



St. Paul Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

"In Jesus' name, Do justice, Love kindness, Walk humbly with God."

St. Paul is an open, affirming, and inclusive church, welcoming all who seek God.

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25th Sunday after Pentecost

November 11, 2018



The Power of a Penny

Welcome to St. Paul

Visiting today? We are glad you are here!

Stop by the Welcome Center and receive a sweet gift.

- Please write your name and other information on the yellow welcome card.
- There are multiple areas and resources designed for children to participate in worship according to their needs, including but not limited to: a Children's Message at the start of worship, Rainbow Bags with quiet toys, and an attended Nursery on the lower level of the building for 0 to 3-year-olds. Additional info about resources for parents and kids is on the "Children at St. Paul Wheaton" laminated page posted at the outside aisle-end of your pew.
- Assisted listening headphones are available for those having difficulty hearing.
- Members, please wear your name tag. Extras are located in the pew racks.

About Worship

We follow an ancient pattern through the *liturgy* (which literally means "the work of the people"). Some parts of the service may change each week, but there is a consistent flow: praising God, hearing God's word, offering our prayers and gifts, celebrating communion, and being sent into the world for service. The format remains fairly constant, but the style will vary widely. Sometimes we sing with the pipe organ, and the ministers chant. Sometimes we worship accompanied by piano, guitars, drums, violins, flutes — or whatever our folk play. We range from Bach to blues, because we know that different styles connect to different people. So we all worship together, and change the style every few weeks. It's one of the ways we minister to and with each other and build community. Thank you for being part of our worship and community today!

**At the asterisk, stand as you are able.*

P: Presiding Minister A: Assisting Minister L: Lector C: Congregation

ELW (Evangelical Lutheran Worship) page numbers are printed in the lower corners in the front portion of the hymnal. Hymn numbers are large numbers printed beside hymn titles in the rest of the book.

Serving Today

<u>Presiding Minister</u> Rev. Jared Olson	<u>Crucifer/Acolytes</u> 8:30 Will Richards, Hans and Grayson Therron 11:00 Bethany Huber, Victoria and John Tarpeh	<u>Greeters</u> 8:30 Kim Diehl, Grant Eckhoff 11:00 Beth Baumgardner, Julie & Steve Braun
<u>Assisting Minister</u> Demetrios Pappageorge	<u>Bread Host</u> 8:30 John & Lori Whitnell 11:00 Carolyn Lukens	<u>Altar Care</u> Carolyn Lukens, Ginny Harms, Jan Reed
<u>Director of Music</u> Dr. Tony Payne	<u>Sound Board</u> 8:30 Ron Mertzlufft 11:00 Julie Braun	<u>Welcome Center</u> 8:30 Nancy Carlson 11:00 Pat Pape
<u>Pianist</u> Alex Michalak	<u>Ushers</u> 8:30 Grant Eckhoff, Ann Holmstrom, Brian Keys, Al LaMar 11:00 Mike Michalak, Pete Pohl, Anthony Tarpeh, Marilyn Sodergren	<u>Fellowship</u> Jean Nass, Deana Sons
<u>Communion Deacon</u> 8:30 Greg Born 11:00 Terry Kohn		<u>Counters</u> Dan Marsh, Diana Lee & Terrie Troxel, Anna Shindler
<u>Lector</u> 8:30 Stacie Pierce 11:00 Karen Edwards		

Preparing to Worship

Prelude

*I Want Jesus to Walk With Me
Christians, We Have Met To Worship*

Thomas Kerr

Welcome

Pastor Jared

Children's Sermon

Dana King

***Entrance Hymn:**

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

ELW 712



1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser-vice bore the weight of hu-man need,
2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry cry for bread;
3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, till your love's re-veal-ing light
4 Called by wor-ship to your ser-vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up-on the cross, for-sak-en, worked your mer-cy's per-fect deed:
still the cap-tives long for free-dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up-on our quick-ened sight,
to the child, the youth, the a-ged, love in liv-ing deeds to show;



we, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a-lone, but heart;
As you, Lord, in deep com-pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,
hope and health, good-will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give,



con-se-crat-ing to your pur-pose ev-'ry gift which you im-part.
by your Spir-it send your pow-er to our world to make it whole.
stir-ring us to ar-dent ser-vice, your a-bun-dant life to share.
that your ser-vants, Lord, in free-dom may your mer-cy know and live.

Gathering Together in Worship

***Confession and Forgiveness**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,

C: **Amen.**

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.

P: In 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.

C: Amen.

***Hymn of Praise**

Now the Feast and Celebration

ELW 167

Refrain
Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion
sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;
praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has
Refrain
freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.

2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and
Refrain
glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of
 God; to make all things new.

***Prayer of the Day**

P: O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Responding to the Word of God

Lesson

1 Kings 17:8-16

The Word of God as written in 1 Kings:

⁸The word of the Lord came to [Elijah,] saying, ⁹“Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” ¹⁰So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.” ¹¹As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” ¹²But she said, “As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.” ¹³Elijah said to her, “Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth.” ¹⁵She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Acclamation**

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

L: The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³⁸As [Jesus] taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, ³⁹and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! ⁴⁰They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

⁴¹He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴²A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Pastor Jared

*Hymn of the Day

God Whose Giving Knows No Ending

ELW 678



1 God, whose giv-ing knows no end-ing, from your rich and end-less store:
2 Skills and time are ours for press-ing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
3 Trea-sure, too, you have en-trust-ed, gain through pow'rs your grace con-ferred;



na-ture's won-der, Je-sus' wis-dom, cost-ly cross, grave's shat-tered door,
all at peace in health and free-dom, rac-es joined, the church made one.
ours to use for home and kin-dred, and to spread the gos-pel word.



gift-ed by you, we turn to you, of-f'ring up our-selves in praise;
Now di-rect our dai-ly la-bor, lest we strive for self a-lone;
O-pen wide our hands in shar-ing, as we heed Christ's age-less call,



thank-ful song shall rise for-ev-er, gra-cious do-nor of our days.
born with tal-ents, make us ser-vants fit to an-swer at your throne.
heal-ing, teach-ing, and re-claim-ing, serv-ing you by lov-ing all.

***Apostles' Creed**

A: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostle's Creed.

**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.**

***Prayers of the People**

After each petition of the prayers,

A: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

***Passing the Peace**

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

C: And also with you.

P: Let us share the peace.

Offering

Music During Offering

(8:30) *Walk through the Valley in Peace*

Douglas E. Wagner

Performed by the St. Paul Choir

(11:00) *Blessed Assurance* performed by Alex Michalak

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Refrain

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.
1 As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when
may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Refrain

*Offertory Prayer

A: God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.

C: Amen.

Sharing the Eucharistic Meal

*The Great Thanksgiving

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 our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right . . . join their unending hymn.

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

*Eucharistic Prayer

P: Lord, hear us as we pray...

*The Lord's Prayer

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

The Distribution of Communion

The body and blood of Christ are present in this sacrament, for the forgiveness of sin and the strengthening of faith. All people are welcome to share in this meal. Parents, if you have a young child who receives communion, please indicate that when the minister comes to you. Those who do not receive communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing; simply keep your hands folded. Come forward and receive the bread from the minister. Gluten-free wafers are available. The gold chalice contains wine; you may drink directly from the cup or dip your bread into the wine. The pottery chalice contains non-alcoholic grape juice, which you may receive by dipping your bread into the juice. Return to your seat by the side aisles.

If you would like communion brought to you, simply let an usher know.

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Agnus Dei



Lamb of God, you take a way - the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us,
break the chains of ha - tred and fear:
are the way of jus - tice and peace:
are the way of mer - cy and love:

mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the
world grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

Hymn During Communion:

Blessed Assurance

ELW 638



- 1 Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! Oh, what a fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine!
- 2 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, vi - sions of rap - ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav - ior am hap - py and blest,



Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of God, born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.
an - gels de - scend - ing bring from a - bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.
watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove, filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

Refrain



This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long:



this is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

*Post-Communion Prayer

- A: Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C: **Amen.**

Going Out into the World Sent by God

Announcements

*Benediction

P: Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever,

C: Amen.

*Sending Hymn:

The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

ELW 538

En - via - do soy de Dios, mi ma - no lis - ta_es - tá
The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give,

pa - ra cons-truir con él un mun - do fra - ter - nal.
to make of all the earth a bet - ter place to live.

Los án - ge - les no son en - via - dos a cam - biar
The an - gels are not sent in - to our world of pain

un mun - do de do - lor por un mun - do me - jor;
to do what we were meant to do in Je - sus' name;

me ha to - ca - do a mí ha - cer - lo rea - li - dad.
that falls to you and me and all who are made free.

A - yú - da - me, Se - ñor, a_ha - cer tu vo - lun - tad.
Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will to - day.

*Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Jesus Shall Reign

Raymond H. Hana

