

# St. Paul Lutheran Church

*Yorktown, Texas*



# Christ — THE — King

Saturday and Sunday  
Holy Communion Services  
Christ the King  
November 26, 2023

## Silent Prayer

O God from whom every gift derives, we gather to worship you this day. You are an awesome God, greater than our comprehension or our imagination. You are beyond any word we could ever use to describe you. And yet, through Jesus, we know the intimacy of your vast Love. Amen.

## PRELUDE

## RINGING OF THE BELL

**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. Verses in this text let us see the biblical roots of different portions of the Liturgy, helping us find both texts and inspiration for the different parts of our worship.*

## **\*BRIEF ORDER for CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS** *1 John 1:8-9*

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination*

P: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by

his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

**\*OPENING HYMN** *Ephesians 5:19, Colossians 3:16, Psalm 96:1*

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” **LBW #328**

**All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!**



1 All hail the pow’r of Je - sus’ name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;  
2 Crown him, you mar - tyr’s of our God, who from his al - tar call;  
3 O seed of Is - rael’s cho - sen race now ran - somed from the fall,  
4 Hail him, you heirs of Da - vid’s line, whom Da - vid Lord did call—



bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and crown him Lord of all.  
ex - tol the stem of Jes - se’s rod and crown him Lord of all.  
hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.  
the God in - car - nate, man di - vine—and crown him Lord of all.



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5 Sinners, whose love can ne’er forget  
the wormwood and the gall,  
go spread your trophies at his feet  
and crown him Lord of all.

6 Let ev’ry kindred, ev’ry tribe  
on this terrestrial ball  
to him all majesty ascribe  
and crown him Lord of all.

7 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng  
we at his feet may fall!  
We’ll join the everlasting song  
and crown him Lord of all.

Text: Edward Perronet, 1726–1792, sts. 1–5; J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, sts. 6–7  
Music: CORONATION, Oliver Holden, 1765–1844

**\*GREETING** *2 Corinthians 13:14*

P: 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.

**\*KYRIE** *Luke 17:13, Matthew 20:30-31*



Ⓐ In peace, let us pray to the Lord. ☩ Lord, have mer - cy.



Ⓐ For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



☩ Lord, have mer - cy.



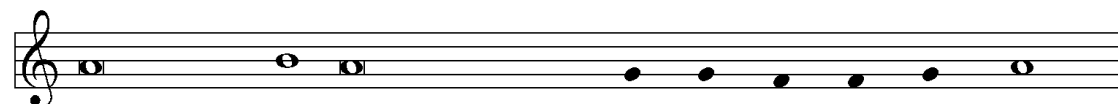
Ⓐ For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



☩ Lord, have mer - cy.



Ⓐ For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. ☩ Lord, have mer - cy.



Ⓐ Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord. ☩ A - men

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE** *1 Chronicles 16:25*

A This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.  
 B Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us  
 free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and  
 strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.  
 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.  
 Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the  
 hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and  
 might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.  
 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain  
 has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

**\*SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY** *Ruth 2:4, Luke 1:28*

P The Lord be with you.      B And al-so with you.

P: Let us pray.

**C: Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things to your beloved Son, whom you anointed priest forever and king of all creation: Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united under the glorious and gentle rule of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**THE READINGS** *1 Timothy 4:13*

**FIRST LESSON: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24**

Lector: A reading from \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>11</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out.

<sup>12</sup>As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. <sup>13</sup>I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. <sup>14</sup>I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup>I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. <sup>16</sup>I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

<sup>20</sup>Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. <sup>21</sup>Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, <sup>22</sup>I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

<sup>23</sup>I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. <sup>24</sup>And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM: Psalm 95:1-7a**

<sup>1</sup>Come, let us sing to the LORD;

let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

<sup>2</sup>**Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

<sup>3</sup>For the LORD is a great God,  
and a great King above all gods.

<sup>4</sup>**In his hand are the caverns of the earth,  
and the heights of the hills are his also.**

<sup>5</sup>The sea is his, for he made it,  
and his hands have molded the dry land.

<sup>6</sup>**Come, let us bow down and bend the knee,  
and kneel before the LORD our Maker.**

<sup>7a</sup>For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

## **SECOND LESSON: Ephesians 1:15-23**

Lector: A reading from \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>15</sup>I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup>I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, <sup>18</sup>so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. <sup>20</sup>God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup>far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. <sup>22</sup>And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me. \_\_\_\_

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me. \_\_\_\_

Melt me. Mold me. Fill me. Use me. \_\_\_\_ *rit.*

*a tempo* Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

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**\*GOSPEL** **Matthew 25:31-46**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_ chapter.

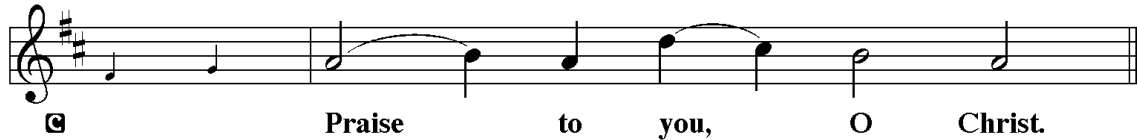
Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>31</sup>“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. <sup>32</sup>All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, <sup>33</sup>and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. <sup>34</sup>Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; <sup>35</sup>for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup>I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ <sup>37</sup>Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? <sup>38</sup>And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? <sup>39</sup>And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ <sup>40</sup>And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family you did it to me.’ <sup>41</sup>Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the



eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; <sup>42</sup>for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, <sup>43</sup>I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' <sup>44</sup>Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' <sup>45</sup>Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' <sup>46</sup>And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



## **SERMON** *2 Timothy 4:1-5*

### **HYMN of the DAY**

"Rejoice, the Lord is King!" **LBW #171**

## Rejoice, the Lord Is King!



1 Re - joice, the Lord is king! Your Lord and king a - dore;  
 2 Our Sav - ior Je - sus reigns, the God of truth and love;  
 3 His king - dom can - not fail; he rules o'er earth and heav'n;  
 4 He sits at God's right hand till all his foes sub - mit



re - joice, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more:  
 when he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove:  
 the keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus giv'n:  
 and bow to his com - mand and fall be - neath his feet:



*Refrain*  
 Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; re -



joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.  
 Music: LAUS REGIS, William E. Fischer, 1849–1936

**\*APOSTLES' CREED** *1 Timothy 3:16, Genesis 1, 1 Corinthians 15*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of Heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection + of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

**\*PRAYERS** *Psalms 143:1, 1 Timothy 2:1-2*

P: ... Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

**OFFERING** *1 Corinthians 16:1-4*

**\*OFFERTORY** *1 Corinthians 10:16*

Take My Life, That I May Be



5 Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no long - er mine.  
6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treas - ure store;

Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy roy - al throne.  
take my - self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt.

Music: PATMOS, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

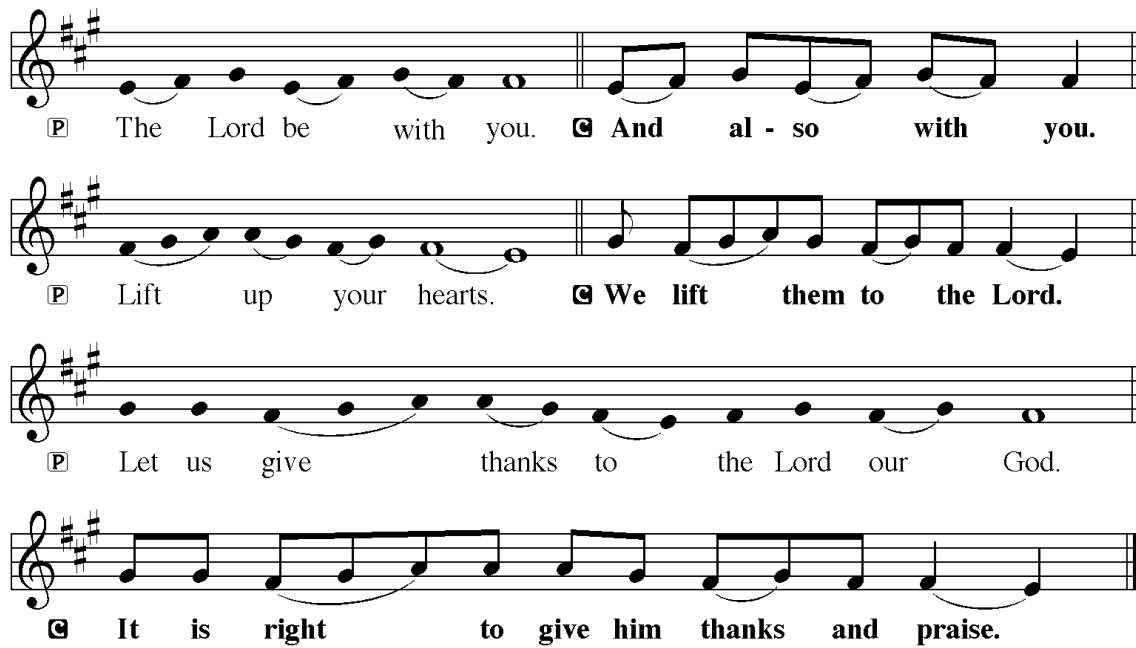
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**\*OFFERING PRAYER**

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.

**\*GREAT THANKSGIVING** *Lamentations 3:41*



**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.

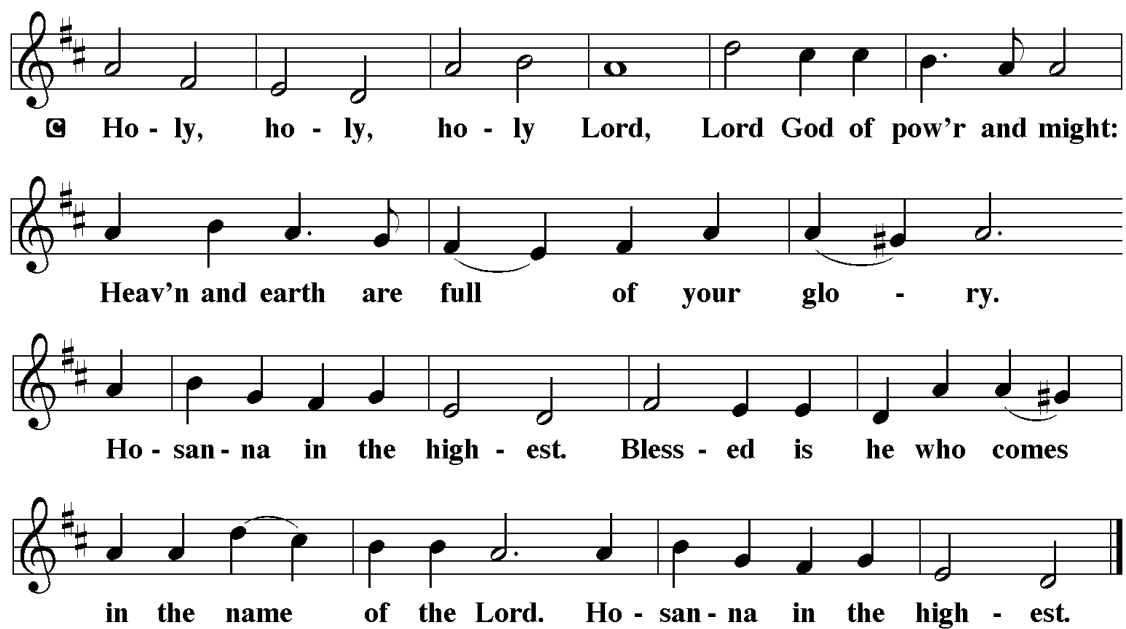
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

**\*PREFACE** *Psalms 69:30, Ephesians 5:20*

P: It is indeed right ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**\*SANCTUS** *Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

**\*WORDS OF INSTITUTION** *1 Corinthians 11:23-26*

**\*LORD'S PRAYER** *Matthew 6:9-13*

## **DISTRIBUTION of the ELEMENTS** *Luke 22:19-20*

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.

## **COMMUNION HYMNS:**      ***“Lamb of God” John 1:29***



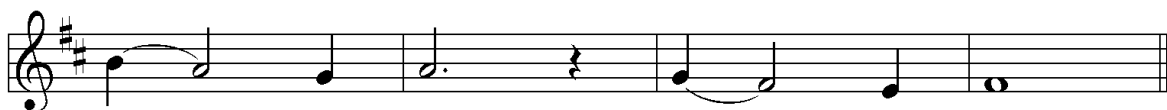
**L**amb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

## **ADDITIONAL COMMUNION HYMNS:**

“For the Beauty of the Earth” **LBW #561**

“The King of Love, My Shepherd Is” **LBW #456**

“I Love Your Kingdom, Lord” **LBW #368**

## **POST-COMMUNION BLESSING** *John 6:47-51*

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

C: Amen.

**\*POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE** *John 21:15*



☞ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev- 'ry- one what he has done.



Let ev- 'ry- one who seeks the Lord re- joice and proud- ly bear his name.



He re- calls his prom- is- es and leads his peo- ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

**\*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER** *Psalms 107:1, 118:1*

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.

C: Amen.

**\*BLESSING** *Numbers 6:23-26*

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.



☞ A - men

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

“Crown Him with Many Crowns” **LBW #170**

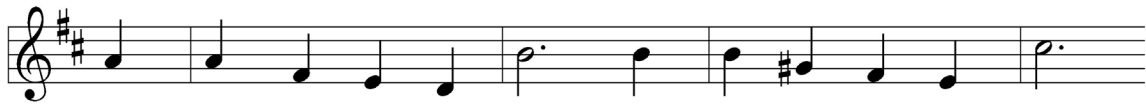
# Crown Him with Many Crowns



- 1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
- 2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,
- 3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
- 4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave



hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.  
 whose arm those crim-son tro-phies won which now his brow a - dorn;  
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau-ty glo - ri - fied.  
 and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
 fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,  
 No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,  
 His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,



and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.  
 but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.  
 who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

5 Crown him the Lord of peace,  
 whose pow'r a scepter sways  
 from pole to pole, that wars may cease,  
 absorbed in prayer and praise.  
 His reign shall know no end,  
 and round his pierced feet  
 fair flow'rs of paradise extend  
 their fragrance ever sweet.

6 Crown him the Lord of years,  
 the potentate of time,  
 creator of the rolling spheres,  
 ineffably sublime.  
 All hail, Redeemer, hail!  
 For thou hast died for me;  
 thy praise and glory shall not fail  
 throughout eternity.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–1894; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903  
 Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey 1816–1893

## **\*DISMISSAL** *Luke 7:50*

**P:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**P:** As we go in peace we share that peace with each other. The peace of the Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

*The sharing of the peace—Matthew 5:23–24, and Romans 16:16—ordinarily occurs before Holy Communion. In our setting we have moved it to the end of the service to help facilitate our Radio Broadcasts.*

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Pentecost 2023 – Setting 2 LBW

**ANNOUNCEMENT BULLETIN  
CHRIST THE KING  
Sunday, November 26, 2023**

**HELPING with WORSHIP SERVICES:**

**NOVEMBER 26, 2023 – 9:00 AM SERVICE  
CHRIST THE KING**

**Presiding Minister:** Tim W Muehlbrad      **Reader:** Larry Gohmert  
**Acolytes:** Aadin Koopmann & Gwen Kneese  
**Musicians:** Saturday – Beverly Bruns      Sunday – Beverly Bruns  
**Saturday Altar Guild:** Laura Kaiser

**DECEMBER 3, 2023 – 9:00 AM SERVICE  
1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**Presiding Minister:** Tim W Muehlbrad      **Reader:** Cathy Moritz  
**Acolytes:** Ellie & Emma Bargmann      **Children's Sermon:** Terry Carmichael  
**Musicians:** Saturday – Renae Pierce      Sunday – Beverly Bruns  
**Saturday Altar Guild:** Patsy Ibrom

**Helping with Worship during the month of November:**

**Head Usher:** Allen Leist  
**Ushers:** Ronnie Afflerbach, Wryston Fischer, Christopher Gohmert, & Allen Machost  
**Altar Guild:** Judy Noster & Linda Hurta  
**Saturday Usher:** Albert Metting

**Helping with Worship during the month of December:**

**Head Usher:** Jay Heil  
**Ushers:** Kaiden Hilbrich, Ricky Hilbrich, Noah Innocenti, Danny Metting, & Mark Niemeier  
**Altar Guild:** Judy Hilbrich & Krista Kerlick  
**Saturday Usher:** Albert Metting

**FLOWERS:** The flowers at the Altar are given to the Glory of God, by Christopher & Hilary Gohmert.

**KNOWN HOSPITALIZED DURING THE WEEK:**

**Bill Klaevemann & Will Sauermilch**

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.*

Bryce	Verla Crawford	Guy Nobles
David	Verda Mae Foerster	Christy Paulsgrove
Max Anderson	Daniel Goehring	Pam Roth
John Armstrong	Family of Jim & Margerite Hanson	Dolly Ruppert
Aggie Arnold	Rosa Horton	Will Sauermilch
Joyce Baacke	Keith Ibrom	Joan Smith
Laurie Barfield	Joanna Ivy	Kennedy Smith
Joe Barnes	Shirley Jendrzey	Lori Nelson Stenger
Donna Baxter	Bonnie Kaiser	Mike & Deborah Stern
Caroline Blain	Mary Kanuch	Cynthia Hoegemeyer Strait
Wade Bolting	Bill Klaevemann	Pastor Craig Sturm
Daisy Borgfeld	Joyce Lamprecht	Judy Taylor
Warner Borth	Ray Lange	Yvonne Trevino
Katherine Brown	Lin Migura	Curtis Weise
David Brucker	Lanie Milliff	Ron & Marjorie Wilhelmsen
Byron Cramer	Mark Niemeier	

**ST. PAUL OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK:**

<b>Sunday (26<sup>th</sup>)</b>	9:00 am	Worship with Holy Communion
		<b>Olive Wood Carvings-Fellowship Hall</b>
	10:00 am	<b>Christmas Program Practice</b>
	10:15 am	Sunday School
	6:00 pm	AA Meeting
<b>Tuesday (28<sup>th</sup>)</b>	6:00 pm	<b>Youth Committee Meeting</b>
<b>Wednesday (29<sup>th</sup>)</b>	9:00 am	Learning Garden Chapel
	10:00 am	<b>Pictorial Directory Meeting</b>
	6:00 pm	FFF
<b>Saturday (2<sup>nd</sup>)</b>	10:00 am	<b>Christmas Program Practice</b>
	5:00 pm	Worship with Holy Communion – Chapel
<b>Sunday (3<sup>rd</sup>)</b>	9:00 am	Worship with Holy Communion
		<b>DEADLINE FOR COWBOY CLAUS</b>
		<b>DEADLINE TO ORDER POINSETTIAS</b>
	10:15 am	Sunday School
	11:30 am	Confirmation Class
	6:00 pm	AA Meeting

**AS WE CELEBRATE THE CHRISTMAS SEASON** and the gift of the Christ child as our Lord and Savior, and as we prepare with gifts for our family and friends, may we honor the work that our staff has done for us this year. The congregation is invited to make gifts to the staff. Checks should be made payable to St. Paul Lutheran. Please write “Staff Gift” on your envelope and/or check. Please make your gifts by Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>.



**FFF:** We will be meeting on Wednesday, November 29, 2023 at 6:00pm.

**COWBOY CLAUS:** We will be collecting monetary gifts for the “Cowboy Claus” program, supported by the Western Days Committee this year. Make checks out 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 3, 2023.

**IT’S TIME TO ORDER YOUR POINSETTIA!** Poinsettia orders must be turned in by Sunday, December 3, 2023. Order forms may be found in the Narthex, Annex and Educational Building.

**CHILDREN’S SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Children’s Sunday School classes are cancelled for Christmas Eve and New Year’s Eve. Lesson leaflets will be sent home on Sunday, December 17, 2023 for use as a family activity during the holidays.

**CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICES:** Nov 26th after Sunday School; Dec 2nd 10am; Dec 9th 10am - All practices are held in the Sanctuary. The program is on Dec 10th!

**Upcoming Christian Life Events:**

**December 10, 2023** – Christmas Feast; this is a catered meal. Please make sure you sign up.

**OLIVE WOOD CARVINGS:** The Bethlehem Christian families will be here on Saturday, November 25, and Sunday, November 26, in the fellowship hall, to display their carvings and have them available to purchase.

**FREE ITEMS:** In making more room for the youth, it has been determined that there are several items that are no longer needed, and we have no place to store them. The items are: 3 small nursery chairs, 1 small light-colored bench, 5 large benches, 2 large office desks, 1 small office desk, 1 longhorn framed art, 1 heavy meeting table, 3 podiums, 1 altar, 1 half-moon table, 1 small display cabinet. If you are interested in these items, please contact the church office for more information.

**2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES** are available for pick up in the Sanctuary. You can also call the office (564-2135) and make arrangements to receive them.

**THE FLOWER CHART** for 2024 has been posted on the bulletin board outside 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.

**CHURCH SERVICES:** If you normally use the elevator to enter the Sanctuary, we ask that you attend the Saturday Service being held in the Chapel located in the Educational Building until our elevator is fixed (we are waiting on parts). Sunday morning worship services will continue to be held in the Sanctuary.

**SUMMER CAMP FUNDRAISER:** Last year we had the most kids ever joining us for camp and we could not have done that without your help. The "MONEY WALL" is back up at the back of the church. You may pick any numbered envelope and donate that amount and place it in the offering plate. Other envelopes are available for your own choice of amount or if you would like to sponsor the full amount for a child. One big difference this year is that we will be inviting the Oromo church kids to join us at camp. We will have a signup sheet open soon if your child is in 3rd grade or older and would like to join us. Camp is a spiritual experience for our kids that they love. Please help us make it happen again this year!!! Thanks, Kimberly Gaus



**SAINT PAUL LUTHERAN**

## Christmas Caroling

We will meet at the Church parking lot at 3:45  
and leave promptly at 4 pm.

DECEMBER  
SUNDAY | 17 | AT 3:45PM

After caroling we will eat around 5:30PM

PLEASE BRING A SOUP TO SHARE.

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