



*No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man.
God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability,
but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape,
that you may be able to endure it.*

I Corinthians 10:13



St. Paul's
Missouri Synod Lutheran

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost - November 16, 2025

Welcome!

Setting Two

Hymnal (LSB) page 167

Congregation responses are in bold

Opening Hymn - In Christ Alone

Handout

Please Stand

*The sign of the cross may be made by
all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

Invocation

Exhortation

LSB 167

Please Kneel/Stand /Sit

*Silence for reflection on God's Word
and for self-examination.*

Confession of Sins

LSB 167

Absolution

LSB 167

Please Stand

Introit

Psalm 121:1–2,

5, 7–8; antiphon: Luke 21:33

Heaven and earth will pass away,
but my words will not pass away.

I lift up my eyes to the hills.

From where does my help come?

My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

The Lord is your keeper;

the Lord is your shade on your right hand.

The Lord will keep you from all evil;

he will keep your life.

The Lord will keep your going out and
your coming in

from this time forth and forevermore.

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.

Heaven and earth will pass away,

but my words will not pass away.

Kyrie

LSB 168

This Is the Feast

LSB 171

Salutation and Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O Lord, almighty and ever-living God, You
have given exceedingly great and precious
promises to those who trust in You. Rule and
govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy
Spirit that we may live and abide forever in
Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please Sit

Old Testament Reading Malachi 4:1–6

¹“For behold, the day is coming, burning
like an oven, when all the arrogant and all
evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming
shall set them ablaze, says the Lord of hosts,
so that it will leave them neither root nor
branch. ²But for you who fear my name, the
sun of righteousness shall rise with healing
in its wings. You shall go out leaping like
calves from the stall. ³And you shall tread

down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the Lord of hosts.

⁴“Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and just decrees that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel.

⁵“Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes. ⁶And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Rev 7:14b; Ps 84:5

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.

Blessèd are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

Epistle

2 Thess 3:1–13

¹Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored, as happened among you, ²and that we may be delivered from wicked and evil men. For not all have faith. ³But the Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you against the evil one. ⁴And we have confidence in the Lord about you, that you are doing and will do the things that we command. ⁵May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ.

⁶Now we command you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from any brother who is walking in idleness and not in accord with the tradition that you received from us.

For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸nor did we eat anyone’s bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you. ⁹It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate. ¹⁰For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. ¹¹For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. ¹²Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.

¹³As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please Stand

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 173

Verse

Luke 21:28b

Alleluia. Straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.
Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 21:5–28

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-first chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

⁵While some were speaking of the temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, [Jesus] said, ⁶“As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another

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that will not be thrown down.” ⁷And they asked him, “Teacher, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?” ⁸And he said, “See that you are not led astray. For many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is at hand!’ Do not go after them. ⁹And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not be at once.”

¹⁰Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. ¹¹There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. ¹²But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name’s sake. ¹³This will be your opportunity to bear witness. ¹⁴Settle it therefore in your minds not to meditate beforehand how to answer, ¹⁵for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all for my name’s sake. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your lives.

²⁰“But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has come near. ²¹Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, and let those who are inside the city depart, and let not those who are out in the country enter it, ²²for these are days of vengeance, to fulfill all that is written. ²³Alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! For there will be great distress upon the earth and wrath against this people. ²⁴They will fall

by the edge of the sword and be led captive among all nations, and Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

²⁵“And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, ²⁶people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Please Sit

Children's Message

Sermon Hymn - 733

O God, Our Help in Ages Past sts. 1–6

Sermon

Please Stand

Apostles' Creed

LSB 175

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the
Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge
the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life + everlasting. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer LSB 179

**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 Sit

Offering

Please Stand

Offertory Prayer

Closing Prayer

Let us pray.

Almighty, everlasting God, Your Son has assured forgiveness of sins and deliverance from eternal death. Strengthen us by Your Holy Spirit that our faith in Christ may increase daily and that we may hold fast to the hope that on the Last Day we shall be raised in glory to eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

Benediction

LSB 183

Closing Hymn - 854 Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I Go

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Prayer Concerns

Jennifer Olsen – Praise – Successful surgery

Ashley Forba – Ongoing health issues

Mary Ellen Mills – Eye issues

Janet Finn – Continued rehab after knee replacement

Elaine Decker – Ongoing health issues

Vladimir and Marie Dutko – Healing and well-being – Marina Yarasavage's parents

Keith Mitchell's father – Kendall – Health issues

All those in the armed forces, including Kyle Stackhouse

All those suffering due to natural disasters

Business cards and bookmarks are available for everyone to use!

Please pick-up a handful and give them out as you invite friends and neighbors to church. I would love for us to run out and I have to reprint! – *Diane*

November Birthdays & Anniversaries

Nov 4 Pete Waldenberger

Nov 8 **Paul & Marianne Degroat Anniversary**
Samuel Makey

Nov 13 Donna Waldenberger

Nov 20 **Mike & Deb Joyce Anniversary**

Church Events

Month of Thanksgiving:

Soup Kitchen Donations - all of November
Soup–Cereal–Chef Boyardee (and the like)
Canned meats (tuna, chicken, etc.)

Please drop off your purchases in the entrance hallway and we will deliver them to the soup kitchen at the end of November.

They need ALL canned goods like vegetables, soups, canned meats, fruits. Also cereals, boxed stuffing, pasta, jarred sauce, any NON-PERISHABLE items with a current use-by date.

We will also take monetary donations if you don't like to shop. Just put the donation in an envelope marked Soup Kitchen.

Nov 16 - Voters Meeting After Church TODAY

Coffee Hour Today

Meet with Pastor Josh – sign-up sheet in narthex

Bible Study on Wednesday Night

Light dinner at 5 pm

What is prayer? Why is it an important gift for us to use as Christians?

Join us Wednesday evenings as we explore these questions and more.

Advent Bible Study on Wednesday Night

From Dec 3 to Dec 17.

Youth Cookie Bake - Dec 13 at 9 am

Youth Christmas Program and Brunch

Sunday Dec 14 – 10 am service

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Those Who Serve

Date	Reader	Ushers	Acolyte
Nov 2	Donna W	Willy F & Jack P	Kayla S
Nov 9	Bill Y	Pete W & Don S	Nate J
Nov 16	Kevin D	Bill Y & Keith M	Nate J
Nov 23	Diane T	Willy F & Jack W	Kayla S
Nov 30	Nancy P	Gene A & Don S	Nate J

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Offering - Monthly offering needs are \$10,888.75. Offerings for October were \$8967.

November 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						Youth Night 1
2 Communion	3	4	5 Bible Study 5 pm	6	7	8
9	10 Council mtg 4 pm	11	12 Bible Study 5 pm	13	14	15
16 Voters mtg after church & Coffee hour	17	18	19 Bible Study 5 pm	20	21	Youth Night 22
23 Communion	24	25	26	27 Thanksgiving	28	29
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December 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Advent Bible Study 5 pm	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 Advent Bible Study	11	12	Youth Cookie Bake 9 am 13
Youth Program & Brunch Christmas Gifts due 14	15	16	17 Advent Bible Study	18 Christmas Gifts delivered	19	20
21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve Service 7 pm	25 Christmas!	26	27
28	29	30	31			