

COME GROW SERVE

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2025

All Saints Day

Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church!

In the waters of Baptism, God claims us as beloved. We join the company of saints, even as we are sinners. In worship today, we join with the saints of all time, celebrating those who have gone before us, while fervently praying for those yet to come. As a great choir, we sing of God's transforming love that makes us whole.

*Words printed in **bold** are spoken by all. Visitors are invited to sign the guest registry in the Narthex or fill out a pew card and place it in the offering plate.*

THIS SERVICE IS LIVE STREAMED. TELL YOUR FRIENDS!

GATHERING

WELCOME

P: Welcome to those who are joining us online. Welcome to worship at St. Paul's!

PRELUDE

Musette
Diane Mues, viola

Ralph Vaughan Williams

The assembly is invited to stand

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Your love flows through water throughout the generations, sustaining life in this community, nourishing and delighting us. We bless you for these gifts of water: Lake Michigan, the Chicago River, the rains that fall on our garden. Your steadfast love fills the earth.

All: Your steadfast love fills the earth.

P: Your love flows through water throughout the generations, a sign of your saving power: Noah and the animals survive the flood, Hagar discovers your well. The Israelites escape through the sea, and they drink from your gushing rock. Naaman washes his leprosy away, and the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again. Your steadfast love fills the earth.

All: Your steadfast love fills the earth.

P: Your love flows through the water of baptism joined to your life-giving Word: your well of mercy and cleansing flood, your sea of deliverance from death into life, your healing river

washing sin away, your living water springing up to eternal life, uniting us with your Saints of every time and place. Your steadfast love fills the earth.

All: Your steadfast love fills the earth.

P: Shower us with your Holy Spirit. Fill us with your love. Clothe us and all your people with grace. Comfort us in our grief. Embolden us to do justice. Bless us to love mercy. Guide us to walk humbly with you, whom we thank and praise, through Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

All: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

ELW 424, verses 1, 3

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

The assembly is invited to be seated.

WORD & REMEMBRANCE

FIRST READING: Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

A reading from Daniel.

¹ In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: ² I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, ³ and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

¹⁵ As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. ¹⁶ I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: ¹⁷ “As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. ¹⁸ But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever—forever and ever.”

Word of God. Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

READING OF NAMES

HYMN

Shall We Gather at the River

ELW 423

verse 1 -soloists, verse 2 and 4 - all

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:11-23

A reading from Second Ephesians.

¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, ¹⁷that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Word of God. Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

The assembly is invited to stand for the reading of the Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

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Repeat alleluia

GOSPEL: Luke 6:20-31

The holy gospel according to Luke.

All: Glory to you , O Lord.

²⁰Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹“Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

²²“Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven, for that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

²⁴“But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

²⁵“Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶“Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

²⁷“But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; ²⁸bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you. ²⁹If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰Give to everyone who asks of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again. ³¹Do to others as you would have them do to you.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pr. Julie Boleyn

HYMN OF THE DAY

Sing With All the Saints in Glory

ELW 426

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

PM: Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

PM: God of all that is, delight in the praises of your people and revive the spirit of your church.
Move through us with boldness so that we proclaim the gospel of Christ throughout the world.
Renew and revive pastors, deacons, and lay leaders. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

A: God of the beginning, give us the courage to advocate for environmental policy that will ensure a viable future for generations to come. Restore desolate places to health and flourishing. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

PM: God of all our days, guide the leaders of governments, nations, municipalities, and all those seeking office. Accompany election officials and volunteers. Dismantle injustice and oppression wherever it is found. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

A: God of comfort in troubled times, we pray for those in need of protection and care, especially those on our prayer list and those we pray for either silently or aloud (*pause*). Trusting that you are constant in mercy, protect those who seek safety and solace. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

PM: God of time and space, we give thanks for the faithful departed. Sustain us in hope of our eternal unity in Christ. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

A: We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

PEACE

PM: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you.

The assembly is invited to be seated.

THE OFFERING

An offering is gathered and the Table is set.

MUSICAL OFFERING

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) from Messe Basse

Gabriel Fauré

Rachel Blaustein, soprano; Nicholas Marotta, mezzo-soprano

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

God of healing and hope, you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things. Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts. Nourish us with the abundance of your feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and forever.

All: Amen.

The assembly is invited

MEAL

P: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the witness of your saints you show us the hope of our calling and strengthen us to run the race set before us, that we might delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory. And so, with Roger and Anna-Lore, and all the saints, with the choirs of angles and all the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and joint their unending hymn:



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: O God triune, how majestic is your name in all the earth. Over the eons your merciful might evolved our home, a fragile tree of life. Here by your wisdom are both life and death, growth and decay, the nest and the hunt, sunshine and storm, darkness and light. Sustained by these wonders, we creatures of dust join in the ancient song: The earth is full of your glory.

All: The earth is full of your glory.

P: O God triune, you took on our flesh in Jesus our healer. In Christ you bring life from death; we remember his cross, we laud his resurrection. Broken like bread, he enlivens our body. Outpoured like wine, he fills the earth with goodness. Receiving this mystery, we mortals sing our song: The earth is full of your glory.

All: The earth is full of your glory.

P: We praise you for the heart of Jesus, so filled with your love for this earth.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Gathered around this table, we your children unite in this song: The earth is full of your glory.

All: The earth is full of your glory.

P: O God triune, you create the worlds, you uphold the living, you embrace the dead. Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth. Strengthen us for our journey with this meal, the body and blood of Christ. Give us a future that trusts in you and cares for your earth. Empowered by your promises, we rise from our deaths to praise you again: The earth is full of your glory.

All: The earth is full of your glory.

P: Amen, and amen.

All: Amen, and amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Together as one body, we pray the prayer Jesus taught us.

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNE

P: There is a place for you at the table of God. Come, receive the food that does not perish, a taste of life eternal.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome at Christ's Table. We believe Jesus is the host and the gifts of God are for everyone. Children will be offered communion unless otherwise indicated by parents. The wine is red and grape juice is white.

LAMB OF GOD

ELW p. 208

COMMUNION HYMN

Death Be Never Last

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TABLE BLESSING

Please stand as you are able.

P: Now may the power of Christ's body and blood reach deep into your heart, your mind, and your body to heal your wounds and, through your healing to all the earth. In Jesus' name,

All: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: God of field and flower, wheat and grape, you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world. Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name.

All: Amen.

SENDING

Please be seated for the announcements.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The assembly is invited to stand.

SENDING BLESSING

A: The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you, God the Son save you, and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead. The holy Trinity bless you ☩ and grant you a faithful and courageous heart now and forever.

All: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

For All the Saints

ELW 422, v. 1,3, 5, 6

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Share the harvest.

All: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Pavane

Gabriel Fauré

THANK YOU

To our musicians: Rachel Blaustein, soprano; Nicholas Marotta, mezzo-soprano; Diane Mues, viola.

To Diane Mues, for donating altar flowers to beautify our sanctuary.

To Linda Nagatani for hosting coffee fellowship.

PRAYER REQUESTS

For David Foster as he recovers from heart surgery.

For the family of Linda Dunn, as they mourn her passing.