

**Saints Triumphant**                      **November 17 & 18, 2019**

Death is ugly. It does not matter if someone dies after a long, protracted fight with some illness or if they die peacefully in their sleep. Either way, the body goes into the ground and begins to decay. Either way, that person is gone, and their absence is constantly noticed.

Death would be overwhelming were it not for the fact that, for the believer, Christ has completely transformed death. Death is not the end. For those who are part of Christ’s family, death is the beginning of a new and better life, one where the deceased has triumphed over sin and all its consequences.

We thank God for this beautiful gospel truth—that Christians have an everlasting family. When Christian loved ones die, they are not “lost.” Something is lost when: a) you don’t know where it is, and therefore b) you will not see it again. We know exactly where our deceased Christian loved ones are. We look forward to being reunited with them soon.

Today, we celebrate the Saints Triumphant—those believers who have died and been welcomed into their true home with Jesus.

**Worship Participants**

- Liturgist**..... Pastor Jacob Hoff
- Preacher**.....Pastor Brian Adams
- Organist** .....Miss Heather Schmidt
- Junior Choir Directors**..... Mrs. Rachel Mankse and Miss Heather Schmidt
- Junior Choir Accompanist** .....Miss Diya Mogili
- Lutheran Girl Pioneers Accompanist**.....Miss Lauren Roedel

**HOLY BAPTISM – 10:30 AM                      SERVICE BEGINS ON PAGE 5**

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**OUR WORSHIP SERVICE**

**THE COMMON SERVICE WITH COMMUNION**

*Christian Worship pg. 15*

**THE OPENING HYMN (8:00 AM ONLY) ..... “I’m But a Stranger Here”**

*Christian Worship #417*

1 I'm but a stran - ger here; Heav'n is my home.  
 2 What though the tem - pest rage, Heav'n is my home.  
 3 There at my Sav - ior's side— Heav'n is my home—  
 4 There - fore I mur - mur not; Heav'n is my home.

Earth is a des - ert drear; Heav'n is my home.  
 Short is my pil - grim - age; Heav'n is my home.  
 I shall be glo - ri - fied; Heav'n is my home.  
 What - e'er my earth - ly lot, Heav'n is my home.

Dan - ger and sor - row stand Round me on ev - 'ry hand.  
 And time's wild, win - try blast Soon shall be o - ver - past;  
 There are the good and blest, Those I love most and best,  
 And I shall sure - ly stand There at my Lord's right hand.

Heav'n is my fa - ther - land; Heav'n is my home.  
 I shall reach home at last; Heav'n is my home.  
 And there I, too, shall rest; Heav'n is my home.  
 Heav'n is my fa - ther - land; Heav'n is my home.

*8:00 AM service continues on Page 4 – The Invocation*

THE OPENING HYMN (6:30 PM).....“In Christ Alone”

Christian Worship Supplement #752

**Sung by Lutheran Girl Pioneers**

*In Christ alone my hope is found. He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This cornerstone, this solid ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when strivings  
cease! My Comforter, my all in all, Here in the love of Christ I stand.*

*In Christ alone—who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe.  
This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones he came to save.  
Till on that cross, as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied;  
For ev’ry sin on him was laid. Here in the death of Christ I live.*

*There in the ground his body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then bursting forth in glorious day Up from the grave he rose again!  
And as he stands in victory, Sin’s curse has lost its grip on me.  
For I am his and he is mine—Bought with the precious blood of Christ.*

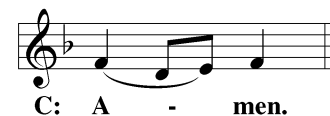
*No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the pow’r of Christ in me;  
From life’s first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.  
No pow’r of hell, no scheme of man Can ever pluck me from his hand;  
Till he returns or calls me home, Here in the pow’r of Christ I’ll stand.*



*Please Stand*

**THE INVOCATION**

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



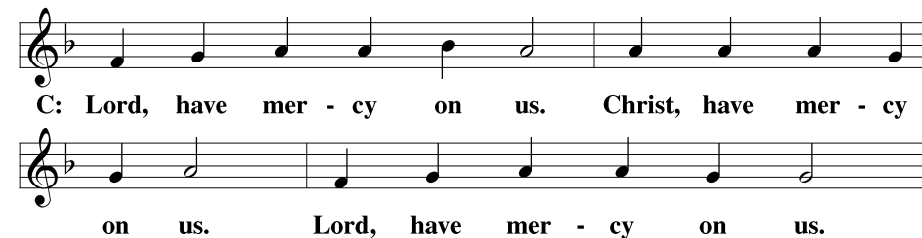
**THE CONFESSION OF SINS**

**P:** Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**C:** **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord have mercy on me, a sinner.**

**LORD, HAVE MERCY**

*Kyrie*



**P:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



*8:00 AM and 6:30 PM services continue on Page 8 – Prayer and Praise*

**HOLY BAPTISM ..... 10:30 AM ONLY**

**THE OPENING HYMN ..... "See This Wonder in the Making"**  
*Christian Worship #300*

1 See this won - der in the mak - ing: God him -  
2 Mir - a - cle each time it hap - pens As the  
3 Far more ten - der than a moth - er, Far more  
4 Here we bring a child of na - ture; Home we

self this child is tak - ing As a lamb safe in his  
door to heav - en o - pens And the Fa - ther beams, "Be -  
car - ing than a fa - ther, God, in - to your arms we  
take a new-born crea - ture, Now God's pre - cious son or

keep - ing, His to be, a - wake or sleep - ing.  
lov - ed, Heir of gifts a king would cov - et!"  
place *him*, With your love and peace em - brace *him*.  
daugh - ter, Born a - gain by Word and wa - ter.

**THE INVOCATION**

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**CONFESSION OF SINS**

**P:** Our Savior Jesus Christ commanded baptism when he said: "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." All of us are born into this world with a deep need for baptism. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature; we are without true fear of God and true faith in God and are condemned to eternal death. But Jesus took away our sin by

giving his life on the cross. At our baptism he clothes us with the robe of his righteousness and gives us a new life. Our sinful nature need not control us any longer. We recall what baptism means for our daily lives as we speak these words:

**C:** **Baptism means that the sinful nature in us should be drowned by daily sorrow and repentance, and that all its evil deeds and desires be put to death. It also means that a new person should daily arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.**

**P:** As baptized children of God we confess our sins:

**C:** **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

**P:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** **Amen.**

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

**P:** In obedience to the command of our Lord and trusting in his promise, you have brought this child to be baptized. Jesus told us: "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." It is in baptism that God grants the new life of forgiveness, joy, and peace to little children. By the power of God's Word, this gracious water of life washes away sin, delivers from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe.

**P:** Receive the sign of the cross on the head and heart to mark you as a redeemed child of Christ.

Brielle Kremser, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

The almighty God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – has forgiven all your sins. By your baptism, you are born again and made a dear child of your Father in heaven. May God strengthen you to live in your baptismal grace all the days of your life. Peace be with you.

*Please Stand*

## EXHORTATION

**P:** Brothers and sisters in Christ:

Our Lord commands that we teach his precious truths to all who are baptized. Christian love therefore urges all of us, especially parents and sponsors, to assist in whatever manner possible so that Brielle may remain a child of God until death. If you are willing to carry out this responsibility, then answer: Yes, as God gives me strength.

**C:** Yes, as God gives me strength.

**P:** Let us pray.

Merciful Father in heaven, we thank you for the blessing of baptism by which you offer and grant the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. Help us to regard our baptism as the robe of righteousness we are to wear all the days of our life. Look with special favor on Brielle and grant her a rich measure of your Spirit that she may grow in faith and godly living. Make us willing to carry out our responsibilities to those who have been baptized, so that all of us may finally come to the blessed joys of heaven, through Jesus our Lord.

**C:** Amen.

*Service continues on Page 8 – Prayer and Praise*

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

**P:** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

### GLORY BE TO GOD

*Gloria in Excelsis*

C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,

we give thanks to you, for your 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, you take away the

sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the

sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of

God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy;

you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,  
are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

**THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** And al - so with you.

**P:** Let us pray.

Almighty God and Savior, you have set the final day and hour when we shall be delivered from this world of sin and death. Keep us ever watchful for the coming of your Son that we may sit with him and all your holy ones at the marriage feast in heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** A - men.

*Please be Seated*

**THE FIRST LESSON ..... Isaiah 65:17-25**

<sup>17</sup> "See, I will create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind.

<sup>18</sup> But be glad and rejoice forever in what I will create,

for I will create Jerusalem to be a delight and its people a joy.

<sup>19</sup> I will rejoice over Jerusalem and take delight in my people; the sound of weeping and of crying will be heard in it no more.

<sup>20</sup> "Never again will there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not live out his years; the one who dies at a hundred will be thought a mere child; the one who fails to reach a hundred will be considered accursed.

<sup>21</sup> They will build houses and dwell in them; they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

<sup>22</sup> No longer will they build houses and others live in them, or plant and others eat. For as the days of a tree, so will be the days of my people; my chosen ones will long enjoy the work of their hands.

<sup>23</sup> They will not labor in vain, nor will they bear children doomed to misfortune; for they will be a people blessed by the Lord, they and their descendants with them.

<sup>24</sup> Before they call I will answer; while they are still speaking I will hear.

<sup>25</sup> The wolf and the lamb will feed together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox, and dust will be the serpent's food. They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain."

**JUNIOR CHOIR ANTHEM (8:00 AM ONLY)..... “There Is a Higher Throne”**  
*Christian Worship Supplement #727*

***The Congregation is invited to join on the last refrain***

*There is a higher throne than all this world has known,  
Where faithful ones from ev’ry tongue will one day come.  
Before the Son we’ll stand, made faultless through the Lamb;  
Believing hearts from promised grace; salvation comes.*

***Refrain:***

*Hear heaven’s voices sing; their thund’rous anthem rings.  
Through em’rald courts and sapphire skies their praises rise.  
All glory, wisdom, pow’r, strength, thanks and honor  
are to God our King who reigns on high forevermore.*

*And there we’ll find our home, our life before the throne.  
We’ll honor him in perfect song where we belong.  
He’ll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.  
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we’ll reign with him.*

***Refrain:***

*Hear heaven’s voices sing; their thund’rous anthem rings.  
Through em’rald courts and sapphire skies their praises rise.  
All glory, wisdom, pow’r, strength, thanks and honor  
are to God our King who reigns on high forevermore.*

**THE SECOND LESSON.....2 Thessalonians 2:13-3:5**

<sup>13</sup> But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters loved by the Lord, because God chose you as firstfruits to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth. <sup>14</sup> He called you to this through our gospel, that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>15</sup> So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the teachings we passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by letter.

<sup>16</sup> May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, <sup>17</sup> encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

<sup>3:1</sup> As for other matters, brothers and sisters, pray for us that the message of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored, just as it was with you. <sup>2</sup> And pray that we may be delivered from wicked and evil people, for not everyone has faith. <sup>3</sup> But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen you and protect you from the evil one. <sup>4</sup> We have confidence in the Lord that you are doing and will continue to do the things we command. <sup>5</sup> May the Lord direct your hearts into God’s love and Christ’s perseverance.

**VERSE OF THE DAY**

**P:** Alleluia. They are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple. Alleluia. (*Revelation 7:15a*)



**JUNIOR CHOIR ANTHEM (8:00 AM ONLY)..... “Well Done”**  
*by Jason Ingram, Matt Fuque & Josh Havens*

*What will it be like when my pain is gone  
and all the worries of this world just fade away?  
What will it be like when You call my name  
and that moment and I see You face to face?  
I’m waiting my whole life to hear You say,*

*“Well done, well done, my good and faithful one.  
Welcome to the place where you belong.  
Well done, well done, my beloved child.  
You have run the race and now you’re home.  
Welcome to the place where you belong.”*

*What will it be like when tears are washed away  
and ev'ry broken thing will fin'ly be made whole?  
What will it be like when I come into Your glory,  
standing in the presence of a love so beautiful?  
I'm waiting my whole life for that day.  
I will live my life to hear You say,*

*"Well done, well done, my good and faithful one.  
Welcome to the place where you belong.  
Well done, well done, my beloved child.  
You have run the race and now you're home.  
Welcome to the place where you belong."*

*What will it be like when I hear that sound,  
all of heaven's angels crying out? Singing,  
"Holy, holy, holy are You, Lord" Singing,  
"Holy, holy, holy are You, Lord".  
I'm waiting my whole life for that day.  
Until then I'll live to hear You say,*

*"Well done, well done, my good and faithful one.  
Welcome to the place where you belong.  
Well done, well done, my beloved child.  
You have run the race and now you're home.  
Welcome to the place where you belong. Well done."*

*Please Stand*

**THE GOSPEL LESSON..... Luke 20:27-38**

C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

<sup>27</sup> Some of the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus with a question. <sup>28</sup> "Teacher," they said, "Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies and leaves a wife but no children, the man must marry the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. <sup>29</sup> Now there were seven brothers. The first one married a woman and died childless. <sup>30</sup> The second <sup>31</sup> and then the third married her, and in the same way the seven died, leaving no children. <sup>32</sup> Finally, the woman died too. <sup>33</sup> Now then, at the resurrection whose wife will she be, since the seven were married to her?"

<sup>34</sup> Jesus replied, "The people of this age marry and are given in marriage. <sup>35</sup> But those who are considered worthy of taking part in the age to come and in the resurrection from the dead will neither marry nor be given in marriage, <sup>36</sup> and they can no longer die; for they are like the angels. They are God's children, since they are children of the resurrection. <sup>37</sup> But in the account of the burning bush, even Moses showed that the dead rise, for he calls the Lord 'the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' <sup>38</sup> He is not the God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive."

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

**THE NICENE CREED**

**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 fully 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 in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and**

glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian 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.

*Please be Seated*

**THE HYMN OF THE DAY.....“Jerusalem the Golden**

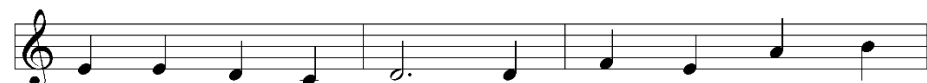
*Christian Worship #214*



1 Je - ru - sa - lem the gold - en, With milk and  
 2 They stand, those halls of Zi - on, All ju - bi -  
 3 There is the throne of Da - vid, And there, from  
 4 Oh, sweet and bless - ed coun - try, The home of



hon - ey blest— The sight of it re - fresh - es The  
 lant with song And bright with man - y an an - gel And  
 care re - leased, The shout of them that tri - umph, The  
 God's e - lect! Oh, sweet and bless - ed coun - try That



wea - ry and op - pressed. I know not, oh, I  
 all the mar - tyr throng. The Prince is ev - er  
 song of them that feast; And they who with their  
 ea - ger hearts ex - pect! Je - sus, in mer - cy



know not What joys a - wait us there, What ra - dian -  
 in them; The day - light is se - rene; The pas - tures  
 lead - er Have con - quered in the fight For - ev - er  
 bring us To that dear land of rest; You are with



cy of glo - ry, What bliss be - yond com - pare.  
 of the bless - ed Are ev - er rich and green.  
 and for - ev - er Are clad in robes of white.  
 God the Fa - ther And Spir - it ev - er blest.

**THE SERMON ..... 2 Thessalonians 2:13-3:5**

*Please Stand*



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 your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it



from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -



tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

*Please be Seated*

**THE OFFERING**

*(We invite you to sign our Friendship Registers in each pew during the offering.)*

*Throughout these 10 weeks of our 10 for 10 stewardship emphasis, we will be watching a short video segment during the offering.*

*This week's focus is "Enhanced Giving".*

**THE OFFERING PRAYER**

*Please Stand*



## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P:** With thanksgiving and praise, O Lord, we remember all your faithful servants who throughout the ages have witnessed to your name: the mighty and the lowly, great leaders and humble men and women, those who have served you in prosperity and those who in the day of trouble have not failed. We rejoice that they now rest from their labors in your presence.

**C:** **You are the rest of the blessed dead. We thank you for all who have died in the peace of Christ. We thank you for those whom you gave to our congregation for a time as a blessing but have now called home. We remember their names before you.**

**All:** Sung (*Christian Worship #551, verses 1-2*)

For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
All who their faith before the world confessed,  
Your name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

You were their rock, their fortress, and their might;  
You, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight  
And in the darkness drear their one true light.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

**P:** I am resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies.

**C:** **And whoever lives and believes in me will never die.** John 11:25-26

**P:** Judi Lauber – June 23, 2019

Then I heard a voice from heaven say, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on."

**C:** **"Yes," says the Spirit, "they will rest from their labor."** Revelation 13:14

**P:** Thomas Wiza – August 23, 2019

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.

**C:** **Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.** Colossians 3:1-2

**P:** I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth.

**C:** **And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God.** Job 19:25-26

**P:** Julie Podany-Samolyk – October 16, 2019

Christ has indeed been raised from the dead,

**C:** **the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.** 1 Corinthians 15:20

**P:** And if I go and prepare a place for you,

**C:** **I will come again and will take you to myself.** John 14:3

**P:** Harriet Hudy – November 10, 2019

Thanks be to God.

**C:** **He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.** 1 Corinthians 15:57

**All:** Sung (*Christian Worship #551, verses 7-8*)

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!

From earth's wide bounds to ocean's farthest coast  
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

## THE SACRAMENT

### PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

P: Lift up your hearts



C: We lift them up un - to the Lord.

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



C: It is good and right so to do.

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

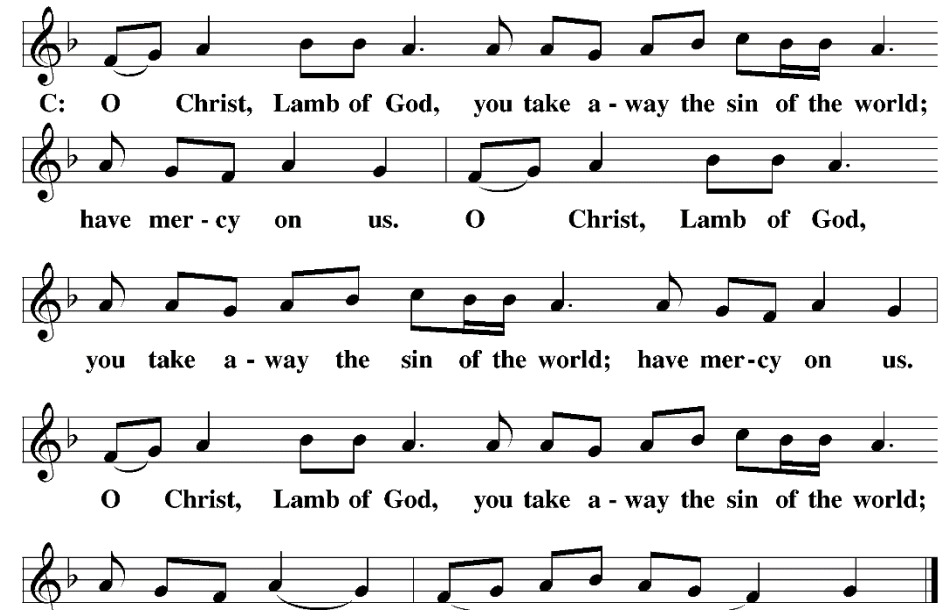
P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A - men.

## O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

*Agnus Dei*



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
grant us your peace. A - men.

*Please be Seated*

### DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper. The Lord's Supper is a miracle. By God's power, the Lord's body and blood are with the bread and wine. In the Lord's Supper, God gives strength and comfort to His believers. While the Lord's Supper is first about our relationship with Jesus, it is also about our relationship with fellow believers. Therefore, we practice "close communion." We invite all who are members of St. Paul's or visitors who belong to our WELS fellowship to receive the Lord's Supper with us. If you would like to learn more about being a member of our family at St. Paul's, please feel free to contact one of the pastors.*

*Please Stand*

**SONG OF SIMEON**

*Nunc Dimittis*

C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing  
 to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-  
 pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the  
 Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

P: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

**CLOSING PRAYER**

P: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

**THE BLESSING**

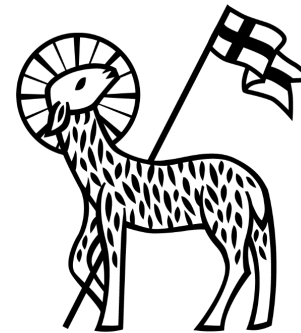
P: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
 The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
 The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

*Please be Seated*

**THE CLOSING HYMN..... "Praise God, from Who All Blessings Flow"**  
*Christian Worship #334*

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise him, all  
 crea-tures here be - low; Praise him a - bove, ye heav'n -  
 ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CELEBRATING 25 YEARS WITH PASTOR ADAMS:** Please join us in the narthex between services today for dessert and coffee in recognition of Pastor Adams' 25th anniversary of serving St. Paul's.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** Today's altar flowers are given in recognition of Pastor Adams' 25th anniversary at St. Paul's.

**BAPTISM:** Today in the 10:30 AM service Brielle Kremser will be received into God's kingdom through holy baptism. Brielle is the daughter of Marcel and Tiffany Kremser. Serving as her godparents are Thomas Ahmad and Rebecca Vogel. May the Lord bless this family as they grow together in Christ.

**CHRISTIAN FUNERAL:** The Lord called Mrs. Harriet Hudy to her heavenly home on Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. A Christian funeral service was held here at St. Paul's on Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. "Then I heard a voice from heaven say, "Write: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Yes," says the Spirit, "they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them." (Revelation 14:13)

**THANK YOU:** Thank you to the volunteers that helped clean the church this past Saturday!

**MIDWEEK ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICE & MEAL:** On Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> we will be having our only Midweek Advent worship service. The Board of Elders will also be serving a meal prior to the service beginning at 5:30pm. If you would like to contribute a dessert for the meal, please use the sign-up sheet on the narthex counter. Monetary donations are welcome at any time, and there will be a free-will offering gathered at the meal.

**CALL MEETING:** A call meeting for a 6th grade/upper grade teacher is planned for Sunday, December 8th at 11:30 AM. Our current teacher, Mr. Mayer, was called to this position for only a single year and would be eligible for this call as well. If you would like to add a name for consideration please contact Principal Schulmeister by December 1st, as the

Synod would like to have all names prepared before the meeting. We encourage all voting members to be in attendance.

**SCHOOL CHOICE:** The presentation regarding the Wisconsin Choice Program on November 10th may have raised questions or comments. St. Paul's is still in the exploration phase which includes discussing and educating all connected to the congregation and the school. More follow-up open forums are being planned. If you have questions, comments, or concerns please feel free to reach out to Principal Schulmeister in person or by email at [nschulmeister@stpaulsfranklin.org](mailto:nschulmeister@stpaulsfranklin.org). You may also reach out to David Granberg (Chairman of the Board of Education) by email at [davidhgranberg@gmail.com](mailto:davidhgranberg@gmail.com).

**MARY & MARTHA COOKIE SALE:** A signup sheet is located in the narthex for anyone in the congregation who is interested in making Christmas cookies for the annual Mary & Martha cookie sale. Please consider baking a batch of cookies (100 cookies if possible) for this sale. Please have your cookies labeled "Mary & Martha cookie sale" and dropped off at church by 9:00a.m. on Saturday, December 7th. Anyone from St. Paul's is welcome to come and help pack the cookie boxes on Saturday, December 7th at 9am. The sale will take place after each service on Sunday and Monday, December 8th and 9th. The proceeds from this sale benefit the ongoing work of the Mary and Martha Society and their support of missions

**HAT AND MITTEN COLLECTION:** The Mary and Martha Society invites the congregation to participate in a hat and mitten collection to benefit Southside Ministries. We will collect new and gently used children's hats, mittens and gloves as well as jackets and boots. A bin will be placed in the church narthex and donations will be accepted until November 18.

Donations of small toys that can be used as stocking stuffers (matchbox cars, beanie babies etc.) as well as other new or gently used toys are also greatly appreciated. Gary Eickhorst and Southside Ministries will use these as Christmas gifts for immigrant children. Thank you for your support of Southside Ministries.

**USHERS:** We currently have (4) open spots in both services. Please consider serving your congregation in this way. If you are able to help, please contact Kyle Brightsman at (414) 335-2906 or [kgb5217@gmail.com](mailto:kgb5217@gmail.com).

**PRESCHOOL POWER HOUR:** Join us at Power Hour two Thursdays a month! Open to children ages 0-4 with their caregivers. Meet us in the church narthex from 10:45-11:45 AM on the following dates: November 21, December 5 & 19, January 16, February 6 & 20, March 5 & 19, April 2, May 7 & 21. There are extra flyers on the narthex counter to share with a friend!

**VOLUNTEERS**

**GREETERS FOR THIS WEEK (November 17 & 18)**

**8:00 AM** – Randy & Nancy Willms

**10:30 AM** – Dee Kresa; Taylor

**6:30 PM** – Joan Shevey

**GREETERS FOR NEXT WEEK (November 24 & 25)**

**8:00 AM** – Tim & Denise Rasmussen

**10:30 AM** – Chuck & Connie Roedel; Lauren

**6:30 PM** – Walter & Laurie Falkowski

**GREETERS FOR THANKSGIVING**

**EVE 6:30 PM** – Nancy Adams

**DAY 10:00 AM** – Steve & Irva Baade

**USHERS FOR NOVEMBER**

**8:00 AM** – TEAM #3 – Donn Johnson, John Migacz, Todd Grunze, Frank Krajewski

**10:30 AM** – TEAM #7 – David Brightsman, Kyle Brightsman, Luke Raduenz, Randy Raduenz

**6:30 PM** – TEAM #9 – Terry Plant, John Kiesow

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**DAY 10:00 AM** – TEAM #4 – Pete Kosovich, Craig Gebert, Matt Gebert, Gordy Lesser

**ALTAR GUILD**

Nov 13-19 – TEAM #4 – Marge Gebert, Marilyn Krueger, Renate Nazimek

Nov 20-26 – TEAM #1 – Sherry Kosovich, Beverly Garves, Vanessa McKee

**REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE**

Nov. 17: Set-up – Jerry & Alyce Lehtinen, Clean-up – Beverly Garves

Nov. 24: Set-up – John & Jean Terek, Clean-up – Andy & Chris Backus

**THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

**Sunday, November 17**

Worship Service with Communion .....8:00 AM

Pastor Adams’ 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.....9:15 AM

Worship Service with Communion .....10:30 AM

**Monday, November 18**

Lutheran Girl Pioneers .....6:00 PM

Worship Service with Communion .....6:30 PM

**Tuesday, November 19**

Mary & Martha .....6:30 PM

Board of Spiritual Growth .....7:00 PM

**Wednesday, November 20**

Senior Choir Rehearsal.....6:30 PM

**Thursday, November 21**

Preschool Power Hour .....10:45 AM

Men’s Basketball.....7:30 PM

**Friday, November 22**

School Devotion .....8:30 AM

**Sunday, November 24**

Worship Service .....8:00 AM

Adult Bible Study/PSCIC/Sunday School.....9:15 AM

Worship Service .....10:30 AM

**Statistics – Last Week**

Attendance: 8:00 AM – 123, 10:30 AM – 136, 6:30 PM – 30

Total Attendance – 289

Sunday School – 17