

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY



Sunday, November 1, 2026

8:15 and 10:30 AM

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome to ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

We are happy you have joined us for worship today. Wherever you are on your journey with or toward God, you are welcome here—you are a blessing to this assembly. We welcome all who are seeking God's love and grace. We welcome all because God welcomes all, regardless of race or culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or relationship status.

We welcome all without regard to addictions, physical or mental health, imprisonment, socio-economic circumstances, or anything that too often divides us. Our unity is in Christ.

Lutherans believe, teach, and confess that in, with, and under the bread and wine in Holy Communion we receive the true Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, for the forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation. All who are drawn in faith are welcome to join in this confession and receive the Sacrament.

We invite and encourage your full participation in our worship this morning. With this service bulletin you can follow and participate in this morning's liturgy.

New to St. Paul? If you have questions or want more information, please fill out a newcomer form with the QR code at the right. Questions about transferring membership from another Lutheran church, or for beginning the process for baptism, confirmation, membership, or transferring from one of the other Christian traditions, may be directed to the Church Office at 781-646-7773 or parishadmin@stpaularlington.org.



SUNDAY SERVICE

8:15 AM | Holy Communion

9:00 AM | Choir Practice

9:30 AM | Education Hour: Sunday School, Confirmation class, Adult Forum

10:30 AM | Holy Communion & livestreamed

LIVESTREAMING

Worship is streamed on our Facebook page StPaulArlingtonMA. A Facebook account is not necessary to stream, but without a Facebook account the stream works on a computer browser only and not on a phone.

SERVING THE COMMUNITY TODAY

Kelli Oliver and Jen Warr Parker,
Altar Guild

Clara Rura and Aaron Rura, *Acolytes*
Marie Breitenbach, *Cantor*

Kat Allen, *Lector*

Taryn Walsh, *Assisting Minister*

Mat Carter and Hollie Schmidt, *Livestream Broadcast Team*

Peter & Hollie Schmidt and Lisa Chiulli
Lay, *Coffee Guild*



*When the instruction for standing * appears, please stand as you are able and as seems comfortable.*

At the ☩, you may make the sign of the cross, which reminds us of our baptism.

*The congregational responses are printed in **bold**.*

GATHERING

PRELUDE

G.F.Handel (1685-1759): Minuet in G minor, HWV 434/4

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.
Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

* GATHERING HYMN

"Sing with All the Saints in Glory"

ELW 426



- 1 Sing with all the saints in glo - ry, sing the res - ur - rec - tion song!
- 2 Oh, what glo - ry, far ex - ceed - ing all that eye has yet per - ceived!
- 3 Life e - ter - nal! heav'n re - joic - es: Je - sus lives who once was dead.



Death and sor - row, earth's dark sto - ry, to the for - mer days be - long.
Ho - liest hearts for a - ges plead - ing nev - er that full joy con - ceived.
Shout with joy, O death - less voic - es! Child of God, lift up your head!



All a - round the clouds are break - ing, soon the storms of time shall cease;
God has prom - ised, Christ pre - pares it, there on high our wel - come waits.
Life e - ter - nal! Oh, what won - ders crowd on faith; what joy un - known,



in God's like - ness we a - wak - en, know - ing ev - er - last - ing peace.
Ev - 'ry hum - ble spir - it shares it, Christ has passed the e - ter - nal gates.
when, a - mid earth's clos - ing thun - ders, saints shall stand be - fore the throne!

* 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.**

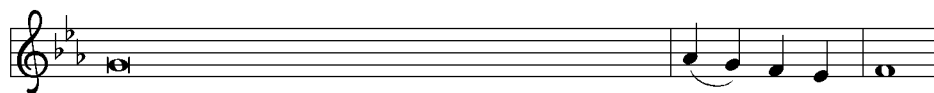
* KYRIE (only 10:30)



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



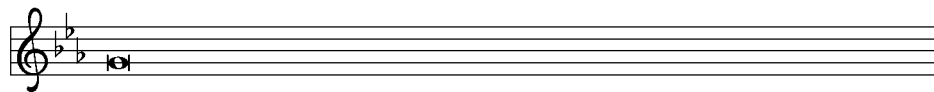
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



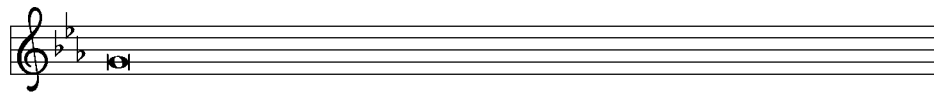
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

* HYMN OF PRAISE (*only 10:30*)

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



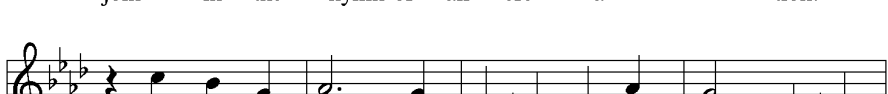
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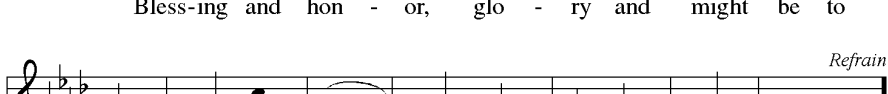
1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



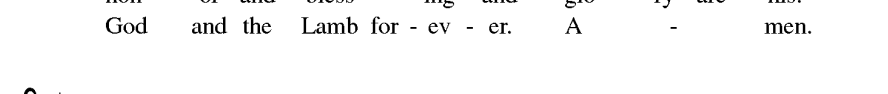
blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



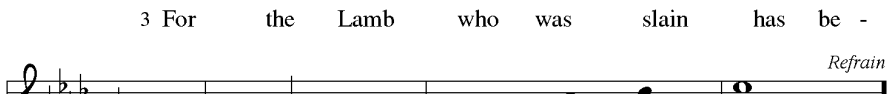
Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



Refrain
hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



Refrain
gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

Amen.

Revelation 7:9-17

⁹ After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

¹¹ And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² singing,

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴ I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁶ They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 34:1-10,22



¹ I will bless the Lord ¹ at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be ¹ in my mouth.

³ Proclaim with me the greatness ¹ of the Lord;
let us exalt God's ¹ name together.

- ⁴ **I sought the Lord, who answered me
and delivered me from all my terrors.**
- ⁵ Look upon the Lord and be radiant,
and let not your faces be ashamed.
- ⁶ **I called in my affliction, and the Lord heard me
and saved me from all my troubles.**
- ⁷ The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear the Lord
and delivers them.
- ⁸ **Taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are they who take refuge in God!**
- ⁹ Fear the Lord, you saints of the Lord,
for those who fear the Lord lack nothing.
- ¹⁰ **The lions are in want and suffer hunger,
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.**
- ²² O Lord, you redeem the life of your servants,
and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

SECOND READING

1 John 3:1-3

A reading from 1 John.

¹ See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³ And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹² Now during those days Jesus went out to the mountain to pray, and he spent the night in prayer to God. ¹³ And when day came, he called his disciples and chose twelve of them, whom he also named apostles: ¹⁴ Simon, whom he named Peter, and his brother Andrew, and James, and John, and Philip, and Bartholomew, ¹⁵ and Matthew, and Thomas, and James son of Alphaeus, and Simon, who was called the Zealot, ¹⁶ and Judas son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.

¹⁷ He came down with them and stood on a level place with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. ¹⁸ They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases, and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹ And everyone in the crowd was trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

²⁰ Then 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^[a] 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.

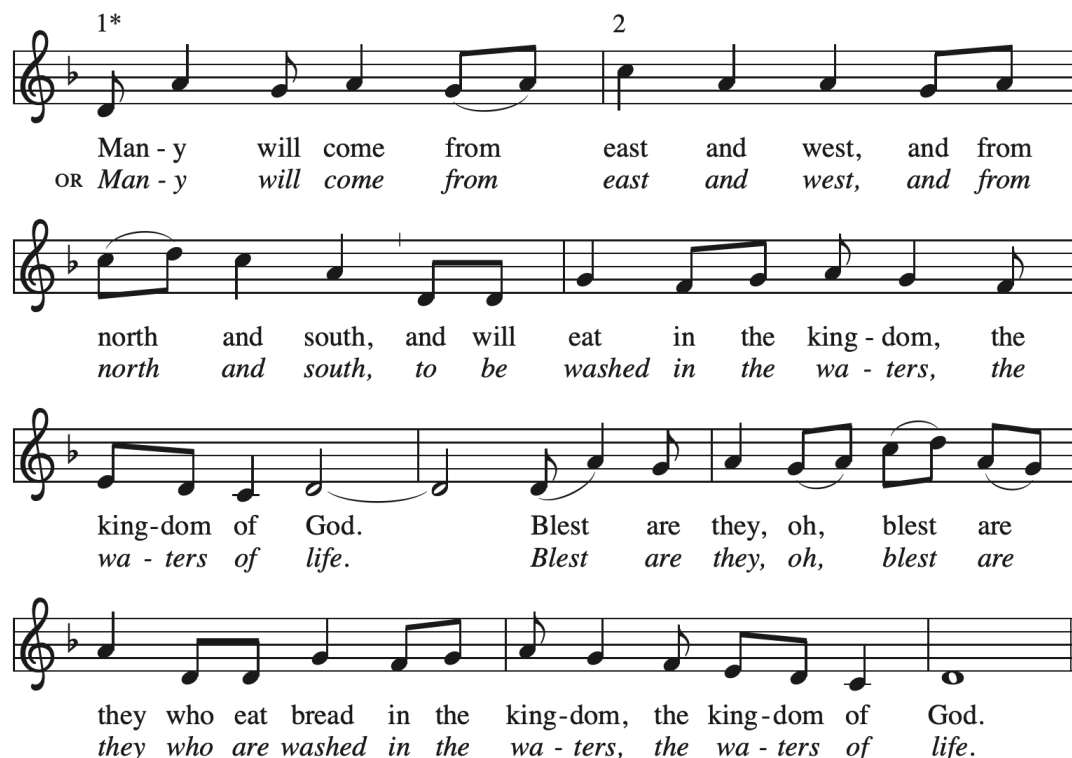
³⁰ Give to everyone who asks of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you.

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

* HYMN OF THE DAY

"Many Will Come"

ACS 982



1* 2

Man - y will come from east and west, and from
OR Man - y will come from east and west, and from

north and south, and will eat in the king - dom, the
north and south, to be washed in the wa - ters, the

king-dom of God. Blest are they, oh, blest are
wa - ters of life. Blest are they, oh, blest are

they who eat bread in the king-dom, the king-dom of God.
they who are washed in the wa - ters, the wa - ters of life.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS BY AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Presentation

I present David Runkle who desires to make public Affirmation of Baptism

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you that you have made us your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called us to yourself, enlightened us with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished us in the community of faith. Uphold us and all your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

Amen.

Profession of Faith

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.
Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

Affirmation in the Presence of the Assembly

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support David Runkle and pray for him in their life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, Oh God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

Stir up in David the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

Let us rejoice with this brother in Christ.

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

As is our custom, please face one another across the center aisle. The deacon invites us to prayer and offers the first intercession. As you are moved to pray, you are invited to pray any of the following intercessions aloud.

United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Fill your church with mercy and humility as we proclaim the gospel in our worship and witness in the world. Renew and inspire all who preach and teach among us. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Restore all lands suffering from ecological degradation. Protect soils and waterways like the Quabbin Reservoir. Point us toward innovative ways of living in harmony and joy with creation. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Unite the nations in their actions toward justice and peace. Raise up leaders who listen deeply for the needs of their communities, and surround the election process with wisdom and discernment. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Bring comfort and care to all who are in need, especially all who mourn this day. Sustain any who are weary, experiencing loneliness, or struggling with chronic illness especially Bobby, Dan, Heather, Jim, Kate, Lynn, Mark, Meredith, Paul, Roberta, and Susan. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Nurture programs and communities that support elders and those who are homebound. Bless caregivers, nurses, chaplains, social workers, and hospice staff. Guide this congregation's ministry with seniors and their families. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

With grateful hearts we remember all who have died and now rest from their labors: Ralph Johansson, Clifford Greene, Charles Woodward, Betsy Cameron and those whom we name before silently or aloud. Fill us with songs of praise until we too are gathered at your side. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.
Amen

* PEACE

Keep your hands together or make the peace sign if you'd rather not pass the peace with touch.

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

ANTHEM

Robert Lowry, arr. Russel Robinson: Shall We Gather at the River

MEAL

*OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

OFFERING

You may give an offering through the Givelify app by scanning the QR code. You may also make an offering by placing a gift in the offering plate as it passes through congregation.



*OFFERTORY



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

* GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

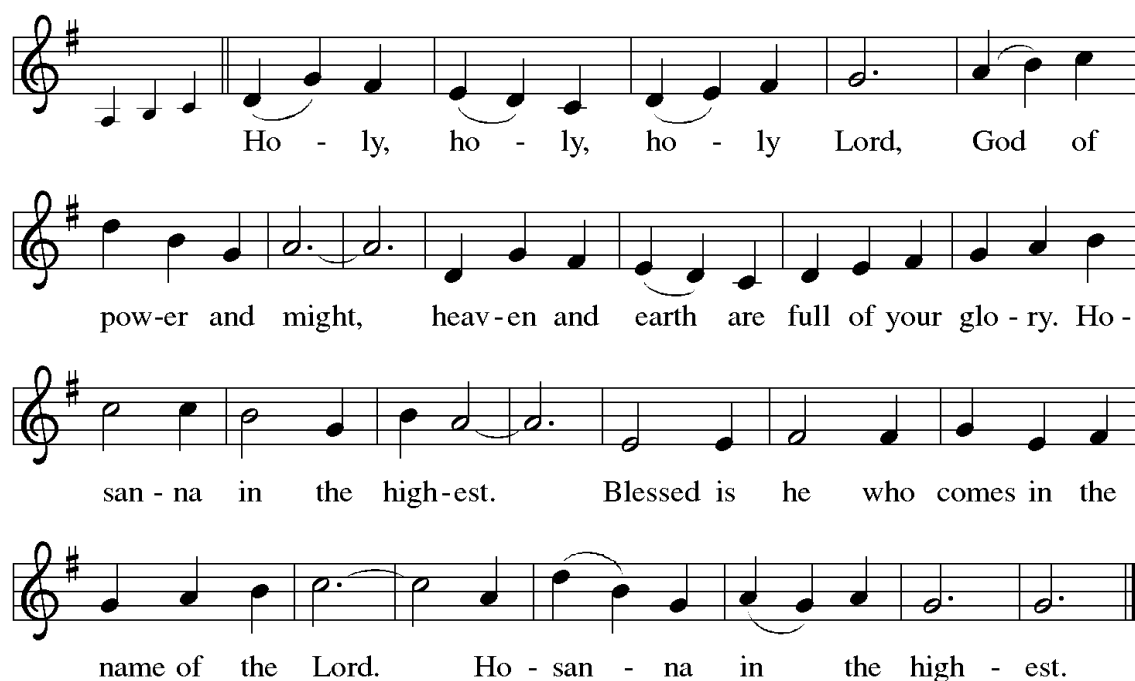
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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 all the saints, with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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.

* LORD'S PRAYER

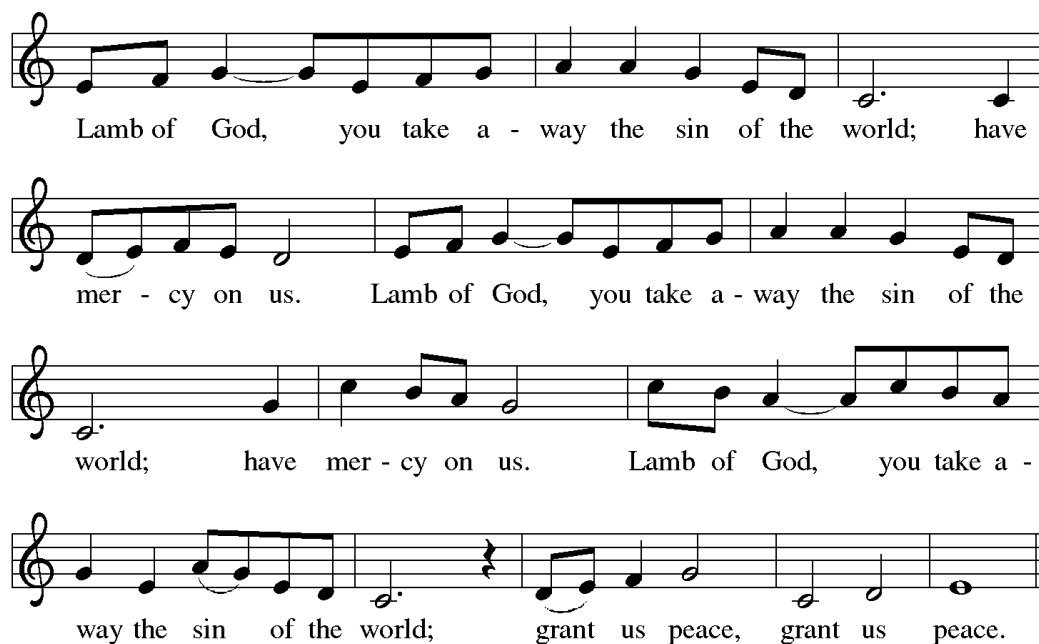
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

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.

COMMUNION

All are welcome to receive the bread and the wine. Gluten free wafers are available on request. Both wine (red) and grape juice (white) are available in each tray. Come forward in the center aisle starting at the front of the church. The pastors will motion the first people forward.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

"For All The Saints"

ELW 422



1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who
 2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might; thou,
Stanzas 3-5 on facing page.
 6 But then there breaks a yet more glo - rious day: the
 7 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
 Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight; . . .
 saints tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray; the
 gates of pearl streams in the count - less host, . . .



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
 thou, in the dark - ness dread, their one true light.
 King of glo - ry pass - es on his way.
 sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



3 Oh, blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine,
 4 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long,
 5 The gold - en eve - ning bright - ens in the west;



we fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; yet
 steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, and
 soon, soon to faith - ful ser - vants com - eth rest; . . .



all hearts are one in thee, for all are thine.
sweet are is the calm of a - gain and arms are strong.
blest. the the blest.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

* TABLE BLESSING

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

* PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen**

SENDING

* BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor ☩ and grant you peace. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*** SENDING HYMN**

"Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In"

ACS 950

1 Oh, when the saints go march-ing in, oh, when the
 2 Oh, when the Lord in glo-ry comes, oh, when the
 3 Oh, when the new world is re-vealed, oh, when the
 4 Oh, when they gath-er round the throne, oh, when they
 5 And on that hal-le-lu-jah day, and on that

saints go march-ing in, O Lord, I want to be in that
 Lord in glo-ry comes, O Lord, I want to be in that
 new world is re-vealed, O Lord, I want to be in that
 gath-er round the throne, O Lord, I want to be in that
 hal-le-lu-jah day, O Lord, I want to be in that

num-ber when the saints go march-ing in.
 num-ber when the Lord in glo-ry comes.
 num-ber when the new world is re-vealed.
 num-ber when they gath-er round the throne.
 num-ber on that hal-le-lu-jah day.

DISMISSAL

Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those with whom we travel.
 So be swift to love, make haste to be kind, and go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

G.F. Handel (1685-1759): Toccata in G minor, HWV 586

Upcoming Commemorations

All Saints Day

Sunday, November 1, 2026

The custom of commemorating all of the saints of the church on a single day goes back at least to the third century. All Saints Day celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who make up the body of Christ. On this day or the following Sunday, many congregations will remember the faithful who have died during the past year.

Daniel Payne, teacher, pastor, 1893 (TFF)

Monday, November 2, 2026

Educator Daniel Payne organized a school for African Americans in Charleston, South Carolina, that eventually became the largest school in Charleston. In 1835 the school was closed when the General Assembly of South Carolina passed a law preventing free African Americans and slaves from operating schools. Payne eventually enrolled in Gettysburg Seminary and was ordained by the Franckean Synod of Upper New York. No call was available to him in the Lutheran church, so he served a Presbyterian congregation in East Troy, New York. He went on to found Wilberforce College in Ohio.

Martín de Porres, renewer of society, died 1639

Tuesday, November 3, 2026

Martín was the son of a Spanish knight and a freed Black woman from Panama. As a lay brother in the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), he engaged in many charitable works in Lima, Peru. He founded an orphanage, a hospital, and a clinic for cats and dogs.

John Christian Frederick Heyer, died 1873; Bartholomaeus Ziegenbalg, died 1719; Ludwig Nommensen, died 1918; missionaries

Saturday, November 7, 2026

Heyer was the first missionary sent out by American Lutherans. After teaching at Gettysburg College and Seminary he was assigned to the Andhra region of India. A worker among the Tamil people on the southeast coast of India, Ziegenbalg was opposed both by local Hindus and by Danish authorities who favored a different missionary style. He was known for caring about the welfare of the whole person. Nommensen was born in northern Germany and was sent to Sumatra as a Lutheran missionary. Working among the Batak people, he translated the scriptures into their language, and honored their native culture.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING HAPPENINGS at ST. PAUL

SAVE THE DATE:

PASTORAL CANDIDATE CONGREGATIONAL VOTE

Please save **November 7 and 8** to meet our pastoral candidate, worship together, and participate in a congregational vote.

Saturday, November 7 | 5:00–7:00 p.m.

Meet the Candidate

Join us for an informal drop-in gathering in the **Goodman Fellowship Hall**. Come meet the candidate, visit with fellow congregants, and learn more about them. We plan to have the nursery available with an attendant. More details about this to come.

Sunday, November 8 | 9:30 a.m.

Worship & Congregational Vote

We will have **one Service of Holy Communion at 9:30 a.m.**, led by the pastoral candidate. **The congregational vote will take place immediately following the service in the Sanctuary.**

--- We hope you will join us for this important weekend in the life of our congregation.

WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBER

Welcome David Runkle to the St Paul community! We hope you find ways to explore gathering, growing and giving with us during this exciting time of change and new beginnings. We are happy to add another saint to our flock.

ADULT FORUM November 1

Eric Haugen will present an early look at the 2027 budget, with attention also devoted to the status of the current budget year. This will be a helpful glimpse into thinking about the year ahead that may be of use to everyone in considering a pledge for 2027.

ELECTION EVE PRAYER SERVICE ON ZOOM

We have received this invitation to prayer from the pastors in our local conference: "Come together with siblings in Christ from Lutheran congregations across the Boston Metro area to pray for just and fair elections, safety for poll workers and voters, the integrity of process, and the flourishing of all people." This will be a Zoom evening prayer service at 7:30 PM on Monday, November 2.

Topic: Prayer on Election Eve Time: Nov 2, 2026 07:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/84498299344?pwd=h3dByoSvaoUPzDfoXjuTNJUuVzBJNe.1>

PLEDGE SUNDAY | November 15

As we prepare to welcome a new Pastor into mission and ministry with us, we have the opportunity to renew our commitment to support the work of Christ through St. Paul with our time, talents, and money. Please consider a pledge of generous financial support of St. Paul's shared work in 2027. Pledge cards may be mailed to the attention of Mark Olson at St. Paul, or placed in the offering plate any Sunday, especially on Pledge Sunday, November 15.

OWL (OUR WHOLE LIVES) FIRST MEETING | Sunday, November 8, 6-9 PM

We will be running our middle school OWL program again this year. This is open to 8th and 9th graders. Please share with anyone that might be interested in joining us. You can register here: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdfX4GU3SCgbRFl5Twif-8jfoG5sPGNgf-isUZ7QDAj5oG8kg/viewform?usp=sharing&oid=104284083508357117752>. Any other questions can be directed to Sarah Carter (stpaularlingtonfamily@gmail.com).

Volunteer Opportunity: Thanksgiving Celebration for Local Immigrants & Refugees

Lamplight Women's Literacy, a local nonprofit serving low-income immigrants and refugees, is inviting volunteers to help with their annual student Thanksgiving celebration. This celebration shares the Thanksgiving tradition with adult learners in their English language program, while also celebrating the students' hard work during the fall term.

Two ways to get involved:

1. Contribute an ingredient to the meal.

Sign-up via QRcode (below) or at <https://tinyurl.com/Tdayingredients>

Ingredients to be dropped off at St. Paul's kitchen on Sunday, November 15th.

Help cook!

Volunteer on Monday, November 16th, from 9:30am-12:30pm, to help prepare the meal in St. Paul's kitchen. Sign up by emailing Lisa Chiulli Lay at lisa@lamplightliteracy.org

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SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT: LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

In response to the devastation of WWII several churches banded together to form an organization dedicated to helping people around the world. Lutheran World Relief (LWR) formed in 1945, and began working with local communities. Learn more at [LWR.org](https://www.lwr.org).

When disaster hits, LWR partners with local leaders and sponsors to provide immediate relief. LWR stays, often for the long term, to help communities recover and face the future. LWR works not only in the United States but all over the world where there are wildfires, tsunamis, earthquakes, floods, or violence.

This year the Social Ministry at St. Paul gave \$1000 toward girls' education in Sierra Leone. Looking ahead toward the Lenten season 2027, Social Ministry will start a collection for LWR personal care kits. Stay tuned for details in February 2027.

ARLINGTON EATS TURKEY TROT | Sunday, November 8, at 8 AM

Registration is open for the Arlington Eats event annual Turkey Trot. The Trot starts at Hill's Hill Field at Ed Burns Arena, Arlington. Please consider supporting one of the many teams using their feet so all can eat! Link to register for the Turkey Trot: turkeytrot.arlingtoneats.org

FROM SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE

Group Volunteer Opportunity at the Food Link Hub in Arlington on Thursday December 10 from 2:00-3:00 pm.

This is a hand-on experience, activities may include sorting produce and non-perishable food, packaging baked goods, loading/unloading vehicles with supplies, and cleaning tasks inside and/or outside the building

Our group is limited to 10 individuals, Adults and Children age 10-18 accompanied by adult.

This event requires registration and waivers.

Contact Jan Sniffen jsniffen.js@gmail.com for further details.

ARLINGTON EATS! October Spotlight Items:

Flour, Sugar, Salt, Cocoa Mix, Baking soda. Baking powder, Cinnamon, Baking chips (chocolate, etc), Gluten Free Flour, Baking mixes.



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