

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church
November 9, 2025**

Honoring our veterans

Welcome to the house of the living Lord!

If you are visiting with us today, we extend a warm welcome and invite you to return often. One of our core values at St. Paul's is to help people find a place where they belong. We have been doing it for 127 years and we pray that one of these worship services will bless you on your journey.

St. Paul's has chosen as its theme verse to guide us in 2025 – Psalm 51:10

“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.”

It is the prayer of our congregation that we will connect people to the love of Jesus through our teaching, serving, caring, and telling.

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER TO PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Entrance Hymn Faith and Truth and Life Bestowing

LSB 584

- 1 Faith and truth and life bestowing,
 Open now the Scriptures, Lord,
 Seed to life eternal sowing,
 Scattered on the wind abroad.
 Let not hearts, Your Word receiving,
 Like a barren field be found,
 Choked with thorns and unbelieving,
 Shallow earth or stony ground.
- 2 May the Spirit's pow'r unceasing
 Bring to life the hidden grain,
 Daily in our hearts increasing,
 Bearing fruit that shall remain.
 So in Scripture, song, and story,
 Savior, may Your voice be heard.
 Till our eyes behold Your glory
 Give us ears to hear Your Word.

Invocation

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

Opening Sentences

Psalm 118:24; 1 John 3:1; John 13:35; 1 Corinthians 16:14

- P This is the day that the LORD has made;
C **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**
- P See what kind of love the Father has given to us,
C **that we should be called children of God; and so we are.**
- P Jesus said, "By this all people will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."
C **Let all that you do be done in love.**

Confession and Absolution

Colossians 1:13–14

- P The Lord has delivered us from the domain of darkness
C **and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.**
- P Almighty God and Father,
C **we confess, as Your people, our need for Your merciful kindness. We are prisoners of our own wants, our own traditions, and our own inborn sinfulness. Our actions and interactions often fail as reflections of Your kingdom. Our thoughts and desires often reflect the domain of darkness You have delivered us from. We often act out of our love for ourselves, rather than our love for others or for You. Forgive us and free us, Lord, to love what You love and go where You lead, all by the grace of our Redeemer, Jesus Christ. Amen.**
- P Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son, Jesus, to die for you, and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word made flesh, 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.**

Introit

Psalm 115:2–4, 8, 17–18; antiphon: v. 11

You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD!
He is their help and their shield.
Why should the nations say,
"Where is their God?"
Our God is in the heavens;
he does all that he pleases.
Their idols are silver and gold,

the work of human hands.
 Those who make them become like them;
 so do all who trust in them.
 The dead do not praise the LORD,
 nor do any who go down into silence.
 But we will bless the LORD
 from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the LORD!
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
 and to the Holy Spirit;
 as it was in the beginning,
 is now, and will be forever. Amen.**
 You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD!
 He is their help and their shield.

Kyrie - sing

LSB 204

C Lord, have mercy;
 Christ, have mercy;
 Lord, have mercy.

Hymn of Praise Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

LSB 802

- 1 Immortal, invisible,
 God only wise,
 In light inaccessible
 hid from our eyes,
 Most blessed, most glorious,
 the Ancient of Days,
 Almighty, victorious,
 Thy great name we praise.
- 2 Unresting, unhasting,
 and silent as light,
 Nor wanting, nor wasting,
 Thou rulest in might;
 Thy justice like mountains
 high soaring above
 Thy clouds which are fountains
 of goodness and love.
- 3 To all life Thou givest—
 to both great and small—
 In all life Thou livest,
 the true Life of all;
 We blossom and flourish
 as leaves on the tree

And wither and perish—
but naught changes Thee.

- 4 Great Father of glory,
pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore Thee,
all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render:
O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor
of light that hides Thee.

Salutation

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

Prayer of the Day

- P Let us pray.
Living God, Your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy and pity. Grant us the fullness of Your grace to lay hold of Your promises and live forever in Your presence; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading – Sharon Wellner

Isaiah 2:1-4

The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

² It shall come to pass in the latter days
that the mountain of the house of the LORD
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be lifted up above the hills;
and all the nations shall flow to it,

³ and many peoples shall come, and say:
“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob,
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.”

For out of Zion shall go forth the law,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

⁴ He shall judge between the nations,
and shall decide disputes for many peoples;
and they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;

nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war anymore.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Choir Anthem

“Be Thou My Vision”

Epistle – Sharon Wellner

2 Thessalonians 2:1–8, 13–17

¹Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we ask you, brothers, ²not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by a spirit or a spoken word, or a letter seeming to be from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come. ³Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, ⁴who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God. ⁵Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? ⁶And you know what is restraining him now so that he may be revealed in his time. ⁷For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work. Only he who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way. ⁸And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming. . . .

¹³But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth. ¹⁴To this he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵So then, brothers, stand firm and hold to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by our spoken word or by our letter.

¹⁶Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, ¹⁷comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse

Luke 20:38

C **Alleluia.**

Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 20:27–40

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twentieth chapter.

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

²⁷There came to [Jesus] some Sadducees, those who deny that there is a resurrection, ²⁸and they asked him a question, saying, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, having a wife but no children, the man must take the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. ²⁹Now there were seven brothers. The first took a wife, and died without children. ³⁰And the second ³¹and the third took her, and likewise all seven left no children and died. ³²Afterward the woman also died. ³³In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had her as wife."

³⁴And Jesus said to them, "The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage, ³⁵but those who are considered worthy to attain to that age and to the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage, ³⁶for they cannot die anymore, because they are equal to angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection. ³⁷But that the dead are raised, even Moses showed, in the passage about the bush, where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. ³⁸Now he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for all live to him." ³⁹Then some of the scribes answered, "Teacher, you have spoken well." ⁴⁰For they no longer dared to ask him any question.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Children and Youth message

(The Choir will sing stanzas 1 & 3, the congregation will sing 2 & 4)

Hymn of the Day I Leave All Things to God's Direction LSB 719

- 1 I leave all things to God's direction;
He loves me both in joy and woe.
His will is good, sure His affection;
His tender love is true, I know.
My fortress and my rock is He:
What pleases God, that pleases me.
- 2 God knows what must be done to save me;
His love for me will never cease.
Upon His hands He did engrave me
With purest gold of loving grace.
His will supreme must ever be:
What pleases God, that pleases me.
- 3 My God desires the soul's salvation;
My soul He, too, desires to save.

Therefore with Christian resignation
All earthly troubles I will brave.
His will be done eternally:
What pleases God, that pleases me.

- 4 My God has all things in His keeping;
He is the ever faithful friend.
He gives me laughter after weeping,
And all His ways in blessings end.
His love endures eternally:
What pleases God, that pleases me.

Sermon

Apostles' Creed

**C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

Honoring our Veterans

Offering

*The flowers on the altar today are given in honor and glory of God by Linda Hyde in honor
and memory of her Christian mother, Marlene, who spends her 22nd year in heaven*

Offertory

LSB 192

C Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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.

Benediction

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.

Hymn to Depart

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

LSB 717

Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep;
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,
For those in peril on the sea!

Lord God, who speaks with voice so clear,
Speak that we know that thou art near;
Protect your faithful Army friends,
For they have helped, our peace to win;
And bless us as we join our hands,
With those in peril on the land.

Lord, guard and guide the men fly
Through the great spaces in the sky.
Be with them always in the air,
In darkening storms or sunlight fair;
Oh, hear us when we lift our prayer,
For those in peril in the air!

Eternal Father, Lord of hosts,
Watch o'er the men who guard our coasts.
Protect them from the raging seas
And give them light and life and peace.
Grant them from thy great throne above
The shield and shelter of thy love.

Eternal Father, grant, we pray,
To all Marines, both night and day,
The courage, honor, strength, and skill
Their land to serve, thy law fulfill;
Be thou the shield forevermore
From every peril to the Corps.

Sending

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

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