ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Christ the King Sunday
November 22, 2026
9:00 a.m.

Prelude
Welcome, Announcements and Prayer Concerns
Confession and Forgiveness
Blessed be the God who creates us, loves us, and calls us to live in the light of Christ. Yet, we know that we do not always live as God intends. We fall short in our words and actions, in the things we do and the things we leave undone. We become distracted by our own concerns and fail to recognize the needs of our neighbors. Trusting in God's endless mercy, let us confess our sins together.
Gracious and loving God, we confess that we do not always reflect your love in the world. We are quick to judge and slow to forgive. We sometimes choose what is easy rather than what is right. We overlook opportunities to serve, turn away from those in need, and allow fear and worry to guide our lives. Forgive us, renew our hearts, and help us to live each day in the grace and love you so freely give. Amen.
Hear the good news! God does not turn away from us when we fall short. Through Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven, our past is redeemed, and our future is made new. By the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Gathering Song "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" *(hymn)* **693** vv. 1-3

[1]Come, ye thankful people, come; raise the song of harvest home.
All be safely gathered in ere the winter storms begin.
God, our maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied.
Come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

[2]All the world is God's own field, fruit unto his praise to yield;
wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear.
Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

[3]For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his harvest home;
from his field shall in that day all offenses purge away;
give his angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
but the fruitful ears to store in his garner evermore.

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.**

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Prayer of the Day
Let us pray. **O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

First Reading—Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
[11] Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep and will sort them out.
[12] As shepherds sort out their flocks when they are among scattered sheep, so I will sort out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. [13] I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries and bring them into their own land, and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. [14] I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. [15] I myself will

be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. [16] I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strays, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. [20]Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. [21] Because you pushed with flank and shoulder and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, [22] I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged, and I will judge between sheep and sheep. [23] I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them; he shall feed them and be their shepherd. [24] And I the Lord will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I the Lord have spoken. *The Word of the Lord.* ***Thanks be to God.***

Psalm 95:1-7a

[1] Come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.
[2] Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to the Lord with psalms.
[3]For you, Lord, are a great God,
and a great ruler above all gods.
[4] In your hand are the caverns of the earth;
the heights of the hills are also yours.
[5]The sea is yours, for you made it,
and your hands have molded the dry land.
[6]Come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the Lord our maker.
[7a] For the Lord is our God,
and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

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Gospel—Matthew 25:31-46

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. ***Glory to you, O Lord.***

[Jesus said to the disciples:] [31] "When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. [32] All the nations will

be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, [33] and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. [34] Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, [35] for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, [36] I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' [37] Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? [38] And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? [39] And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' [40] And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.' [41] Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, [42] for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, [43] I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' [44] Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of you?' [45] Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' [46] And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day "This Little Light of Mine" *(hymn)* **677**

[1] This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

[2]Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

[3]Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Sacrament of Holy Baptism *- Carrie McKee Parker*

(Children are welcome to come forward to watch the baptism.)

We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the Body of Christ, a Child of the same heavenly Father, and a worker with us in the Kingdom of God. Amen.

Sharing of the Peace
The peace of the Lord be with you.
And also with you!

Offering

Offering Music "Sing to the Lord of Harvest" Bell Choir

Offering Prayer
God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. **Amen**.

Prayers of Intercession
Lord, in your mercy **… Hear our prayer.**

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The Lord be with you!
And also 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!
In the night in which he was betrayed, …

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.

A member of our prayer team will be available during communion distribution for individual and private prayer. Please meet them at the prayer room to the right of the sanctuary.

Communion Distribution
Communion Music "Come, Let Us Eat" *(hymn)* **491**
Communion Blessing
Prayer after Communion

Holy God, we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal. You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly. Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever. **Amen.**

Benediction

Sending Song "The Trees of the Field"

You shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace.
The mountains and the hills will break forth before you.
There'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field,
will clap, will clap their hands!

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands!
The trees of the field will clap their hands!
The trees of the field will clap their hands!
While you go out with joy!

Dismissal

Go in peace! Share Christ's love, with joy!
Thanks be to God!

Postlude

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Thank You and Welcome!

Welcome to St. Paul Lutheran Church, where our mission is "To Share Christ's Love, With Joy!"

We are grateful you are here.

Here at St. Paul Lutheran, we share life together in all its fullness, its joys and its sorrows. We believe that every person is created in God's image and is loved by God. You are welcome here, just as you are, without exception. All are invited to receive Holy Communion. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Gender-neutral restrooms are available in the education wing.

If you are new, we would love to meet you. And whether you are visiting or returning, we give thanks for your presence among us.

Our Sunday Morning Leadership

We give thanks this morning for the many people who help make our worship at St. Paul Lutheran possible. Thank you to **Pastors Dale and Carrie Stiles** for leading us in worship; **Christina Fashner** our Worship Assistant; **Cindy Gruett**, our Usher; **Zella Oswald**, serving in the Prayer Room; **Jeanne Richards**, our Organist; **Kim Clark**, our accompanist; **Chris Timmons** our A/V Tech; **Jean Reed** on Altar Guild; **Arlie Post and Paulette Miller**, our Offering Counters; **Darlene Petrey** for our communion bread. We are grateful for each and for the time, gifts, and care they share with our congregation as we gather to worship and Share Christ's Love With Joy!

Prayer Concerns

Please keep in your prayers this week: Our partners in Tanzania, the Migoli and Mtera parishes; Ruth Koehly; Josie Peterson; Lois, a friend of Janelle Albee; Ron Fraley; Kathy, sister of Ron Rozeske; Julie, family member of Pat Miska; Mick Byl; Jim Rauner; Jim Carlson, Carole England, Aiden, nephew of Jeff and Pam Heaton; Kimberly Bahls; Adley; Dawn and Molly, friends of Cindy Gruett; Tracy, daughter-in-law of Wendy Krona; Heidi, Dawn, and Christy, family members of Kathy Mills; Jeremy and Paige and all who serve in the military; and Shelby, Tom, Allison, and Mark and all who serve in law enforcement.

Announcements and Ministry Opportunities

Flowers today are provided by Darlene Petrey in honor of her mom's birthday. The flower sign up sheet is on the wall in the narthex. Thank you for signing up!

Today is Celebration Sunday! Today we celebrate the conclusion of our five-week stewardship journey, **Rooted. Growing. Reaching.**, and give thanks for the incredible generosity of our congregation in response. We are grateful for all that God is doing among us and for the many ways our members continue to share Christ's love with joy! **Everyone is invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall immediately following worship for a Pie Social** sponsored by our Church Council and Stewardship Team. Come enjoy a slice of pie, fellowship, and a chance to celebrate together!

West of 55 Christmas Potluck. Join us on Tuesday, December 8, for a special Christmas-themed West of 55 gathering! We'll enjoy some holiday fellowship and a potluck meal, along with **a special musical treat from some of our Discovery Center students**, who will share Christmas songs with us. Please plan to arrive by 10:45 a.m. so everyone is settled in before the children begin singing at 11:00 a.m. Our potluck meal will follow. Come enjoy some Christmas cheer, good food, and wonderful fellowship! For more information, contact Carole England.

Acts of Random Kindness (A.R.K.) Group will meet on Saturday, November 28 from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. to prepare meals to bring to people in need. Contact Deb Cowing for more information.

Children's Christmas Program Rehearsals. It's time to get ready for our annual Children's Christmas Program! All children and youth ages 3 through 6th grade are invited to participate. Rehearsals will be on Wednesdays, December 2 and 9, from 5:45 - 6:15 p.m. If you are unable to attend all the rehearsals, please reach out to Pastor Carrie. The Program will be **Sunday, December 13, at 9:00 a.m.**

Thanksgiving Eve Worship. Join us this **Wednesday, November 25, at 6:30 p.m.** for our annual Thanksgiving Eve Worship service! As we gather in gratitude, we'll give thanks for God's many blessings and celebrate the gift of faith, family, and community. Come and prepare your heart for Thanksgiving as we worship together and give thanks to God!

Annual Greening of the Church. Help us get ready for Christmas! Join us immediately following worship on **Sunday, November 29**, the First Sunday of Advent. Many hands are needed to help decorate our sanctuary and narthex for the Christmas season.

Grounds & Grace Group (3G) meets on Saturday, December 5 at 9:00 a.m. at the church. This is our men's group that meets for a short devotion, fellowship, and to repair small building and grounds maintenance needs. Contact Myron Carpenter or Dale Thompson for more information.

Monthly Financial Stewardship Update

Through October 31, 2026	Actual
General Fund Offering Received	$188,085.00
Total Revenue Received	$242,208.00
Total Expenses	$240,304.00
Net Revenue	$1,904.00

Detailed monthly financial reports are located in the Church Council meeting minute binder in the church library.

The Week Ahead

Celebration Sunday, November 22
Sacrament of Holy Baptism
Worship, 9:00 a.m.
Pie Social, After Worship
Vocal Choir, 6:00 p.m.
Bell Choir, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 24
Adult Bible Study,1:00 p.m.
Boy Scouts, 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 25
Thankgiving Eve Worship, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 26
Office Closed - Happy Thanksgiving!

Sunday, November 29
First Sunday of Advent
Sacrament of Holy Baptism
Worship, 9:00 a.m.
Greening of the Church, After Worship
Vocal Choir, 6:00 p.m.
Bell Choir, 7:00 p.m.

LOOKING AHEAD

West of 55 - Christmas Potluck, December 8
Children's Christmas Program, December 13
Lessons and Carols, December 27



ADVENT begins next Sunday, November 29

Once again, you are invited to join us Wednesday evenings beginning December 2 as we gather for our **Advent Midweek Soup Suppers and worship**!

This year's Advent theme is **"Bless This Waiting."** We'll share a meal together at 5:30 p.m., followed by our Light of the World evening vespers service at 6:30 p.m. Come enjoy a warm bowl of soup, meaningful fellowship, and a time of worship as we prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ. **There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex to help provide and serve soup one of the evenings**. We look forward to sharing this special Advent journey together!

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