LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

8:30am
November 22, 2026



People of His Pasture

AS WE GATHER

Too often we think about God's being up in His heaven, simply looking down on us. Today's Readings give us a helpful perspective. Today is the Last Sunday of the Church Year. This Sunday is traditionally filled with themes of Christ's roles as King and Judge. But consider these words from Psalm 95: "We are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand." We are God's chosen sheep. He is our Shepherd. We follow Him as He goes to seek the lost, bring back the stray, and bind up the injured.

We are given **time in these Last Days** to show the love of our Good Shepherd and the difference salvation makes.

Preservice Music – Sinfonia (J.S.Bach) *w/ Guest Artist Dr. Ann Lemke/ Oboe*

WELCOME – Pastor Christopher Fairbairn

Savior like a Shepard Lead Us

Savior, like a shepherd lead us;
Much we need Your tender care.
In Your pleasant pastures feed us,
For our use Your fold prepare.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
You have bought us; we are Yours.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
You have bought us; we are Yours.

We are Yours; in love befriend us,
Be the guardian of our way;
Keep Your flock, from sin defend us,
Seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Hear us children when we pray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Hear us children when we pray.

You have promised to receive us,
Poor and sinful though we be;
You have mercy to relieve us,
Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Early let us turn to You.
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Early let us turn to You

Please Stand

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.

Pastor: All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned–every one–to his own way;
People: by His knowledge shall the righteous One, My servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and He shall bear their iniquities.

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord, sheep of the Good Shepherd, we know of His abiding goodness and mercy. With confidence, let us come before our Lord to confess our sins and to find the forgiveness we seek.
People: Almighty God, our Lord and King, we confess to You that we have strayed like lost sheep and deserve nothing of Your kindness toward us. We have sought our own way and it has led us only to guilt and death. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, we pray You to forgive us our sins, cleanse our hearts and minds, and restore us as Your own children. Grant us the aid of Your Holy Spirit that we may believe in Jesus Christ alone, trust in His redeeming work, and live lives worthy of our baptismal calling as Your children. Amen.

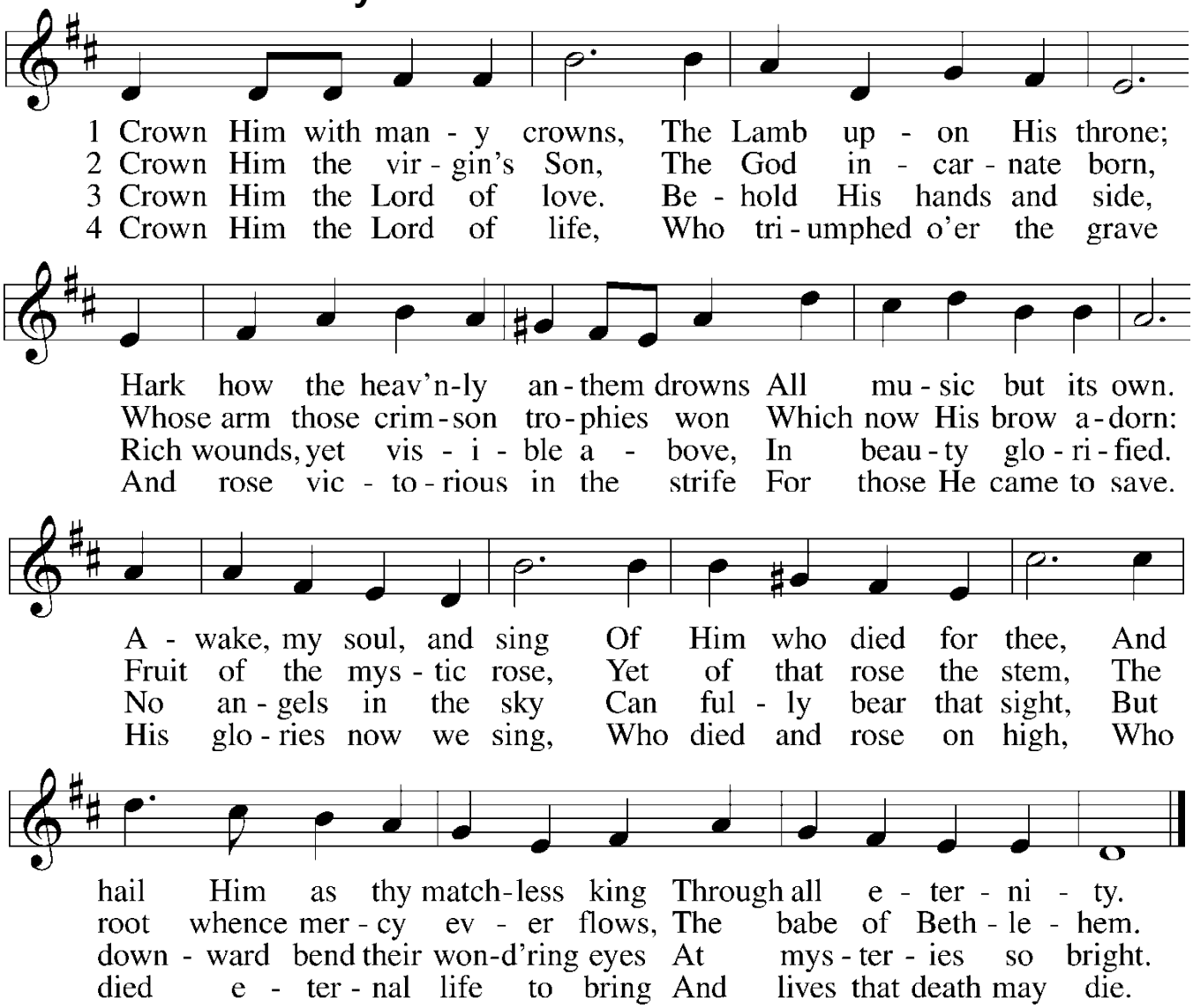
Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. By His grace, you are the sons and daughters of God, cleansed by the Lamb, in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: May He who began this good work within you bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

525 Crown Him with Many Crowns



INTROIT *Psalm 39:4–5a, 7–8, 12; antiphon: 2 Peter 3:13 NIV*

Pastor: In keeping with His promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth,
People: the home of righteousness.

Pastor: O Lord, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days;
People: let me know how fleeting I am!

Pastor: Behold, You have made my days a few handbreadths,
People: and my lifetime is as nothing before You.

Pastor: And now, O Lord, for what do I wait?
People: My hope is in You.

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

Pastor: Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear to my cry; hold not Your peace at my tears!
People: For I am a sojourner with You, a guest, like all my fathers.

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.

Pastor: In keeping with His promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth,
People: the home of righteousness.

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord:
People: Kyrie, Kyrie eleison. *(which means, "Lord, Lord have mercy")*

Pastor: For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:
People: Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.

Pastor: For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:
People: Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.

Pastor: For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:
People: Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.

Pastor: For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:
People: Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.

Pastor: For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:
People: Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.

Pastor: For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:
People: Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.

Pastor: For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:
People: Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.

Pastor: Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:
People: Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.

Be Still *St Paul's Choral Ensemble*



Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that I am with you. Be still and know that I will comfort you, when you come to me, in your hour of need.
Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that I am here for you, and I will wipe your tears. You will be renewed.
Come unto to Me, my child be still and know that I will give you rest.
I am present in your pain and I always will remain your Comforter, and friend.
I leave you with peace. Peace I give unto you

SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

Pastor: Eternal God, merciful Father, You have appointed Your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of His 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.
People: Amen.

FIRST READING 1 Corinthians 15:20–28 *(For as in Adam all die, so in Christ shall all be made alive.)*

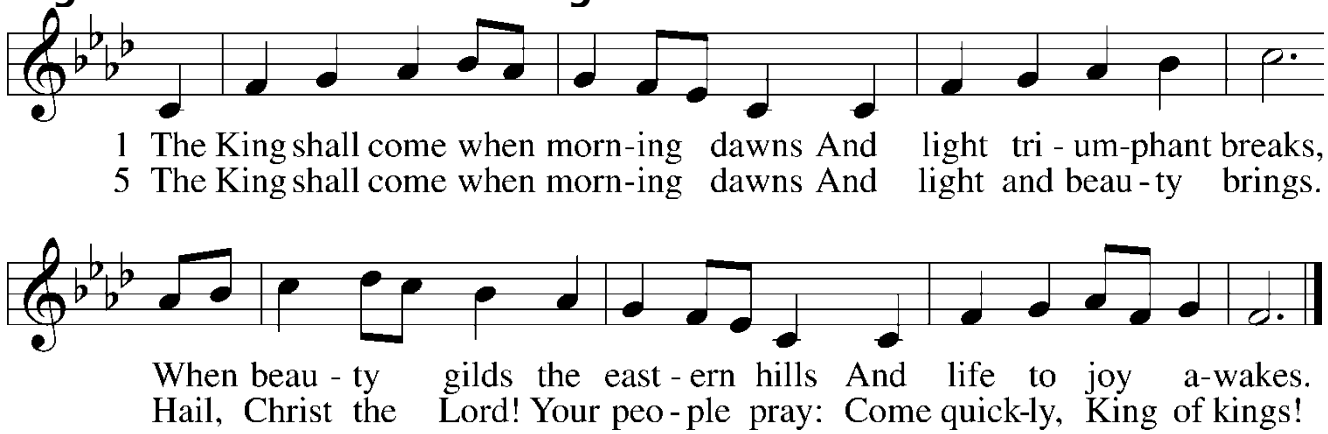
20 But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead. He is the first of a great harvest of
all who have died.
21 So you see, just as death came into the world through a man, now the resurrection
from the dead has begun through another man. 22 Just as everyone dies because we
all belong to Adam, everyone who belongs to Christ will be given new life. 23 But
there is an order to this resurrection: Christ was raised as the first of the harvest; then
all who belong to Christ will be raised when he comes back.

[24] After that the end will come, when he will turn the Kingdom over to God the Father,
having destroyed every ruler and authority and power. [25] For Christ must reign until
he humbles all his enemies beneath his feet. [26] And the last enemy to be destroyed is
death. [27] For the Scriptures say, "God has put all things under his authority."
(Of course, when it says "all things are under his authority," that does not include God
himself, who gave Christ his authority.) [28] Then, when all things are under his
authority, the Son will put himself under God's authority, so that God, who gave his
Son authority over all things, will be utterly supreme over everything everywhere.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns



HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 25:31–46 *(Come and inherit the kingdom prepared for you before the foundation of the world.)*

Reader: [31] "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him,
he will sit on his glorious throne. [32] All the nations will be gathered before
him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd
separates the sheep from the goats. [33] He will put the sheep on his right
and the goats on his left.

[34] "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are
blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for
you since the creation of the world. [35] For I was hungry and you gave me
something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was
a stranger and you invited me in, [36] I needed clothes and you clothed me,
I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to
visit me.'

People: **[37] "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see
you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink?
[38] When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing
clothes and clothe you? [39] When did we see you sick or in prison and
go to visit you?'**

Reader: [40] "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the
least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'
[41] "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are
cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. [42] For I
was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave
me nothing to drink, [43] I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I
needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and
you did not look after me.'

People: **[44] "They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or
thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did
not help you?'**

Reader: [45] "He will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the
least of these, you did not do for me.'
[46] "Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to
eternal life."

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Blessings *St Paul's Choral Ensemble*



We pray for blessings
We pray for peace comfort for family
Protection while we sleep
We pray for healing for prosperity
We pray for Your mighty hand
To ease our suffering
And all the while You hear each spoken need
Yet love is way too much to give us lesser things

'Cause what if Your blessings come through raindrops
What if Your healing comes through tears
And what if a thousand sleepless nights
Are what it takes to know You're near
And what if trials of this life
Are Your mercies in disguise

We pray for wisdom
Your voice to hear
We cry in anger when we cannot feel You near
We doubt Your goodness
We doubt Your love
As if ev'ry promise from Your Word is not enough
And all the while You hear each desp'rate plea
And long that we'd have faith to believe

'Cause what if Your blessings come through raindrops
What if Your healing comes through tears
And what if a thousand sleepless nights
Are what it takes to know You're near
And what if trials of this life
Are Your mercies in disguise

When friends betray us
When darkness seems to win
We know that pain reminds this heart
That this is not this is not our home

It's not our home

'Cause what if Your blessings come through raindrops
What if Your healing comes through tears
And what if a thousand sleepless nights
Are what it takes to know You're near
What if my greatest disappointments
Or the aching of this life
Is a revealing of a greater thirst
This world can't satisfy
And what if trials of this life
The rain the storms the hardest nights
Are Your mercies in disguise

THE APOSTLES CREED



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.

486 If Christ Had Not Been Raised from Death *(Tune: LSB 444)*

1 If Christ had not been raised from death
Our faith would be in vain,
Our preaching but a waste of breath,
Our sin and guilt remain.
But now the Lord is ris'n indeed;
He rules in earth and heav'n:
His Gospel meets a world of need—
In Christ we are forgiv'n.

2 If Christ still lay within the tomb
Then death would be the end,
And we should face our final doom
With neither guide nor friend.
But now the Savior is raised up,
So when a Christian dies
We mourn, yet look to God in hope—
In Christ the saints arise!

3 If Christ had not been truly raised
His Church would live a lie;
His name should nevermore be praised,
His words deserve to die.
But now our great Redeemer lives;
Through Him we are restored;
His Word endures, His Church revives
In Christ, our risen Lord.

MESSAGE – Pastor Christopher Fairbairn

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for people here and around the world who are destitute, fearful of God's wrath, shunned by society, unjustly accused, or dealing with issues of health. As You have promised, Lord our God, seek out, we pray, those who, devoid of basic necessities, face today without homes, with few possessions, and an uncertain future.

People: For the sake of our Good Shepherd, lead them to the food, shelter, and security they desperately need.

Pastor: With the Gospel in the hearts and on the lips of Christ's Church, heavenly Father, enable our brothers and sisters to answer the spiritual thirst of people here and around the world.

People: Grant them faith that they may join us in singing praise to You, the rock of our salvation.

Pastor: Shower Your blessings, O Holy Spirit, on all whose vocations work for the common good—those who till the soil and tend flocks; those who prepare and distribute food, clothing, and shelter; those who maintain peace at home and abroad; those who are first to respond in emergencies.

People: Guide them, Lord of all, to use the gifts You have given them, so that praise may resound to You, the Lord, our Maker.

Pastor: Where people are forgotten, unjustly imprisoned, or oppressed in any way, O God, surround them with caring people intent on meeting their physical and spiritual needs.

People: Use us to serve You and love them according to Your gracious plans.

Pastor: Into Your hands we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

If you brought your offering today, you are welcome to leave it in the offering box you will find at the back of the church. **Thank you.**

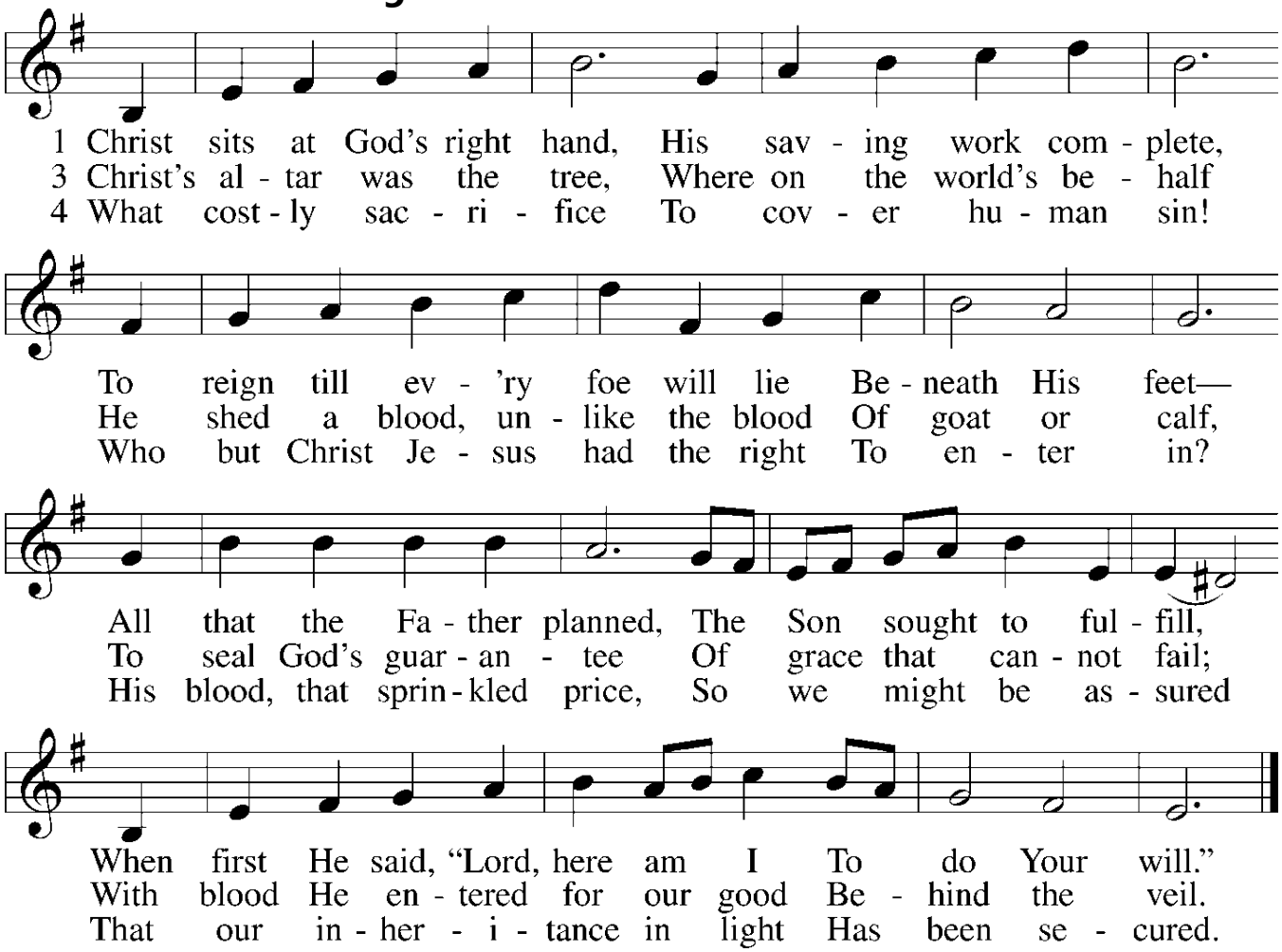
We invite <u>our guests</u> and members to fill out our Friendship Card during worship, which is found on the back of the pew. Please leave your card at the end of the pew near the center aisle as you leave.

THE 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.

SUNG RESPONSE

564 Christ Sits at God's Right Hand



BENEDICTION

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

THE INVITATIONS

837 Lift High the Cross

ref Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

1 Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod,
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. **Refrain**

2 Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine. **Refrain**

6 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory! **Refrain**



Need some PRAYER? Anyone who desires special private prayer with a pastor or a Stephen Minister may do so by coming forward after service to one of the front pews.

Our Vision — a place to come for comfort, support, answers, opportunities to serve, and to strengthen a salvation relationship with Jesus



WHERE WE SERVE

Preacher/Officiant	Pastor Christopher Fairbairn
Music Director	Paul Ventimiglia
Family Life	Jeanette Koch
Elder	Will Hoffmeier
Welcome Center	Pat McGuigan
Greeter	Berg Family
Tech Team	Thomas Kut

Acolyte	Gabriel Robin
Ushers	Charleen Hill Bob McGuigan Pat McGuigan
Reader	Marty Jenter
Counters	Beth Snow Jane Ripper Allen Ripper
Coffee Hour	Board of Social Ministry
Guest Artist	Dr. Ann Lemke/ Oboe
St Paul's Choir	Lisa Fairbairn Cheryl Bailey Nancy Berg - Crenshaw Anne Burgess Chris Burgess John Hasse Will Hoffmeier Linda Johnson Rich Johnson Chris Englert Sue Roman Jim Frusti Alexandra Vago Venetia Schlie Jennifer Huggins Cindy Kivell



One vase in memory of our daughter Andrea Lynn Scott from her parents Ronald and Marilyn Breuhan.

One vase in honor of Norman Kleiner's birthday from Diane and Joel Robinson.

Please arrange to pick up your flowers after the 11am service.



Remember Our Homebound
Margaret Parkinson
735 Randolph - Unit 121
Northville, MI 48167

Bible Study and Small Group Opportunities

WEDNESDAYS: Women's Bible Study- Wednesdays @ 9:30am in the church Parish Hall.
SUNDAYS: Join us for Bible study and fellowship @ 9:45am in the church Parish Hall.
SATURDAYS: Men's Bible Study – Every 1st and 3rd Saturday @ 9:00am – Parish Hall

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Attendance Last week: 11.15.2026– Attendance – 8:30am -105 + 11am - 63 = 168
Communion – 137

Received week of 11.15.2026 for **Church** (Envelopes + loose plate)- **$8458.52** total includes online giving
School - $5,400.69



22 NOV, SUN	8:30 – 9:30am	Worship	
	9:45 – 10:45am	Sunday School & Youth Bible Study	
	11am – 12pm	Worship	
	7 – 9pm	Adult pick up basketball - check notes for availability	school gym
23 NOV, MON	All day	Organ Repair	
	6:30 – 7:30pm	Council Mtg PH	Parish Hall
	7:30 – 9pm	Northville Basketball Assoc. Gym	
24 NOV, TUE	All day	Organ Repair	
	12 – 1pm	Meeting - Ladies Lounge, Church	
	6 – 7:30pm	Northville Basketball Association - Gym	
25 NOV, WED	All day	NO SCHOOL-Thanksgiving (Day 1/3)	
	All day	Organ Repair	
	9 – 10am	Yolanda M. - room 13 school	
	9:30 – 11am	Women's Bible Study- Parish Hlal	
	6 – 9pm	Northville Basketball Assoc. - Gym	
	7 – 8pm	Thanksgiving Eve Service -	
26 NOV, THU	All day	NO SCHOOL-Thanksgiving (Day 2/3)	
	All day	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	
	4:30 – 5:30pm	Choir Practice	
	5:45 – 7pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal - church	
	6 – 9pm	Northville Basketball Assoc. -Gym	
27 NOV, FRI	All day	NO SCHOOL-Thanksgiving (Day 3/3)	
	6 – 7:30pm	Northville Basketball Association-Gym	
	7 – 9pm	AA Mtg.	church parish hall
	9 – 11:30pm	Yuta Basketball Rental	gym

HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE 2026

(H/C = Holy Communion)

Saint Paul Lutheran Northville -noon services



Decorate Church 11.29.2026

11/25/2026 - Thanksgiving Eve Service – 7pm — Wednesday (H/C)
11/26/2026 – CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED - Thursday

11/29/2026 – Worship – 8:30am & 11:00am – Sunday

12/02/2026 – Advent noon Service – Wednesday – lunch follows service
12/02/2026 - Advent Dinner – 5:30pm – 6:45pm – Wednesday (Board of Evangelism)
12/02/2026 - Advent Service – 7pm –- Wednesday

12/06/2026 – Worship – 8:30am (H/C) & 11:00am (H/C) - Sunday

12/09/2026 – Advent Noon Service - Wednesday -lunch follows service
12/09/2026 – Advent Dinner – 5:30pm-6:45pm – Wednesday (Youth Group)
12/09/2026 - Advent Service -7pm - Wednesday

12/13/2026 – Worship – 8:30am (H/C) & 11:00am – Sunday

12/16/2026 – Advent Noon Service- Wednesday -lunch follows service
12/16/2026 – Advent Dinner – 5:30pm-6:45pm – Wednesday (St. Paul School)
12/16/2026 - Advent Service -7pm –Wednesday - St. Paul Sunday School

12/20/2026 – Worship – 8:30am (H/C) & 11:00am (H/C) – Sunday

12/24/2026 - Christmas Eve - 6:00 pm & 8:00pm – Thursday

12/24/2026 - Christmas Eve Family Service - 10pm – Thursday (H/C)

12/25/2026- Christmas Day Service – 10am — Friday (H/C)

12/27/2026 - Worship – 10am – Sunday – ONE SERVICE

12/28/2026 – CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED- Monday

12/31/2026 – New Years Eve Service – 6pm – Thursday (H/C)

1/03/2027 – Worship – 8:30am (H/C) & 11:00am (H/C) – Sunday

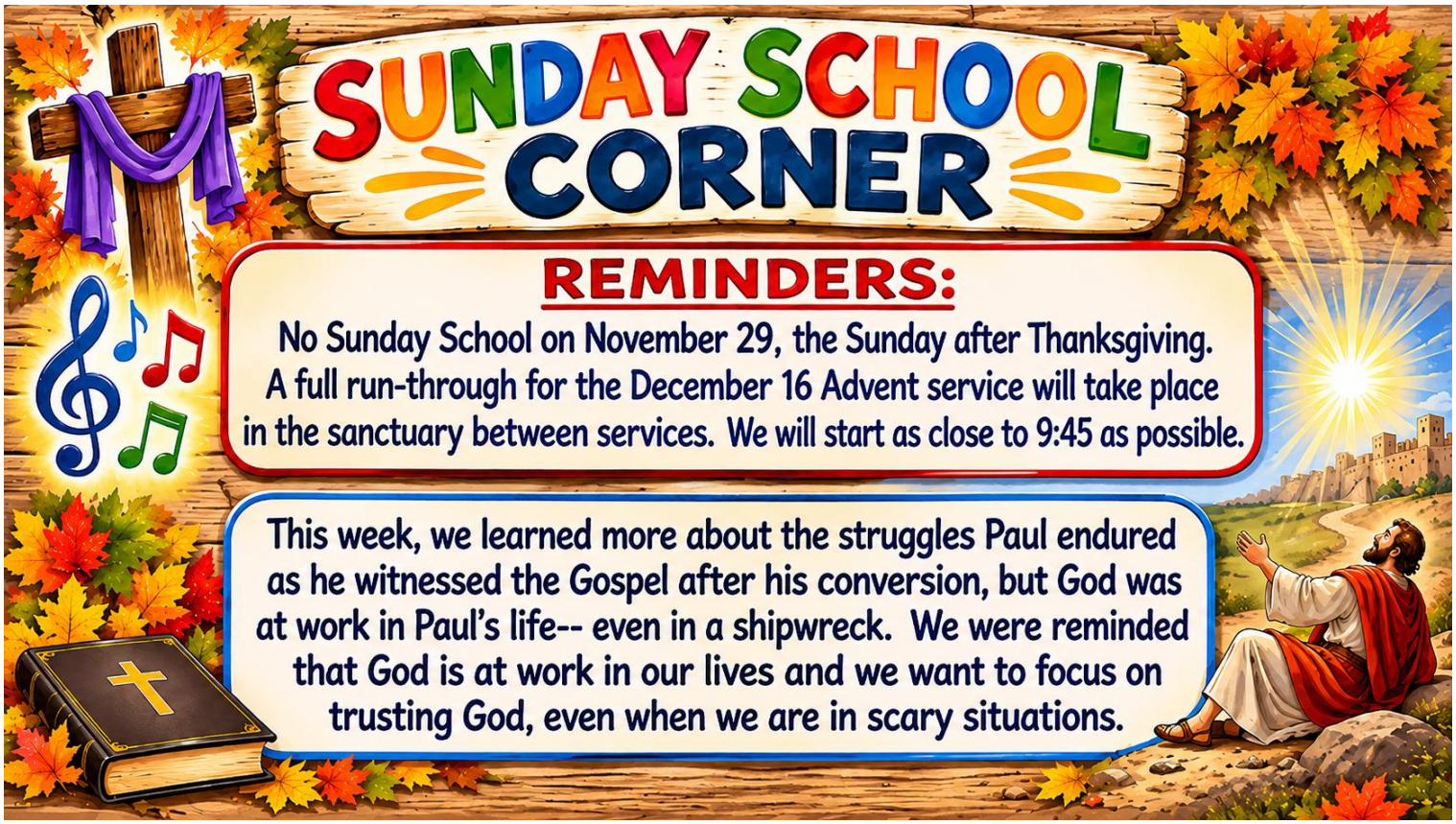
1/4/2027– CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED - Monday



Christmas bells are ringing and the cool weather is saying it's almost here. It's a gentle nudge to begin preparation for a very special time together, relax, enjoy your sisters in Christ, meet some new people, enjoy familiar tunes and celebrate the birth of our Savior. Ladies you and your children are invited to join us on December 6 from 2:00-4:00pm, "You Shall Call His Name Jesus", Christmas Tea. There is no charge but we need 16 ladies to prepare an appetizer or dessert. We will have a giving tree, you can bring a needed item or put money on our tree that will be used to purchase items for Detroit Street Ministry. There is a bulletin blurb for DSM already needing new men's only winter boots, pull on sizes 10, 11 & 12, handwarmers and new knit stocking caps (adult size). There is a sign up board, we want to see if you are coming and who is bringing what, so we have enough. Please sign up and plan to join us. The men will be serving. Any questions, please let me know, Sue Poole, 248.904.9080

BLAZE ~ 2027 Bible-in-a-Year Reading Group

Have you ever read through the whole Bible? Join St. Paul in our new group called "BLAZE", where we will read through the whole Bible together in 1 year. We have a daily reading schedule that you can do on your own or with family or friends, and we'll meet together on **2nd & 4th Tuesdays (starting Jan 12) @ 6:30PM in the Parish Hall**. The reading plan starts **January 1, 2027**, so be sure to get the reading schedule before then! To join the email list or see more info and resources like the reading plan, go to: biblequizzing.azurewebsites.net/Blaze


SUNDAY SCHOOL CORNER
REMINDERS:
No Sunday School on November 29, the Sunday after Thanksgiving. A full run-through for the December 16 Advent service will take place in the sanctuary between services. We will start as close to 9:45 as possible.
This week, we learned more about the struggles Paul endured as he witnessed the Gospel after his conversion, but God was at work in Paul's life-- even in a shipwreck. We were reminded that God is at work in our lives and we want to focus on trusting God, even when we are in scary situations.


Voters Meeting
- 11/22 - 10am -
between worship services
OFFICIAL BALLOT
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ST. PAUL YOUNG ADULTS
Christmas at the Zoo
Detroit Zoo • Wild Lights
Saturday, December 5, 2026
5:00–6:30 PM
Join us when the lights come on at 5 PM!


Time to add that extra
sparkle
to the church
for Christmas
Join us November 29th
after the 11am service
to decorate the church.
You, your family, your group, friends
and/or board members can pick a specific
area to decorate.
Cocoa, music and cookies included!
See sign Up in church hallway.


We need more
Sunday School
Teachers
for all age groups
Learn About Jesus
Grow in Faith
Share His Love
Please call the church office and speak with Pastor Chris for more information.
248-349-3140


Send our seminarians
a letter to brighten their day
with encouragement!
Benjamin Brenner
3840 S Old Hwy 94,
St. Charles, MO 63304
Colin Nash
801 Seminary Pl,
St. Louis, MO 63105


Detroit Street Outreach
Many ask how they can help the Detroit Street Ministry / Blessing Bag Outreach that we have here at Saint Paul Lutheran Church.
There are many ways to help!
Grab a bag of food and hygiene items that are found on a table in the church parish hall, and pass it out to someone in need!
Currently we have a need for NEW BOOTS!
Hard wearing, pull on, winter boots, men's styles - waterproof and warm!
If anyone, family or group would like to even buy one pair, that would be a blessing!
Sizes 10-12 are most needed.
HOTHANDS HAND WARMERS
We also could use handwarmers and new stocking cap type (Adult size) knit hats.
Thank you for thinking of our less fortunate brothers and sisters in Detroit and surrounding areas!



Come And See The King!

The Lutheran Choralaires Annual Christmas Concert

Director——Terry Herald

St. John Lutheran Church	Historic Trinity Lutheran Church
1011 W. University Dr. Rochester, Michigan	1345 Gratiot Ave Detroit, Michigan
Saturday, December 5, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.	Saturday, December 12, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.

Suggested Donation: $10/Adult, $5/Children

Featured Accompanists:



Affinity Strings

Further Information:

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