CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 22, 2026



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"Being Transformed By God's Grace To Love And Serve."

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If it is uncomfortable for you to stand where indicated, please feel free to remain seated. The congregation responds where it is bold print.

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

please rise in body or spirit
Call to Worship for Christ the King

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Come to worship Jesus Christ, Alpha and Omega, the one who is, who was, and is to come.
We come to worship the one who rules justly.

Come to worship Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, the ruler of the kings of the earth!
Bread of Heaven, God with us!

Good Shepherd, True Vine!
Eternal Word, Great I AM.

Wonderful Counselor, Prince of Peace!
We come to worship Jesus Christ, King of kings and Lord of lords! To him be glory and dominion forever and ever! Alleluia! Amen.

Opening Hymn "O Savior, Precious Savior" #820

Greeting
The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Hymn of Praise "This is the Feast" p. 149

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray…..**O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

please be seated

First Reading Ezekiel 24: 11-16, 20-24

11 Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep and will sort them
out. 12 As shepherds sort out their flocks when they are among scattered
sheep, so I will sort out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to
which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. 13 I will
bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries and bring
them into their own land, and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by
the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. 14 I will feed them
with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture;
there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich
pasture on the mountains of Israel. 15 I myself will be the shepherd of my
sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. 16 I will seek the lost,
and I will bring back the strays, and I will bind up the injured, and I will
strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them
with justice. 20 Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge
between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. 21 Because you pushed with flank
and shoulder and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you
scattered them far and wide, 22 I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be
ravaged, and I will judge between sheep and sheep. 23 I will set up over them
one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them; he shall feed them
and be their shepherd. 24 And I the Lord will be their God, and my servant
David shall be prince among them; I the Lord have spoken.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Reading Psalm 95: 1-7a

1 Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.
2 Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to the Lord with psalms.
3 For you, Lord, are a great God, and a great ruler above all gods.
4 In your hand are the caverns of the earth; the heights of the hills are also yours.
5 The sea is yours, for you made it, and your hands have molded the dry land.
6 Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our maker.
7a For the Lord is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

Second Reading Ephesians 1: 15-23

15 I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason 16 I 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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Sermon Jennifer Rehmer

please rise in body or spirit

Gospel Acclamation “Alleluia” p. 151

Gospel Matthew 25: 31-46

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 25th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 31 “When the Son of Man comes in his glory
and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. 32 All
the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one
from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, 33 and he
will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. 34 Then the king
will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my
Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the
world, 35 for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave
me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I was
naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was
in prison and you visited me.’ 37 Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord,
when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave
you something to drink? 38 And when was it that we saw you a stranger and
welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? 39 And when was it that we
saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ 40 And the king will answer them,
‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and
sisters of mine, you did it to me.’ 41 Then he will say to those at his left hand,
‘You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the
devil and his angels, 42 for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was
thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43 I was a stranger and you did not
welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and
you did not visit me.’ 44 Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that
we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and
did not take care of you?’ 45 Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just
as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ 46
And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into
eternal life.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

please be seated

Sermon Pastor Sandy Schlesselman

please rise in body or spirit

Hymn of the Day “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!” #634 vs. 1-4

Apostles’ Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

Prayers of Intercession

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Sharing The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

please be seated

Offering

Give Online

please rise in body or spirit

Offertory “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!” #634 vs. 5-6

Offertory Prayer
Let us pray… Eternal God, our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hears. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

The Lord’s Prayer
Hear, O Lord, the prayer you taught us to pray……**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.**

please be seated

HOLY COMMUNION By Stations

All who believe that Jesus is present in the Bread and the Wine
and has the power to forgive are welcome to commune.
Red wine or white grape juice is available.

Communion Hymns
“As We Gather at Your Table” #522
“Blessing and Honor” #854

please rise in body or spirit

Post-Communion Blessing

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray….Holy God, we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal. You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly. Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever. **Amen.**

Blessing

The holy Trinity, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God, today and always. **Amen**.

Sending Hymn "Jesus Shall Reign" #434

Dismissal

Go in peace. Encourage one another.
Thanks be to God.



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“THE GIFT OF GOD’S KINGDOM”

St Paul’s Lutheran Church
— Cole Camp, Missouri —

Welcome: As we conclude the liturgical year and prepare our hearts for the upcoming season of Advent, we gather to proclaim that Christ is Lord of all creation. Please join us in the prayers, hymns, and sacraments as we worship our Savior and King together.

We invite everyone to enjoy coffee and fellowship before worship in the Gathering Space. Please join us!



In Our Prayers: “Unspoken prayer concerns”, Connie Gerken, Vickie Fox, Todd Rusk, Suzanne Lutjen, Mary Haluptzok, Kevin Tatum, Nathan Vanderlinden, Norene Ives, Jon Beckman and Kyle Luetjen.

Dalton Stonecipher, Donna Newell (friend of Connie Gerken), Karen Knox (mother of Alexis Smith), Carla George, Richard Lee, Colin Kabler (brother of Alexis Smith), Tom Ferguson, Tanner Huffman, Dan Sabala, Pam Bruns (Cousin of Ruth Ann Kreisel), Pat Higgins, Kathy Harms, Kylie Simon, Hazel Karstons, Larry Haase (brother-in-law of Gene Beckman), David Mobely (brother-in-law of Randy Healan), Joyce Jones (sister of Connie Gerken), Kris Barnes (friend of Julie Cronin), Joe Campbell, Cliff Eckhoff, Joseph Fuelling (nephew of Paul Fuelling), Karen Haase (sister-in-law of Gene Beckman), Jackie Ross (sister of Randy Healan), and Adam Gumbel (son of Jim & Kim Gumbel).



Nursing Home & Homebound: Vern Dean Bohling: Anew. Shirley Cash, Judie VonHolten, Eugene Beckman, Florence VonHolten, Arlene Schlesselman & Larry & Judy Schlesselman: GSCC. Earl Bauer: Windsor Nursing Home.

Prayers: If you would like your name added or removed from the prayer list, please contact the church office at 668-3537.





Military: Please keep all those who have served our country past and present in your prayers, especially: Rank E3 Jensen Hamilton (grandson of Dennis Hamilton), MSgt. Jason Ostberg (son-in law of Suzanne Lutjen), J. Phillips Navy Petty Officer E-4 MMN (nephew of Katy Schlesselman), Lt. Col. Ron Poe, SSG Nick Smith and Major Joseph Strathman.

With Sympathy: We pray for those whose loved ones have recently died: William (Bill) George.





One Stitch at a Time: The Sewing Group meets every **Monday** at 9:00 am in the Luther League Room. All are welcome to join!

Health Care: The Benton County Health Department will be here on Thursday, **November 19th**, from 8:00am until 10:00am to assist you with your health care needs.

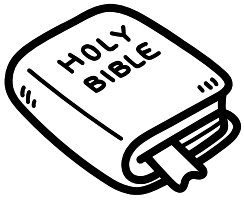




Yoga: Dr. Stephanie Shirding is offering a free Community Yoga Class! This class is held from 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall every **Monday**. Search for “Monday Meditations” on Facebook for more information about the class.

Out of Office: Pastor Stephen will be out of the office from **November 22-27**.





First Bibles: St. Paul's has a long-standing tradition of giving a Bible to our children who are in the second grade. This is a way that we can support parents in fulfilling the baptismal promise to "place in your child's hands the Holy Scriptures." First Bibles will be given to those youth in worship on Sunday, **November 29th**. Please let Pastor Stephen if you will be participating that day.



Advent Calendar: There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Link for this year's Advent Calendar/Collection. This is a fun way to celebrate together, enjoying a homemade countdown calendar of items and reading a devotional booklet created by members of our church. Four different calendars are available this year: kid's candy, wine, craft beer, and hot tea bags. More information and instructions are on the bulletin board or email Pastor Stephen. Items are due back to church by **Today.**



Christmas Program: Kids in Pre-K through 6th grade are invited to take part in the Christmas Program which will be performed at the Christmas Eve service. Practice begins on Sunday, **November 29th,** from 9:00-9:45 am in the Fellowship Hall (during the Sunday School hour) for kids in grades 1-6, and will run each Sunday until Christmas. Pre-K and Kindergarten kids will join in practices starting **December 13**. Questions or to sign up, contact Emily Kullman.



Angel Tree: The Angel Tree is here! These gifts support the Benton County Christmas for Kids program. Each angel on the tree will list an age range and gender along with some suggested items to purchase, but feel free to use your imagination or ask a child you know for suggestions! Gifts should be in the $15-25 range, are NOT to be wrapped, and need to be returned to church by **November 29th**. There will be boxes on the usher's stands if you would like to make a financial contribution towards gifts that will fill in the gaps of the Christmas for Kids program. Angels for our local care facilities will arrive on the tree by December. Thanks for your support!



Thanksgiving Worship: Due to low attendance in recent years, we will not be having a worship service on Thanksgiving Eve. You are invited to bring in donations for the Cole Camp Food Pantry throughout the month of **November**. Also, since Thanksgiving offering has traditionally been designated as mission support to our synod, you are encouraged to designate a benevolence offering to the ELCA before the end of the year.



Luther League-Mark your calendars! Our next Faith & Fellowship will be Sunday, **November 29th**, at 9:00 am in the first Sunday school room. We will talk about the season of Advent and enjoy some donuts. Our next Service & Fellowship will be Saturday evening, November 28th, to set up the Christmas tree and Nativity. We will begin at 7 pm inside and end with sitting around the campfire outside. We will have food and drinks!

Advent Dinner: Mark your calendars for our annual Advent Dinner which will be held on Sunday, **December 6th**, right after worship. It's a potluck meal with the meat and potatoes provided, so attendees are invited to bring a side or a dessert to share. This is a great way to celebrate the Advent season together and the time will include a brief holiday program.





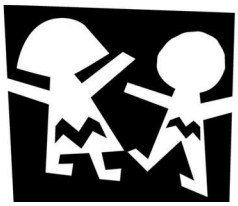
Offering: Thank you, St. Paul's, for your ongoing generosity in sharing your time, talents, and treasures. At the end of October our budgeted expenses are on track, however our budgeted offering income is behind approximately $14,000. Also, our benevolence to the synod is behind approximately $4,000. As we near the end of the year we invite you to consider helping to close the gap in these shortfalls. Thank you, again, for your ongoing support!



Food Pantry: The Cole Camp Food Pantry is continually grateful for our community and the support you provide. In addition to the regular donations, the pantry could use cereal and oatmeal this month. Additionally, the pantry is looking for volunteers! Volunteers can serve on a regular or occasional basis. You must be 18 years old and not a current client of the pantry. The food pantry is open weekly on Wednesdays from 10 am - 12 noon, Thursdays from 3 - 5 pm, and Saturdays from 10 am - 12 noon. Please contact the Food Pantry Manager, Sheila Sabala, at 816-559-1111 if you are interested or have questions.

Parish Education: Calling all those willing to share their faith with the future of our church! The Parish Education committee is looking for Sunday school teachers. There is a current need for both teachers and substitute Sunday School teachers. The curriculum is easy to follow and the materials are on hand and ready. We just need people willing to be there and share in the faith development of our youth. Please contact Lynn Schear or another member of Parish Education to help answer the call!





Junior Lutherans Event: Junior Lutherans in Pre-K though 8th grade, please join us for some Christmas fun on Wednesday, **December 9th**. We will begin at 6:30pm with a light meal, make Christmas cards, hear a Christmas story, and decorate cookies. Planning to attend the Cole Camp R-I high school concert that evening? Feel free to drop the kids off first, and join us after the concert! RSVP on Facebook or an upcoming bulletin insert.

Save the Date: Mark your calendar for this year's Winterfest event on the evening of Sunday, **December 20th**!



WELCA: Ladies, the Women of the ELCA Thank Offering envelopes were distributed recently. As we have received countless blessings throughout the year, these Thank Offering envelopes are an opportunity for you to be a blessing to others. Your Thank Offering (100%) will be donated to the Churchwide Women of the ELCA for our ministries and publications. (If you have not received a Thank Offering envelope, you can find them at each usher stand.) Simply place your envelope in the offering plate at any service throughout **November** and **December**. Thank you, for you are indeed blessed to be a blessing!

~*~ In The Community ~*~



Fundraiser: You are invited to a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser **Today** to benefit Tanner Huffman. Tanner has been diagnosed with transverse myelitis, a rare neurological condition that has left him paralyzed. This event is being organized to help ease the financial burden associated with medical care, rehabilitation, transportation, home modification and other ongoing expenses. It will be held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 205 W Jefferson St, Cole Camp. Dinner will be served from 11 am - 1 pm for a free-will donation. There will also be a silent auction from 11am - 1:30 pm, and a live auction at 1:00 pm. Find the event on Facebook to view auction and raffle items.

Bible Camp: Mid-MO Bible Camp Needs Your Help! For decades the Mid-Mo Bible Camp has provided a faith filled, fun, and enriching experience for the youth of our area. We know many parents went as children and now send their own kids. We're currently in need of a new director and volunteers for the camp. Becky Hayden has served as the camp director for quite a few years and decided to step away from leadership. Many of the kitchen volunteers came from Russellville and are also stepping away. Could you prayerfully consider if you have the capacity to offer your time for a week this summer? Contact Pastor Stephen or Pastor Kim with any questions!



This Week At St. Paul's

Sunday, November 22:	9:00 am	Adult/SS Class
	10:00 am	Worship Service Holy Communion by Stations
Monday, November 23:	9:00 am	Sewing Group
	6:30 pm	Yoga
Wednesday, November 25:	2:00 pm	Sunbeam Committee
Thursday, November 26:		**NO** BCHD
Saturday, November 28:	5:30 pm	Casual Worship Service
Sunday, November 29:	8:45 am	Confirmation Class
	9:00 am	Adult/SS Class
	10:00 am	Worship Service Holy Communion by Stations



Coming Events

November 25.....Sunbeam Committee
November 22-27.....Pastor out of office
November 26.....Thanksgiving Day
November 29.....Advent Begins
November 29.....Luther League Event
December 6.....Advent Dinner
December 9.....Worship & Music Committee
December 9.....Church Council Meeting
December 9.....Junior Lutherans Event

Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Ministers.....The Whole Congregation
Presiding Minister.....Pastor Sandy Schlesselman
Organist.....Lois Viebrock
Pianist.....Jeannette VonHolten
AV Technicians.....Russ Oelrichs & Todd Rusk
Altar Guild.....Susan Goosen & Debbie Vaughan
Ushers.....Melinda Strathman, Head Usher
Chad Schlesselman, Mark Oelrichs, Randy Schlesselman, Steve Triplett

Christ the King Sunday ~ November 22, 2026

Assisting Minister.....Janice Gerken
Communion Assistants.....Virgil & Diann Holsten
Reader.....Adrienn Dieckman
Children's Sermon.....Jennifer Rehmer
Acolytes.....Gannon Elliott
Kale Kruep
Flowers.....Janice Gerken

1st Sunday in Advent ~ November 29, 2026

Assisting Minister.....Darin Oelrichs
Communion Assistants.....Ruth Ann Kreisel
Jake Jackson
Reader.....Lynn Schear
Children's Sermon.....Pastor Stephen Zeller
Acolytes.....Fred Goosen
Hudson Kullman
Flowers.....Advent Wreath