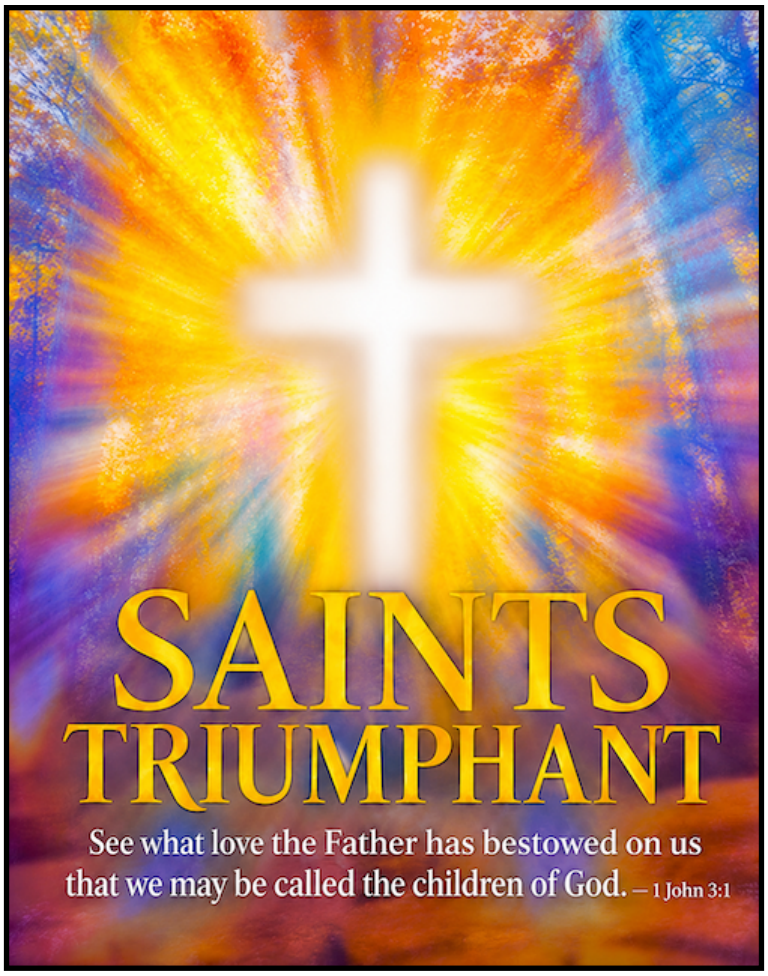


25th Sunday after Pentecost
(3rd Sunday of End Time – Saints Triumphant)
November 15, 2026

Welcome to

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church
Lakewood, Colorado

To Our Worship Guests a special welcome in Jesus' Name. The members of St. Paul are pleased to meet you and happy that you are here to worship with us today. We are a congregation committed without reservation to the entire truth of God's Word, the Bible. We have found joy and hope in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We have found moral guidance, a way of life, and the promise of eternal life in the Holy Scriptures. It gives us pleasure to share these blessings with you. Please sign our guest book and come worship with us again! Questions? Please speak with one of the ushers. They will be happy to assist you!

Opening Prayer

Hymn

LSB 672 (1-3) – *"Jerusalem the Golden"*

The Invocation

P: Welcome ... in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen. *(spoken)*

Confession of Sins & Announcement of Forgiveness

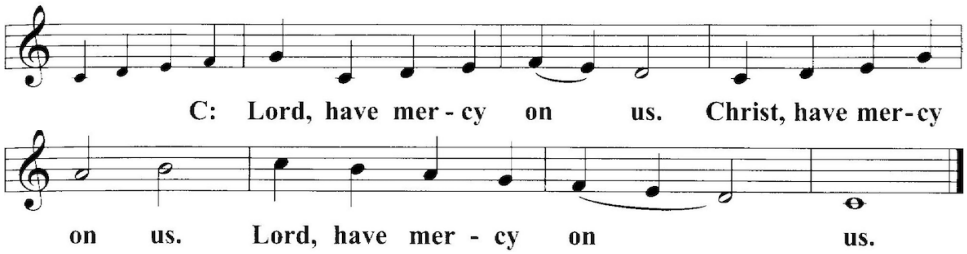
P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.
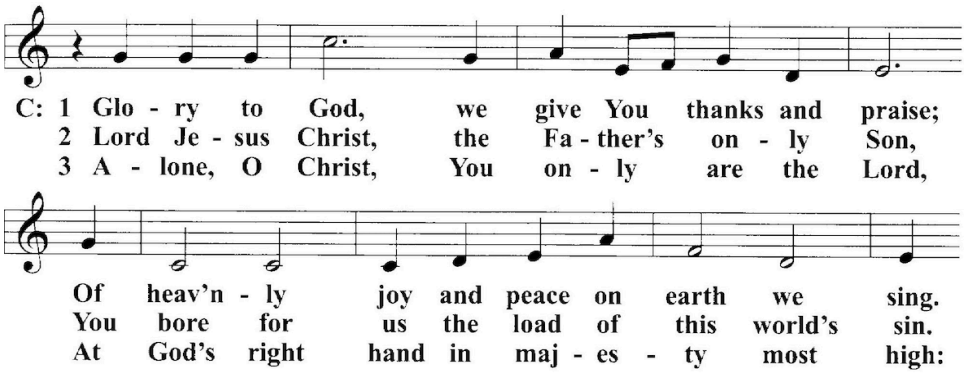
P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.
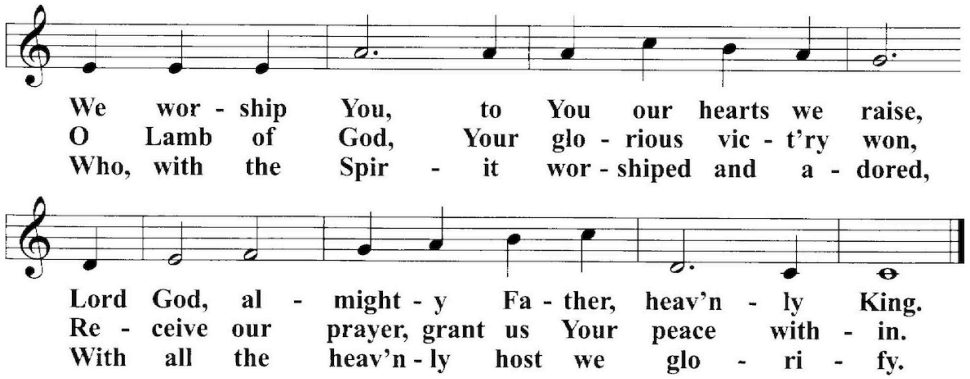
C: Amen. *(spoken)*

Lord, Have Mercy *The Kyrie*



Glory to God in the Highest *The Gloria in Excelsis*





Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray: … through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen. *(spoken)*

First Lesson – 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

13 But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. 15 For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. 16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. 18 Therefore comfort one another with these words.

Psalm of the Day – Psalm 84

P: How lovely is Your tabernacle:

C: O LORD of hosts!

P: My soul longs, yes, even faints:

C: For the courts of the LORD.

P: Blessed is the man whose strength is in You:

C: Whose heart is set on pilgrimage.

P: Blessed are those who dwell in Your house:

C: They will still be praising You.

P: For a day in Your courts is better:

C: Than a thousand elsewhere

P: I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God:

C: Than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

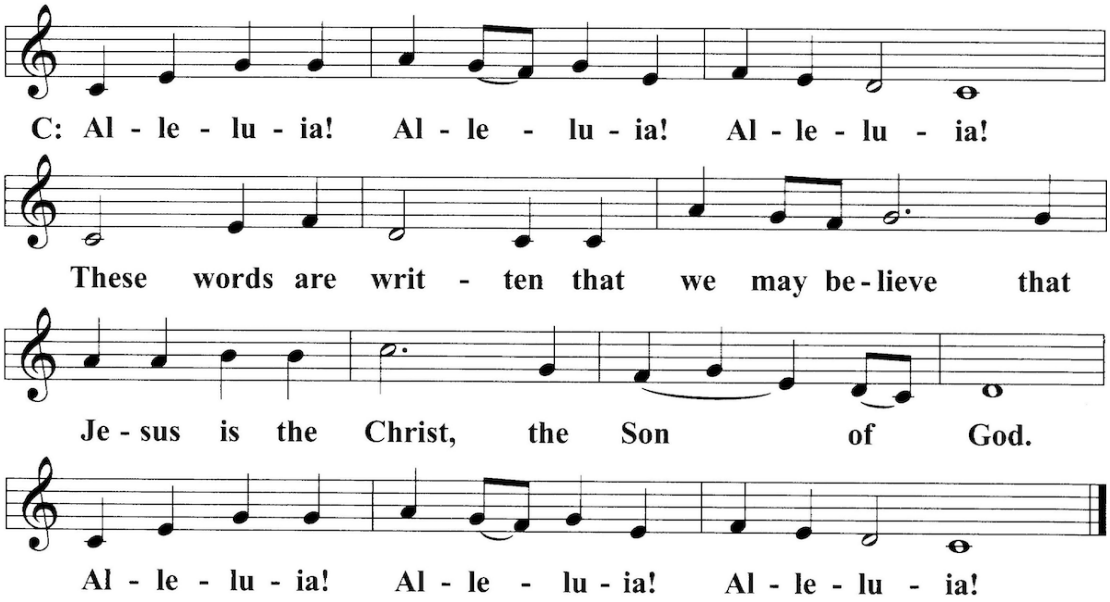
P: O LORD of hosts:

C: Blessed is the man who trusts in You!

Second Lesson – Matthew 25:1-13

1 “Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and
went out to meet the bridegroom. 2 Now five of them were wise, and five were foolish. 3
Those who were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them, 4 but the wise took oil
in their vessels with their lamps. 5 But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all
slumbered and slept. 6 “And at midnight a cry was heard: ‘Behold, the bridegroom is
coming; go out to meet him!’ 7 Then all those virgins arose 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, “No, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go
rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.’ 10 And while they went to buy, the
bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door
was shut. 11 “Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, Lord, open to us!’ 12
But he answered and said, “Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ 13 “Watch
therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming.

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



Confession of Faith – The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn of the Day

LSB 515 – *"Rejoice, Rejoice Believers"*

Sermon, based on Isaiah 52:1-6

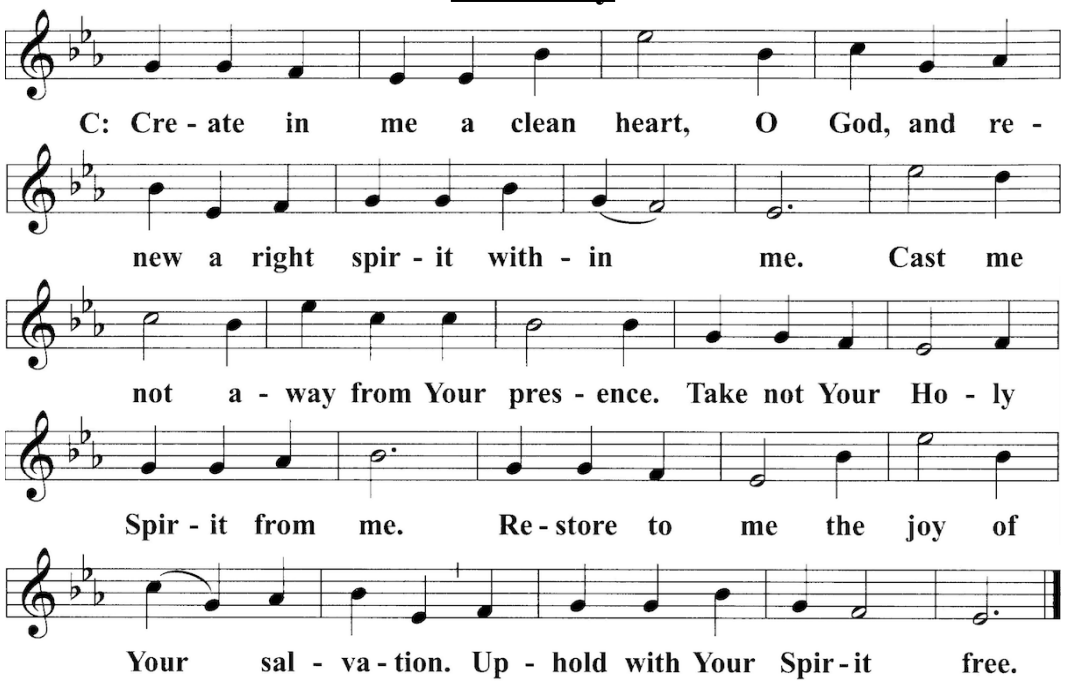
What Does Victory Look Like for "Zion"?

It means:

1. We are victors *right now* over our enemies: sin, death, Satan.
2. We *will* triumph *on the Last Day* over all the troubles of this life.

1 Awake, awake! Put on your strength, O Zion; put on your beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city! For the uncircumcised and the unclean shall no longer come to you. 2 Shake yourself from the dust, arise; sit down, O Jerusalem! Loose yourself from the bonds of your neck, O captive daughter of Zion! 3 For thus says the LORD: "You have sold yourselves for nothing, and you shall be redeemed without money." 4 For thus says the Lord GOD: "My people went down at first into Egypt to dwell there; then the Assyrian oppressed them without cause. 5 Now therefore, what have I here," says the LORD, "that My people are taken away for nothing? Those who rule over them make them wail," says the LORD, "and My name is blasphemed continually every day. 6 Therefore My people shall know My name; therefore they shall know in that day that I am He who speaks: "Behold, it is I.' "

Offertory



Offering of Thankful Hearts

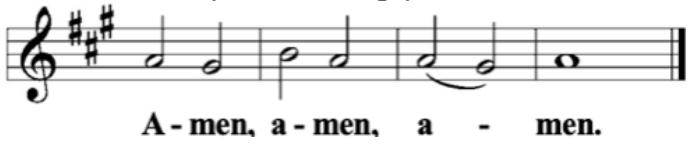
Special Petitions / Prayer of the Church

Hymn

LSB 673 – *"Jerusalem, My Happy Home"*

Benediction

P: The LORD bless you and keep you …

C: 

Closing Hymn

LSB 672 (4)

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This Week at St. Paul

Today (11/15)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School & Bible Class
Sun (11/22)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School & Bible Class

We ask the Lord to continue His gracious care for our fellow members: Lance Clark, Pat Newton, Doug Tiefel, and Jerry Wamboldt. <> We also remember in prayer Ethel Eastridge, who sustained a broken leg in a fall and is currently undergoing therapy, and Ruth Greening, who recently underwent knee replacement surgery and is recuperating at home. <> May the Lord fill their hearts with hope and patience, and may they find peace in His abiding love and care.

Gift Bags: The Mary & Martha group is collecting items for Christmas gift bags to be delivered to St. Paul members who are unable to attend worship services regularly. The bags will be assembled following the worship service on Sunday, December 13. A list of suggested non-perishable items for donation is posted on the bulletin board. Monetary contributions to help purchase items may be given to Jo Blakey. Thank you for helping us share Christ's love with our fellow members this Christmas season!

Kinship Student Sponsorship

If you would like to help support the African seminary student sponsored by our congregation through the CLC Kinship program, your contributions are gratefully welcomed! Donations may be made in any of the following ways:

- Offering Envelope: On the LEFT side of your St. Paul offering envelope, enter your donation amount under "Other Local Purpose," designate it for "Kinship Student," and place the envelope in the offering plate.
- Plain Envelope: Place your contribution in a plain envelope marked "For Kinship Student" and put it in the offering plate.
- Personal Donation: Give your contribution directly to Crystal Ruegge or Lisa Sprengeler.

Thank you for helping support the training of a future pastor to share the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ!

What Are You Thankful For? As Thanksgiving approaches, take a moment to reflect on God's many blessings! Write something you are thankful for on a slip of paper provided in the narthex and place it on the altar. You are welcome to do this as often as you wish before Thanksgiving. Let's fill the altar with expressions of gratitude to our gracious Lord!

Upcoming Church Events (November / December 2026)

The holiday season is just around the corner! We invite everyone to join us for a time of worship, fellowship, service, and celebration as we prepare our hearts for Christmas and the New Year.

- Wednesday, November 25 at 7:00 pm – Thanksgiving Eve Worship
- Sunday, November 29 – Christmas Decorating
- Sunday, December 6 – Christmas Potluck
- Sunday, December 13 – Shut-ins Gift Bag Assembly
- Sunday, December 20 at 9:30 am – Children's Advent/Christmas Eve Service
- Friday, December 25 at 9:30 am – Christmas Day Worship
- Thursday, December 31 at 6:30 pm – NY's Eve Communion Service

We look forward to celebrating this special season together! May we keep Christ at the center of our hearts and homes as we remember the joy, hope, and peace of His coming. All are welcome!

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions
November 16-21

Mon Matthew 9:18-26 Matthew does not name Jairus, but he surely names Jesus. Although Jesus was "delayed" by another request for help, and the girl had died, Jesus was still the Master of the situation!

Tues Colossians 1:9-14 Paul continues to pray for the Colossian believers, that their faith might bear fruit, and that they might endure everything with joyful thanksgiving to God for bringing them into the kingdom.

Wed Isaiah 51:9-16 The Lord encourages the believers to look to His arm of strength, which gloriously brought forth His people from Egypt through the Red Sea (v10). He will surely deliver His people again!

Thurs Psalm 18:1-6 David had powerful enemies, but he recognized that his strength and protection were from the Lord alone. It was to the Lord God that he called out, and He heard his voice (v6)!

Fri Psalm 18:7-19 When the Lord comes in answer to His children's cry, the earth trembles. He is mightier than the strongest enemy. He scatters His foes, and rescues His child, whom He loves (v19).

Sat Psalm 125 "Those who trust in the Lord" will not be shaken, but have peace (v5). As the mountains surround the valley, so the Lord surrounds His people, delivers from wickedness, and deals with it Himself.

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