

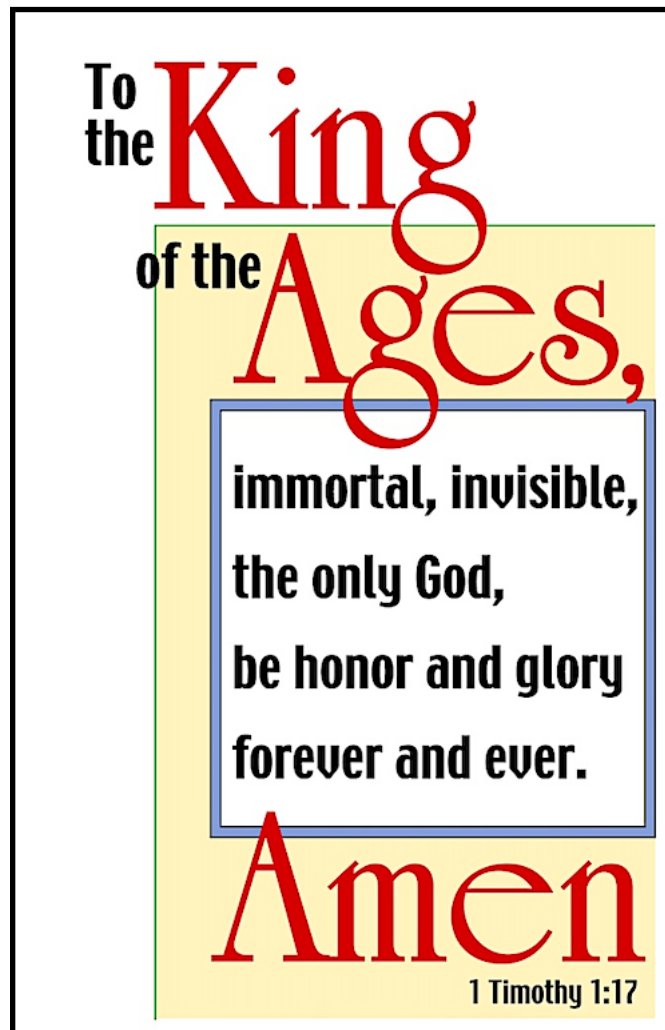
# **St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church**

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**24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (Last Sunday of End Time)**  
**November 23, 2025 – Christ the King**

**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 Carly Mess  
Ushers Mike Sprengeler, John Sprengeler

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 145 (pew bible, page 557)
- ◆ Today's Hymns: 549, 538, \*757, 348

*\*printed in tan hymnal*

- ◆ Psalm of the Day: Psalm 98
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Jeremiah 23:1-6, Colossians 1:13-20

### **Sermon**



**Text – Luke 23:35-43**

**Theme – *"The Criminal Sees the King"***

1. A King whom the world cannot see.
2. A King who will take him into Paradise.

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

## Today's Scriptures



### First Lesson – Jeremiah 23:1-6

#### *The Branch of Righteousness*

1 “Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of My pasture!” says the LORD. 2 Therefore thus says the LORD God of Israel against the shepherds who feed My people: “You have scattered My flock, driven them away, and not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for the evil of your doings,” says the LORD. 3 “But I will gather the remnant of My flock out of all countries where I have driven them, and bring them back to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and increase. 4 I will set up shepherds over them who will feed them; and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, nor shall they be lacking,” says the LORD. 5 “Behold, the days are coming,” says the LORD, “That I will raise to David a Branch of righteousness; a King shall reign and prosper, and execute judgment and righteousness in the earth. 6 In His days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell safely; now this is His name by which He will be called: THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS. 7 “Therefore, behold, the days are coming,” says the LORD, “that they shall no longer say, ‘As the LORD lives who brought up the children of Israel from the land of Egypt,’ 8 but, “As the LORD lives who brought up and led the descendants of the house of Israel from the north country and from all the countries where I had driven them.’ And they shall dwell in their own land.”



### Psalm of the Day – Psalm 98

#### *A Song of Praise to Our King for His Salvation and Judgment*

P Oh, sing to the LORD a new song!:  
C **For He has done marvelous things.**  
P The LORD has made known His salvation:  
C **His righteousness He has revealed in the sight of the nations.**  
P He has remembered His mercy and His faithfulness to the house of Israel:  
C **All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**  
P Shout joyfully to the LORD, all the earth:  
C **Break forth in song, rejoice, and sing praises.**  
P Sing to the LORD with the harp:  
C **With the harp and the sound of a psalm.**  
P Shout joyfully before the LORD, the King:

**C For He is coming to judge the earth.**  
**P With righteousness He shall judge the world:**  
**C And the peoples with equity.**

## **Second Lesson – Colossians 1:13-20**

### *The Preeminence of Christ Our King*

13 He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, 14 in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins. 15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. 17 And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. 18 And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence. 19 For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell, 20 and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.

## **Sermon Text – Luke 23:35-43**

### *The King on a Cross*

35 And the people stood looking on. But even the rulers with them sneered, saying, “He saved others; let Him save Himself if He is the Christ, the chosen of God.” 36 The soldiers also mocked Him, coming and offering Him sour wine, 37 and saying, “If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself.” 38 And an inscription also was written over Him in letters of Greek, Latin, and Hebrew: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS. 39 Then one of the criminals who were hanged blasphemed Him, saying, “If You are the Christ, save Yourself and us.” 40 But the other, answering, rebuked him, saying, “Do you not even fear God, seeing you are under the same condemnation? 41 And we indeed justly, for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong.” 42 Then he said to Jesus, “Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.” 43 And Jesus said to him, “Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise.”

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

Today (11/23)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
Thurs (11/27)	9:30 am	Thanksgiving Day Worship Service
Sun (11/30)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Children's Christmas Eve Rehearsal
	10:45 am	Christmas Decorating

## **Extended Calendar**

- Christmas Potluck: Sunday, December 7 (after the service)
- Gift bags assembly: Sunday, December 14 (after the service)
- Christmas Bible School: Sat., 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:** We ask the Lord for His continuing gracious care for our fellow members Ruth Claeys, Mark Hartmeister, Doug Tiefel, and Jerry Wamboldt.

**Pastoral Call:** I have been led to return the call to Trinity Lutheran Church in Spokane. Please remember Trinity Congregation in your prayers, as well other CLC congregations that have a pastoral vacancy, asking the Lord to supply them with a spiritual shepherd soon, according to His perfect wisdom and timing.

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

**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 5-12. Hours: 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Advertising flyers for sharing with friends and neighbors are available in the tract rack. Help yourself!



### Synod News & Notes

**Call News:** Pastor Ben Libby of Redeemer Ev. Lutheran Church, Cheyenne, WY, has received the call to Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ. Pastor Libby has also received the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI, to be their third pastor. <> Five pastoral vacancies currently exist: at Phoenix AZ, Red Wing MN, Spokane WA, Appleton WI, and Eau Claire WI.

**Mission Helper Trip:** The CLC Mission Helper Program is making preparations for another Mission Trip to Africa for the summer of 2026. The main focus of this trip will be presenting the Gospel, through a series of child evangelism lessons, to member and non-member children in village congregations. Possible areas of evangelism include the CLC-Tanzania, CLC-Kenya, CLC-Zambia, and CLC-Uganda. CLC members are welcome and encouraged to apply. For more information and to apply, visit [www.mht.lutheranmissions.org](http://www.mht.lutheranmissions.org).

**National Women's Retreat:** Before your 2026 calendar begins to fill up, we want you to mark your calendars and get ready to *Press Pause* with women across the country!

- **What:** Press Pause for the National Women's (Virtual) Retreat 2026
- **When:** Saturday, January 31, 2026 // 9:00 am – 11:00 am (Pacific Time)
- **How:** Join us virtually via Zoom
- **Cost:** Free event – all are welcome!
- **Register now:** <https://tinyurl.com/PressPause26>

**The November CLC World Missions Prayer List**, provided by Missionary Todd Ohlmann, is available in the tract rack. 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](http://clc-tz.blogspot.com)

## Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

### November 24-29

**Mon Mark 12:18-27** Jesus, heading to the agony of the cross, knows the Scriptures and the power of God, who will raise Him on the third day. The Sadducees, with all their reasoning, are badly mistaken.

**Tues Revelation 3:14-22** The church in Laodicea is so comfortable with their material wealth that they are unaware of their spiritual poverty, and their great need for Christ's robe of righteousness.

**Wed 2 Chronicles 34:14-28** The reformation in King Josiah's day begins when the priest Hilkiah finds the Book of the Law with its judgments on those transgressing it. In their trouble they turn to the Lord.

**Thurs Luke 12:15-21** *Thanksgiving* – The Father who showers us with material blessings is worthy of our thanks everyday. But Christ makes us “rich toward God,” giving blessings even when material things are gone.

**Fri Matthew 25:31-46** Looking to the Day of Judgment, we see the sheep and goats divided before any deeds are mentioned. Neither group see their deeds, for the sheep are looking to their Shepherd's deeds.

**Sat Revelation 21:1-4** What could be more joyful than God's dwelling place being with people forever and the absence of all those things that plague us in this present world: death, sorrow, crying, and pain?