



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 2, 2025

WELCOME TO SAINT PAUL!

We are happy to have you here!

HOW TO KNOW WHEN TO STAND, SIT, OR SPEAK

Whenever you see an asterisk (*) at a heading, you are invited to stand as you are able. You are not required to stand, so if, for health or emotional reasons you cannot or do not wish to stand, that is okay.

You are invited to speak the words printed in **bold type**.

HOW TO SING HYMNS IN HARMONY

To save space in printing the bulletin, we usually limit what is printed to the melody. If you'd like to sing in harmony, the hymn numbers are listed in our bulletin so you can open the red books in the pews (called ELWs).

WE ARE AN OPEN COMMUNION CONGREGATION

This means that any Christian who has received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism is invited to receive Holy Communion.

HOW TO FINANCIALLY SUPPORT US



Offerings can be made online at **stpaulpgm.org/give**, mailed to St. Paul Lutheran Church, PO Box 200, Pine Grove Mills, PA 16868, placed in the mail slot (outside door to Pastor Paul's office), or in the offering plate located in the lobby/narthex near the entrance of the sanctuary.

A NOTE ON COMMUNION WAFERS



To topple barriers that prevent participation in worship, we want to make it possible for individuals with Celiac Disease or gluten intolerant to be able to eat the Body of our Lord. Our default wafers are made by Parish Crossroads and are known as "Low Gluten Wafers" because they contain trace amounts of gluten. However, the wafers are tested at least once a year for how much gluten is in them. Since 2020, the wafers have routinely tested to contain

15ppm gluten or less (The US FDA defines most food products with 20ppm or less as "gluten free"). Use the QR Code and look for the link that gives the most recent test results. If you still have concerns, we have some truly gluten-free wafers available upon request.

GATHERING

The Gathering for worship began when you started readying yourself for worship

AN INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

In holy baptism God makes saints out of sinners. In holy communion God forgives the sins of all the saints. In worship today we give thanks for all the saints "who from their labors rest." In the same breath we petition our God for the strength to hear and to heed the admonitions of Jesus in today's gospel. Sealed by the Spirit and sustained by the Savior's body and blood, we live with joy as God gives us breath, to the praise of God's glory.

PRELUDE — Out of consideration for our musicians, please refrain from talking during the prelude.

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit. A: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin, in the presence of God and of one another.

P Most merciful God, A: you have shown us the ways of your heart, yet we stray from your paths. We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression and do not embrace the freedom of your faithful promises. We ignore our neighbors. We exploit the earth. We reject your abundance, trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love. Repair our relationships, restore what we have broken, renew our hearts, and bring us to new life. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **A: Amen.**



Text: African American spiritual

Music: WHEN THE SAINTS, African American spiritual

*GREETING

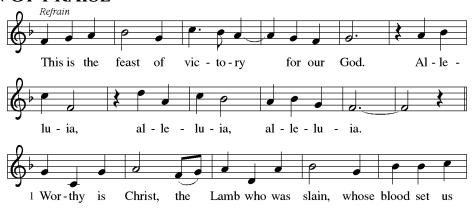
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **A: And also with you.**

KYRIE





HYMN OF PRAISE





*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you! A: And also with you

P: 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. **A: Amen.**

ANTHEM: "Happy Land"

WORD

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

Like the book of Revelation, the book of Daniel was written to reassure God's chosen that, despite the violence of their times, their lives were in God's hands. This passage is one of several in the Old Testament which seem to imply the eternal life of the saints.

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."

L: The word of the Lord. **A: Thanks be to God.**

Daniel foresaw violent persecution under certain kings; this song of praise ends with an assurance that that violence will be neither successful nor ignored.



SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 1:11-23

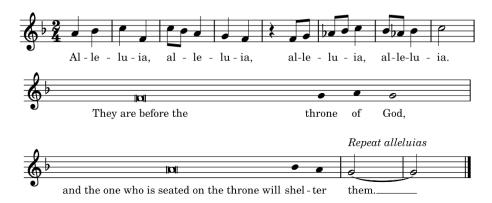
Ephesians seems to be written in large part to remind the readers of the communion of saints which is the gift of our redemption. Neither Jew nor Gentile has priority over the other, let alone are they to be separated.

¹¹ In 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, ¹² so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³ In 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; ¹⁴ this 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 ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, ¹⁷ that 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, ¹⁸ so 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, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰ God 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, ²¹ far 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. ²² And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

L: The word of the Lord. **A: Thanks be to God.**

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



*GOSPEL READING: LUKE 6:20-31

Jesus has just chosen his disciples and performed miracles of healing in their presence. But now he begins to teach them. Jesus "looked up" at them because the traditional posture of a teacher was sitting.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the sixth chapter.

A: Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁰Then [Jesus] 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. ²³ Rejoice 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; ²⁸ bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you. ²⁹ If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰ Give to everyone who asks of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

A: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON





*REMEMBRANCE OF ALL SAINTS

At this time, family and friends come forward to light a candle in memory of the saints who have entered the church triumphant in the past year.

P: Let us remember all the saints before God. Those whom Jesus claimed as his own and healed through the waters of Baptism.

We praise and bless you, O holy Trinity. You have taught your church that it is an ageless communion of saints. We thank you for gathering those who faithfully waited in hope for the redemption you promised, and now for adding us who celebrate the love of Christ for the redemption of the world. Prepare a place for us among those who are already with you. Help us remember them as an encouragement to saintly living, today we remember especially:

Chuck Harpster
Jane Cain
Frederick Muthler

James Rearick
Leroy Dreibelbis
Douglas DeMark
Thomas Telenko
Linda Heller
Dr. Anthony Leach

P: Hear our prayer in the name of the good and gracious Shepherd, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

A: Amen.

P: Christ says, take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart.

A: and you will find rest for your souls.

P: For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

A: And you will find rest for your souls.

the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

*NICENE CREED We believe in one God.

of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God. eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate: he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures: he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead. and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

A brief silence.

L: 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.

A: Your mercy is great.

L: 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.

A: Your mercy is great.

L: 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.

A: Your mercy is great.

L: God of comfort in troubled times, we pray for those in need of protection and care (*especially*). Trusting that you are constant in mercy, protect those who seek safety and solace. Hear us, O God.

A: Your mercy is great.

L: God of what is yet to come, encourage and inspire those who give their time, talent, and treasure in service to your church. By their commitment, further the work of ministry in this place and uplift your gospel. Hear us, O God.

A: Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

L: God of time and space, we give thanks for the faithful departed (*those who have died during the past year may be named*). Sustain us in hope of our eternal unity in Christ. Hear us, O God.

A: Your mercy is great.

L: We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

A: Amen.

*PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always. **A: And also with you.**

MEAL

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

*OFFERTORY: "Lift Up Your Heads" (ACS 1032) 2 Lift up your hands, your voic - es raise, plead - ing, bright with Weep praise. bold no the wound - ed, more, your God has come; greet ris One, who bless - es you with 0 com - plete, dwell - ing joy in Word of peace.

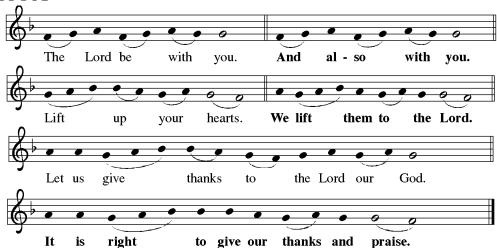
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*OFFERING PRAYER

L: 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. **A: Amen.**

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

* DIALOGUE



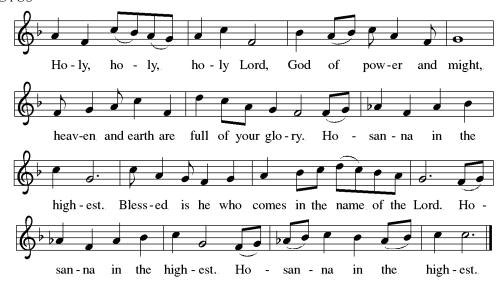
*PROPER PREFACE

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 may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory. And so, with [name/s and] all the saints, with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*SANCTUS



*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: With all your saints in every age and place—
those who praised you in languages known and unknown to us,
those who served you in city streets and mountain villages,
those who were famous and those forgotten—
we give you thanks, O God, for the gift of life and love.

With all who have been baptized into Christ's body, young and old, known and unknown, we bless you for daily bread and living water.

With all who have carried the cross and cared for your people, we praise you for Jesus Christ, who shared our life, died our death, and rose to bring us new life.

In the night in which he was handed over, our Lord Jesus took bread, 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."

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."

With all the saints in glory, let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

A: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we await the day when all creation is made new.

A: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send your Holy Spirit upon this meal and upon your people gathered here, that we, joined with all your saints on earth and in heaven, may be one in faith and service, until we feast together at your eternal table.

A: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

A: Amen.

*LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus has taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be 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.

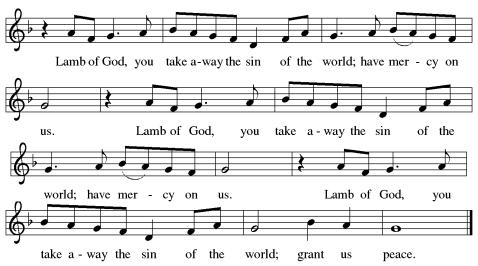
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into time of trial,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
forever and ever. Amen.

*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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.

*LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION

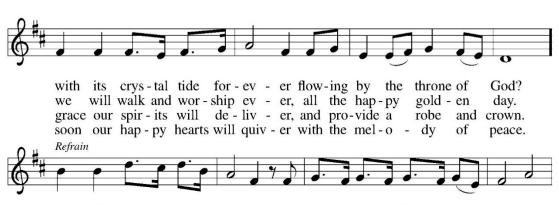
P: The body of Christ, given for you. L: The blood of Christ, shed for you. A: Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN: "Shall We Gather at the River"

(ELW 423)



- 1 Shall we gath er at the riv er, where bright an gel feet have trod,
- 2 On the mar-gin of the riv-er, wash-ing up its sil-ver spray,
- 3 Ere we reach the shin-ing riv-er, lay we ev-'ry bur-den down;
- 4 Soon we'll reach the shin-ing riv er, soon our pil-grim-age will cease;



Yes, we'll gath-er at the riv-er, the beau-ti-ful, the beau-ti-ful riv-er;



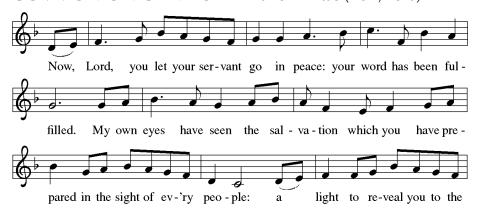
gath-er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899 Music: HANSON PLACE, Robert Lowry

*POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you, body, mind, and soul, now, and unto eternal life. **A: Amen**

*POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE - Nunc Dimittis (Now, Lord)





*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

L: Let us pray. 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. **A: Amen.**

SENDING

*SENDING OF COMMUNION

P: Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist those who set forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are *sick, homebound, and imprisoned*. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **A: Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

You may be seated.

*CHARGE TO THE PEOPLE

*BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, and the Son, \pm and the Holy Spirit. **A: Amen.**

*SENDING HYMN: "For All the Saints"

(ELW 422)



Text: William W. How, 1823-1897

Music: SINE NOMINE, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

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*DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

A: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, November 2

Isaiah 1:10-18 Psalm 32:1-7 (6) 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12 Luke 19:1-10

Monday, November 3

Nehemiah 13:1-3, 23-31 1 Corinthians 5:9-13 Psalm 50

Tuesday, November 4

Zechariah 7:1-14 Jude 5-21 Psalm 50

Wednesday, November 5

Amos 5:12-24 Luke 19:11-27 Psalm 50

Thursday, November 6

Deuteronomy 25:5-10 Acts 22:22—23:11 Psalm 17:1-9

Friday, November 7

Genesis 38:1-26 Acts 24:10-23 Psalm 17:1-9

Saturday, November 8

Exodus 3:13-20 Luke 20:1-8 Psalm 17:1-9



SERVING TODAY

Presiding Minister	Pastor Paul Tomkiel
Assisting Minister	Karen Magnuson
Musician	Jacob Heller
Sacristan	Ann Reede
Reader	Eleanor Bird

ABOUT ST. PAUL

PURPOSE

We are a beacon, boldly sharing the light of Jesus' grace and love.

MISSION

Guided by Jesus, we strengthen faith, deepen compassion, extend generosity, and serve community.

CORE VALUES

Faith • Compassion • Generosity • Community

OUR BIBLE VERSES

As Paul was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. [Jesus said,] 'Paul is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before the nations.' – Acts 9:3,15

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

St. Paul is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Conestoga-Susquehannock people, where we gather. We also acknowledge the Seneca, Cayuga, Lenne Lenape, as well as all of our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to care for this place – this land – and call it their home.

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