

LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

November 21, 2021



Welcome to
St. Paul Lutheran
Making Disciples of All Ages

*We are happy to have you with us
this morning and pray that your
time of worship will be a blessing to you.*

THE LORD'S SUPPER We welcome members of congregations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS) or church bodies in fellowship with the LCMS to the altar to receive the Lord's Supper. This historic practice of the Church flows from Christ's teaching in Holy Scripture that those who receive His body and blood should be able to examine themselves (1 Cor. 11:28), that they discern the body of Christ present in the Supper (1 Cor. 11:29), and that there are to be no divisions (doctrinal or otherwise) among those who receive His body and blood (1 Cor. 11:18). Those who do not receive the Lord's Supper are welcome to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing their arms over their hearts. Anyone who would like to discuss this practice at more length is encouraged to make an appointment with any of our pastors.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER Thatcher Hawk, Carolyn Reisetter, Nathan Baggett, Betty Cornelius, Barb & Gary Graves, Donna McCulloch, Lonnie Brickey, Cheryl Hallquist, Tony Bruscato, John Horton, Mike Gibson, Carol Almanza, Chuck Horstman, Lois Lucas, Carlyn Kline, Michelle Biesemeyer, Tim Brammeier, Garrett Goodwin, Mel Cundiff, Annette Thornton, Ron Pister, Wally Campbell.

ALTAR FLOWERS are in thanksgiving for the many blessings bestowed upon Jewel Harms during her lifetime. From her family.

BAPTIZED during late service last Sunday was Brynn Elliot Morrison, daughter of John and Jill Morrison. Baptized during early service today Bryson Ingraham, son of Katie Jarrett and Odin Parry, son of Adam and Neva Parry.

ABOUT THE COVER On the Last Sunday of the Church Year, we turn to the Last Day, when the Lord will bring to completion all things. This is not a day to dread, however. It is

the day that we long for with eager anticipation. It is the sight all will behold as our crucified and risen Lord and King comes in glory. Every knee will bow and tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord (Philippians 2:10–11). As Martin Luther said in his explanation of the Third Article, “On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.”

Hymn

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Descending

Holy Baptism (8:15)

Invocation and Confession [Stand]

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Let us now confess our sins to God our Father; O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Introit

Psalm 39

We are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness.

O Lord, make me know my end and what is the measure of my

days; let me know how fleeting I am!

Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths, and my lifetime is as nothing before you.

And now, O Lord, for what do I wait? My hope is in you.

Deliver me from all my transgressions. Do not make me the scorn of the fool!

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear to my cry; hold not your peace at my tears!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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The _____ Feast

Sung

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Refrain **This is the feast of victory for our God.**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God. *Refrain***

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor,
blessing, and glory are His. *Refrain***

**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all
creation:**

**Blessing, honor, glory, and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. *Refrain***

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.
*Refrain***

Collect

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Lord Jesus Christ, so govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your glorious return, we may persevere in both faith and holiness of living; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** [Sit]

Old Testament

Isaiah 51:4-6

⁴“Give attention to me, my people, and give ear to me, my nation; for a law will go out from me, and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples. ⁵My righteousness draws near, my salvation has gone out, and my arms will judge the peoples; the coastlands hope for me, and for my arm they wait. ⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like manner; but my salvation will be forever, and my righteousness will never be dismayed.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gradual

These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Blessed are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

Alleluia. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end. Alleluia.

Adult Choir *Praise the Lord, His Glories Show* by Peter Mathews

Epistle

Jude 20-25

²⁰But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, ²¹keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life.

²²And have mercy on those who doubt; ²³save others by snatching

them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh.

²⁴Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, ²⁵to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.** [Stand]

Alleluia *Sung*

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Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Gospel

Mark

13:24-37

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the thirteenth chapter.

C: *Sung* **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²⁴“But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

²⁸“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³²“But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man

going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake.³⁵ Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning—³⁶ lest he come suddenly and find you asleep.³⁷ And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: *Sung Praise to You, O Christ.*

Nicene Creed (10:45)

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. The third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen. [Sit]

Hymn

Morning Dawns

348 The King Shall Come When

Sermon Vicar Oliver LaMie

Stay Awake

Offering *You may also give online.*
attendance card)

(Please sign an

(Please pass the cards to the aisle for an usher
to pick up)

Prayers [Stand]

P: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Rite of Confirmation (8:15)

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Lord's Prayer

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.

The Words of Our Lord

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take eat, this is My ✠ body which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this is My ✠ blood of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it in remembrance of Me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **Amen.**

Agnus Dei

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Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

[Sit]

Distribution Hymns

832 Jesus Shall Reign

673 Jerusalem, My Happy Home

837 Lift High the Cross

Post-Communion Collect [Stand]

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Hymn

Crowns

525 Crown Him with Many

Benediction and Greeting

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY	Worship/Communion	8:15, 10:45 am
November 21	Bible Study and Sunday School	9:30 am
	Bold Preteens	12:00 pm
MONDAY	Sewing	9:30 am
WEDNESDAY	Thanksgiving Service	7:00 pm
THURSDAY	OFFICE CLOSED	
FRIDAY	OFFICE CLOSED	
SATURDAY	Men's Bible Study	7:30 am
SUNDAY	Worship	8:15, 10:45 am
November 28	Bible Study and Sunday School	9:30 am
	Youth Group/Decorate Church	6:00 pm

Attendance Last Week: 256	Last Year: 174	Sunday School Attendance: 100
Offering Last Week: \$7,599		Received Year: \$506,808
Debt Owed: \$0		Expenses This Year: \$614,626
Building Fund Last Week: \$900		Received Year: \$178,115
Building Fund Needed Monthly: \$10,000		Received November: \$1,185

PLEASE WELCOME those who are joining our St. Paul family through adult confirmation today at our early service: Bryson Ingraham, Alexander & Chelsey Becker, Adam & Neva Parry, and Nathan & Sharlene Parry.

TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL At the fall, God promised a Savior to His people. Scripture tells us of many messengers God sent reminding the people of that promise and the coming of the Messiah. Today in Sunday school we

hear from two of those messengers – Haggai and Malachi. God continues to send messengers today, reminding us of the Messiah’s- Jesus’ - return. Discuss as a family how we can be God’s messengers, too.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS Practice for this year’s children’s Christmas program has begun. All children Pre-K through Grade 6 who would like to participate should plan on attending Sunday school each week. The program, “Shine Like Stars” will be presented Sunday, Dec. 12 between services.

ADVENT WREATH KITS Add family devotions and lighting of your own Advent Wreath to your holiday preparations this year. Advent Wreath kits are now available to families with children through 8th grade. Included in each kit are materials and directions to make your wreath as well as weekly devotions. Kits may be picked up in the lounge following each service starting today. (One kit per family, please.)

OFFERING ONLINE Go to splcc.org, click on *Church* then click on the *Gift* at the top. You can also mail your envelope in the mail. If you have any questions on any of this please give us a call.

STEPHEN MINISTRY has started at St. Paul! - Stephen Ministry offers a way to organize and equip congregation members—called Stephen Ministers—to provide one-on-one, Christ-centered care to people in the congregation experiencing life difficulties. If you are interested in becoming a Stephen Minister or receiving care from a Stephen Minister please contact Pastor Cundiff.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED for streaming our services each Sunday. Please prayerfully consider using your time and talents to assist with this important part of our ministry. If you are interested in volunteering or learning more about what is involved please contact Mike Flowers at 816-617-8112.

TRASH BAG SALE The youth are continuing to sell trash bags to help raise money their trip to the National Youth Gathering. Bags are available on the back counter of the lounge. Trash bags are \$11 per roll. See Linda or one of our youth to get your bags!

STUDY BIBLE ORDER The youth will be placing an order for Lutheran Study Bibles as an NYG fundraiser. Order forms are available in the Fellowship Hall or church office. Cost for the Bible is \$60. Please return forms and payment to Linda Horton by December 5.

ADVENT MEALS for December have been scheduled!

December 1	Youth/NYG	BBQ Sandwiches
December 8	Christian Educ. Board	Chili Dogs
December 15	GoEcuador	Tacos

CRAFT/BAKE SALE sponsored by Mary Martha Circle will accompany the December 1st Advent meal. All proceeds will go to the youth attending the National Youth Gathering in July. These would make nice Christmas gifts!

MARY MARTHA Our next meeting is Thursday, December 2nd at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bring mites, Christmas Quarter stockings, and donations to InterServ.

THE CHRISTMAS BANQUET is Dec. 12 after the 10:45 service in the Fellowship Hall. The menu is roast beef, potatoes, green beans, salad, rolls and dessert. Music will be provided by Karen and Roger. Cost is \$10 per adult, \$5 per child 14-10, and children under 10 are free. Any money we raise above the cost for the meal will be donated to The Noyes Home. Please sign up in the narthex. Deadline is Nov. 30.

POINSETTIAS 2021 To beautify our Church at Christmas and to celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus, the Altar Guild has arranged to purchase poinsettias in quantity. If you would like to purchase one or more please pick up an order form by the bulletins and return it either to the collection box or the church office by December 10th. Cost is \$13.50 per plant without bows.

SCRIP PROGRAM Our order form lists all the cards that we keep in stock and can be purchased on Sunday mornings during the Sunday School hour (9:15am-10:40am) or each school day (7:45am-3:30pm) in the school office. We also have a list of all the retailers that we can order cards from. If something needs to be ordered, orders are made on Sundays after church and they will come in either on Wednesday or Thursday of that week. They would

be available for pick up on Sunday morning or in the school office during the week. **We do have a cutoff date of December 12, 2021 for ordering cards before Christmas so that they will arrive by Sunday, December 19.** Please let us know if you have any questions! Contact Shawna Macrander, Amy Wisneski, or leave a message at the school office.

DAYCARE NEEDS The daycare is in need of plastic grocery bags. Thank you.

“THE CHOSEN” For those who have borrowed season one of “The Chosen” video series, could you please return them to the church office so that others can view that series? Also, if you are interested in viewing season two on DVD, please contact Mickey Roberts, Bernie Fortmeyer, or the church office.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY Need a spiritual re-charge midweek? Join us Wednesday mornings at 7:00 AM as we study the Scripture readings for the upcoming Sunday. Great discussion and fellowship...and sometimes donuts! Won't you join us?

PRAYER CHAIN Be added to St. Paul's prayer chain. Keep up to date on church members and their friends and family that need our prayers. Email Kristy at: krrademann@gmail.com.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT UPDATES need to be emailed by *Wednesday morning* to Kristy at secretary@splcc.org.

DECEMBER MESSENGER ARTICLES should be submitted by November 29th to Kristy at secretary@splcc.org.

2021/2022 CHURCH DIRECTORY is available to pick up in the entryway.

Advent Services and Events

Nov. 24	7:00 am	Thanksgiving Service
Nov. 28	8:15 & 10:45 am	Sunday Worship Services
Dec. 1	5:30 pm 7:00 pm	Freewill Offering Advent Meal Wednesday Advent Service (7th/8th brass quartet playing & K-1st singing)
Dec. 5	8:15 am & 10:45 am	Hanging of the Greens Service
Dec. 8	5:30 pm 7:00 pm	Freewill Offering Advent Meal Wednesday Advent Service (7th/8th band playing & 2nd-3rd singing)
Dec. 12	8:15 & 10:45 9:30 am 12:00 pm	Sunday Worship Services with Communion Children's Christmas Program Christmas Banquet
Dec. 15	5:30 pm 7:00 pm	Freewill offering Advent Meal Wednesday Advent Service (5th/6th band playing & 4th-6th singing)
Dec. 19	8:15 & 10:45 am	Sunday Worship Services with Communion
Dec. 24	4:00 pm 6:00 pm	Candlelight Christmas Eve Services
Dec. 25	9:00 am	Christmas Day Service with Communion
Dec. 26	9:30 am	Sunday Worship Service One service only at 9:30 am. No Sunday School.