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23rd Sunday after Pentecost (3rd Sunday of End Time)

November 16, 2025 – Saints Triumphant

A Warm Welcome in Christ to our Worship Guests! We are glad for the opportunity to share with you the Gospel of forgiveness through Jesus. Please introduce yourself to the pastor and sign our guest book. We invite you to come worship with us again. If you would like to know more about St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church and our national organization, the Church of the Lutheran Confession, please speak with the pastor. He will be happy to call on you to share our confession and mission with you.

Today's Order of Worship is "Divine Worship Setting 1," as printed in the liturgy pamphlet distributed by the ushers. The service is based on pages 12-21 in *Worship Supplement 2000* (tan hymnal). Please leave your copy of the liturgy pamphlet in the pew after the service concludes or drop it into the designated box in the foyer so that it may be used in future services. Thank you.

Serving Us Today
Organist Suzannah Miller
Ushers Mike Sprengeler, John Sprengeler

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 89:1-16 (pew bible, page 528)
- ◆ Today's Hymns: 527, 677 (1-6), 666, 671
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: Psalm 150
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Isaiah 65:17-25, Luke 20:27-38

Sermon



Text – 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Theme – *"Comfort for All Grieving Saints"*

1. In Christ's resurrection.
2. In His return.
3. In the reunion.

(a CLC Ministry by Mail Sermon)

*The Scripture Lessons, Psalm of the Day, and
Sermon Text are printed on the following pages.*

Today's Scriptures



First Lesson – Isaiah 65:17-25

The Glorious New Creation

17 “For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; and the former shall not be remembered or come to mind. 18 But be glad and rejoice forever in what I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem as a rejoicing, and her people a joy. 19 I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in My people; the voice of weeping shall no longer be heard in her, nor the voice of crying. 20 “No more shall an infant from there live but a few days, nor an old man who has not fulfilled his days; for the child shall die one hundred years old, but the sinner being one hundred years old shall be accursed. 21 They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. 22 They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for as the days of a tree, so shall be the days of My people, and My elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands. 23 They shall not labor in vain, nor bring forth children for trouble; for they shall be the descendants of the blessed of the LORD, and their offspring with them. 24 “It shall come to pass that before they call, I will answer; and while they are still speaking, I will hear. 25 The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent’s food. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain,” says the LORD.



Psalm of the Day – Psalm 150

Let Everything Praise the LORD

- P Praise the LORD! Praise God in His sanctuary:
C **Praise Him in His mighty firmament!**
P Praise Him for His mighty acts:
C **Praise Him according to His excellent greatness!**
P Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet:
C **Praise Him with the lute and harp!**

P Praise Him with timbrel and dance:
C **Praise Him stringed instruments and flutes!**
P Praise Him with loud cymbals?:
C **Praise Him with clashing cymbals!**
P Let everything that has breath praise the LORD!
C **Praise the LORD!**



Second Lesson – Luke 20:27-38

The Sadducees Ask Jesus About the Resurrection

27 Then some of the Sadducees, who deny that there is a resurrection, came to Him and asked Him, 28 saying: “Teacher, Moses wrote to us that if a man’s brother dies, having a wife, and he dies without children, his brother should take his wife and raise up offspring for his brother. 29 Now there were seven brothers. And the first took a wife, and died without children. 30 And the second took her as wife, and he died childless. 31 Then the third took her, and in like manner the seven also; and they left no children, and died. 32 Last of all the woman died also. 33 Therefore, in the resurrection, whose wife does she become? For all seven had her as wife.” 34 Jesus answered and said to them, “The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage. 35 But those who are counted worthy to attain that age, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry nor are given in marriage; 36 nor can they die anymore, for they are equal to the angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection. 37 But even Moses showed in the burning bush passage that the dead are raised, when he called the Lord “the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.’ 38 For He is not the God of the dead but of the living, for all live to Him.”



Sermon Text – 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

The Comfort of Christ’s Coming

13 But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring

with him those who have fallen asleep. 15 For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. 16 For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. 18 Therefore encourage one another with these words. [ESV]

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This Week at St. Paul

Today (11/16)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
Sun (11/23)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School & Adult Bible Class

Extended Calendar

- Thanksgiving Day Service: Thursday, November 27, 9:30 am
- Christmas Decorating: Sunday, November 30 (after church service)
- Christmas Potluck: Sunday, December 7 (after the service)
- Gift bags assembly: Sunday, December 14 (after the service)
- Christmas Bible School: Saturday, Dec. 20, 9 am to 2 pm (*see note below*)
- Christmas Eve Service: Wednesday, December 24, 6:30 pm
- Christmas Day Service: Thursday, December 25, 9:30 am
- New Year's Eve Com. Service: Wednesday, December 31, 6:30 pm

In Our Prayers: Today we offer a prayer of thanks to God for His grace in having brought Doug Tiefel safely through back surgery last Wednesday. He is now convalescing at home and will be in recovery there for a number of weeks. ◇ Let us also remember in our prayers fellow members Ruth Claeys, Mark Hartmeister, and Jerry Wamboldt, that the Lord would continue to keep them in His gracious care.

Kinship Seminary Student Sponsorship: The St. Paul Mary & Martha group continues to sponsor our African seminary student. Our sponsorship is an annual fee of \$600 & is always due in January. We already have \$200 toward this effort. If you would like to help, please put your donation in the offering plate marked “Mary & Martha Kinship”. Anything helps!! Thank you!!

Shut-In Gift Bags: The St. Paul Mary & Martha group has started collecting items for Christmas gift bags for our shut-ins. We are collecting for 6 people this year & will assemble the bags on December 14. If you would like to contribute to this effort there is a list of suggested items on the bulletin board. We request no perishable or fresh fruit items. There is a box on the kitchen counter marked “Shut-Ins” & you can put your donation in the box anytime. Thank you so much!

Christmas Bible School: We are making plans to host a one-day "Christmas Bible School" here at St. Paul on Saturday, December 20, for children ages Kindergarten through 6th Grade. Hours of the school: 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. More details, and advertising flyers for sharing with friends and neighbors, will be made available soon. Stay tuned.



Children’s Christmas Eve Service Rehearsals are planned for the following dates: Sunday, Nov 30, Dec 7, 14, 21 (after the worship service).

Synod News & Notes

The November CLC World Missions Prayer List, provided by Missionary Todd Ohlmann, is available in the tract rack. You may also view it at: missionaryohlmann.blogspot.com. Please read and remember, with thanks to God: *"The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much"* (James 5:16). Missionary Ohlmann has also provided a QR code (at right) that you can scan that will take you to the [online version](#) of the prayer list.



Missionary Bruce Naumann posted a new update to his Tanzania mission blog on October 28, which you can see here: clc-tz.blogspot.com

Des Moines Iowa Inaugural Service Report: "We were blessed in many ways at our first Des Moines service yesterday, first of all we were blessed with your prayers for the Lord's blessings on our endeavors -- thank you all very much! Second -- the weather proved useable -- it did snow a bit on Saturday, but the roads stayed decent, and Sunday dawned cold and windy, yes, but clear. We were blessed with fellowship around the Word -- there were 29 in attendance at the service -- the majority of whom are living there in the Des Moines area. We are looking forward to a second service in the middle of January 2026" (from Pastor Paul Krause).

Informational Leaflets: We recently received leaflets which publicize the CLC's "EduK8 Fund" which is used to help establish and maintain Christian Day Schools in sister CLC congregations. So far this fund has been used to help with funding and/or startup of Christian Day Schools in Madison Heights (Detroit area) MI (Mt. Zion Lutheran), Valentine NE (Grace Lutheran), and Middleton (Madison) WI (Peace Thru Christ Lutheran). If you would like information about what you can do to help this cause, pick up one of the EduK8 leaflets from the tract rack.

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Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

November 17-22

Mon John 15:18-21 If the world hates us on account of Christ, we couldn't be in better company! They hated Him first, and we are reminded that He will be with us always, even to the end of the world!

Tues Revelation 3:1-6 James pointed out that faith without works is dead (Jms 2:17), and the Lord sees the church at Sardis is dying. His desire is that they awaken and join the few who still walk with Him in white.

Wed 2 Chronicles 32:1-21 Hezekiah prepares for the Assyrian siege, but encourages his people that God is greater than any enemy (v7). The Assyrians scoff at the name of the Lord, and He defends His name.

Thurs Proverbs 24:13-22 The wicked attack the righteous, but they will stumble. Do not be happy in their fall, for God is not. Do not be jealous of wicked people or associate with the rebellious, who court disaster.

Fri Matthew 25:14-30 Jesus pictures the judgment as a man settling accounts with his servants. Entrusted with different amounts, all who made use of their talents received the same "well done!"

Sat Revelation 20:11-15 Near the end of the church year, we remember the promised judgment at Christ's return. Saved by grace through faith, the blessed are known by the fruits that their faith produced.