

Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ² looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews 12:1-2



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This All Saints' Sunday in early November fits well with the Sundays after Pentecost, especially toward the end of the church year, with its emphasis in the readings and hymns on Christ's return and the resurrection, judgment, and life everlasting for those in Christ.

May the Lord bless your worship today!

The Lord's Supper is a very special privilege God gives to His people.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because the Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive this sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder. If you are not partaking of the Lord's Supper but would like to receive a blessing, please come up to the communion rail when sent by an elder, kneel, and cross your arms over your chest. The Pastor will then know that you desire a blessing.

OUR OFFERINGS TO THE LORD FROM HIS BLESSINGS TO US.

Offerings remind us of the blessings God has given us and are an opportunity to thank Him for what He has done in our lives. Please place your offerings in our Offering Box located in the narthex of the church.

In Matthew 19:14 Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven." We welcome children and all the joy and little chatter that comes with them. If for any reason you want to take your little one out, there is a Nursery (Cry Room) available for use, located just outside the sanctuary.

All Saints Day is a day to remember and celebrate our brothers and sisters who have gone to their rest in the hope of the resurrection of Jesus Christ unto eternal life. *And I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Blessed indeed," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!"* Revelation 14:13. Let us remember with thanksgiving those who have gone before us with the sign of faith, for they were redeemed by God. He gave them new life through His Son in Holy Baptism. He nourished them in the company of His people at His holy table. In His mercy and wisdom, He summoned them to His nearer presence so that they may rest in His blissful peace forever.

∞ Excerpt from Missouri Synod resource entitled "Proclaim" ∞

Bell Choir "Jacob's Vision"

Opening Hymn 907 "God Himself Is Present"

(Exodus 15:11-13; Hab. 2:2; Rev. 7:9-12; Isaiah 6:2-3)

✠ CONFESSON AND ABSOLUTION ✠

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *(Matthew 28:19b)*

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *(1 John 1:8-9)*

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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 you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *(John 20:19-23)*

C Amen.

Youth Choir "Hymn of Heaven" *Song by Phil Wickham*

How I long to breathe the air of Heaven
Where pain is gone and mercy fills the streets
To look upon the One who bled to save me
And walk with Him for all eternity

There will be a day when all will bow before Him
There will be a day when death will be no more
Standing face to face with He who died and rose again
Holy, holy is the Lord

And every prayer we prayed in desperation
The songs of faith we sang through doubt and fear
In the end, we'll see that it was worth it
When He returns to wipe away our tears

Oh, there will be a day when all will bow before Him
There will be a day when death will be no more
Standing face to face with He who died and rose again
Holy, holy is the Lord

And on that day, we join the resurrection
And stand beside the heroes of the faith
With one voice, a thousand generations
Sing, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain"

And on that day, we join the resurrection
And stand beside the heroes of the faith
With one voice, a thousand generations
Sing, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain"
"Forever He shall reign"

So let it be today we shout the hymn of Heaven
With angels and the saints, we raise a mighty roar
Glory to our God who gave us life beyond the grave
Holy, holy is the Lord

So let it be today we shout the hymn of Heaven
With angels and the saints, we raise a mighty roar
Glory to our God who gave us life beyond the grave
Holy, holy is the Lord (3 times)

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✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

Introit

Psalm 31:1. 3. 5; antiphon: Rev. 7:14b

P These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

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

P In You, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame;

C **in Your righteousness deliver me.**

- P** For You are my rock and my fortress;
C **and for Your name's sake You lead me and guide me.**
P Into Your hand I commit my spirit;
C **You have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.**

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

- P** These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.
C **They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.**

Kyrie ∞ *Lord, Have Mercy (Mark 10:47)*

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- P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



- C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



- C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



- C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



- C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



- C** A - men.

Gloria in Excelsis ∞ *Glory to God in the Highest* *LSB 154*
(Luke 2:14; John 1:29)

P Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.



C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

(2 Timothy 4:22)



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

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.



The New Testament Lesson

Revelation 7:9–17

⁹After 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, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹And 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, ¹²saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" ¹⁴I 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.

¹⁵"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.

¹⁶They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.

¹⁷For 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."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Rev. 7:14b; Psalm 84:5

- P** These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.
C **They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.**
P Blessed are those whose strength is in You,
C **in whose heart are the highways to Zion.**

The Epistle Lesson

1 John 3:1–3

¹See 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. ²Beloved, 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. ³And everyone who thus hopes in Him purifies himself as He is pure.

- P** This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse *(John 6:68)*

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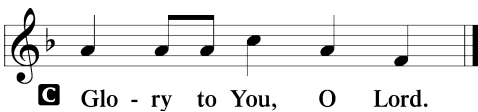


C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel Lesson

Matthew 5:1–12

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

- ¹Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up on the mountain, and when He sat down, His disciples came to Him.
²And He opened His mouth and taught them, saying:
³Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
⁴Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
⁵Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
⁶Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

7th Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

8th Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

9th Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

10th Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11th Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on My account. 12 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.



G Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

G I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn 677 "For All the Saints" (*Heb. 12:1-3; Rev.2:10, 14:13, 17:14*)

Sermon Text

Revelation 7:(2-8) 9-17

Sermon "Your Future Is Bright and Glorious!"

1. We presently face struggles as the _____ .

2. Christ's blood shed in the past is the sole reason for our

3. Our future will be lived in a restored creation

Hymn 672 "Jerusalem the Golden"

(Rev. 21:18-23; 2 Cor. 4:17-18; Rev. 7:9-17; Isaiah 60:19-20)

Prayers

Lord's Prayer *(Matthew 6:9-13)*

☐ 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.

Benediction *(Numbers 6:24-26)*

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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 679 "Oh, How Blest Are They"

(Rev. 14:13; Phil. 1:21; Rev. 21:4; 2 Cor. 4:16-17)

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Today's altar flowers are given in celebration of the Christian life of Lois Matzat Nielsen for her birthday.

Special Voters' Meeting – Today, November 3rd immediately after the Worship Service in the sanctuary. The purpose is to select a lay delegate to the circuit forum and to discuss nominations for circuit visitor.

Please join us at 8:00 am next Sunday for our last potluck breakfast of the year. Bring a breakfast item to share and then join us for Bible Class.

Calendar of Events

TODAY ∞ All Saints' Sunday ∞ November 3rd, 2024

Sunday School & Bible Classes..... 8:30 am

Worship Service..... 9:30 am

Scrip Day

Adult Basketball..... 3:00-5:00 pm

Bell Choir..... 5:00 pm

MON:

TUES:

WED:

Day School Chapel 11:00 am

LifeLight 6:45 pm

THURS:

Thursday Morning Ladies Bible Study 9:30 am

FRI:

Preschool Chapel 9:30 am

Euchre 7:00 pm

SAT:

NEXT SUNDAY November 10th, 2024

Potluck Breakfast 8:00 am

Sunday School & Bible Classes..... 8:30 am

Worship Service with Communion..... 9:30 am

Bell Choir..... 5:00 pm

Adult Choir 6:00 pm

From the Hospitality Crew – Our next meal preparation will be Wednesday, November 13th. We are in need of canned vegetables and treats like cookies, brownies, Rice Krispie treats, etc. that can be individually wrapped. They can be homemade or prepackaged. Thank you for all you do. It is greatly appreciated.

What is it like to serve on a short-term mission trip to Belize? The Revs. Micah Wildauer and Weston Wildauer (Micah's cousin) along with Beverly Wildauer (Micah's aunt) joined the Coffee Hour podcast on KFUE to share their stories. Log into the link below to listen anytime. <https://www.kfuo.org/2024/10/16/coffee-hour-101624-short-term-mission-to-belize/> Pastor Micah is one of the 2 missionaries supported by our congregation. Please take the time to listen to his experiences and continue to pray for his family and their ministry to the people of Belize.

The LWML Ingathering for Ft. Wayne Seminary Co-op will be through Thanksgiving. Non-perishable food, hygiene products, diapers, and paper goods. There is a box in the Narthex.

The Board of Evangelism along with the Youth Board and anyone else interested in helping will be packing **Welcome Bags** to be delivered in the Bremen Community on **Sunday, November 10th**. Please meet in the Bethany Room following church service. We will be packing approximately 50 bags and will send bags and will send bags and addresses with volunteers for delivery. **We are asking for the following donations: cheese and cracker packets, microwave popcorn, post-it note pads, bottled water, flavored drink sticks, individually wrapped life savers, cotton yarn for dishcloths.** Your donations may be placed on the table in the Narthex next to the TV. If you are willing to knit or crochet dishcloths for these bags, you may pick up yarn (if available) from the basket on said table. Finished dishcloths may also be placed in the basket. This is an easy and interesting way to meet our neighbors! There will be a short meeting on what we have done in the past when delivering bags. Please pray for those delivering bags and also for our new neighbors! Thank you all for your support in prayer and donations.

DOXOLOGY Hymn Festival – “Those Whose Life Is Praise” on Sunday, November 17th at Ancilla Domini Chapel beginning at 3:00 pm. The Rev. Dr. Paul Grime, Professor and Dean of Chapel, Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, IN will lead you in ten beloved hymns of faith on the newly installed pipe organ. Light refreshments to follow. See the “Check It Out” board for more information.

Thank you for all your kind words, cards and gifts on the surprise celebration of my many years playing organ here at St. Paul’s. It is only by the grace of God that I can continue to use my hands and feet in praise to Him. Ken and I have lived here over 50 years now and you are indeed our family and we appreciate each and every one of you. May God be praised through us all. In Christ, Anita

Pastor and Christie Wonnacott praise God for all the members of St. Paul’s and their love, prayers, and generosity over the last 30 plus years! God blessed us by bringing us to the family of believers here. May our Savior Jesus continue to bless us all in the years to come with His Word and Sacraments, and bless the new brothers and sisters that He will bring into His family. Thank you again for your kindness and gifts!

Things to Remember in Prayer This Week

Thanksgiving: For our future, which is bright and glorious in Jesus!

Special Concerns:

That we are comforted in the tears of this life—including separation from beloved saints who have died—by the anticipation of the eternal joy to come for all the saints.

For Pastor Rafael & Deaconess Jamielynn Flores and Pastor Micah Wildauer and their work in foreign missions.

That the Lord would bless our offerings that we give today.

For our country and her leaders.

For the Lord's continued grace and protection of our Haitian brothers and sisters during this time of violence and unrest and for all persecuted Christians throughout the world.

For those who serve us in their vocation of policemen and firemen.

For strength, comfort, and healing to those dealing with the aftermath of the recent hurricanes.

YOUTH NEWS

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE: Christmas is less than 2 months away and that means we need to check availability of our Youth in Grades 4-8 for possible participation in our Christmas Eve Service. **If any Youth are interested, please let Andy Wildauer (801-707-3399) or any other member of the Youth Board know by this Friday, November 8th** so that we can review whether we have enough children for the Service.

WELCOME BAGS: Our Youth in Grades 4-HS will partner with our Evangelism Committee to prepare Welcome Bags for new residents of the Bremen community on **Sunday, November 10th** following the church service. This is a wonderful opportunity to provide some basic necessities for those new to the Bremen area and share in fellowship with others.

Look for more information via our "St. Paul's Youth" GroupMe chat or contact Youth Board Director Andy Wildauer.

SCHOOL CORNER

Thank you to all who have supported our PTL with our recent fundraisers through Bourbon Street Pizza and La Parilla! (Bourbon Street is still accepting receipts to benefit the PTL!) PTL is a very active, vital resource for St. Paul's Schools. They hosted our recent Grandparents' Day and a special meal for the students. PTL organizes class parties, pays for bussing, plans school-wide events like our

upcoming Mock Election on November 5th, and is planning the Pilgrim Meal for church and school families scheduled November 19th (more info. to come). PTL can't do what it does without you!

We closed out October with the first 5th grade band concert at BPS. (Good job, band students!) The 4th through 8th grades also learned about the Holocaust watching Bethel College's production of "The Diary of Anne Frank." All of the classes have been learning about the branches of government and the election process.

If you are interested in becoming more involved with the students of St. Paul's, we have a variety of opportunities! We like to have volunteers to read with or assist students with classwork during the school day. We also would like more assistance with Extended Care. If you are interested, please contact the school office.

Please continue giving to the Lutheran SGO! We use the SGO both for elementary school scholarships and Pre-K scholarships, and it has been a great benefit to our families. Please continue to give, and receive the tax credit and deduction for your donations! **Now, there is a link to donate to the LSGO on the church's website under the School drop-down menu.**

You can also find several (easy) ways to donate at www.lutheranSGO.org/Donate. Donations can be given through a check, IRA, stocks, Donor Advised Funds, PayPal, credit card, and **NOW electronic giving!** Benefits to you are a 50% state tax credit for your donation and eligibility for a tax deduction. These scholarships make a big difference for our families. Please contact Jennifer Harman, in the school office, if you have questions.

We also continue to take donations to St. Paul's tuition assistance fund. Checks for tuition assistance can be made out to the church.



Bourbon Street Pizza is extending its PTL Fundraising event! We are offering 20% of the proceeds from your orders to the PTL, from now through November 17th. Please order from either the Bourbon or Nappanee Bourbon Street Pizza and send a screenshot of, or bring the receipt to, Jennifer Harman, 574-210-2103. Thank you for your support of PTL, and Bourbon Street!

Worship Anew can be viewed on Dish Channel 266 or Direct TV channel 377 on Sundays at 11:30 am.

LUTHERAN WITNESS SUBSCRIPTIONS: It is that time of the year once again! Those of you who get the *Lutheran Witness*, please contact the church secretary about your subscription. Unfortunately, the price has risen again so to \$25.00. If you would like to continue getting your magazines, I will need cash or a check dropped off in the office, mailed to the church or placed in the secretary's mailbox for \$25.00. Checks may be made out to "St. Paul's Lutheran Church". If you would like to start a new subscription to the *Lutheran Witness* for their monthly magazine, please let Janet know and she will sign you up to start receiving the magazine in January 2025. ***Please complete your payment by November 17th.***

A reminder from the church office: The deadline to submit items for the bulletin is 9:00 am on the Wednesday before you desire to have the announcement in that Sunday's bulletin. Thank you for your kindness and consideration in helping with this.

Servants for Today's Worship November 3rd, 2024

Pastor Neil Wonnacott (574-546-2332 or 574-301-9291)

Organist: Ellen Augustine

Ushers: Paul Wonnacott & Bruce Augustine

Acolyte: Abby & Josie Wildauer

Elder: Dave Burcham

Video Streamer: Bruce Schmidt

Servants for Next Sunday's Worship November 10th, 2024

Pastor Neil Wonnacott (574-546-2332 or 574-301-9291)

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Ushers: Larry Britt & Tyler Schmeltz

Acolyte: Brantley Thornton

Elder: Mike Gumz

Communion Assistant: Jon Rettinger

Video Streamer: Ethan Tjernagel