a kin to the Church Militant today, of the Baptized doing the work of God, doing kingdom work. It isn't fancy or elaborate work. But it is work that frees people from things that bind them and keep them from moving forward, having a future, and a new day.

We hear the voice of Jesus calling to us. We hear the voice of the one who could not be held by death or stone or linen wrappings. He calls to us moving us from darkness of grave to light in his presence, from being bound by grave clothes to being forgiven and free. He calls us from being bystanders to engaging us in mission. With the voice of his command things that were once dead, stuck, bound, preventing future are removed so that life is lived in hope.

There are lots of things that bind us keeping us from hope and future: disbelief, greed, ignorance, apathy, self-centeredness, prejudice, hypocrisy, intolerance. This short list opens up the work that needs to be done through the church helping to move us and others from being bound to freed, from death to life. This is the work of the Church Militant. We are working for and on behalf of others. Commanded by Jesus, the stone on Lazarus' tomb was rolled away and Lazarus was unbound by those gathered in His presence. We are gathered in Christ's presence this morning. This is our saintly work just as it was the saintly work of those who have gone before us.

This All Saints Day embraces both the Church Triumphant as well as the Church Militant. There are no try outs this morning! We are all called to work in God's kingdom. There is work for us. There are stones to be rolled away. Jesus doesn't seem to leave any stone unturned when he is reaching out for humanity. In our unbinding, stone rolling work, we will bear witness to God's calling to us and to others to be free. We will witness new life and resurrected life, and hopefulness and a future that is as magnificent as the one proclaimed by Isaiah and penned in Revelation. Christ is making all things new! This is a triumphant word of life for a militant people. We are set free to live, and serve, and love, just like those saints of old, so that all hear and know the unbinding work and Word of Christ. Amen.

**Fall House Cleaning—Property Committee invites you to take part
Saturday, November 16, 8:00 – 11:00 AM**

In three hours' time we should be able to give the main level of the church building a good cleaning. The committee will prepare jobs to be accomplished on 3X5 cards and place them on the table in the Good Shepard Room on Sunday November 10 (the Sunday preceding the cleaning). If you wish to bring your favorite supplies in order to complete the task you have selected, please feel free to do so. Know that materials and supplies will be available on the fall cleaning day. Please let one of the property committee members know if you plan to lend a hand. Current Committee members are: Kem Vaught, Jeff Riese, Larry Becker, Sammy Barnes, Ted Weikert, and Stan Reep. If there are 30 volunteers we will accomplish 90 hours of work! And our building will be ready to greet worshipers during the Advent/Christmas season.

Adult Education Continues this fall—Christ Hall

Sunday morning adult education is offered at 9:15 AM in Christ Hall. The next session "Living the Catechism" draws upon Luther's Small Catechism. It will be led by Pastor Snyder.

Music and Create—Age 3 through Grade 6—Tuesday evenings 6:00 PM—7:15 PM

We provide this opportunity for our families with young children to engage in music and art while also having the opportunity to connect with other families. The program is designed for children ages 3 through grade 6. We divide the children into two age groups, age 3 through grade 1 and grade 2 through grade 6.

Hurricane Relief Offerings to help meet needs with Hurricane Helene and Milton should be placed in a special offering envelope and marked "Hurricane Relief". All donations will be given to the ELCA Donations for Disaster Response Fund.

Food Pantry Needs: Plastic and paper grocery bags. Peanut butter.

Monetary donations can be placed in a "special" envelope marked "Pantry".

Volunteers on: Tuesday (distribution day), Thursdays (food delivery days) and some Sundays (pantry stocking days) Contact Teresa Rohrbaugh, Patty Snyder, Ken Hinkle, or the church office (717-843-8155) with questions.

The "Pantry Grocery Cart" in the Good Shepherd Room is for bags and food donations only.

St. Paul's Dinner Groups- A time for fellowship, food, and fun—Dinner Groups will be gathering in January and February. They are comprised of about 6-8 people who gather at the homes of church members and share appetizers, main course, and dessert. The focus is getting better acquainted with people of St. Paul's. The sign-up sheet will be posted in the Good Shepherd Room. **Last day of sign-up is November 17th.**

St Paul's is collecting clothing for Union Lutheran Church's Clothing Ministry and your help is requested. Union collects 'gently used' clothing (and shoes) for its clothing closet and offers it **free of charge** to needy families in the York City community. A bin has been placed in the Good Shepherd room to collect any clothing you would like to donate. These donations will surely be a blessing to our neighbors. Union's volunteers are very appreciative of our cooperation and our help. If you have large donations you may take them directly to Union Lutheran Church. Simply call them to arrange a time.



Cost is \$13.00 per plant.
They will be RED in
color.

List plant(s) as shown below
(please print clearly)

Number of plants _____ in Honor of:

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Number of plants _____ Dedicated to the Glory of God

Your Name:

Plants may be picked up anytime *after* the
10:30 a.m. service on Wednesday, December 25th.

Total # of Plants _____ @ \$13.00 each = \$ _____
Checks made payable to St. Paul's Lutheran Church

The completed order form with payment attached may be placed
in the offering plate or returned to the church office.

Orders due by Sunday, November 24th

FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:6-9

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

⁷And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
⁸he will swallow up death forever.

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

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

or Wisdom 3:1-9 [not printed]

Psalm 24**SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1-6a**

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for
the first heaven and the first earth had passed
away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the
holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down
out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride
adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud
voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be
no more,
for the first things have passed away.”

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

GOSPEL: John 11:32-44

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

³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came
to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying
against it. ³⁹Jesus said, “Take away the stone.”
Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to
him, “Lord, already there is a stench because
he has been dead four days.” ⁴⁰Jesus said to
her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you
would see the glory of God?” ⁴¹So they took
away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and
said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me.
⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I have
said this for the sake of the crowd standing
here, so that they may believe that you sent
me.” ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a
loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” ⁴⁴The dead
man came out, his hands and feet bound
with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in
a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and
let him go.”

Next Sunday's Readings: 1 Kings 17:8-16; Psalm 146; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44.

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