

“Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper.”

During our service today, we celebrate the Lord's Supper. If you are a visitor and are not a member of a congregation of The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, we encourage you to speak with Pastor Vossler or one of our elders before the service about what we believe concerning the Sacrament.



November 19th, 2023

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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- Welcomes you! -

Hymn: 536 One Thing's Needful



1 One thing's need - ful; Lord, this trea - sure Teach me high - ly
 2 How were Mar - y's thoughts de - vot - ed Her e - ter - nal
 3 Wis - dom's high - est, no - blest trea - sure, Je - sus, is re -
 4 Noth - ing have I, Christ, to of - fer, You a - lone, my
 5 There - fore You a - lone, my Sav - ior, Shall be all in



to re - gard. All else, though it first give plea - sure,
 joy to find As in - tent each word she not - ed,
 vealed in You. Let me find in You my plea - sure,
 high - est good. Noth - ing have I, Lord, to prof - fer
 all to me; Search my heart and my be - hav - ior,



Is a yoke that press - es hard! Be - neath it the
 At her Sav - ior's feet re - clined! How kin - dled her
 And my way - ward will sub - due, Hu - mil - i - ty
 But Your crim - son - col - ored blood. Your death on the
 Root out all hy - poc - ri - sy. Through all my life's



heart is still fret - ting and striv - ing, No true, last - ing hap - pi - ness
 heart, how de - vout was its feel - ing, While hear - ing the les - sons that
 there and sim - plic - i - ty reign - ing, In paths of true wis - dom my
 cross has death whol - ly de - feat - ed And there - by my righ - teous - ness
 pil - grim - age, guard and up - hold me, In lov - ing for - give - ness, O



ev - er de - riv - ing. This one thing is need - ful; all oth - ers are
 Christ was re - veal - ing! All earth - ly con - cerns she for - got for her
 steps ev - er train - ing. If I learn from Je - sus this knowl - edge di -
 ful - ly com - plet - ed; Sal - va - tion's white rai - ments I there did ob -
 Je - sus, en - fold me. This one thing is need - ful; all oth - ers are



vain— I count all but loss that I Christ may ob - tain!
 Lord And found her con - tent - ment in hear - ing His Word.
 vine, The bless - ing of heav - en - ly wis - dom is mine.
 tain, And in them in glo - ry with You I shall reign.
 vain— I count all but loss that I Christ may ob - tain!

Confession and Absolution

Stand

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

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your

sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 143:2, 5–6, 10–11; antiphon: v. 1

Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for | mercy!*

In your faithfulness answer me, in your | righteousness!

Enter not into judgment with your | servant,*

for no one living is righteous be- | fore you.

I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that | you have done;*

I ponder the work | of your hands.

I stretch out my | hands to you;*

my soul thirsts for you like a | parched land.

Teach me to do your will, for you | are my God!*

Let your good Spirit lead me on | level ground!

For your name's sake, O LORD, pre- | serve my life!*

In your righteousness bring my soul out of | trouble!

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son* and to the

Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for | mercy!*

In your faithfulness answer me, in your | righteousness!

Kyrie

LSB 204



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 204



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
 2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
 3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
 O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
 For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
 You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
 Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
 In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

C **Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Zephaniah 1:7–16

⁷Be silent before the Lord GOD!

For the day of the LORD is near;
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice
and consecrated his guests.

⁸And on the day of the LORD's sacrifice—
“I will punish the officials and the king's sons
and all who array themselves in foreign attire.

⁹On that day I will punish
everyone who leaps over the threshold,
and those who fill their master's house
with violence and fraud.

¹⁰“On that day,” declares the LORD,
“a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate,
a wail from the Second Quarter,
a loud crash from the hills.

¹¹Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar!
For all the traders are no more;
all who weigh out silver are cut off.

¹²At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the men
who are complacent,
those who say in their hearts,
‘The LORD will not do good,
nor will he do ill.’
¹³Their goods shall be plundered,
and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.”
¹⁴The great day of the LORD is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter;
the mighty man cries aloud there.
¹⁵A day of wrath is that day,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
¹⁶a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Revelation 7:14b; Psalm 84:5

These are the ones coming out of the great tribu- |
lation.*

**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

1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³While people are saying, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. ⁴But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. ⁵For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. ⁶So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. ⁷For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please Stand to Honor The Holy Gospel

Alleluia and Verse



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



C These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Holy Gospel

Matthew 25:14–30

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

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

¹⁴[Jesus said:] “For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. ¹⁵To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. ¹⁷So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. ¹⁸But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master’s money. ¹⁹Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.’ ²¹His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ ²²And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.’ ²³His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ ²⁴He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, ‘Master, I

knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ ²⁶But his master answered him, ‘You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed and gather where I scattered no seed? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. ²⁹For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. ³⁰And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C 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.
And 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
worshiped 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

Children's Message

Hymn:

508 The Day Is Surely Drawing Near



1 The day is sure - ly draw - ing near When Je - sus, God's a - noint - ed,
 2 The fi - nal trum - pet then shall sound And all the earth be shak - en,
 3 The books are o - pened then to all, A rec - ord tru - ly tell - ing
 4 Then woe to those who scorned the Lord And sought but car - nal plea - sures,



In all His pow - er shall ap - pear As judge whom God ap -
 And all who rest be - neath the ground Shall from their sleep a -
 What each has done, both great and small, When he on earth was
 Who here de - spised His pre - cious Word And loved their earth - ly



point - ed. Then fright shall ban - ish i - dle mirth, And flames on
 wak - en. But all who live will in that hour, By God's al -
 dwell - ing, And ev - 'ry heart be clear - ly seen, And all be
 trea - sures! With shame and trem - bling they will stand And at the



flames shall rav - age earth As Scrip - ture long has warned us.
 might - y, bound - less pow'r, Be changed at His com - mand - ing.
 known as they have been In thoughts and words and ac - tions.
 judg - e's stern com - mand To Sa - tan be de - liv - ered.

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- 5 My Savior paid the debt I owe
And for my sin was smitten;
Within the Book of Life I know
My name has now been written.
I will not doubt, for I am free,
And Satan cannot threaten me;
There is no condemnation!
- 6 May Christ our intercessor be
And through His blood and merit
Read from His book that we are free
With all who life inherit.
Then we shall see Him face to face,
With all His saints in that blest place
Which He has purchased for us.
- 7 O Jesus Christ, do not delay,
But hasten our salvation;
We often tremble on our way
In fear and tribulation.
O hear and grant our fervent plea:
Come, mighty judge, and set us free
From death and ev'ry evil.

Pastor Christopher P. Vossler

Psalm 90

1–12

- ¹Lord, you have been our | dwelling place*
in all gener- | ations.
- ²Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth | and the world,*
from everlasting to everlasting | you are God.
- ³You return | man to dust*
and say, “Return, O chil- | dren of man!”
- ⁴For a thousand years in your sight
are but as yesterday when | it is past,*
or as a watch | in the night.
- ⁵You sweep them away as | with a flood;*
they are like a dream,
like grass that is renewed in the | morning:
- ⁶in the morning it flourishes and | is renewed;*
in the evening it fades and | withers.
- ⁷For we are brought to an end by your | anger,*
by your wrath we | are dismayed.
- ⁸You have set our iniquities be- | fore you,*
our secret sins in the light of your | presence.
- ⁹For all our days pass away un- | der your wrath,*
we bring our years to an end | like a sigh.
- ¹⁰The years of our life are seventy,
or even by reason of strength | eighty,*
yet their span is but toil and trouble;
they are soon gone, and we | fly away.
- ¹¹Who considers the power of your | anger,*
and your wrath according to the | fear of you?
- ¹²So teach us to number | our days*
that we may get a heart of | wisdom.

Goal: That the hearers would number their days according to God's plan.

I. Introduction

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II. God Our Dwelling Place

- What does it mean for God to be our “dwelling place”?

III. God Surpasses Us

- In what ways does Moses show God's greatness?
- How does Moses describe us in comparison to God?

IV. God Our Teacher

- How does God teach us His wisdom?

V. Conclusion

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Stand

Prayer of the Church

Sit

Offering

Service of the Sacrament

Stand

Preface

LSB 208

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

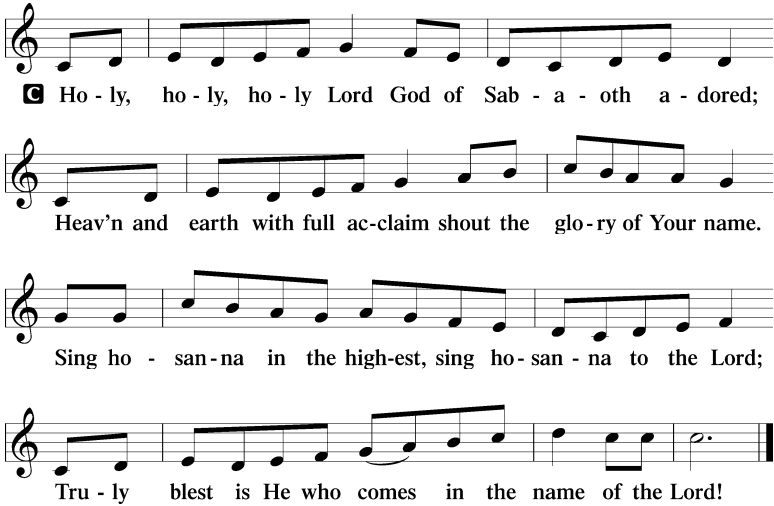
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. 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 208



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san-na to the Lord;
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

C 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

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

Agnus Dei

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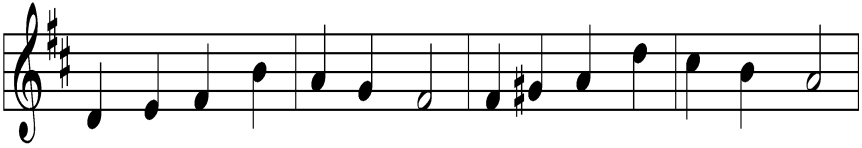
1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Sit

Distribution

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is God's gift to the Church. Through this gift we are fed with the very Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. When we gather together at God's table, we are also expressing our common faith and mutual commitment to the doctrine of The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod. (Attendance at the Lord's Supper is always a confession of that which we believe.) Because of the significance of the Sacrament and because the scriptures counsel us against its misuse (1 Corinthians 11:17-32), those who have not communed previously at St. Paul's are asked to speak with the pastor or an elder before communing

Distribution Hymn: 783 Take My Life and Let It Be



1 Take my life and let it be Con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to Thee;
2 Take my hands and let them move At the im - pulse of Thy love;
3 Take my voice and let me sing Al - ways, on - ly for my King;
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would I with - hold;



Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them flow in cease - less praise.
Take my feet and let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.
Take my lips and let them be Filled with mes - sag - es from Thee.
Take my in - tel - lect and use Ev - 'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it Thine,
It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is Thine own,
It shall be Thy royal throne.

6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee.

Distribution Hymn: 627 Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior



1 Je - sus Christ, our bless - ed Sav - ior, Turned a - way God's
2 As His pledge of love un - dy - ing, He, this pre - cious
3 Je - sus here Him - self is shar - ing; Heed then how you
4 Praise the Fa - ther, who from heav - en To His own this



wrath for - ev - er; By His bit - ter grief and woe
food sup - ply - ing, Gives His bod - y with the bread,
are pre - par - ing, For if you do not be - lieve,
food has giv - en, Who, to mend what we have done,



He saved us from the e - vil foe.
And with the wine the blood He shed.
His judg - ment then you shall re - ceive.
Gave in - to death His on - ly Son.

5 Firmly hold with faith unshaken
That this food is to be taken
By the sick who are distressed,
By hearts that long for peace and rest.

6 Agony and bitter labor
Were the cost of God's high favor;
Do not come if you suppose
You need not Him who died and rose.

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- 7 Christ says: “Come, all you that labor,
And receive My grace and favor:
Those who feel no pain or ill
Need no physician’s help or skill.
- 8 “For what purpose was My dying
If not for your justifying?
And what use this precious food
If you yourself were pure and good?”
- 9 If your heart this truth professes
And your mouth your sin confesses,
You will be your Savior’s guest,
Be at His banquet truly blest.
- 10 Let this food your faith so nourish
That its fruit of love may flourish
And your neighbor learn from you
How much God’s wondrous love can do.

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

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.

C Amen.

Benedicamus

LSB 212

A Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be
gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you
peace.

C **Amen.**

Hymn:

660 Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus



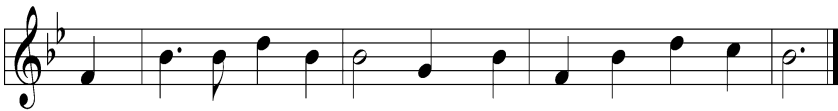
1 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, Ye sol - diers of the cross.
 2 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; The trum - pet call o - bey;
 3 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; Stand in His strength a - lone.
 4 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; The strife will not be long;



Lift high His roy - al ban - ner; It must not suf - fer loss.
 Stand forth in might - y con - flict In this His glo - rious day.
 The arm of flesh will fail you, Ye dare not trust your own.
 This day the din of bat - tle, The next the vic - tor's song.



From vic - t'ry un - to vic - t'ry His ar - my He shall lead
 Let all His faith - ful serve Him A - gainst un - num - bered foes;
 Put on the Gos - pel ar - mor; Each piece put on with prayer.
 The sol - diers, o - ver - com - ing, Their crown of life shall see



Till ev - 'ry foe is van - quished, And Christ is Lord in - deed.
 Let cour - age rise with dan - ger And strength to strength op - pose.
 Where du - ty calls or dan - ger, Be nev - er want - ing there.
 And with the King of Glo - ry Shall reign e - ter - nal - ly.

Dismissal for Sunday School

Dismissal for Youth Bible Study

P Go in Peace, serve the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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WELCOME:

We join in welcoming our visitor's this morning. If you would please be sure to sign the guest book (Elders can direct you to the location), Thank you!

THIS WEEK AT ST PAUL

SUNDAY: *Worship Service with Communion*
9:30am/10:30am/ Fellowship/Bible Class 11am

MONDAY:

TUESDAY: *Peanut Brittle Season 9-1pm/Confirmation*
Class 5pm/

WEDNESDAY: *Quilting 9:30am / Thanksgiving Eve*
Service 7pm/Choir 7:45pm

THURSDAY: *Thanksgiving Day* 😊

FRIDAY:

SATURDAY: *Women's Bible Study 9am*

SUNDAY : *Worship Service 9:30am/10:30am/*
Fellowship/Sunday School/ 11am Bible Study

OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD 11/05

| OFFERINGS | mom | Memorials | TOTAL | ATTENDANCE |
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This Wednesday, November 22nd, join us at 7pm for **Thanksgiving Eve Service**. Guest proclaimer will be Pastor Emeritus Richard Hoogerhyde 😊

**Christmas Decorating Saturday,
December 2nd @ 9am.** Join in as we
decorate the church for the celebration of
Advent 😊

Joy to the World, The Lord has come!

*The Reith's invite the ladies of St. Paul
to celebrate an afternoon of Christmas
fellowship Thursday, December 7th @
1pm. 2152 Lynn Rd. Sanford.
Please RSVP to Ann Reith, or use the
sign up sheet on the bulletin board 😊*



This week's flowers are sponsored by
The Altar Guild in celebration of
Thanksgiving 😊

No weekday bible studies this week as pastor
is traveling and Thanksgiving Day.

The most **delicious Peanut Brittle** you will
find **on sale now-\$10/bag**. Please see a
Ladies Aid member for purchase. You will be
glad you did :))

Thank you, Ladies Aid for all you do around the church. Luncheons, activities, events
...we appreciate all you do!!

2023 United Way Sharing Trees: The tree is up, and you can take a tag from the tree. **Sunday, Nov. 26, 2023, at 10:30am** is the deadline to bring gifts to St. Paul. This year there is only one tree located in the downstairs. Questions can be directed to Erin Teachworth (989)859-7096 or to the Salvation Army (989) 496-2787.

Please consider donating this Christmas time. We will have **share boxes** set up in the fellowship hall to distribute to a few families as Christmas approaches

Mission of the Month: In November is the **Rajek Missionary family**. Pray for Cory and Jennifer as they serve in Riga. Ask God to watch over them as they adapt to a new country and serve people from around the world. Also, pray for the work of the Luther Academy in Latvia, as well as the students who study there. Give thanks that the Rajek's are serving God's people in this part of the world.

LWML 2024 Michigan District Convention-
June 28-30, 2024 at Amway, Grand Rapids
LWML Prayer Day/Spring Rally 2024 at St
Paul, Sanford. Date to be determined. For
more LWML information, Please contact
Diana Kausch.

*Youth Movie Night-Saturday, December 9th
@ 6pm featuring the "Polar Express".
Pizza/popcorn/smore and movie
discussion. 😊*



For more information about
youth group, Sunday School,
youth bible study and events,
please use the QR code to
get to the form.

Prayer Request: *If you or someone you know are in need
of prayers please call or email Edna Rottiers at 989-687-
9687 / hughrottiers@gmail.com . Those with additional
prayer request please complete a prayer slip and give to one
of our Elders before the service or to one of the Ushers
during the offering. Your prayers are important and our Lord
does promise to answer*

November Altar Guild representative is
Carolyn Sutton 989.631.3953

Choir Practice-This week Wednesday @ 7:45ish
following Thanksgiving Eve Service

Budget meeting is in December. If you would like
to be add anything to the budget, please speak with
Curt, Julie or Jan for consideration.

January meeting will include voting for board
members. Please let board know if you are
interested.

To our families with small children: Relax! You
and your children are welcome to our worship service! Being in
worship with you to observe and participate in the service will help
them to learn how to behave in church – and they will learn that
best by watching you worship on a regular basis! Sit anywhere in
the sanctuary that you wish. The last two rows of pews are set
aside for families with small children, but you don't *have* to sit
there. In fact, sitting close to the front so your children can see
what's happening may help them to feel more involved in the
service. If they need something to keep their hands occupied,
please ask one of the ushers for a copy of the children's bulletins
for them to color. If for any reason you need to take your children
out of the sanctuary
free to bring them
of the church. In
stairs we have a cry
the fellowship hall to the left. With the speakers in the basement,
you will be able to hear the service while your child calms down. If
your children don't want to sit still or be quiet through the whole
service, there is absolutely nothing wrong with them: they are



young and learning. The sound of children in worship is the sound of the Church's future.

Blacktop Project-We are accepting donations to the Blacktop project as we work toward the upgrade to the parking lot in the future.

Pastoral Care: Please contact the Pastor @ cell 973-303-8252, office 989-687-2209, or email stpaulrev@tds.net. The Church Office (989-687-2824) / cell (989 859-9300) email stpaul Lutheran@tds.net, or Deacon Don Barnard (989-751-7726) email: stpauldeacon@tds.net or esocidnator01@gmail.com if you or anyone you know are in need of a visit from the Pastor or Deacon whether it's an illness, hospitalization, nursing home or shut-in. It is important to us that we receive these communications to plan a call or visitation. May God's blessings be upon you today and every day!

#Up Coming Events#

-Peanut Brittle making...Continues every Tuesday through the last session being on December 5th , 9-1pm.

Thanksgiving Eve Service- November 22nd @ 7pm

Would you like to walk in the **Sanford Shines Christmas Parade-December 1st at 6pm?**

Join us as the church will have a float and anyone who would like to walk or ride is welcome ☺

Christmas Decorating Saturday, December 2nd @ 9am. Come join us as we

decorate the church for the celebration of Advent 😊

Midweek Advent Services begin December 6th at 7pm. Advent dinner before service at 6pm-free will offering

Saturday, December 16th Cookie Decorating

Children's Christmas Concert-December 17th @ 4pm

3 Lent Crosses – First showing of the 3 crosses made by Mike Schweigert, Randy Engblade, and Don Retzloff will be Feb 11th

We are currently forming a **Youth Ministry Board**. The board will focus on the planning of education and activities designed for our congregation's youth. Please let Gerianne or Pastor know if interested.

Sanford Food Pantry: The current needs for the Food Pantry are **Boxed Potatoes-Scalloped, AuGratin, Mashed**. There are refillable canvas bags from the Midland County Emergency Food Pantry available on the food pantry table in the fellowship hall. The bags have a suggested list of items and instructions. You may take these bags home and place the purchased items in the bag and return it to the church. The bags will be delivered to the Sanford Food Pantry the last week of the month. The empty bags will be returned to the church to be used again. *Thank you for all of the items and monetary donations. Please remember that the food pantry does not accept expired or dietary food.*

| SERVING | This Week 11/19 | Next Week 11/26 |
|------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Flowers: | Altar Guild | Jack Moeller |
| Music: | Sara Glynn-Dishaw | Sara Glynn-Dishaw |
| Proclaimer: | Pastor Christopher P. Vossler | Pastor Christopher P. Vossler |
| Fellowship Host | Kathy E. /Julie V./Jan O. | Open |
| Ushers | Jack Moeller & Duane Grubaugh | Jack Moeller & Duane Grubaugh |
| Acolytes | Jackson & Bradyn | Natalee & Madison |
| Greeters | Lynn & Mark Burns/Natalee Giddings | Carolyn Sutton |

Read the Bible in a Year!

“All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.” (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

For Christians – and especially for Lutherans – nothing is more important than God’s Word. God speaks to us through His Word, and we do well to listen to what He has to say to us. That is why regular devotions and prayer and Scripture reading are so important for our spiritual life.

It’s always a good time to start a plan to read the Bible! And in fact, you can read through the entire Bible in a year, with only 15-20 minutes per day. Are you worried that the Bible might be too much for you to read in a single year? There are resources that can help. One option that is available is on your smartphone: Download the YouVersion Bible App and look up the “Reformation Reading Plan,” which was developed by the Michigan District to celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation in 2017.

If you don’t have a smartphone, you can follow this reading plan in the bulletin every week, along with suggested readings from Luther’s Small Catechism. Note that whatever day you start the reading plan in the app will be “Day 1,” so you may find yourself on a different day than what is in the bulletin.

Daily Readings:

| Days 22-28 | Reading | Catechism |
|------------|---|---|
| Monday | John 11: 1-16, Genesis 39,40 | The Lord's Prayer The First Petition |
| Tuesday | John 11: 17-57, Genesis 41,42 | The Lord's Prayer The Second Petition |
| Wednesday | John 12: 1-19, Genesis 43,44 | The Lord's Prayer The Third Petition |
| Thursday | John 12: 20-50, Genesis 45,46,47 | The Lord's Prayer The Forth Petition |
| Friday | John 13, Genesis 48,49,50 | The Lord's Prayer The Fifth Petition |
| Saturday | Proverbs 2: 12-22, Psalm 15, 16, 17, 18 | The Lord's Prayer The Sixth Petition |
| Sunday | Ezek. 34: 11-24, Psalm 95: 1-7, 1 Cor. 15: 20-28, Matthew 25: 31-46 | The Lord's Prayer The Seventh Petition |

Daily Devotion Resources:

Daily Prayers for Morning, Noon, Evening, Close of Day (LSB 294-298)/*Treasury of Daily Prayer*/Portals of Prayer

Prayer Requests:

- Youth in the Church, especially our Confirmands
- Our Shut-ins
- Peanut Brittle Making
- Pastors of our congregation and Synod, and for increase in the numbers of Seminary students for future Pastors

