

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church

– Church of the Lutheran Confession –
Lakewood, Colorado



**He who testifies to
these things says,
"Surely I am
coming soon."
Amen.
Come, Lord Jesus!
Revelation 22:20**

**2nd Sunday of End Time – Last Judgment
November 6, 2022**

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Serving Us At God's House Today

Organist: Suzannah Miller; Ushers: Wayne & Zachary Ruegge
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Pre-Service Meditation and Prayer

Psalm 98 (pew bible, page 533)

*Open now Thy gates of beauty, Zion, let me enter there,
Where my soul in joyful duty Waits for Him who answers prayer.
Oh, how blessed is this place, Filled with solace, light, and grace!*

A Warm Welcome to Our Worship Guests. It is our prayer that your faith is strengthened today by the preaching of our Lord's pure Word and by the psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs that our Scripture-based liturgy offers every week. St. Paul is a member of the Church of the Lutheran Confession (CLC). The CLC is represented by congregations throughout the United States and Canada, with affiliated churches in Africa, India, and neighboring nations. All of our churches confess the Bible to be the inspired and unerring Word of God. We invite our Guests to record their visit by signing the Guestbook and to come worship with us again.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

+++ **We Prepare to Meet Our Lord** +++

Opening Hymn

527 – *O Savior, Precious Savior*

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.




Our Confession of Sins

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord.


C 
Who made heav'n and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C 
And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P/C **O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended You. I justly deserve Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for my sins and sincerely repent of them. I pray that You would of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C 
A - men.

+++ We Praise Our Lord +++

Psalm of the Day

From Psalm 37

P Do not fret because of evil men:

C **Or be envious of those who do wrong.**

P For like the grass they will soon wither:

C **Like green plants they will soon die away.**

P Commit your way to the LORD:

C **trust in him and he will do this:**

P He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn,

C **The justice of your cause like the noonday sun.**

P Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him:

C **Do not fret when men carry out their wicked schemes.**

P A little while, and the wicked will be no more:

C **Though you look for them, they will not be found.**

P The Lord laughs at the wicked:

C For he knows their day is coming.

P The LORD'S enemies will be like the beauty of the fields:

C They will vanish—vanish like smoke.

P Wait for the LORD and keep his way. He will exalt you to inherit the land:

C When the wicked are cut off, you will see it.

P The salvation of the righteous comes from the LORD:

C He is their stronghold in time of trouble.

P He delivers them from the wicked and saves them,

C Because they take refuge in him.

P Glory be to God!



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, for - ev - er - more. A - men.

Kyrie



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Congregation sings:

**Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son,
Glory be to God the Spirit: Great Jehovah, Three in One!
Glory, glory, While eternal ages run!**

**Glory be to Him who loved us, Washed us from each spot and stain;
Glory be to Him who bought us, Made us kings with Him to reign!
Glory, glory, To the Lamb that once was slain!**

[LSB 506:1-2]

P Let us pray:



A - men.

+++ Our Lord Speaks to Us in His Word +++

First Lesson – Jeremiah 26:1-6

1 Early in the reign of Jehoiakim son of Josiah king of Judah, this word came from the LORD: 2 “This is what the LORD says: Stand in the courtyard of the LORD’S house and speak to all the people of the towns of Judah who come to worship in the house of the LORD. Tell them everything I command you; do not omit a word. 3 Perhaps they will listen and each will turn from his evil way. Then I will relent and not bring on them the disaster I was planning because of the evil they have done. 4 Say to them, ‘This is what the LORD says: If you do not listen to me and follow my law, which I have set before you, 5 and if you do not listen to the words of my servants the prophets, whom I have sent to you again and again (though you have not listened), 6 then I will make this house like Shiloh and this city an object of cursing among all the nations of the earth.’”

P Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and treasure it. Alleluia!



Second Lesson – Luke 29:11-27



11 While they were listening to this, he went on to tell them a parable, because he was near Jerusalem and the people thought that the kingdom of God was going to appear at once. 12 He said: “A man of noble birth went to a distant country to have himself appointed king and then to return. 13 So he called ten of his servants and gave them ten minas. ‘Put this money to work,’ he said, ‘until I come back.’ 14 But his subjects hated him and sent a delegation after him to say, ‘We don’t want this man to be our king.’ 15 He was made king, however, and returned home. Then he sent for the servants to whom he had given the money, in order to find out what they had gained with it. 16 The first one came and said, ‘Sir, your mina has earned ten more.’ 17 “‘Well done, my good servant!’ his master replied. ‘Because you have been trustworthy in a very small matter, take charge of ten cities.’ 18 The second came and said, ‘Sir, your mina has earned five more.’ 19 His master answered, ‘You take charge of five cities.’ 20 “Then another servant came and said, ‘Sir, here is your mina; I have kept it laid away in a piece of cloth. 21 I was afraid of you, because you are a hard man. You take out what you did not put in and reap what you did not sow.’ 22 His master replied, ‘I will judge you by your own words, you wicked servant! You knew, did you, that I am a hard man, taking out what I did not put in, and reaping what I did not sow? 23 Why then didn’t you put my money on deposit, so that when I came back, I could have collected it with interest?’ 24 Then he said to those standing by, ‘Take his mina away from him and give it to the one who has ten minas.’ 25 ‘Sir,’ they said, ‘he already has ten!’ 26 He replied, ‘I tell you that to everyone who has, more will be given, but as for the one who has nothing, even what he has will be taken away. 27 But those enemies of mine who did not want me to be king over them—bring them here and kill them in front of me.’”



Our Confession of Faith

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. \diamond And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. \diamond And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn

513 – *The Clouds of Judgment Gather*

Sermon

Text – 2 Thessalonians 1:1-10

1 Paul, Silas and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: 2 Grace and peace to you from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 3 We ought always to thank God for you, brothers, and rightly so, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love every one of you has for each other is increasing. 4 Therefore, among God's churches we boast about your perseverance and faith in all the persecutions and trials you are enduring. 5 All this is evidence that God's judgment is right, and as a result you will be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are suffering. 6 God is just: He will pay back trouble to those who trouble you 7 and give relief to you who are troubled, and to us as well. This will happen when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with his powerful angels. 8 He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. 9 They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the majesty of his power 10 on the day he comes to be glorified in his holy people and to be marveled at among all those who have believed. This includes you, because you believed our testimony to you.

God Is Just! On the World's Final Day ...

1. He will punish those who do not believe.
2. He will welcome believers into His glorious presence.

+++ We Offer Ourselves to Our Lord +++

Offertory



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spi-rit with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Your pres-ence, and take not Your Ho-ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Your sal - va -
tion; and up - hold me with Your free spir-it. A - men.

Offering of Thankful Hearts / Altar Prayer

Hymn


563 – *Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness*

+++ Our Lord Gives Himself to Us +++

P The Lord be with you.

C 
And with your spir - it.

P Lift up your hearts.

C 
We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C 
It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly fitting, right, and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in His name, there He is with them to shepherd His flock till He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising God and saying:

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
 heav'n and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
 Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is He,
 bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that comes in the name of the Lord.
 Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est!

Sabaoth (SAH-bay-oath) is Hebrew for "heavenly hosts"
Hosanna is a Hebrew word of praise meaning "save us now"

P (The Lord's Prayer)

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For Thine is the kingdom and the pow'r and the
 glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

Words of Institution

P The peace of the Lord be with you always!

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A - men.
 O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the
 world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, the Lamb of God, You
 take a - way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.
 O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the

world, grant us Your peace. A - men.

Distribution of the Sacrament

Lord, Now Let Us Depart

Lord, now let Your servant de - part in peace ac -
 cord - ing to Your word, for my eyes have seen Your salvation,
 which You have pre - pared be - fore the face of all people.
 A light to light - en the Gen - tiles, and the glo - ry of Your
 peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
 to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost, as it was in the beginning,
 is now, and ev - er shall be, for - ev - er - more. A - men.

Thanksgiving

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

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and His mercy endures for - ev - er.

P We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us with this holy supper. We implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

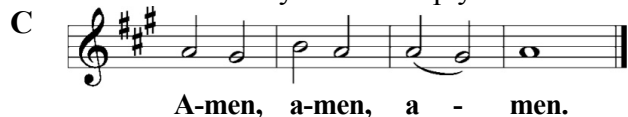
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+++ Our Lord Blesses Us +++

Benediction

P The LORD bless you and keep you . . .



Closing Hymn

921 – *On What Has Now Been Sown*

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This Week at St. Paul

Today (11/6)	8:30 am	Elders' Meeting
	9:30 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	10:45 am	Bible Class & Sunday School
Sun (11/13)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Bible Class & Sunday School

Extended Calendar

- * Thanksgiving Day Worship: Thursday, Nov.24, 9:30 am
- * Christmas Decorating: Sunday, Nov.27, 10:45 am
- * Christmas Meal & Baskets Prep: Sunday, Dec.4, 10:45 am
- * Children's Christmas Eve Service: Saturday, Dec.24, 6:30 pm
- * Christmas Day Worship: Sunday, Dec.25, 9:30 am
- * New Year's Eve Communion Service: Saturday, Dec.31, 7:00 pm

Basket Items: The Mary & Martha Ladies Group is planning to prepare Christmas baskets again this year for sharing with various St. Paul members and friends. If you have non-perishable food items you would like to donate, please bring them to church by Sunday, November 27. A list of donations needed is posted on the board in the church entry. (We are planning to prepare five baskets this year.) Cash or check donations for purchasing items are welcome too. These may be given to ladies' treasurer, Crystal Ruegge. Thank you!

Kinship Sponsorship: The Mary & Martha Ladies Group is supporting a new seminary student at the Mt. Horeb Lutheran Bible Institute in Lomé, Togo (Africa). The student's name is Jac Adossi. He is one of eight students currently attending this seminary. The annual cost for Jac's support is \$360 which is due in January. All members of St. Paul are welcome to give a donation for this cause. You may do so by ...

- Placing your gift in your St. Paul Offering Envelope (use the "Other Local Purpose" line on the left and write "Mary/Martha Kinship" on the "specify" line), or by
- Placing your gift in a plain envelope labeled "Mary/Martha Kinship" and dropping it in the collection plate.

Donations made with a check should be made payable to "St. Paul Lutheran Church." Write "Mary/Martha Kinship" on the memo space.

Call News: Pastor Dave Naumann of St. John's Ev. Lutheran, Clarkston WA, and Peace Lutheran, Orofino ID, has returned the call to serve as the CLC's Third Foreign Missionary.

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

November 7-12 '22

Mon Luke 6:20-23 Man looks on the outward appearance, and sees the poor, the hungry, the weeping, the hated. Jesus has a forward look which even now brings great joy. “Blessed are you!” As we approach the end of another year, may it be with the forward look, “for behold, your reward is great in heaven” (v23).

Tues Hebrews 11:32-40 The saints of old did great things and suffered great things, but the distinguishing mark in all of them was their forward-looking faith in Christ, the gift with more promise than anything else in the world.

Wed Revelation 21:1-6 When God came to see our first parents in the Garden of Eden (Gn3), they hid from Him in fear, but in the new heaven and new earth, God’s dwelling place is with mankind, and His presence brings joy and every blessing in Christ, the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end (cp22:13).

Thurs Luke 20:27-38 Jesus was approached by some who thought the promise of resurrection was foolishness, and tried to make it look so with an extended example of a widow remarrying. Jesus points out that the resurrection we look forward to is to a new life, not the same world we left behind. To show that there is a resurrection, He quotes from Moses to show that even after the patriarch believers had died, the Lord at the burning bush called Himself their God.

Fri Revelation 22:1-5 The angel shows John the new heaven and earth using images which the Scriptures and our present life have made familiar to us: a river, the water of life, bright as crystal, the throne of God, the Lamb, the tree of life, worshipers belonging to God the original source of light (cpGn1:3).

Sat Isaiah 65:17-25 The prophet looks forward to a world in which the taint of sin and all its effects are no more to be found. This is the kingdom of God and of His Christ, which shall continue to be a joy forever, free from all hurt and destruction, says the Lord! (v 25)