St. Paul Lutheran Church Yorktown, Texas



Saturday and Sunday
Holy Communion Services
23rd Sunday after Pentecost
November 16, 2025

Silent Prayer

In extraordinary, as well as common, everyday ways, you make your presence known to us. This is your time of worship, God. The words don't belong to the Pastor or myself. The music isn't the property of the organist. The praying and singing we all do comes not only from us but, most importantly, from you. When we lose sight of this, today as well as every day, O Lord, forgive us, and live in and through us. Amen.

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS Please take a moment to fill out an Attendance Card. You may leave them in the pew by the center aisle or drop them in the basket at the church entrance. (*) Indicates times in worship when you are invited to stand as you are able. (+)Indicates when it may be appropriate to make the sign of the cross.

*GATHERING HYMN

I Saw the Light

1 I wandered so aimless, life filled with sin; I wouldn't let my dear Savior in, Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night; Praise the Lord, I saw the light!

Chorus

I saw the light, I saw the light, no more darkness, No more night. Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight. Praise the Lord! I saw the light.

2 Just like a blind man, I wandered alone; Worries and fears I claimed for my own. When like a blind man who God gave back his sight, Praise the Lord, I saw the light! (Chorus)

3 I was a fool to wander and stray; Straight is the gate and narrow the way. Now I have traded the wrong for the right; Praise the Lord, I saw the light! (Chorus)

HOLY BAPTISM (Sunday only)

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*GREETING and DIALOGUE (Saturday only)

- L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C: And also with you.
- L: Holy is the LORD, the Almighty.
- C: He was, He is, and He is to come.
- L: He is worthy of glory and honor and power.

- C: He created all things. By His will they came to be.
- L: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain;
- C: worthy to take the scroll and break its seals.
- L: By His blood He purchased for God
- C: people of every race and tongue, of every folk and nation.
- L: Christ made of them a kingdom
- C: and priest to serve our God.
- L: And they shall reign on earth forever.
- C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

*CONFESSION OF SIN

- L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
- C: I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.
- L: The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and + remission of all your sins.
- C: Amen.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY (Both Services)

- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- P: Let us pray.
- C: Lord God, rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit, that while keeping the end of all things in mind, we may be stirred up to holiness in this life and come to be with you forever in that life to come. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

HYMN

Let My Light Shine Bright

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Chorus:

Let my light shine bright
Through the night, through the day,
All the way for you (Ye - Ha!) (Repeat Chorus)

- 1 When I fall you come around, You pick me up from off the ground. When I'm down you're always there To lift me up because you care. (Chorus)
- 2 People try, try to free, But they're not, why can't they see That You died to set me free For all eternity? (Chorus)
- 3 I try to live life on my own
 Doing the good things that you have shown.
 But I can't without you Lord,
 Without your help, without your Word. (Chorus)

FIRST READING: Malachi 4:1-6 Lector: A reading from .

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. ⁴Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and rules that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel. ⁵Behold, 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."

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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¹Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things! His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

²The LORD has made known his salvation;

He has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

³He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

⁴Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

⁵Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody!

⁶With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!

⁷Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who dwell in it!

⁸Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together

⁹before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 3:1-13

Lector: A reading from .

¹Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored, as happened among you, ² and 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. ⁷For 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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Luke 4:14; Acts 4:8



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* GOSPEL: Luke 21:5-36

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. _____, the _____ chapter.

C: 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 that will not be thrown down." ⁷And {the disciples} 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, ¹⁵ for 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. ²⁰But 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. ²⁵And 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." ²⁹And he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. ³⁰As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³⁴But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. ³⁵For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

HYMN of the DAY

On the Wings of a Dove

On the Wings of a Dove

1 Noah, he drifted on the sea many days,He searched for land in various ways.Troubles he had some, but he wasn't forgotten.He sent down His love on the wings of a dove.

Chorus:

On the wings of a snow white dove He sends His pure, sweet love, A sign from above, on the wings of a dove.

- 2 When troubles beset us, when evils come, The body grows weak and the spirit grows numb. when these things beset us, He doesn't forget us, He sends down His love on the wings of a dove. (Chorus)
- 3 When Jesus went down to the river to pray,
 He was baptized by John in the Jordan that day.
 When these things were done, God blessed His son;
 He sent down His love on the wings of a dove. (Chorus)

*CONFESSION OF FAITH (Saturday only)

P: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

C: We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.

P: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through Him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven;

by the power of the Holy Spirit

He became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day He rose again in accordance with the scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection + of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*PRAYERS (Both Services)

P: ... Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

OFFERING

*OFFERTORY

Create in Me a Clean Heart



Text: Psalm 51:10-12 Music: CREATE IN ME, anonymous

*OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray. Wise and Gracious God,

C: Receive the labor of our hands—these gifts of money, bread, and wine—along with the offering of our lives. Nourish us with the life of your Son, that we might be His body in the world, making known your abundant mercy in Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

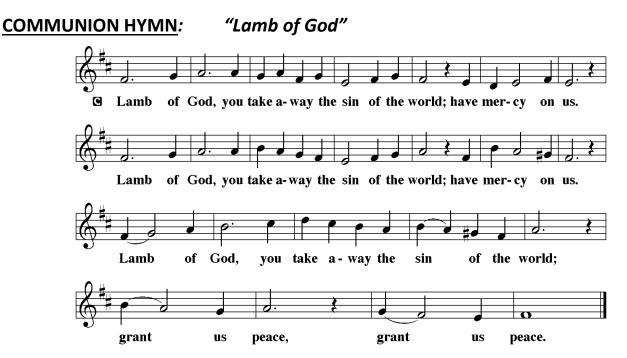
*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*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.

DISTRIBUTION of the ELEMENTS

All those who are baptized and believe that Christ is truly present in the sacrament are welcome at His table. Those who are unable to receive communion, for any reason, may come forward to receive a blessing, and may indicate this by crossing their arms over their chest. Parents, please indicate if children are to receive communion. If they are not yet receiving communion, children are encouraged to come to the table to receive a blessing. Available in the center of each tray is juice for those choosing not to drink wine. If you are unable to come to the altar and wish to receive communion, please inform the ushers so that the sacrament may be brought to you.



POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with spiritual food, the body and blood of Christ. All who come to you will not hunger, all who believe in you will not thirst. Empowered by this sacrament, send us back into the world to do the work you have given us to do: to share the gospel and be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*BLESSING: Benediction (tune: Edelweiss) By Jean Spencer

May the Lord, mighty Lord, Bless and keep you forever. Grant you peace, perfect peace, Courage in every endeavor. Lift your eyes, and see His face And His grace forever. May the Lord, mighty Lord, Bless and keep you forever.

*CLOSING HYMN

I'll Fly Away

- 1 Some glad morning when this life is o'er, I'll fly away, To a home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away. I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away. When I die, Hallelujah, by and by I'll fly away.
- 2 When the shadows of this life have grown, I'll fly away. Like a bird from prison bars has flown, I'll fly away. I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away. When I die, Hallelujah, by and by I'll fly away.
- 3 Just a few more weary days and then, I'll fly away. To a land where joys shall never end, I'll fly away. I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away. When I die, Hallelujah, by and by I'll fly away.

*DISMISSAL

P: As you go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. As you leave, you are invited to share the peace of the Lord with those around you. Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

ANNOUNCEMENT BULLETIN 23rd Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, November 16, 2025

HELPING with WORSHIP SERVICES:

NOVEMBER 16, 2025 – 9:00 AM SERVICE 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Presiding Minister: Tim W. Muehlbrad **Reader:** Madison Allman

Acolytes:Kellan & Annie HahnChildren's Sermon:Terry CarmichaelMusicians:PT & FriendsSunday – PT & Friends/Luellen Smiley

Saturday Altar Guild: Luellen Smiley

NOVEMBER 23, 2025 – 9:00 AM SERVICE Christ the King

Presiding Minister: Tim W. Muehlbrad **Reader:** Palyn Koopmann

Acolytes: Mason Loera & Sadie Schustereit

Musicians: Rebecca Innocenti Sunday – Beverly Bruns

Saturday Altar Guild: Laura Kaiser

Helping with Worship during the month of November:

Head Usher: Boyd Weise

Ushers: Jason Bloch, Wryston Fischer, Chris Gohmert, Allen Machost

Saturday Usher: Albert Metting

Altar Guild: Linda Hurta & Luellen Smiley

FLOWERS: The flowers at the Altar are given to the Glory of God in honor of Kelsi Camp's Baptism by her grandparents Rodney & Tina Boehm and Werner & Amanda Camp.

KNOWN HOSPITALIZED DURING THE WEEK:

Thank you to all who have been helpful in keeping the Pastor informed of members who are hospitalized.

PRAYERS FOR GOD'S PEOPLE Below is a list of individuals Pastor has been asked to include in our prayers during worship. We list these people in our bulletin to encourage you, the members, to include them in your daily prayers. *Names will remain on the list for 4 weeks unless the request is renewed.*

Bill Bargmann	Keith Ibrom	David Norrell
Joe Barnes	Bridget Innocenti	Nick Picard and family
Caroline Blain	Vivian Innocenti	Jeannine Robinson
Carlton Bolting	Joanna Ivy Bennett Rohan	
Wade Bolting	Kate Janis Pam Roth	
Warner Borth	Alberto Jimenez, Jr.	Joan Smith
David Brucker	Clinton Kaiser	Lori Nelson Stenger
Virginia Buesing	Mary Kanuch Alma Suggs	
Julie Dupree	Joyce Lamprecht Judy Taylor	
Family of Edgar Joe Foerster	Ray Lange	Chandler Vaclavik
Kathryn Gloor	Janet Lemke	Baby Mae Weischwill
Tiffany Godby	Elaine Malina	Mark Weischwill
Daniel Goehring	Lin Migura Levi Wilhelmsen	
Nancy Guidry	Lanie Milliff	Ron & Marjorie Wilhelmsen
Rosa Horton	Larry & Carole Mueller	

ST. PAUL OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK:

Sunday (16th)	9:00 am	Worship with Holy Communion
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Baptism of Kelsi Camp

Fellowship Hall Reserved - Boehm 10:15 am Sunday School

11:30 am Confirmation Class

Monday (17th) Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday (18th) 9:30 am Do-Day

6:00 pm Youth Committee Meeting

Wednesday (19th) 9:15 am TLG Chapel

5:30 pm Guitar Lessons

6:00 pm Hayride and Weenie Roast

Saturday (22nd) 5:00 pm Worship with Holy Communion **Sunday (23rd)** 9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion

10:15 am Sunday School

GOD'S BLESSINGS ON KELSI FAYE CAMP as the Holy Spirit was poured into her life at her baptism today. Kelsi is the daughter of Caylen Boehm and Walker Camp. Kelsi's sponsors are Wade & Loretta Bolting and Jasmine Hernandez. May God continue to bless her throughout her life as she is nurtured in the faith by her parents, sponsors, and the church.

<u>IT'S TIME TO ORDER YOUR POINSETTIA!</u> Deadline to order Poinsettias is Sunday, November 30, 2025. Order forms may be found in the Narthex, Annex and Educational Building.

^{**}Terry will be on vacation November 23-26

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM NEWS!

Erin Koopmann has graciously agreed to lead this year's Christmas Program to be held during the worship service on Dec. 14th. She wanted to get these dates out to you so you can get them on your calendar now. Practices will be held during the Sunday School hour on November 30th and December 7th, with a Dress Rehearsal on Sat. Dec. 13th at 2:30-4:00 p.m. We hope all the children and youth will participate in this year's Christmas program "Letters to Baby Jesus". There will be two signup sheets, one for speaking parts and one for just being characters in the play in the Basement, Church Narthex (front entry), the Annex and by the Church Office. Please sign up soon.

ALTAR GUILD: Additional Altar Guild members are needed. If you can help with this important ministry, please contact Beverly Bruns or the Church office.

<u>COWBOY CLAUS</u>: We will be collecting monetary gifts for the "Cowboy Claus" program, supported by the Western Days Committee this year. Make checks payable to St. Paul with a notation for "Cowboy Claus." Place cash gifts in an envelope labeled "Cowboy Claus." Let's help a child have a Merry Christmas! Deadline is Sunday, December 7, 2025.

<u>THE FLOWER CHART</u> for 2026 has been posted on the bulletin board outside of the church office. Make sure you get your name beside the date you would like to place flowers in the Sanctuary.

* **Remember:** Don't forget to contact a flower shop to make arrangements for the flowers, and please pick them up after Sunday service.

YOUTH SPORTS COURT:

After the Called Congregational meeting, the youth sports complex was approved, but will not proceed with building until 65% of the money needed (\$84,955) is collected. We are currently at \$78,069. If you would like to make a donation to this project, please label your offering envelope "Youth Sports Court".

CHURCH FACILITIES NEED REPAIR:

Council has discussed 3 main concerns that need attention: replace an AC unit in the Sanctuary (completed), re-piping the Educational Building (completed), and water-damaged carpet to be replaced in the chapel. The total cost of these projects is \$94,147. If you would like to make a donation to this project, please label your offering "AC/PLUMBING/FLOOR". We have raised a total of \$77,255 so far. Any help is greatly appreciated!

THANKOFFERING:

The Women of the Church celebrated their annual Thankoffering Service on Sunday, November 9, 2025. This year, a third of our Thankoffering will go to each of the following: NALC Disaster Response, Yorktown EMS and YAM. Please prayerfully give what you can to support these ministries. We will accept your offering until November 30, 2025. You may use a pew envelope or designate your check with Thankoffering. Please give generously.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

The nominating committee has begun meeting to search for members to fill positions for Church Council, Endowment Committee, and delegates to the annual convention. There are four council positions to be filled, one position for the Endowment Committee, and the three delegates. The four positions for council to be filled are President, Worship Committee chair, Parish Education chair, and Youth Representative (a new position approved by council). Some have expressed an interest in filling these positions, however if others are interested, please contact one of the committee members. (Bill Klaevemann, Travis Peyton, Kim Hahn, Anna Foerster, Tina Boehm, or Aaron Koopmann).

CHURCH COUNCIL YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE:

A Church Council Youth Representative is a young person who serves on the Church Council with voice and vote to provide a youth perspective in the decision-making process. Their role is to represent the interests of the youth, share ideas for programs, and ensure youth are actively involved in shaping ministry. The Youth Representative will work with Pastor, Youth Director, other youth leaders, and sponsors to foster effective communication and planning. Information sheets which include key responsibilities and requirements are available in the church office, the Narthex of the church, and in the basement. If you are interested, please contact one of the Nominating Committee Members.

Upcoming Youth and Family Events:

(Sign up sheets are in the basement) November 19, 2025 – 6-8:30pm Hayride & Weenie Roast December 21, 2025 – 4pm Caroling

Upcoming FFF Events:

December 6, 2025 – Doors & Dinner at Yorktown Manor & 5D Steakhouse (5-7:30pm) December 17, 2025 – Silly Sock Christmas Party (6-8:30pm)

Upcoming Christian Life Events:

<u>December 14, 2025</u> – Christmas Feast

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