ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
November 8, 2026
9:00 a.m.

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements and Prayer Concerns

Temple Talk on Reaching: God's World — Zella Oswald, Cindy Gruett, Thomas Stoyke

Confession and Forgiveness

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin and our need for God's grace.
Gracious God, **you call us to reach beyond ourselves and share your love with the world. Yet we sometimes turn inward, overlook the needs of our neighbors, and hesitate to offer the gifts you have given us. We become comfortable with what we know and forget that your love is meant for all people. Forgive us, renew our hearts, and open our eyes to the people and places where you are calling us to serve.**
Hear the good news! God's love reaches farther than we can imagine. Through Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, and set free to love our neighbors. Nourished by God's grace, we are sent into the world to share hope, practice compassion, and make Christ's love known. Thanks be to God! **Amen.**

Gathering Song "We All Are One In Mission" *(hymn)* **576** vv. 1-2

[1]We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.
A single great commission compels us from above
to plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.

[2]We all are called for service, to witness in God's name.
Our ministries are diff'rent; our purpose is the same:
to touch the lives of others with God's surprising grace,
so ev'ry folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.

Call to Worship and Prayer of the Day

God has planted us in this place and grown us in faith.
Now God calls us to reach beyond these walls and share Christ's love with the world.
We are blessed by God's grace and strengthened by the Spirit.
We are sent to serve our neighbors, offer hope, and care for all of creation.
Come, let us worship the God who calls us, equips us, and sends us into the world.
With grateful hearts, we worship God and share Christ's love with joy!
Let us pray. Gracious and sending God, **you call us to be a blessing to the world and to share the love we have received through Jesus Christ. Open our eyes to the needs of our neighbors, strengthen us to serve with compassion, and guide us as we offer our gifts for the good of others. May our lives and our ministries reach beyond these walls, bringing hope, healing, and the good news of your love wherever you send us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

First Reading—Genesis 12:1-3

[1]Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. [2]I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. [3]I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation (page) 151

Gospel—Matthew 28:16-20

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

[16]Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. [17]When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. [18]And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. [19]Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name

of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit [20]and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." *The Gospel of the Lord.* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Sermon
Sermon
Hymn of the Day "Here I Am, Lord" *(hymn)* **574** vv. 1-2

[1]"I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"

Refrain
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

[2] "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"

Apostles' Creed (page) 127

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

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

Offering
Offering Music
Offering Prayer
Generous God, you have blessed us with your love and called us to share it with the world. Receive these gifts, along with our time and talents, and use them to reach our neighbors near and far. Strengthen our ministries, guide our service, and help us bring hope and compassion wherever you send us. May all we offer reflect your abundant grace and continue sharing Christ's love with joy. In Jesus' name, **Amen.**

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

Great Thanksgiving and Words of Institution (page) 152
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 Blessing
Prayer after Communion
Gracious God, thank you for nourishing us at your table and filling us with the love of Christ. As we have received your grace, send us out to share it with the world. Open our hearts to our neighbors, strengthen us to serve with compassion, and guide us to use our gifts for the good of others. May we carry the hope of Christ wherever we go and continue sharing Christ's love with joy. In Jesus' name, **Amen**.

Benediction

Sending Song "Let's Go Out!"

Let's go out into the world and make it a loving place to live.
Let's go out into the world and tell everyone the Savior lives.
Let's go out!
Let's go out!
And make it a loving place to live.
Let's go out!
Let's go out!
And tell everyone the Savior lives.
Let's go out!

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; **Our Youth**, our Worship Assistants; **Frank & Katie Edwards**, our Ushers; **Kimberly Bahls**, serving in the Prayer Room; **Jeanne Richards**, our Organist; **Kim Clark**, our accompanist; **Chris Timmons** our A/V Tech; **Harper Timmons** on Altar Guild; **Katie Edwards and Lisa Fashner**, our Offering Counters; **Mackenzie Cole** for providing 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, friend of Janelle Albee; Ron Fraley; Kathy, sister of Ron Rozeske; Julie, family of Pat Miska; Mick Byl; Jim Rauner; Aiden, nephew of Jeff and Pam Heaton; Kimberly Bahls; Adley; Karen Chapin; Dawn (friend of Cindy Gruett), Molly (friend of Ciny Gruett); Tracy (daughter in law of Wendy Krona); Jeremy and Paige; all who serve in the military; Shelby; Tom; and all law enforcement personnel.

Announcements and Ministry Opportunities

Flowers today are provided by Bruce Spangler in honor of Nancy's birthday. The flower sign up sheet is on the wall in the narthex. Thank you for signing up!

Refreshments today are provided by Frank & Katie Edwards. The sign up sheet is on the table in the narthex. Thank you for signing up!

Advent Midweek Soup Suppers & Worship. 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!

Next Sunday, November 15, is Commitment Sunday! As we continue our annual stewardship journey, "Rooted. Growing. Reaching." Commitment Sunday is our opportunity to respond with gratitude for all that God is doing in and through our congregation. **You will receive your 2027 Estimate of Giving Card in the mail this week.** Please prayerfully consider your estimate of giving for 2027 and bring your completed card forward with your offering next Sunday. As we give thanks for the rootedness of our faith, the growth of our community, and the reach of our ministries, we celebrate the many ways God is working through our congregation.

Pass the Torch: Member Sharing Workshops. We're excited to introduce "Pass the Torch," a new series of workshops designed to give our members an opportunity to share their wisdom, hobbies, skills, and knowledge with the rest of us! We'll kick off the series on **Sunday, November 15, at 10:30 a.m.** in the Fellowship Hall, with **Tom Miller leading a helpful conversation about our Church Endowment fund, Estate Planning, and Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) as additional ways to support the ministry and mission of our congregation.** This will be an opportunity to learn more about ways to give back to our church, ask questions, and explore how thoughtful financial and estate planning can help support future generations of ministry. While especially helpful for our senior members, everyone is welcome! Come learn, share, and discover how we can pass the torch of faith and generosity to those who follow.

Tanzania Scholarship Update: Thank You for Your Generosity!

What an incredible expression of generosity!
Our congregation received a total of **$6,925** in gifts for student scholarships in our partner congregations of Mtera and Migoli in Tanzania. That is enough to sponsor **15 students for an entire year of education!**

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MIGOLI & MTERA PARISHES

What a wonderful way to live out our stewardship theme today, **Reaching: God's World!** Through your generosity, we are reaching beyond our own community, sharing Christ's love, and helping provide opportunities for children to learn and grow. Thank you, so much (Asante, sana!!) for making a difference in the lives of these students and their families. Your generosity truly makes a difference!





West of 55 Community Meal Service. West of 55 will once again serve at the Zion Lutheran Church Community Meal tommorow, **Monday, November 9.** Carole England for more information.

Christmas is coming and the Christmas Program Rehearsal is upon us! For all kids and youth from age 3 to 6th grade. If you can't make all the rehearsals reach out to Pastor Carrie. Wednesdays, November 11 and 18, 6:15 to 7 p.m. and Wednesdays, December 2 and 9, 5:45 to 6:15 p.m. **The program is Sunday, December 13 at 9 a.m.**

Thanksgiving Eve Worship. Join us on **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, for our annual Greening of the Church. Many hands are needed to help decorate our sanctuary and narthex for the Christmas season. Whether you can help for a few minutes or stay a little longer, your hands and joyful spirit are welcome.

Monthly Financial Stewardship Update

Through September 30, 2026	Actual
General Fund Offering Received	$174,521.00
Total Revenue Received	$221,861.00
Total Expenses	$216,208.00
Net Revenue	$5,654.00

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

The Week Ahead

Sunday, November 8
Rooted. Growing. Reaching.
Stewardship Journey
Worship, 9:00 a.m.
Wild Faith/Explorers, 10:00 a.m.
Vocal Choir, 6:00 p.m.
Bell Choir, 7:00 p.m.

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Tuesday, November 10
Adult Bible Study, 1:00 p.m.
Boy Scouts, 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 11
The Table, 5:45 p.m.
Confirmation & High School Youth, 6:15 p.m.
Christmas Program Rehearsal, 6:15 p.m.

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LOOKING AHEAD

Thanksgiving Eve Worship - November 25
Advent Begins - November 29
Greening of the Church - November 29



Rooted. Growing. Reaching.

Our Fall Stewardship Journey



God has planted us here, continues to grow us as a community of faith, and sends us out to share Christ's love with the world! Join us for our five-week stewardship journey as we reflect on God's generosity and how we can respond through our gifts, our service, and our giving.

October 25 | ROOTED: Our Place
Where has God planted us?
Caring for our church home and the foundation of our ministry.

November 1 | GROWING: Our Community
What is God growing among us?
Nurturing our faith, relationships, staff, and ministries.

November 8 | REACHING: God's World
Where is God sending us?
Sharing Christ's love through local and global outreach.

November 15 | RESPONDING: Commitment Sunday
How will we respond to God's generosity?
Prayerfully considering our commitments for the coming year.

November 22 | CELEBRATING: Thank You Sunday (with pie!)
What has God done among us?
Giving thanks for God's faithfulness and the generosity of our congregation.

As we begin this new chapter in the life of our church, we celebrate all that God has done and look forward with hope to what comes next. Through prayer, reflection, and generosity, each of us has a part to play in our shared ministry. Together, we are **rooted** in God's grace, **growing** in community, and **reaching** into God's world!

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