



***Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly forever adore him.***

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St. Paul's
Missouri Synod Lutheran

**Christ the King Sunday
Last Sunday of the Church Year - November 23, 2025**

Welcome!

Setting Two Hymnal (LSB) page 167

Congregation responses are in bold

Opening Hymn - 532 - The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns

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 134;
antiphon: Psalm 33:8

Let all the earth fear the Lord;

**let all the inhabitants of the world stand
in awe of him!**

Come, bless the Lord, all you servants
of the Lord,

who stand by night in the house of the Lord!

Lift up your hands to the holy place
and bless the Lord!

May the Lord bless you from Zion,
he who made heaven and earth!

**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.**

Let all the earth fear the Lord;
**let all the inhabitants of the world
stand in awe of him!**

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.

Lord Jesus Christ, You reign among us by the
preaching of Your cross. Forgive Your people
their offenses that we, being governed by Your
bountiful goodness, may enter at last into Your
eternal paradise; for You live and reign with
the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now
and forever.

Amen.

Please sit

Old Testament Reading Malachi 3:13–18

¹³“Your words have been hard against me,
says the Lord. But you say, ‘How have we
spoken against you?’ ¹⁴You have said, ‘It is vain
to serve God. What is the profit of our keeping
his charge or of walking as in mourning before
the Lord of hosts? ¹⁵And now we call the
arrogant blessed. Evildoers not only prosper
but they put God to the test and they escape.’”

¹⁶Then those who feared the Lord spoke
with one another. The Lord paid attention and
heard them, and a book of remembrance was
written before him of those who feared the
Lord and esteemed his name. ¹⁷“They shall be
mine, says the Lord of hosts, in the day when
I make up my treasured possession, and I will
spare them as a man spares his son who

serves him. ¹⁸Then once more you shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve him.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Rev 7:14b; Psalm 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

Colossians 1:13–20

¹³He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 173

Verse

Luke 23:43

Alleluia. Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 23:27–43

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

Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁷And there followed [Jesus] a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. ²⁸But turning to them Jesus said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹For behold, the days are coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!’ ³⁰Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us,’ and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’ ³¹For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?”

³²Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” And they cast lots to divide his garments. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!” ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

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³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged
railed at him, saying, “Are you not the Christ?
Save yourself and us!” ⁴⁰But the other rebuked
him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you
are under the same sentence of condemnation?
⁴¹And we indeed justly, for we are receiving
the due reward of our deeds; but this man has
done nothing wrong.” ⁴²And he said, “Jesus,
remember me when you come into your
kingdom.” ⁴³And he said to him, “Truly, I say
to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Please sit

Sermon Hymn - 525

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Sermon

Please stand

Nicene Creed

LSB 174

Prayer of the Church

Please sit

Offering

Please stand

Offertory Prayer

Preface

LSB 177

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 Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we
should at all times and in all places give thanks
to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting
God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who,
having created all things, took on human flesh
and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake
He died on the cross and rose from the dead to
put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will
and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore
with angels and archangels and with all the
company of heaven we laud and magnify Your
glorious name, evermore praising You and
saying:

Sanctus

LSB 178

Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 178

Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth,
for You have had mercy on those whom You
created and sent Your only-begotten Son into
our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior.
With repentant joy we receive the salvation
accomplished for us by the all-availing
sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance
of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew,
and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit.
Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink
His blood as He bids us do in His own testament.
Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of
the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the
marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom,
which has no end. Graciously receive our
prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You
alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and
worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

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 also 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 cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

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.**

Pax Domini LSB 180

Agnus Dei LSB 180

Please sit

Distribution

Communion Hymn - 680 Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise

Please stand

Thank the Lord LSB 181

Post-Communion Collect

Let us pray.

Blessed Savior, Jesus Christ, You have given Yourself to us in this holy Sacrament. Keep us in Your faith and favor that we may live in You even as You live in us. May Your body and blood preserve us in the true faith to life everlasting. Hear us for the sake of Your name.

Amen.

Closing Prayer

Eternal God, merciful Father, You have appointed Your Son as King and judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait expectantly for the day of Christ's return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for Your own from the foundation of the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Benediction LSB 183

Closing Hymn - 816 From All That Dwell Below the Skies

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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.

Meet with Pastor Josh – sign-up sheet in narthex

Advent Bible Study on Wednesday Night

From Dec 3 to Dec 17. Light dinner at 5 pm. Christmas is a wonderful time of the year, but where does the celebration originate? With so much information about Christmas out there, it is hard to know what to believe.

Join us Wednesdays during Advent as we separate the holiday from the holy day, the facts from the fantasy, and the truth from the tradition by using Lee Strobel's *The Case for Christmas*.

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 Christmas in Our Hometown 4 pm set-up	13 Youth Cookie Bake 9 am
14 Youth Program & Brunch Christmas Gifts due	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			