

# St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church

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LET US REJOICE AND EXULT AND GIVE  
HIM THE GLORY, FOR THE MARRIAGE  
OF THE LAMB HAS COME, AND HIS  
*Bride has made herself ready*

REVELATION 19:7

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**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of End Time – Saints Triumphant – November 19, 2023**

## **Order of Worship – Service of the Word**

Find today's order of worship printed on the liturgy insert tucked inside the front cover of the maroon *Lutheran Service Book* (in the hymnal rack). Large print copies of the order of worship and worship bulletin are on the shelf under the tract rack (or speak to an usher who will be happy to share them with you).

*Serving Us At God's House Today*

Organist: Lisa Sprengeler

Ushers: Mark Hartmeister, Ed Chiappetti

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 115 (pew bible, p.543)
- ◆ Today's Hymns: 677 (1-6), 515, 672 (1-3), 672 (4)
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Isaiah 52:1-10, Matthew 25:1-13
- ◆ Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

### **Sermon Text – Revelation 19:1-9**

#### **Theme – "Victory Is Coming for All the Saints"**

1. The defeat of God's enemies will be devastating.
2. The celebration of the saints will be massive.
3. We will join in singing loud Hallelujahs.

- ◆ Offering of Thankful Hearts
- ◆ Altar Prayer & Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Benediction
- ◆ Closing Hymn (672, stanza 4)

## Today's Scriptures

**First Lesson** – Isaiah 52:1-10

*The Lord's Coming Salvation*

1 Awake, awake, put on your strength, O Zion; put on your beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city; for there shall no more come into you the uncircumcised and the unclean. 2 Shake yourself from the dust and arise; be seated, O Jerusalem; loose the bonds from your neck, O captive daughter of Zion. 3 For thus says the LORD: “You were sold for nothing, and you shall be redeemed without money.” 4 For thus says the Lord GOD: “My people went down at the first into Egypt to sojourn there, and the Assyrian oppressed them for nothing. 5 Now therefore what have I here,” declares the LORD, “seeing that my people are taken away for nothing? Their rulers wail,” declares the LORD, “and continually all the day my name is despised. 6 Therefore my people shall know my name. Therefore in that day they shall know that it is I who speak; here I am.” 7 How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, “Your God reigns.” 8 The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the LORD to Zion. 9 Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem. 10 The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

### **Psalm of the Day – From Psalm 84**

P How lovely is your dwelling place:

**C O LORD of hosts!**

P My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD:

**C My heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.**

P Blessed are those who dwell in your house:

**C Ever singing your praise!**

P Blessed are those whose strength is in you:

**C In whose heart are the highways to Zion.**

P They go from strength to strength:

**C Each one appears before God in Zion.**

P O LORD of hosts:

**C Blessed is the one who trusts in you!**

## **Second Lesson – Matthew 25:1-13**

## *The Parable of the Ten Virgins*

1 “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. 3 For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, 4 but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. 5 As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. 6 But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ 7 Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. 8 And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ 9 But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ 10 And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. 11 Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ 12 But he answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ 13 Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

## **Sermon Text – Revelation 19:1-9**

## *Rejoicing in Heaven*

1 After this I heard what seemed to be the loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, crying out, “Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God, 2 for his judgments are true and just; for he has judged the great prostitute who corrupted the earth with her immorality, and has avenged on her the blood of his servants.” 3 Once more they cried out “Hallelujah! The smoke from her goes up forever and ever.” 4 And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who was seated on the throne, saying, “Amen. Hallelujah!” 5 And from the throne came a voice saying, “Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, small and great.” 6 Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out, “Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. 7 Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready; 8 it was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure”— for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints. 9 And the angel said to me, “Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.”

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**A Warm Welcome** to visitors here with us this morning. We hope that you have benefited from the service, as much as we have enjoyed your company. We worship our Savior because of His grace and mercy for sinners. Come worship with us regularly, as we hear and receive and take the Gospel — the forgiveness of sin — getting it as from the mouth of God Himself, for it is His Word.

### **This Week at St. Paul**

Today (11/19)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Bible Class & Sunday School
Wed	7:00 pm	Thanksgiving Eve Service
Sun (11/26)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Bible Class & Sunday School

### **Extended Calendar**

- Christmas Decorating: Sunday, Dec.3, 10:45 am
- Choir Practices: Sunday, Dec.10,17,24, 8:30 am
- Christmas Potluck & Baskets Prep: Sunday, Dec.10, 10:45 am
- Children's Christmas Eve Service: Sunday, Dec.24, 6:30 pm
- Christmas Day Worship: Monday, Dec.25, 9:30 am

**Remember in Your Prayers:** Jesse Cornish Sr. (father of Jesse Cornish Jr.) who was diagnosed with an aggressive form of cancer. He is under hospice care at a skilled nursing facility in Mankato, Minnesota. <> Marilyn Best (sister of Bob Rankin) who is receiving treatment for Covid a hospital in Loveland <> Ruth Claeys who is recovering at home from a mild stroke. <> May the Great Physician of Souls continue to sustain and keep them spiritually as well as physically.

**A Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service** is scheduled for this Wednesday at 7:00 pm. Come, and invite a friend!

**A Thanksgiving Display** has been arranged on the altar in recognition of the myriad of blessings God has showered on us in His grace throughout the past year. You are invited to add to the display by jotting down on a slip of paper blessings you are thankful for and placing it on the altar. Paper and pens for this purpose may be found on the shelf under the tract rack. *"Count your blessings, name them one by one. Count your many blessings, see what God has done."*

## Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

### November 20-25

**Mon John 10:23-30** Unbelief sometimes pretends that Jesus has not claimed to be the Christ of God. Jesus points to His works in addition to His Word. Both show that it is He who gives eternal life and is one with God the Father.

**Tues 1 Thessalonians 5:14-24** As Jesus' works testified that He is the Christ (Jn10:25), so the works that God accomplishes in the sanctified lives of His believers also glorify the Son and the Father who sent Him.

**Wed Psalm 39** As we approach the end of another year, we are reminded again of the brief time allotted to us in this life. Those suffering afflictions also face similar thoughts. In this short life, God's enduring goodness remains the source of our solid hope (v7).

**Thur John 6:24-29** We have so much more to be thankful for than the food which spoils (v27). We also have Him on whom God has placed His seal of approval and who is worthy of our trust and thanks for all eternity.

**Fri 2 Corinthians 9:6-11** The apostle calls upon us to show God's generosity toward us by being generous to others. Because His grace overflowed to us, it will overflow to others through us, resulting in the thanksgiving of many.

**Sat Psalm 34:2-9** David invites us to proclaim the greatness of the Lord with him. That greatness consists in His being a Refuge at all times, and letting us taste His sweet deliverance. Thanks be to God!

## Psalm 100

A Psalm for giving thanks.

- 1 Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!
- 2 Serve the LORD with gladness!  
Come into his presence with singing!
- 3 Know that the LORD, he is God!  
It is he who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
- 4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
and his courts with praise!  
Give thanks to him; bless his name!
- 5 For the LORD is good;  
his steadfast love endures forever,  
and his faithfulness to all generations.

Enter  
his gates  
with  
thanksgiving...

Psalm 100:4

