

# St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church

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**Last Sunday of End Time – Christ the King – November 26, 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, Wayne Ruegge

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 45 (pew bible, p.503)
- ◆ Today's Hymns: 793, 420 (1-4), 525 (1-4), 525 (5)
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Ezekiel 34:11-16,23-24; 1 Corinthians 15:20-28
- ◆ Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

### **Sermon Text – Matthew 27:27-31**

#### **Theme – "Lent in November" ("Christ the King Crucified for Me")**

- ◆ Offering of Thankful Hearts
- ◆ Altar Prayer & Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Benediction
- ◆ Closing Hymn (525, stanza 5)

## Today's Scriptures

**First Lesson – Ezekiel 34:11-16,23-24**

*The Lord God Will Seek Them Out*

11 “For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. 12 As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. 13 And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. 14 I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. 15 I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. 16 I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice. | 23 And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. 24 And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken.

**Psalm of the Day – From Psalm 47**

P Clap your hands, all peoples!:

**C Shout to God with loud songs of joy!**

P For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared:

**C A great king over all the earth.**

P He subdued peoples under us:

**C And nations under our feet.**

P He chose our heritage for us:

**C The pride of Jacob whom he loves.**

P Sing praises to God, sing praises!:

**C Sing praises to our King, sing praises!**

P For God is the King of all the earth:

**C Sing praises with a psalm!**

**Second Lesson – 1 Corinthians 15:20-28***Death itself will be destroyed*

20 But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. 21 For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. 23 But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. 24 Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. 25 For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. 26 The last enemy to be destroyed is death. 27 For “God has put all things in subjection under his feet.” But when it says, “all things are put in subjection,” it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. 28 When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

**Sermon Text – Matthew 27:27-31***Christ the King is mocked*

27 Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor’s headquarters, and they gathered the whole battalion before him. 28 And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, 29 and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on his head and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” 30 And they spit on him and took the reed and struck him on the head. 31 And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him and led him away to crucify him.

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**This Week at St. Paul**

Today (11/26)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Bible Class & Sunday School
Tue	9:00 am	Pastor Study Conference at Loveland
Sun (12/3)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Christmas Decorating

**Extended Calendar**

- 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:** The family of Jesse Cornish Sr., father of Jesse Jr., who was called home to heaven last Friday. <> The family of Richard Eastridge, son of Ethel Eastridge, who was taken from them by death a week ago Wednesday. <> Wilma Oldfield, grandmother of Crystal Ruegge. She is under hospice care (in Arizona) for lung cancer. <> Ruth Claeys who is recovering at home from a stroke. <> Ed Chiappetti who is still dealing with a broken foot. It is likely he will require further surgery. <> *"The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much" (James 5:16).*

**Current Bible Class Topic:** Discussion of the new CLC Board of Missions Overview video. It provides information about our church's domestic missions, our overseas mission efforts in Africa and Asia, the Kinship program, and the recent Mission Helper Trip to Nepal.

## Synod News & Notes

- ❖ The Board of Regents announces the following nominations to fill the professorship vacated by the impending retirement of Professor Mark Kranz at the end of the 2023-24 academic year: Neil Bernthal, Jeff Karnitz, Joshua Ohlmann, Dan Roehl, Seth Schaller, Steve Sydow, Matthew Thurow, Paul Tiefel III, and Matthew Ude. In addition, the following and only person has been nominated for the office of President of Immanuel Lutheran College: Daniel Schierenbeck. The term of the ILC President's call is for two years, extending to the end of Academic Year 2026. All comments from members of CLC congregations regarding these candidates are to be received by email or letter no later than midnight January 2, 2024 (letters postmarked December 23, 2023) to: Mr. James Burkhardt; 217 Windy Lane; Rockwall, TX 75087; email: jeb6217@yahoo.com.
- ❖ Pastor Timothy Daub of Prince of Peace, Hecla SD, will be sending out a “Martin Luther Advent Calendar” each morning Dec.1-24 via e-mail. Each devotion provides a window into the Christmas season around the Luther household and how many of our own traditions find their roots in the Reformer’s passion to teach and live the Gospel. If you would like to be added to the e-mail list, contact him at: pastor\_daub@hotmail.com.
- ❖ Applications are still being accepted for the 2024 CLC Mission Helper Trip to Africa (Kenya/Uganda, Tanzania, Zambia). Application deadline: January 16. Find more information and apply online at [www.mht.lutheranmissions.org](http://www.mht.lutheranmissions.org).
- ❖ Call News: Teacher Daniel Barthels of Gethsemane Lutheran School, Saginaw MI, has announced that he is retiring from the teaching ministry effective July 1, 2024. <> Pastoral vacancies currently exist at Immanuel Lutheran, Mankato MN (second pastor), and Calvary Lutheran, Marquette / St. Peter's Lutheran, Iron River MI (dual parish). <> There is one vacancy on the faculty of Immanuel Lutheran College due to the retirement of Professor Kranz.

## Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

### November 27 – December 2

**Mon John 5:19-29** Jesus answers those who fault Him for “making himself equal to God” by pointing out that it is not His doing, but the Father’s. The Father has entrusted to the Son the power to judge and to bring people “from death to life” (v24).

**Tues Hebrews 10:32-39** The Hebrews writer reminds believers how the Lord brought them through fierce persecution. They have every reason, therefore, to remain confident that “the one who is coming will come and will not delay” (v37).

**Wed Job 14:1-5** As we approach the end of another year, we are reminded of the shortness of this earthly life. Truly our days are numbered, but what a blessing to know that the number has been set by God (v5), who loves us.

**Thur Luke 12:35-43** Blessed are the servants who are watching when their master returns. So may we be kept alert and ready by His Word. And may we share that Word of Life with others.

**Fri Revelation 7:9-17** John does not spell out the details of the tribulation in which God’s people found themselves during their earthly life. What is emphasized is that the Lord brought them all out of those times to sing before His throne!

**Sat Isaiah 35:3-10** When hands are weak and knees are shaky, remember that God in Christ comes to the rescue. He brings relief from all kinds of afflictions (eyes, ears, tongues, limbs), and everlasting joy will crown your head (v10).