

GOOD NEWS



St. Paul Lutheran Church

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Pastor: Tim W. Muehlbrad

Director of Christian Education: Terry Carmichael

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN MISSION STATEMENT:

*Empowered by the Holy Spirit to make Christ known;
As we love one another, serve our neighbor, and grow in our Faith
through studying God's Word and Worshiping God.*

from the PASTOR



The breadth, height, and depth of the Christian Church is immense. Its membership not only includes the Christians here in Yorktown, but also those throughout Texas, North America, the world, and those on the other side of life: those who have gone before us and those who will come after us.

The Christian Church on earth has long remembered those faithful followers who have gone before us. The practice of commemorating the martyrs of the Christian Church (those who died because of their faith) has roots way back to the 3rd century, and the practice continues with us today.

We do not pray to the saints, who passed on before us, nor do we worship them, but it is enriching to remember their contributions to the Church, to the world, and to our lives. November 1st is All Saints Day so we will be celebrating All Saints Sunday on November 2nd. We remember not only the martyrs but also the people of God, living and dead, who form the mystical body of Christ. In worship on All Saints Sunday, we will bring to our remembrance all those who have passed on from this life to the next. We will take time to think about the saints of the past, those we have learned about in history, those we have known in our own families, and those of our congregation who have died this past year. But, we will also celebrate as the living saints of this earth as we receive assurance of the forgiveness of sins in receiving Holy Communion.

The church of both Saints (those washed in baptism with the promise of forgiveness) and of sinners (those who need to continually hear the promise of forgiveness) continues.

We celebrate All Saints Sunday with a remembrance of the past in our prayers, by partaking of Holy Communion in the present, and by hearing the promises of what is yet to come.

Your pastor,
Tim W Muehlbrad

THE FAMILY CIRCUS by Bil Keane



"If you're ever headed the wrong way in life, remember the road to Heaven allows U-turns."



**DIRECTOR
OF
CHRISTIAN
EDUCATION**

Important Youth and Parents Meeting Nov. 2nd!

On Sunday Nov. 2nd at 2:00 p.m. in the Chapel, parents of children and youth age 7 years to 18 years old are invited to attend a special meeting about the Summer programs available to us. The youth are encouraged to attend with their parents. We have received registration information for Summer Camp and the NALC National Youth Gathering in the last few weeks. There is plenty of information to give out and the dates may overlap so we thought it would be better to meet to discuss them and answer any questions that may arise. Please bring your calendars as we will be discussing dates for camp. Camping is available for 7 yr old to 18 yr olds and attendance is highly encouraged as part of the Confirmation program. We hope that you can attend and get information on this great summer opportunity!

Sunday School Parents...

We want to make sure your child's experience in Sunday School is a good one and that we are trying to provide a great place for that to happen. Children may have special needs or situations that we need to be aware of. We want to make sure we have current and correct emergency/Parent contact information on file.

We would like your help in letting us know of any of those things by filling out a Student Information Form for each of the children attending our Sunday School. Please take the time to come in and fill out these important pieces of information for each of your children attending. These will be available in your child's classrooms and on the big table in the center of the basement. Just ask the teacher or look on the table for one.

Please do this even if you filled one out last year. Phone numbers may change and situations with your child may have also changed. Help us provide the best experience for you and your children by taking a short time to fill out this form!

Christmas Program Director Needed!

We are in need of someone to lead our children and youth in presenting our annual Christmas Program on Sunday Dec. 14th. We can help you with providing programs to choose from and will be there to assist you with anything you need. We just need someone in charge to lead the program and practices. If you are interested or have questions please contact Terry, Jill Turner, or the church office. Thanks, and please prayerfully consider how you can help!

Sunday School News!

Banner Class: The class with the largest percentage of attendance each month will get to display a Luther Rose banner on their door! The class who had the greatest attendance for the month of September was the 1st and 2nd grade class with a 71% rate! The other classes were not that far behind. What is the most important part is that we are here to listen and learn from God's Word!

Bring a Friend Sunday (BFS)!

Our first Bring a Friend Sunday will be Sunday November 30th! Look around to see if there is a friend you would like to invite to our Sunday School that day. Bring them for the first time ever and you will receive a special surprise along with one for them as well!



CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH
October 14, 2025 @ 6 PM

Empowered by the holy spirit to make Christ known; as we love one another, serve our neighbor, and grow in our faith through studying God's word and worshipping God.

1. **CALL TO ORDER-** The meeting of the Church Council of St. Paul Lutheran Church was called to order by Boyd Weise, President. Council members present for the meeting were Boyd Weise, Wade Bolting, Laurey Garcia, Larry Gohmert, Jay Heil, Pam Hoefling, Ashleigh Peyton, Susan Franke, and Pastor

Tim Muehlbrad. Terry Carmichael and Amanda Rodriguez were also in attendance.

2. **DEVOTION-** Jay Heil opened the meeting with prayer.
3. **MINUTES-** Jay Heil made a motion to accept the September 9, 2025, minutes as presented. Pam Hoefling seconded the motion. The motion carried.
4. **REPORTS-**

- a. **Treasurer/Stewardship-** Calvin Bruns provided a written report.

- b. **Parish Education-** Jill Turner reported:

1. I spoke with Sunday school teachers about the new curriculum, and there were mixed reports on how it has been going. The nursery said their curriculum was going well. The youth Sunday school teachers were mixed, with some saying it was going well, and others saying that it was more time-consuming to prepare the lessons than before.
 2. Terry is working on summer camp for youth and Confirmation kids. The fees have gone up significantly.
 3. We are looking for someone to head the Christmas program for this year. Zoe is unable to lead the program this year.

- c. **Youth Committee Report-** Laurey Garcia reported:

1. The Grandparent's Day Celebration was enjoyed by all who attended. The youth did a wonderful job hosting and serving their grandparents!
 2. We have planned a day at the J Welch Farms Corn Maze on Saturday, October 25, 2025,

- @ 6 PM. There are sign-up sheets with price information in the basement and at both entrances of the church.
3. I have rescheduled our youth workday to Sunday, October 26, 2025, after the potluck meal. We will meet in the basement and then begin our project.
 4. Our next committee meeting will be on Tuesday, October 28, 2025, @ 6 PM.
- d. **DCE-** Terry Carmichael reported:
1. Besides the normal duties (Childcare Chapels, Sunday School, and other duties), the following were accomplished:
 - a. Have been teaching the final summer classes on Sundays when there were no teachers who signed up to take the lessons.
 - b. Have been providing elementary Sunday school teachers with downloading and then copying their new curriculum materials for the month and placing them in their binders in their classrooms. This also included purchasing and installing a new color inkjet printer in the Sunday school supply room for teachers to make copies of the new curriculum if needed.
 - c. Ordered and provided booklets for the new preschool and kindergarten Sunday school curriculum for those classes.
 - d. Played guitars with PT and Friends at services on 9/27 and 9/28.
 - e. Assisted Pastor with teaching the Confirmation classes.
 - f. Led the Saturday, Sept. 14th Worship Service with assistance from Jay Heil and

- gave the sermon to allow Pastor to attend the Oromo church building's dedication held that day.
- g. Attended the "See You at the Pole" student-led prayer event at the high school.
 - h. Will be assisting Pastor with guitar classes on Wed. evenings.
 - i. Attended several volleyball games and football games in-town and out-of-town.
 - j. Have been working with the Bible Presentation to 2nd graders on 10/26.
- e. **Worship-** Jay Heil reported:
- 1. Acolyte training is scheduled for November 2nd for ages 3rd grade and older.
 - 2. Jay will get with Mary Ressmann and Amanda about poinsettias for the church for Christmas.
- f. **Evangelism/Outreach-** Wade Bolting reported:
- 1. I mailed out 1 visitor card this month.
 - 2. I bought 50 postcards to pass out to Western Days Parade participants.
 - 3. I'm working on a St. Paul Lutheran Church card to pass out for Western Days.
- g. **Social Concerns-** Susan Franke reported:
- 1. Assistance was provided to 4 individuals in August 2025.
 - a. Provided help for two individuals with water bill (\$179.16)
 - b. Provided help for two individuals with electric bill (\$200.00)
- h. **Christian Life-** Pam Hoefling reported:

1. We had a potluck on September 21st. We had about 40 people in attendance.
- i. **Property-** Larry Gohmert Reported:
 1. M.E. Plumbing is completing its replacement of the plumbing in the Educational Building. The company has been a pleasure to work with.
 2. Schroeder Air Conditioning was unable to get our church air conditioning unit replaced during September, but they are actively working on it now. They have the inside and outside equipment on hand and are fabricating the necessary ductwork. Installation should happen in the next couple of weeks.
 3. The elevator is out of service again. The company that is currently our maintenance provider has been contacted.
 4. I have received a quote from a different maintenance company, Ameritex Elevator Services, and given the ongoing problems we have been experiencing, I believe we should give them a try. I am still investigating what the procedure would be to change elevator maintenance contracts.
 5. The roof problems on top of the bell tower of the church have been replaced.

In the meeting discussion it was mentioned that a rock was found by the technician in the track of the elevator which caused the latest shutdown. The elevator is now in operating condition.

- j. **Cemetery-** No report provided.
- k. **C.E.M.** Tracie Fielding provided a written report.

1. **Pastor-**

1. Professional activities during **September 2025**:
 - a. 8 Worship Services
 - b. 2 Hospital Visits
 - c. 6 Home Visits
 - d. 12 Educational Events
 - e. 5 Church Meetings and Events
 - f. 1 Professional Meeting
2. Official Acts during **September 2025**
 - a. 9/2 Burial of Ralph Stock (nm)
 - b. 9/6 Baptism of Jaxon Allen Bruns (nm)
 - c. 9/18 Burial of Terry Koehler (nm)

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

- a. AC is in the works. Plumbing is just about finished. We can begin to discuss beginning the floor project once we finish raising the funds.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Amanda is continuing to get with the different committees to get budget information. Boyd Weise, Calvin Bruns, Amanda Rodriguez, and Pastor Tim Muehlbrad comprise the Budget Committee. Boyd Weise will send out a reminder email to the Performance Review Committee to evaluate employee performance for the year before the Budget Committee Meeting. The Budget Committee is set to meet on November 21st to set the budget for 2026.
- b. The creation of a Youth Representative position on our council was discussed. Larry Gohmert made a motion to create a Youth Representative position to begin after the Congregational

Meeting in January 2026, and Laurey Garcia seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- c. Boyd Weise contacted the Endowment Committee for clarification on the committee's process, intent, vision, and scope to be reviewed by a lawyer to ensure legality.

7. **CLOSING-** Jay Heil made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ashleigh Peyton seconded the motion. The motion carried, and the meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

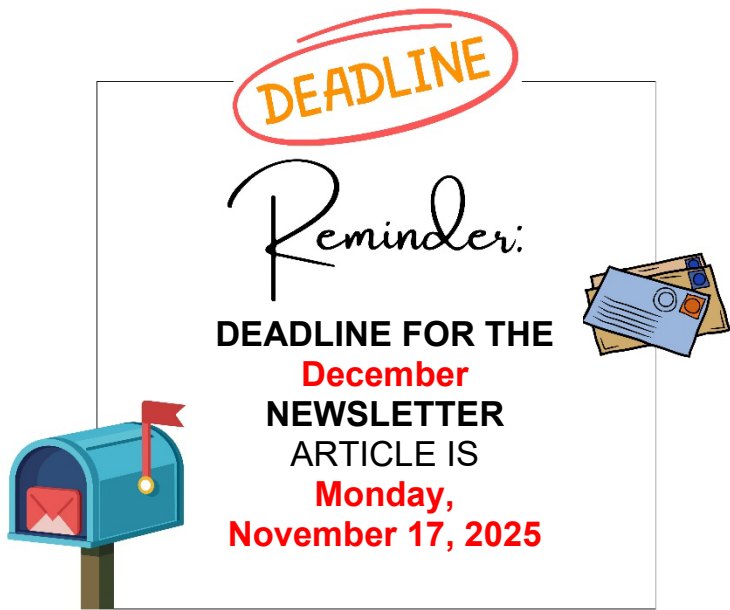
Respectfully submitted,
Ashleigh Peyton

2025 COUNCIL MEMBERS

PRESIDENT – Boyd Weise
 SECRETARY – Ashleigh Peyton
 PARISH ED – Jill Turner
 STEWARDSHIP – Calvin Bruns
 WORSHIP – Jay Heil
 CHRISTIAN LIFE – Pam Hoefling
 PROPERTY – Larry Gohmert
 SOCIAL CONCERNS – Susan Franke
 YOUTH – Laurey Garcia
 EVANGELISM/OUTREACH – Wade Bolting

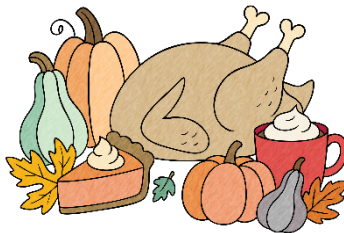
Financial Report

GENERAL FUND	YTD 2025	BUILDING FUND	YTD 2025
Beginning Balance	\$43,881.83	Beginning Balance	\$112,059.71
Income	\$504,206.08	Income	\$68,606.17
Expenses	<u>(\$530,886.85)</u>	Expenses	<u>(\$126,487.08)</u>
Ending Balance	\$17,201.06	Ending Balance	\$54,178.80
Totals as of 10/22/2025			
Investment w/ LPL Financial:			
\$104,868.28			



Upcoming Christian Life Events:

November 9, 2025 – Thankoffering
December 14, 2025 – Christmas Feast



THANKOFFERING MEAL:

November 9, 2025, Christian Life will prepare a turkey and dressing casserole. We ask that the congregation please bring a side dish or dessert to go with the turkey casserole. Serving will begin after Sunday School at 11:15.

CHURCH FACILITIES NEED REPAIR:

Council has discussed 3 main concerns that need attention. One of the AC units needs to be replaced at the church for approximately \$43,000. We need to have the plumbing re-piped in the educational building for approximately \$39,000. The buckled flooring and water-damaged carpet needs to be replaced in the chapel with a bid of \$12,147.20. If you would like to make a donation to this project, please label your offering “AC/PLUMBING/FLOOR”. Any help is greatly appreciated!



The Women of the Church will celebrate our 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.



NOVEMBER 2025

Youth CHAT

**JH/HS SEPTEMBER SUNDAY SCHOOL
PERFECT ATTENDANCE**

JH - Kellan Hahn
Lainey Lemke

HS - Aydn Garcia

FFF Menu

11/5 - Ham & Cheese Sliders, chips,
fresh fruit & dessert

11/12 - Tortellini Alfredo, corn &
dessert

11/19 - Hotdogs, chips & dessert

Family Hay Ride

WEDNESDAY
NOVEMBER 19, 2025
6:00-8:00PM

Bring your friends and family
and enjoy a hayride through
Yorktown. Afterwards there
will be worship through music
and a hotdog meal will be
served. The kids can play
games while the adults enjoy
some fellowship! So bring
your chairs! We hope to see
you there!

FFF Bingo

FFF will be playing bingo with the
residents at Yorktown Manor!
Saturday, November 15 @ 10AM

NO FFF

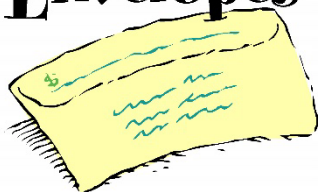
November 26, 2025
Have a blessed Thanksgiving!





The Community Thanksgiving Feast will be held Sunday, November 9, 2025 at 4:00 pm at Gruenau Hall. If you are planning on attending, please take a dessert and/or a vegetable dish when you go.

Offering Envelopes



It's that time of the year when the offering envelopes will be going out soon. If you prefer not to have envelopes assigned to you, please let the church office know. We still have the e-giving option that you can utilize. Let's help cut down on excess expenses!

Want to avoid writing a check or having to get cash each week for your offering? Try out eGiving!

Visit our website at www.stpaulykt.org and click on the link eGiving at the bottom and it will lead you through the process. For more information, call the church office at 361-564-2135.



**ALL SAINTS SUNDAY IS
NOVEMBER 2, 2025**



We remember the children of God who have left their earthly journey for their heavenly home this past year. We take this time to remember the blessings God has given us through each of them.

The SAINTS of St. Paul who are now among the Saints Triumphant are:

**Robbie Nell Boldt
Elizabeth "Betsy" Schulze
Verda Mae Foerster
Shirley Jendrzey
Carl Meeks, Sr.
Katherine Brown
Mark Niemeier
Johnnie Bednorz
Quinton Metting
Wayne Sparck
Mary Kathleen "Kathy" Weischwill
John Dale Hurst
Michaelroy "Mike" Stern
Kendall Maray Sandage**

Finally, we celebrate All Saint's Sunday because we, too, are counted as saints through the righteousness of Christ. Through the merits of His sacrifice and the promise of His resurrection, we shall one day also stand with all the saints in life!

Daylight Savings Time ends November 2nd



We keep in our prayers the family and friends of:

Kendall Maray (Caran) Sandage - who passed away
September 27, 2025. Services will be held November 15,
2025 at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

May the power of the resurrection continue to provide them
assurance.



THE LEARNING GARDEN NEWS



NOVEMBER 2025

Curriculum

Toddler & Two-Year-Olds

Our Toddler and Two-Year-Olds are learning who their friends are, how their friends keep them healthy and safe, and how they are helpful.

Preschool

Our Preschool students are learning about colors, shapes, sizes, and multiple attributes.

Bible

Our children will learn all about how God loved David and how David was selected as king, and about Goliath, how God blesses us greatly with our Thanksgiving service, and then Advent 1 and John the Baptist.

Enrollment/Staffing

Children: 53

Teachers: 13

Administration: 2

Support Staff: 2

Upcoming Events

- November 3rd - 7th: Children's Book Week
- November 4th: Election Day
- November 10th-14th: World Kindness Week and Parent/Teacher Conferences
- November 11th: Veterans' Day
- November 14th: World Kindness Day
- November 26th-28th: Closed
- November 27th: Thanksgiving

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BETHLEHEM WOOD CARVINGS:

On Saturday and Sunday, November 1st and 2nd, we will have a special opportunity to view products and creations in wood created by the hands

of Christian artisans in and around the Holy Land region. The Rishmawi Family has been designated as the representative for these wonderful Christian artisans and has been authorized to show their Olive wood carvings.

We invite you to visit their display tables in the Fellowship Hall after Worship and view some of the finest handcrafts available from the Holy Land. This Family strives to bring these fine carvings to our church. You can view these beautiful items online at <http://www.bethlehem-art.com/>



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).

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.



In memory of Barbara Audilet – Cemetery

Gerald & Beth Allison

In memory of Barbara Audilet – FFF

Ricky & Judy Hilbrich

In memory of Barbara Audilet – Senior Scholarship

Michael & Kim Blaschke

Martha Geffert

Steven & Debbie Kneese

Carlton & Sandra Bolting

In memory of JoAnn Boone – Senior Scholarship

The Class of 1962

David & Patsy Ibrom

In memory of Mark Breed – Building

Helen Breed

In memory of Fred Broll – AC/Plumbing/Floor

Michael & Kim Blaschke

In memory of Kimberly Campbell – Senior Scholarship

Steven & Debbie Kneese

In memory of Kimberly Campbell – Youth Building

Jim & Judy Noster

Jerry & Debbie Yount & Family

In memory of Sophie Cervantes – Building

Helen Breed

In memory of Sandra Gentry – Building

Barbara Kerlick

In memory of Billy Karnei – Cemetery

Gerald & Beth Allison

In memory of Shirley Karnei – Cemetery

Gerald & Beth Allison

In memory of TJ Koopmann Jr – Building

Helen Breed

In memory of Bennie Kyrisch – Building

Helen Breed

In memory of Frieda Kyrisch – Building

Helen Breed

In memory of Robert Long – Cemetery

Gerald & Beth Allison

In memory of Mary Lou Matejcek – Cemetery

Gerald & Beth Allison

In memory of Dr. Hampton McAda – AC/Plumbing/Floor

Michael & Kim Blaschke

In memory of Dr. Hampton McAda – Senior Scholarship

Carlton & Sandra Bolting

In memory of Margaret Merry – Senior Scholarship

David & Patsy Ibrom

In memory of Kendall Sandage – Building

Dennis Henze

In memory of Kendall Sandage – FFF

Ricky & Judy Hilbrich

In memory of Kendall Sandage – Radio

Dr. & Mrs. John Frels

In memory of Kendall Sandage – Senior Scholarship

Michael & Kim Blaschke

In memory of Kendall Sandage – Youth Building

Jason & Cori Bloch	Charles & Jan Ruppert
Jay & Sandra Heil	David & Patsy Ibrom
Boyd & Pam Weise	William & Carolyn Bargmann
Lyn Janssen	Barbara Cramer
Lorna Borgfeld	Carolton & Sandra Bolting
Aaron & Erin Koopmann	Velma Lee Moritz
Robert & Marilyn Meischen	Jim & Judy Noster
Glen & Judy Henze	Mark Lincke
Athalee Koehler	Luellen Smiley
Jerry & Debbie Yount & Family	Ken Kahlich
Lovel & Avis Blain	Mary Hilbrich
James & Wanda Rohan & Family	Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Phillips
Ron & Connie Huwe & Family	Toby & Leigh Ann Kennedy Family

In memory of Mike Stern – AC/Plumbing/Floor

Micheal & Kim Blaschke

In memory of Scott Sullivan – AC/Plumbing/Floor

Michael & Kim Blaschke

In memory of Clarence Warzecha – AC/Plumbing/Floor

Helen Breed

In memory of Howard Weise – Building

Carlton & Sandra Bolting	Clint & Melissa Kaiser
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In memory of Howard Weise – Records Restoration

Steven & Debbie Kneese

In memory of Howard Weise – Senior Scholarship

Michael & Kim Blaschke

In memory of Howard Weise – Youth Building

Jay & Sandra Heil	Lyn Janssen
Velma Lee Moritz	Luellen Smiley

In memory of Gwenn Wolf – Youth Building

Jay & Sandra Heil	David & Patsy Ibrom
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In memory of Herman Wunderlich – AC/Plumbing/Floor

Helen Breed

In memory of Junell Wunderlich – AC/Plumbing/Floor

Helen Breed

~Gifts in memory and in honor of are as of October 21, 2025.

Please remember to **write on your OFFERING ENVELOPE** a specific fund for your memorial offering to go to. It defaults to building fund unless it is noted.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

NOVEMBER 2025

Sunday, November 2, 2025 – All Saints Sunday



First Lesson: Revelation 7:[2-8] 9-17

Psalm: Psalm 149

Second Lesson: 1 John 3:1-3

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

Sunday, November 9, 2025 – 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Exodus 3:1-15

Psalm: Psalm 148

Second Lesson: 2 Thessalonians 2:[1-8] 13-17

Gospel: Luke 20:27-40



Sunday, November 16, 2025 – 23rd Sunday after Pentecost



First Lesson: Malachi 4:1-6

Psalm: Psalm 98

Second Lesson: 2 Thessalonians 3:[1-5] 6-13

Gospel: Luke 21:5-28 [29-36]

Sunday, November 23, 2025 – Christ the King

First Lesson: Malachi 3:13-18

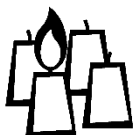
Psalm: Psalm 95:1-7a

Second Lesson: Colossians 1:13-20

Gospel: Luke 23:27-43



Sunday, November 30, 2025 – 1st Sunday of Advent



First Lesson: Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalm: Psalm 122

Second Lesson: Romans 13:[8-10] 11-14

Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44

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