St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Crookston, MN

November 1st, 2026 All Saints Sunday



SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

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WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/SHARING THE PEACE

OPENING WORDS/CALL TO WORSHIP

O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in God. With hearts and hands and voices, let us praise the Lord.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the face of God's goodness we recognize our failings. Hungry for God's mercy, let us tell the truth about our lives, that we might receive grace in time of need. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

Gracious God, you call us your own children and cover us with your love. We would seek to be merciful as you are, and to show compassion as you do, but we fail to live the life to which we have been called. Where we ought to forgive, we condemn; the evil we should shun, we embrace. Forgive our sinful ways, tame our wayward wills, and make us more like Christ, until we are raised in perfection on the last day. Amen. Sisters and brothers, no one who takes refuge in God will be condemned. Believe the good news! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

REMEMBRANCE OF THE SAINTS OF ST. PAUL'S

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all mercy and the God of all consolation,
who comforts us in all our sorrows so that we can comfort others in their sorrows with the consolation we ourselves have received from God.
When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death.
We were buried, therefore, with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from death by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life.
For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly, be united with him in a resurrection like his.

Thanks be to God!
Let us remember before God those of St. Paul's who have passed on to life eternal since last All Saints Day:

Maxine "Mickie" Newhouse (*December 29, 1951 — December 3, 2025)*
Steven Neal Flateland (*May 25, 1954 — December 8, 2025)*
Dale R. Cameron *(July 17, 1950 – January 19, 2026)*
Denise Kaye Hogenson *(June 5, 1960 — February 11, 2026)*
Beverly (Raun) Montieth *(March 10, 1936 – February 22, 2026)*
Dale Howard Knotek *(April 4, 1935 — March 22, 2026)*
Nancy (Luettjohann) Moser *(October 7, 1964 — June 13, 2026)*
Dennis "Denny" Dean Kesler *(June 22, 1948 — September 17, 2026)*

In this extended silence you can come forward and light a candle to remember a loved one in your life who died this past year or reflect and pray for all saints who now rest in God's eternal embrace.

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend these your servants – sheep of your own fold, lambs of your own flock, sinners of your own redeeming.
Rest eternal grant them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them. Amen.

OPENING HYMN: #422 For All The Saints v 1-4

1 **For all the saints who from their labors rest,**
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 **Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;**
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

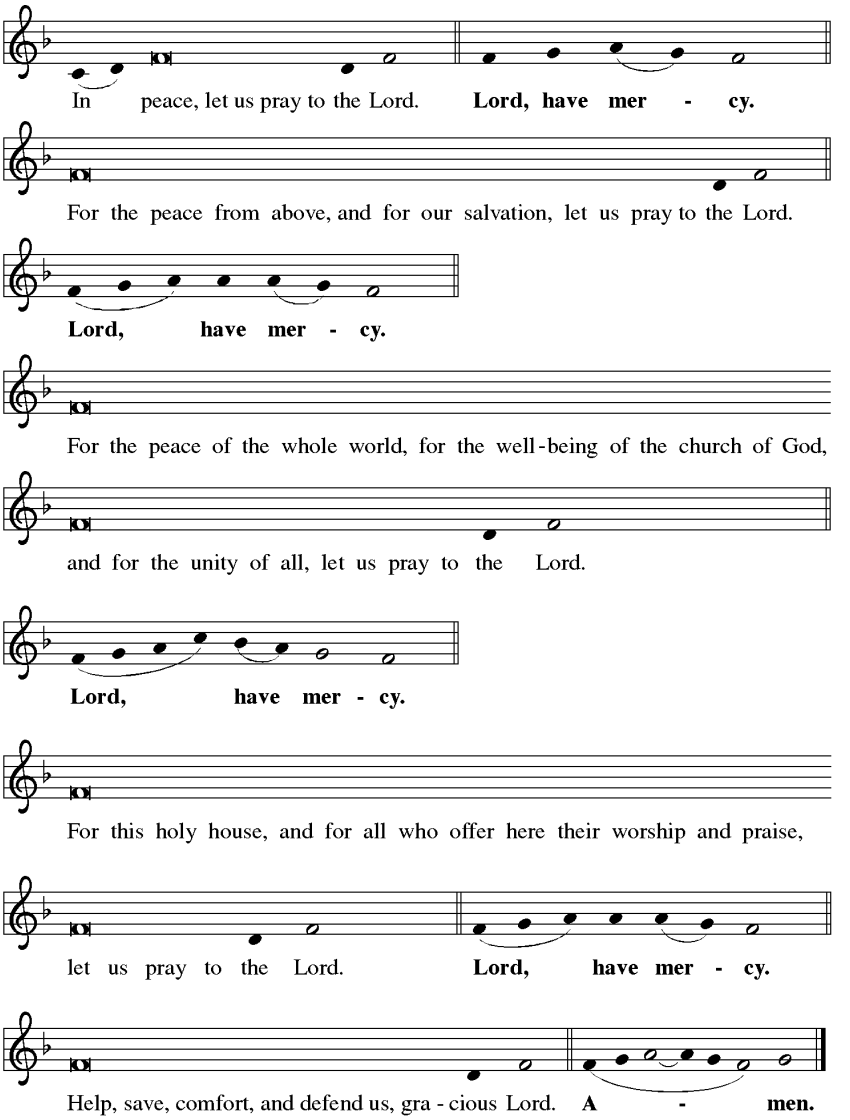
3 **Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine,**
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

4 **And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,**
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

GREETING (p. 138)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE (p. 138)



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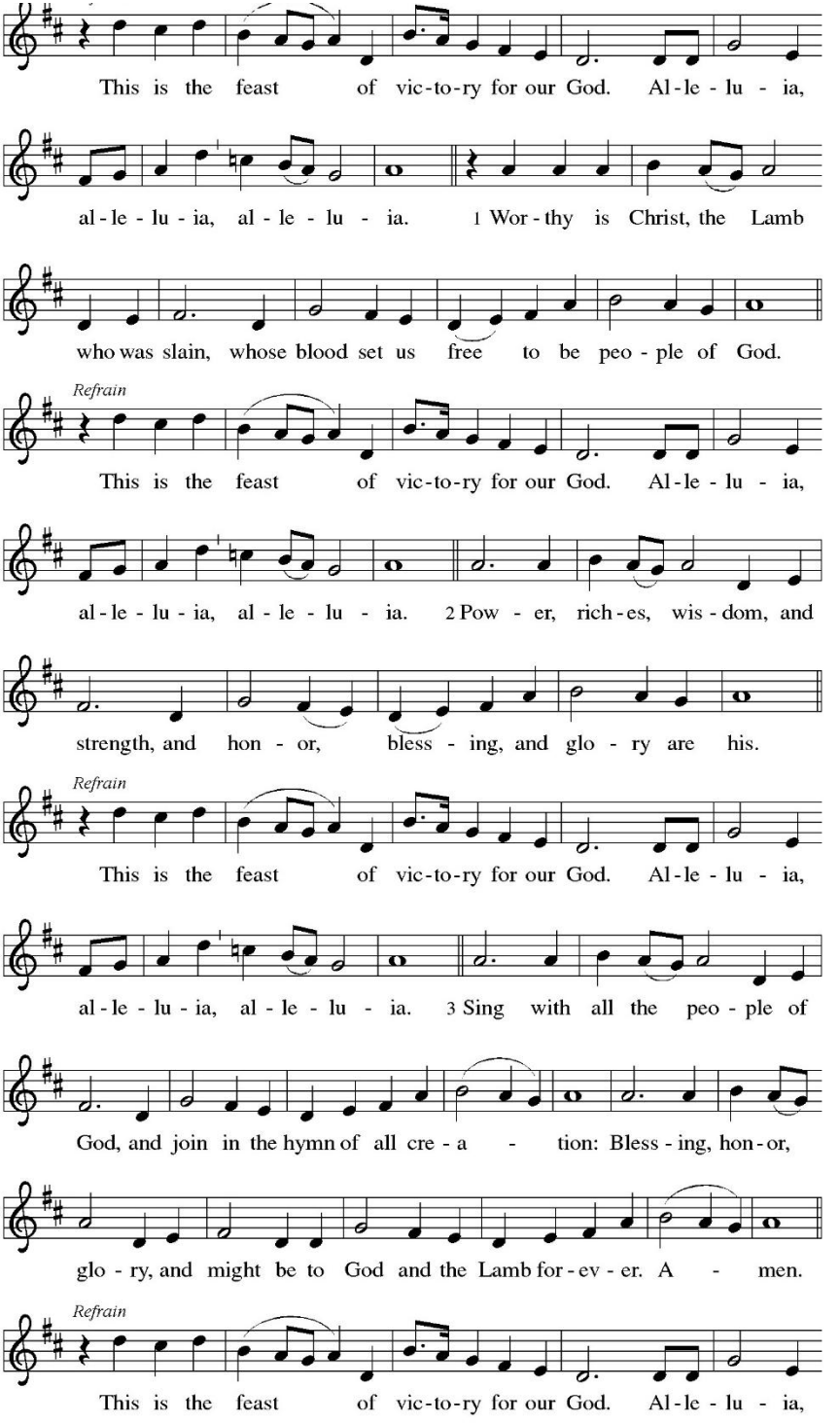
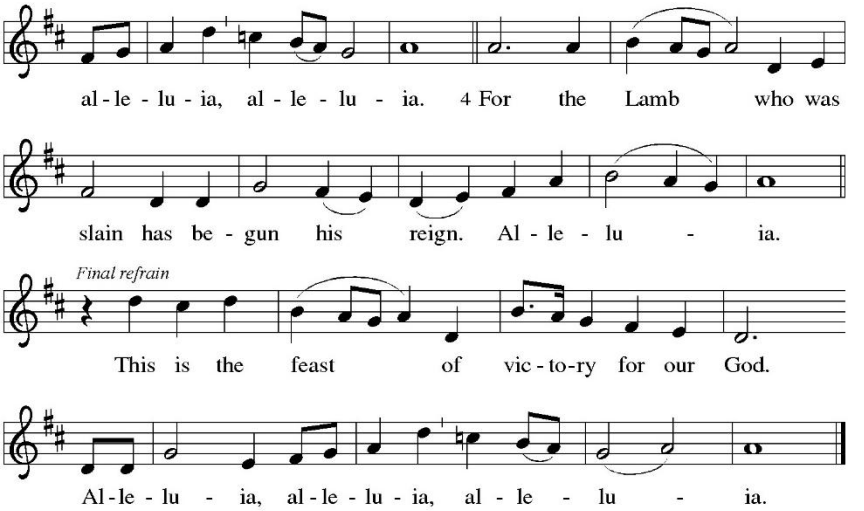




PRAYER OF THE DAY

In life and in death you bless us, O God. When trouble overwhelms us, you save us. When sorrow overtakes us, you comfort us. When death overcomes us, you overcome death and raise us to new life. You promise us joy everlasting and, even now, give us glad hope and glimpses of your realm, which is to come when Christ makes all things new. For calling us your children and bestowing upon us such great love, we give you thanks, in Jesus' name. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC St. Paul's Choir "For the Saints"

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

In your Word, O God, show us heaven. By your Spirit, show us truth; through Christ, the Living Word, in whom we see your face. Amen.

First Reading: Revelation 7:9-17 (CEB)

The book of Revelation is written to seven churches in western Asia Minor during a time of great oppression. Today's reading is a response to the question asked in 6:17: "Who is able to stand?" The writer gives the faithful the assurance of God's protection and a vision of victory.

9 After this I looked, and there was a great crowd that no one could number. They were from every nation, tribe, people, and language. They were standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They

wore white robes and held palm branches in their hands. [10] They cried out with a loud voice:
"Victory belongs to our God
who sits on the throne,
and to the Lamb."
[11] All the angels stood in a circle around the throne, and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell facedown before the throne and worshipped God, [12] saying,
"Amen! Blessing and glory
and wisdom and thanksgiving
and honor and power and might
be to our God forever and always. Amen."
[13] Then one of the elders said to me, "Who are these people wearing white robes, and where did they come from?"
[14] I said to him, "Sir, you know."
Then he said to me, "These people have come out of great hardship. They have washed their robes and made them white in the Lamb's blood. [15] This is the reason they are before God's throne. They worship him day and night in his temple, and the one seated on the throne will shelter them. [16] They won't hunger or thirst anymore. No sun or scorching heat will beat down on them, [17] because the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them. He will lead them to the springs of life-giving water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Psalm: Psalm 34:1-10, 22 (CEB)

[1] I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise will always be in my mouth.
[2] I praise the LORD—
let the suffering listen and rejoice.
[3] Magnify the LORD with me!
Together let us lift his name up high!
[4] I sought the LORD and he answered me.
He delivered me from all my fears.
[5] Those who look to God will shine;
their faces are never ashamed.
[6] This suffering person cried out:
the LORD listened and saved him from every trouble.
[7] On every side, the LORD's messenger protects those who honor God; and he delivers them.
[8] Taste and see how good the LORD is!
The one who takes refuge in him is truly happy!

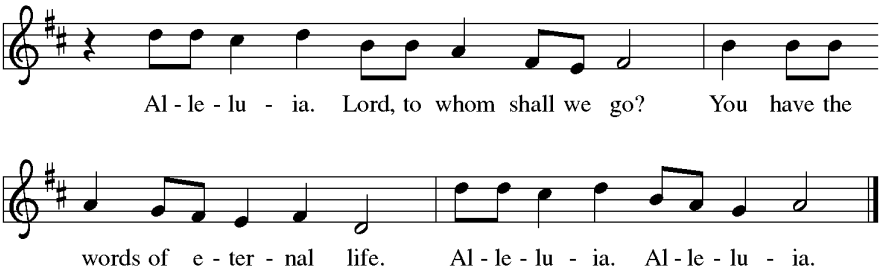
9 You who are the LORD's holy ones, honor him,
because those who honor him don't lack a thing.
10 Even strong young lions go without and get hungry,
but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.
22 The LORD saves his servants' lives;
all those who take refuge in him
won't be held responsible for anything.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3 (CEB)

A saint is one who has been set apart by God for God's purposes. God, out of divine love, set us apart to be the children of God. Our holy hope is that we shall see God as God really is.

1 See what kind of love the Father has given to us in that we should be called God's children, and that is what we are! Because the world didn't recognize him, it doesn't recognize us.
2 Dear friends, now we are God's children, and it hasn't yet appeared what we will be. We know that when he appears we will be like him because we'll see him as he is. 3 And all who have this hope in him purify themselves even as he is pure.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (p. 142):



Before: The holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12 (CEB)

In the Beatitudes, Jesus provides a unique description of those who are blessed with God's favor. His teaching is surprising and shocking to those who seek wealth, fame, and control over others.

1 Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up a mountain. He sat down and his disciples came to him. 2 He taught them, saying:
3 "Happy are people who are hopeless, because the kingdom of heaven is theirs.
4 "Happy are people who grieve, because they will be made glad.

5 “Happy are people who are humble, because they will inherit the earth.
6 “Happy are people who are hungry and thirsty for righteousness, because they will be fed until they are full.
7 “Happy are people who show mercy, because they will receive mercy.
8 “Happy are people who have pure hearts, because they will see God.
9 “Happy are people who make peace, because they will be called God’s children.
10 “Happy are people whose lives are harassed because they are righteous, because the kingdom of heaven is theirs.
11 “Happy are you when people insult you and harass you and speak all kinds of bad and false things about you, all because of me. 12 Be full of joy and be glad, because you have a great reward in heaven. In the same way, people harassed the prophets who came before you.

After: The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE
SERMON “The Blessed Inheritance”

HYMN: #427 For All Your Saints, O Lord

NICENE CREED (p. 104)
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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.

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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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 OF INTERCESSION

Each petition concludes: God, in your mercy; **Hear our prayer.**

OFFERING

How can we withhold our gifts of gratitude in the face of such wondrous love? With glad and generous hearts, let us bring our offerings to God.

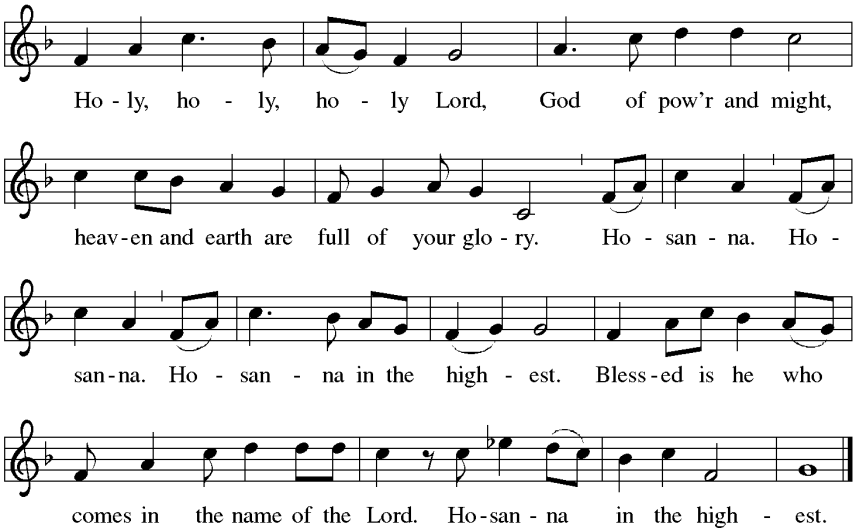
Offering Song: #186 Create in Me a Clean Heart

Offering Prayer: We magnify your name, O God, and together exalt your name, for you are so good to us and gracious beyond measure. In this life you lead us, comfort us, guide us, and redeem us in countless ways. In death you usher us to even greater blessing, bringing us through the great ordeal, embracing us in your endless light, and welcoming us to your table of goodness and plenty. These gifts we bring are but a token of our thanks, seeds to be planted for the growing of your kingdom, in which we have sure and certain hope. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING / HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (p. 144)

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
Creating and redeeming God, in Adam, Abraham, and Moses, in Deborah, Esther, and Mary, you have chosen not simply to direct the course of events but to be in relationship with us and to entrust your children with the embodiment and exercise of your will.
In the dying and rising Christ, you give us not just a savior but an example, and in every generation, you call people to imitate the pattern of his life and death and so witness to your glory. You call us to be not heroes who go it alone but saints whose every breath depends on others and on you. We rejoice that those saints take their place in the company of heaven, with whom we join in singing the unending hymn of your joy and praise:



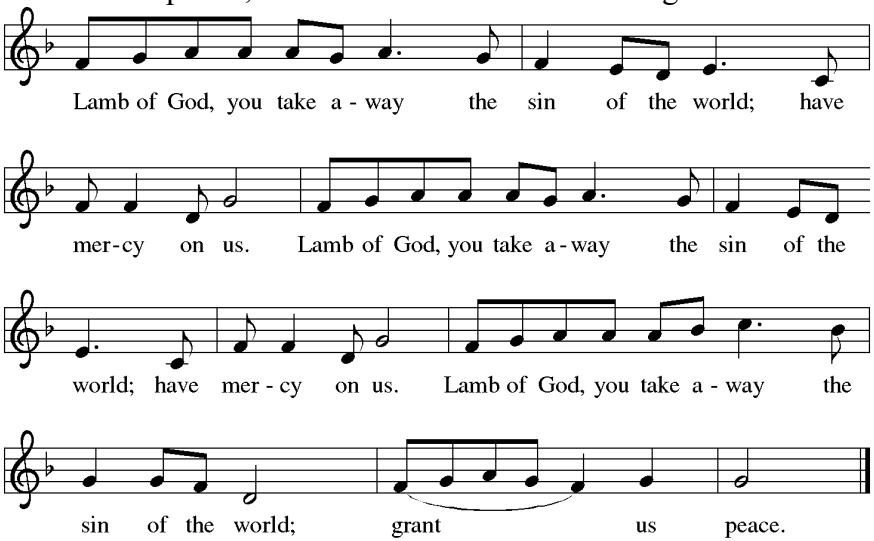
WORDS OF INSTITUTION/EUCHARISTIC PRAYER (p. 145)

…Great is the mystery of faith.
Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (p. 145)
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.

LAMB OF GOD (p. 146)

There is a place for you at the table of God. Come, receive the food that does not perish, a taste of life eternal. Let us sing:



COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Each group at the altar rail will be dismissed with a blessing. Please give a family Communion card to an usher. Please follow the guidance of the ushers as you come forward to receive the Lord's Supper.

Distribution Hymns: #425 Behold the Host Arrayed In White
#423 Shall We Gather At the River

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of field and flower, wheat and grape, you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world. Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name. **Amen.**

BLESSING

May the God of hope keep you until Christ comes to take us all home. **Amen.**

HYMN: #422 For All the Saints (v 5-7)

5 The golden evening brightens in the west;
soon, soon to faithful servants cometh rest;

sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

6 **But then there breaks a yet more glorious day:**
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
the King of glory passes on his way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

7 **From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,**
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

CHARGE

This day, and every day, O taste and see that the Lord is good. **Thanks be to God.**

SUNDAY BULLETIN

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Crookston, MN

November 1st, 2026 **All Saints Day**

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. At the Lord's table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem.

For those who need healing in body, mind, or spirit:

Julie Love	Darleen Jackson	Jim Erickson
Katie Bakken	Julian Bertils	Marlo Moren
Highland Branvold	Nancy Eia	Loren Sanderson
Trevin Monahan	Nash Erdman	Stuart Hanson
Mark Peterson	Glorrayne Casmey	Lucile Torkelson
Delores Sandager	Carol Chaffee	Kari L Trudeau
Luanne Devos		

For our missionaries: Steve & Kelly Solheim
City of Joy Rwanda

For our servicemen: Brandon Johnson D.J. Brace

Please keep them in your prayers this week.

If you have prayer requests, please contact the church office at 218-281-3638 or our prayer chain coordinator, Marian Bakken: (h) 218-281-1584, (c) 218-275-3143, marianbakken@gmail.com.

MISSION

To bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all people

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THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING TODAY!

Ushers	Barb and Doug Erdman, Connie Haller
Scripture Reader	Connie Haller
Communion Server	Ingrid Remick
Acolyte	Judson Halland
Fellowship	WELCA
Altar Guild	Karin and Dan Danforth
Offering Counters	Kathie Barnes and Dan Halland
Livestream	Anna Peterson

NOVEMBER WORSHIP SERVICE TEAM

Thank you, **Remarkable November Team,** for being part of worship this month. Please take a look at the calendar to sign up. Thanks a bunch!

Callie Darco Ron and Susan Hann
Carol Solheim

PLEASE consider adding your name to the very short November Worship Service Team list!

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 **Psalm 78:1-7**
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 **Matthew 25:1-13**

Readings for November 8th, 2026 **24th Sunday After Pentecost**

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday: 9am- 2pm, and Tuesday 12-5 pm. Please leave a message after 2 pm on the answering machine/drop something in the mailbox (north side of building)/call ahead. Pastor Curt is usually in the building but may be out on other church business.
Worship via Facebook: facebook.com/stpaulscrookstonmn

Sunday, November 1 ***All Saints Sunday***
8:45 am **Sunday School/Adult Bible Study**
10:00 am **Worship and Communion**
11:00 am **Fellowship**

Monday, November 2
8:30 am **LWR Quilting**
12:00 pm **FELLOWSHIP HALL RESERVED**

Tuesday, November 3 **ELECTION DAY**
7:00 am – 8:00 pm **Polling place for wards 1, 2 and 6**

Wednesday, November 4
8:00 am - 12:00 pm **FELLOWSHIP HALL RESERVED**
7:00 pm **Confirmation**
7:00 pm **Choir practice**

Thursday, November 5

Friday, November 6
Pastor's Day off **Church office closed**

Sunday, November 8 ***24th Sunday After Pentecost***
8:45 am **Sunday School/Adult Bible Study**
10:00 am **Worship**
11:00 am **Fellowship**

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

October 25th, 2026 **Attendance: 62**

Our gifts towards Budget:

Sunday Envelopes	$2,324.02
Loose Offering	$ 20.00
Gen. Treas/No Benevolence	$ 30.00

Other (non-budget) Receipts:

Improvement Fund	$ 20.00
Memorials	$ 10.00

Needed weekly towards 2026 Budget:	$4,675.42
Total received towards Budget	$2,374.02
Total (non-budget) Receipts	$ 30.00
Total Received	$2,404.02

Thank you, Church, for the support you always provide!

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

MONTHLY TREASURER'S REPORT: SEPTEMBER

	Month	Y-T-D
Amount needed to meet budgeted items	$ 20,260.17	$ 182,341.53
Receipts toward budget	**$ 12,902.00**	**$ 158,046.92**
Other receipts	$ 1,777.81	$ 19,333.31
TOTAL RECEIPTS	**$ 14,679.81**	**$ 177,380.23**
Budgeted Disbursements	**$ 15,118.03**	**$ 156,710.55**
Other Disbursements	$ 1,571.32	$ 28,074.90
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	**$ 16,689.35**	**$ 184,785.45**
	Income/Loss YTD	**$ 1,336.37**
	Due to Mission Support	**$(6,666.00)**
	Net Income YTD	**$(5,329.63)**

SPECIAL MESSAGES

THIS WEEK IN FAITH FORMATION:

Confirmation:

This Wednesday, our Confirmation students are diving into the faith practice of **Stewardship** (Deuteronomy 26:1–11; Hymn: *Take My Life, That I May Be*, ELW 685). Students will learn about the biblical concept of "first fruits," how churches have historically supported mission and ministry, and what it means to be entrusted with God's gifts. Beyond financial giving, we will explore how to steward our time, our unique gifts and spiritual fruits, and God's Creation. Students will also take a walk around the church to discover the behind-the-scenes tasks that make our ministry possible and consider how they can pitch in!

Questions for Conversation at Home: Ask your student this week: *How do we steward our time, talents, and treasure as a family? What is one "unnoticed" job around the church or in our community that we could help with right now?*

Sunday School:

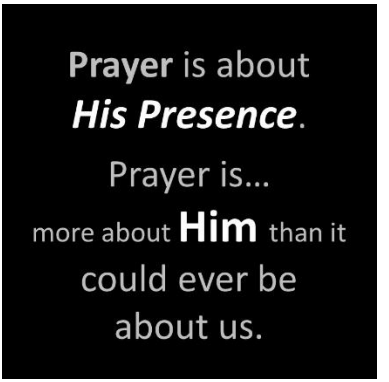
This week before worship, our Sunday School kids learned about **Paul's Letters**. They discovered that Paul's job as an apostle was to tell the story of Jesus to everyone he met, traveling to start many churches with people who believed in Jesus. When Paul couldn't travel to visit his friends in Rome, he wrote them a letter to share God's love instead. The kids learned that Paul shared three main things with people who had never heard of Jesus or God:

- Jesus was human (just like us!) and God both at the same time.
- Jesus came so that people in the world would know exactly how much God loves us.
- Believing in Jesus and knowing God's love changes your life.

At-Home Conversation Starter: Paul's letter ends by asking, "Everyone should know this good news! Are you telling people this good news too?" Ask your student, "What do you tell people about Jesus and God?"

PRAYER AND REFLECTION

Question for Reflection:
This week's readings describe the coming realm of God. How does the reality of heaven shape your life in prayer and in service?



Household Prayer: Morning
Thank you, Lord, for waking me up this morning, giving me a new start and another day to live for you. The light of day reminds me of the overwhelming love you give to us— such that you even call us your children. Let me live this day in gratitude, showing your love in all that I say and do; for the sake of your son, Jesus, in whose name I pray. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening
God of the heavens, I cannot count the stars you have strewn across the sky, nor can I measure the grace you have poured out upon me. Thank you for the gifts of this day, for they show me your generosity. Thank you for its challenges, for in them I find your wisdom and strength. Bless all those I have met today, and forgive me for the ways I have caused harm. Keep me in your care this night; and if I do not awaken in the morning, receive me into the glorious company of all the saints. In Jesus' name. Amen.

COMMON GROUNDS PRESENTS GATHER AND GO!

All 6th-12th graders are invited to join us on Wednesday, November 18th for Gather and Go! We will meet at Trinity Church for supper at 6:00 pm. We will walk to Our Savior's Church for games and Freedom Church for worship. Then we will ride buses to St. Paul's Church for dessert and prizes, and finally to Harvest Church for a message. Youth can be picked up at 9:00pm at Harvest Church. Permission slips will be needed for all youth and are available at each of the church offices and the CHS office. Attendance is expected for all our confirmation students.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

A heartfelt thank you to our dedicated quilters who faithfully gather every Monday to make quilts and assemble care kits for Lutheran World Relief. Because of your hard work and the generosity of our congregation, 13 volunteers came together on Thursday, October 22, to pack **181 quilts, 100 baby care kits, and 144 school kits** to be shipped wherever they are needed most in the world!

We also want to extend a special thank you to:

- Everyone generously donated school supplies and baby care items.
- Our confirmation students for helping assemble and pack the school kits.
- The volunteers who helped pack and load the boxes on Thursday.
- **Grove Mechanical** for generously providing the use of their trailer to transport everything to the drop-off site in Grand Forks.



Thank you all for sharing your time, talents, and resources to bless others!

BIBLE PRESENTATION SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 15TH!

We are excited to celebrate a special milestone in the faith journeys of our young people! On Sunday, November 15th, during worship, we will be presenting age-appropriate Bibles to several groups of our youth to support their continued spiritual growth:

- **Preschoolers** who have recently started Sunday School will receive the *Spark Story Bible*.
- **2nd Graders** will receive the *CEB Deep Blue Kid's Bible*.
- **6th Graders** who have begun their confirmation journey will receive the *NRSV Lutheran Study Bible*.

Parents of children in these groups, please contact Pastor Curt ahead of time so we can make sure we have a Bible ready and reserved for your child.

Please join us in worship to support, encourage, and pray for these young members of our congregation as they take this important step in exploring the Word together!