

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH



The Feast of All Saints (Observed)

31 October 1/2 November 2020

“A great multitude from all tribes and peoples and languages,” cry out “salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne.” (Rev. 7:9–17): Faith-filled saints from every place and time with unified voices eternally magnify the Lamb of God. As His beloved children, we too, *“shall see him as he is”* (1 John 3:1–3). Joined with the throng of angels and a myriad of saints, we shall *“serve him day and night in his temple”* (Rev. 7:9–17). In our earthly tension vacillating between saint and sinner, faith and doubt, sacred and profane, we earnestly seek Jesus to calm our fears, comfort our spirits, and forgive our sins. The Holy Spirit, through faith in Christ propels us forward, fortifying us in Word and Sacrament, to our eternal home. In the midst of our constant struggle as believers, we need to be blessed. And so we are. The poor in spirit, the meek, the hungry, the thirsty, the merciful, the pure, and the persecuted are all blessed and we will most certainly inherit the kingdom of heaven (Matt. 5:1–12).

The Divine Service

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit - sung responsively *Ps. 31:1, 3, 5; antiphon: Rev. 7:14b*



These are the ones coming out of the great tribu- | lation.*
They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood |
of the Lamb.

**In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be | put to
shame;***

in your righteousness de- | liver me.
For you are my rock and my | fortress;*
and for your name's sake you lead me and | guide me.

Into your hand I commit my | spirit;*
you have redeemed me, O LORD, | faithful God.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

These are the ones coming out of the great tribu- | lation.*
They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood |
of the Lamb.

Kyrie



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

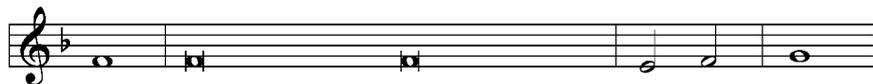


on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis



☐ Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

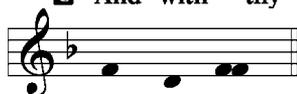
Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

P Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

First Reading

Revelation 7:9–17

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.” Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. “Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will

shelter them with his presence. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Rev. 7:14b; Ps. 84:5

These are the ones coming out of the great tribu- | lation.*

They have washed their robes and made them white in the
blood | of the Lamb.

Blessèd are those whose strength is | in you,*
in whose heart are the highways to | Zion.

Epistle Reading

1 John 3:1-3

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

Heb. 12:1a, 2a



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of | witnesses,*

let us look to Jesus, the founder and perfecter | of our faith!

Holy Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:1-12

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom

of heaven. “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. “Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

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1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest,
 2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might;
 3 Oh, may Thy sol - diers, faith - ful, true, and bold,
 4 Oh, blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!
 5 And when the fight is fierce, the war - fare long,
 6 The gold - en eve - ning bright - ens in the west;
 7 But, lo, there breaks a yet more glo - rious day: The
 8 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, Through



Who Thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, Thy
 Thou, Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight;
 Fight as the saints who no - bly fought of old And
 We fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; Yet
 Steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, And
 Soon, soon to faith - ful war - riors com - eth rest;
 saints tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray; The
 gates of pearl streams in the count - less host,



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
 Thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.
 win with them the vic - tor's crown of gold!
 all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.
 hearts are brave a - gain, and arms are strong.
 Sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the blest.
 King of Glo - ry pass - es on His way.
 Sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
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Sermon

Offertory



C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

Patricia (Pat) Reising – December 14, 2019

Paul Engelke – January 28, 2020

Vera Romo – February 2, 2020

Jerald Leichsenring – February 15, 2020

Paul Hering – February 16, 2020

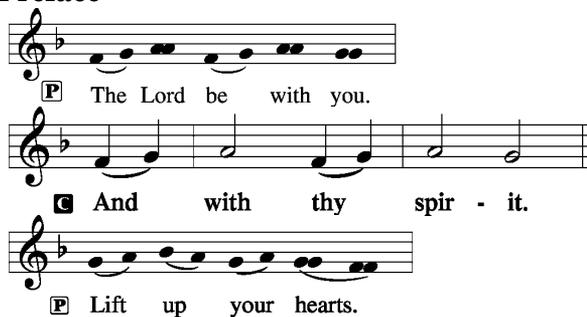
Arline Blase – August 11, 2020

Evelyn Schumacher – September 15, 2020

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

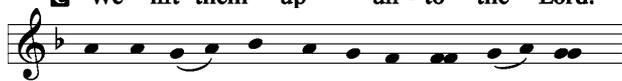
Preface



P The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spir - it.
P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. In the communion of all Your saints gathered into the one body of Your Son, You have surrounded us with so great a cloud of witnesses that we, encouraged by their faith and strengthened by their fellowship, may run with perseverance the race that is set before us and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that does not fade away. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



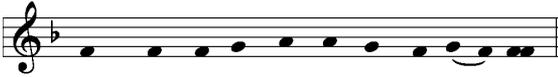
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”
- P** In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

Pax Domini



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



G A - men.

Agnus Dei



G O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

The Distribution of the Body and Blood of Christ

A Prayer before receiving the Sacrament

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

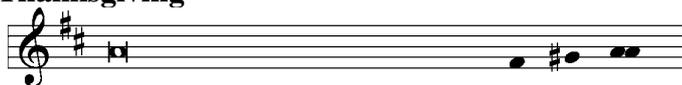
A Prayer after receiving the Sacrament

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the Holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal, through Jesus Christ, My Lord. Amen.

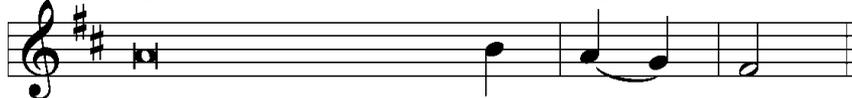
Nunc Dimittis

♩ Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Thanksgiving



A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



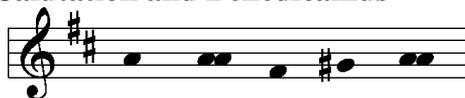
C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

A We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Salutation and Benedicamus



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

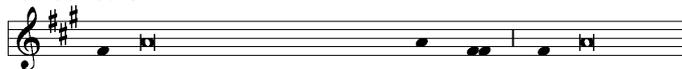


A Bless we the Lord.

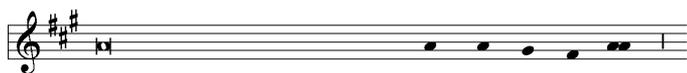


C Thanks be to God.

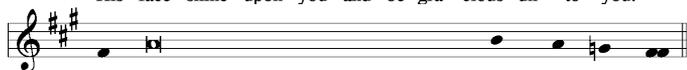
Benediction



P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Announcements for the Feast of All Saints

New Bible Class Starts This Week - 2nd Peter – Our Wednesday Evening Bible class has concluded the study of 1st Peter and now we are moving on to 2nd Peter. We start up this Wednesday night at 7:00pm in the Church or if you'd like to join via Zoom, just let Pastor Ball know.

The Church Council Meets Monday night at 7:00pm.

Advent Services – Looking ahead, our midweek Advent Services will be on December 2, 9 and 16. The services will be at 8:20am, 6:00pm and 7:30pm. There will be an electronic sign up emailed along with a paper sign up in the narthex in the next couple weeks.

Thanksgiving Service Registration – We are having two Thanksgiving services this year. Our first Thanksgiving service will be a Vespers Service on Wednesday evening at 7:00pm the second service will be a Matins Service on Thursday morning at 9:00am. We are asking that you sign up for the service you plan to attend through the email google sheet that was sent out to those on the email list. If you do not have access to email, please sign up on the registration sheet available in the narthex. Thank you!

Thank You – for the cards, balloons, candy and flowers. I've been at Meridian Village almost seven years, but I consider St. Paul my church home. It is good to be remembered. – Lynette Spudich

Sausage Sales – All orders will be available for pick-up on November 7 from 9:00-11:00am on the north side of the school. If you have not paid for your order, please bring the correct change or a check made payable to the church. Thank you for all your orders – we sold 1000 pounds of sausage even without a supper.

St. Paul Spirit Wear – You can purchase Church and School Spirit wear at this time. They make great Christmas gifts if you are looking ahead. All gear will have the logo embroidered on it in white stitch, except for t-shirts will have the logo printed in black. Email orders to Heather Goeckner - h_goeckner@yahoo.com or drop off paper copies (available on the table in the narthex) to Joanie in the office by November 6th. Call or text Heather at 314-709-9121 if you have any questions.

Lutheran Witness Renewals – are now due. To renew or order a subscription to Lutheran Witness, please place your check for \$18.00 made payable to St. Paul Lutheran Church in an envelope marked Lutheran Witness and put it in the offering plate or bring it to the church office. Please include your name and address with your check. Orders need to be turned in by tomorrow, November 16. Thank you.

Open House – Metro-East Lutheran High School invites you to an OPEN HOUSE on Sunday, November 1st from 1:00-3:00 in the afternoon at Lutheran High. Come find out more about this dynamic ministry and take a tour, visit with faculty and administration, get information on financial assistance and scholarships, and get additional questions answered. This is an in-person event and masks will be required to enter the building and tour the facilities.

MELHS After Prom – The committee is beginning to raise funds for the 2021 After Prom, with the first fundraiser to be held at MOD Pizza on Sunday, November 15, from 10:30am-9:00pm. The school will receive 20 percent back for dine-in, delivery or pick-up orders. Please RSVP here: <https://www.groupraise.com/events/163601>.

The Parables in Matthew 13 – The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a daily, 15-minute, verse-by-verse, Bible study podcast. It's hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon and produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL. Pastor Weedon will be leading a study this week on The Parables of the Mustard Seed and the Yeast; The Parable of the Weeds; The Parables of the Hidden Treasure and the Pearl; and The Parable of the Net. You can listen on-demand at thewordendures.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

Matthew 5:7 – “**Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.**” This is one of many Bible passages that remind us that we reap what we sow. Likewise, what God puts into us – His own love, mercy, kindness, and generosity – flows back out of us. It all starts with His self-giving.

IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- Remembering before God today those who entered into glory this past year: **Patricia (Pat) Reising; Paul Engelke; Vera Romo; Jerald Leichsenring; Paul Hering; Alrine Blase; Evelyn Schumacher**
- For the spread of the Holy Gospel
- For the Holy Church throughout the World, For our Synod
- For our country, that we might be at peace and live in harmony
- For our families as we seek to live together in holy love and peace
- For those who live alone
- For all doctors, nurses and medical personnel
- For first responders in our communities
- For the sick, the suffering, the dying of Covid-19

Thanksgiving for: ROSALEE COOK, mother of Diane Schnare, for healing received after hip surgery – has returned home

Healing and Comfort for: THE FAMILY OF PAUL FRITZSCHE, called to his heavenly home; **CRYSTAL WAGNER**, preparing for surgery; **EUGENE JOHNSON**, Kurt's father, recovering from surgery; **BILL HUELSMAN**, Sonya Woods father, positive with COVID-19; **RICKEY MILLER**, Alhambra Care Center; **DORENE LANE**, friend of Dave DeVries, spiritual and health issues; **CAROL CASE**, JW's mother, hospitalized with pneumonia; **CLARA WEHREND**, recovering from broken hip surgery; **STEVE SCHWEIZER**, brother of Julie Johnson, cancer diagnosis; **KEITH QUADE**, son-in-law of Dave DeVries, recovering from COVID and health issues with mold; **SIDNEE SCHWARZ**, ulcerative colitis; **NORMAN MICNHEIMER**, Neil's father, health issues; **TIM DILLON**, grandson of Dave DeVries, severe headaches from falls; **EMILY KIEHL**, niece of Cindy Gleason, vision problems; **SID PRESIDENT TIMOTHY SCHARR**, recovering from surgery; **BARBARALYNN DEVRIES**, niece of Dave DeVries, rehab for leg amputation and health issues; **MARY GRAFF**, friend of Dave DeVries, cancer treatments; **KIM TOBIN**, niece of Dave DeVries, drug issues; **TOMIKO JUEDEMANN**, mother of Linda Behrhorst, cancer treatments; **DALE GROTEFENDT**, friend of Paula Kipp, taking treatments for brain cancer; **KAY GROTEFENDT**, friend of Paula Kipp, recovering from surgery; **THOMAS SEXTON**, grandchild of Keith and Judy (Sievers) Loemker, health issues; **TINA THORLEY**, former St. Paul member and student, health issues; **STRENGTH FOR ALL PREGNANT MOTHERS**