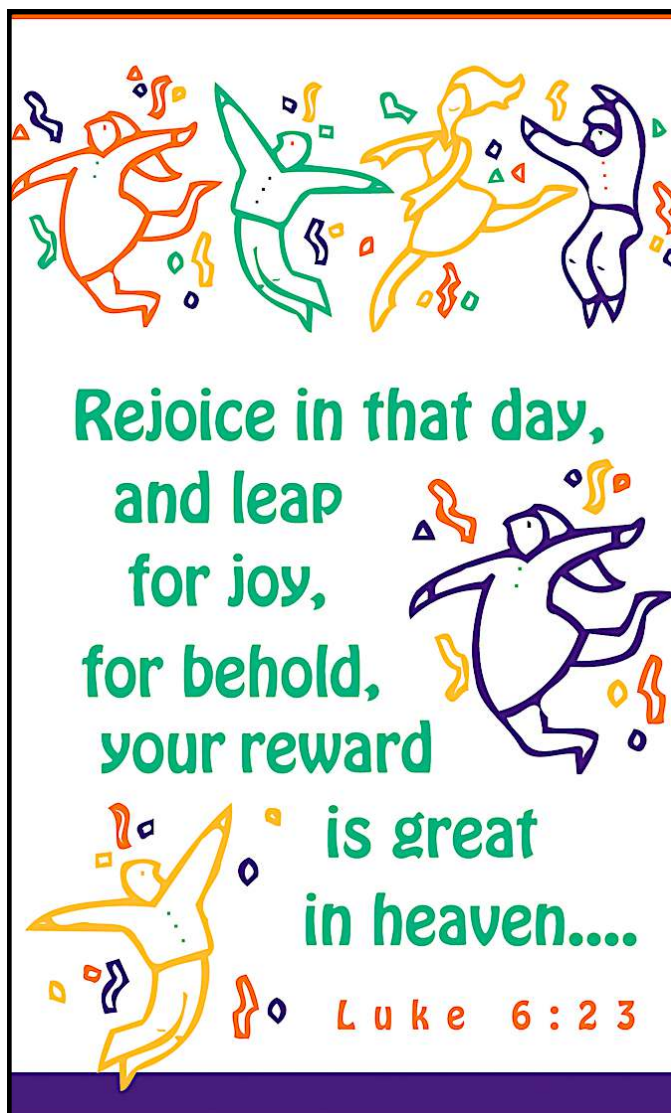


ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

– CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION –
LAKEWOOD, COLORADO



**3RD SUNDAY OF END TIMES
(SAINTS TRIUMPHANT)
NOVEMBER 18, 2018**

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ORDER OF WORSHIP: SERVICE OF THE WORD

(printed on liturgy insert inside front cover of maroon hymnal)

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 118 (pew bible, p.544)
- ◆ The Hymns: 677 (1-6), 666, 680 (1-4), 680 (5)
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Hebrews 10:11-18, John 5:25-29
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: From Psalm 16

Sermon Text – Daniel 12:1-4

DANIEL'S PROPHECY CONCERNING THE END TIMES

1. A time of great distress.
2. A time of spectacular deliverance.
3. A time to increase in Bible knowledge.

- ◆ Offering of Our Hearts and Gifts
- ◆ Prayers & the Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Benediction & Closing Hymn (680, stanza 5)

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VISITORS, WELCOME! The members of St. Paul are pleased to meet you and are happy that you are here to worship with us today. We are a congregation committed without reservation to the entire truth of God's Word, the Bible. We have found joy and hope in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We have found moral guidance, a way of life, and the promise of eternal life in the Holy Scriptures. It gives us pleasure to share these blessings with you. Please sign our guest book and come worship with us again!

TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

First Lesson – Hebrews 10:11-18

Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God. Since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool, because by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy. The Holy Spirit also testifies to us about this. First he says: "This is the covenant I will make with them after that time, says the Lord. I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds." Then he adds: "Their sins and lawless acts I will remember no more." And where these have been forgiven, there is no longer any sacrifice for sin.

Psalm of the Day – From Psalm 16

P Keep me safe, O God:

C For in you I take refuge.

P I said to the Lord, "You are my Lord:

C Apart from you I have no good thing."

P As for the saints who are in the land:

C They are the glorious ones in whom is all my delight.

P Lord, you have assigned me my portion and my cup:

C You have made my lot secure.

P The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places:

C Surely I have a delightful inheritance.

P Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices:

C My body also will rest secure,

P Because you will not abandon me to the grave:

C Nor will you let your Holy One see decay.

P You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence:

C With eternal pleasures at your right hand.

Second Lesson – John 5:25-29

I tell you the truth, a time is coming and has now come when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear will live. For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son to have life in himself. And he has given him authority to judge because he is the Son of Man. Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice and come out—those who have done good will rise to live, and those who have done evil will rise to be condemned.

Sermon Text – Daniel 12:1-4

"At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people—everyone whose name is found written in the book—will be delivered. Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever. But you, Daniel, close up and seal the words of the scroll until the time of the end. Many will go here and there to increase knowledge."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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| Today (11/18) | 8:30 am | Choir Practice |
| | 9:30 am | Worship Service |
| | 10:45 am | Sunday School (Daniel in the Lion's Den, OT 56) |
| | 10:45 am | Bible Class downstairs |
| Thurs | 9:30 am | Thanksgiving Day Worship |
| Sun (11/25) | 9:30 am | Worship Service |
| | 10:45 am | Sunday School (Zacharias, NT 1) |
| | 10:45 am | Bible Class |

EXTENDED CALENDAR

- Children's Christmas Eve Service Practices: Dec.1,8,15,22 (10:00–11:30 am)
- Christmas Decorating: Sunday, Dec.2
- Christmas Potluck: Sunday, Dec.9
- Christmas Baskets Preparation: Sunday, Dec.9
- Children's Christmas Eve Service: Monday, Dec.24, 6:30 pm
- Christmas Day Service: Tuesday, Dec.25, 9:30 am
- New Year's Eve Communion Service: Monday, Dec.31, 7 pm

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP: This Thursday at 9:30 am.

CHOIR PRACTICE SCHEDULE: Sunday, Nov.18, 8:30 am
Sunday, Dec.2,16,23, 8:30 am

SERVING US AT GOD'S HOUSE DURING NOVEMBER

- Ushers: Wayne Ruegge, Joshua Ruegge
- Elder: Don Claeys
- Communion Assistant: Larry Reed

IN OUR PRAYERS: Jim Langdon, son-in-law of Kathy Soucek, who has been battling cancer for some time and whose time of grace appears to be drawing to a close.

*While I draw this fleeting breath, When mine eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown, See Thee on Thy judgment-throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee!*

THE FLOWERS ADORNING THE ALTAR this morning were given in loving memory of Norbert Janssen, husband of Willa Mae and father of Jo Blakey, who was received into the joys of the Church Triumphant on November 24, 2006.

*For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confess,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest, Alleluia!*

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR HOME DEVOTIONS
NOVEMBER 19-24

Mon Isaiah Chs. 45-48 The Book of Ezra notes that Cyrus happened to be the king of Persia when God wanted His people repatriated to Canaan. It took seventy years for them to learn (the hard way) that dissing God will boomerang. How so? Because the LORD God is going to be the winner in every contest with heathenism, idolatry, and rebellion. Read chs. **45-48**.

Tues Isa. 49:1-13 The capital letters on *Me* and *My* point out that Jesus is the person who pledged Himself to serve/save Israel. That was His purpose even before the Spirit conceived Him in Mary. His destiny was to be *a Light to the Gentiles and salvation to the ends of the earth*. **Ch. 50** gives us a few Lenten details, and **ch. 51** sounds the alarm: *Wake up* before it's too late!

Wed Isaiah knew that Jesus would be the sin-bearing Servant of God, and the news was so startling that few could believe it (**52:13-53:1**). Jesus would be rejected and brutalized (**53:2-3**)—which all served His destiny of being the sinners' Substitute (4-9). Jesus willingly suffered torture and an agonizing death because that was the only successful way to atone for our iniquities and transgressions. (A big debt requires a big payment.)

Thurs The Jews' seventy-year exile was a *mere moment* on God's calendar and a *mere taste of His wrath* (in contrast to His *great mercies and ever-lasting kindness*, **54:7-8**). . . and not as disastrous as the Flood (9). What's the lesson? *Seek the LORD while He may be found*, for He is waiting . . . waiting to welcome you home (**55:3-7**). *Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out!* (Romans 11:33). He is wise and powerful enough to get the job done (8-9), and His Word is His bond (10-13). Let us give thanks to our God!

Fri Since humanity had proved helpless, God rolled up His sleeves and put His muscle to the job of bringing salvation (**59:15-17**). God has solemnly promised that the Redeemer would come (20-21), and His new Day would dawn on this dismal planet. Hallelujah! Epiphany Light has come (**60:1-6**).

Sat Ch. 61 attunes us to God's gospel proclamation, and Jesus said it loud and clear: "Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing" (Luke 4:18-21). Other echoes reverberate in the hymns of Zacharias (Luke 1:68-79) and Simeon (Luke 2:29-32). **Ch. 63** posits the question: '*Who is this who comes from Edom, All His raiment stained with blood?*' Our answer: "'Tis the Savior, now victorious, trav'ling onward in His might; Tis the Savior; Oh, how glorious to His people is the sight!" (TLH #209). **Ch. 65** reviews the good news, and in **ch. 66** we find ourselves *rejoicing with Jerusalem and being glad with her*, for with redeeming love God has graciously brought us home, too. Amen!

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