St. Paul's Lutheran Church *Pentecost 24* November 8, 2026

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELLS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DEDICATION OF PARAMENTS

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe. You have enriched our lives with every good and perfect gift; you have commanded us to show your splendor to our children and to praise you with lives of love, justice, and joy.

Accept these paraments which we offer in thanksgiving; may they adorn this house, show us the holiness, and so proclaim the glory of your majesty.

Bring us all at length to your perfect kingdom, where you live and reign with the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our dwelling place for all generations, whose compassion never slumbers.

C Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.

Holy God,

C we confess that we have trusted in our preparation instead of your invitation. We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved. We trust the voice of our shame and fear, which keeps us from entering fully into relationship with you and others. We are not awake to the coming of your reign. Rouse us and rescue us, that we may enter into your joy.

Amen.

Inherit the riches of God's grace. ☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy. You are forgiven. Blessed are you.

C Amen.

GREETING

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

C And also with you.

KYRIE





u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out . . . . . truth and jus - tice and grace,
life and for love, ... for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,

Refrain



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

HYMN OF PRAISE




vic-t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al-
le-lu-ia. 2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and
join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing, hon-or,
glo-ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.
Final refrain
This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God, for the
Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

FIRST READING: Amos 5:18-24

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD!
Why do you want the day of the LORD?
It is darkness, not light,
19 as if someone fled from a lion
and was met by a bear
or went into the house
and rested a hand against the wall
and was bitten by a snake.
20 Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?
21 I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them,
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon.
23 Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
24 But let justice roll down like water
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 70

(Refrain: You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, do not tarry.)

1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; O LORD, make haste to help me.

C 2 **Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confounded; let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.** ***(Refrain)***

3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back because of their shame.

C 4 **Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great is the LORD!"**

5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God. You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, do not tarry. ***(Refrain)***

(Refrain: You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, do not tarry.)

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

13 We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers
and sisters, about those who have died, so that you
may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14 For
since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even
so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who
have died. 15 For this we declare to you by the word
of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until
the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede
those who have died. 16 For the Lord himself, with a
cry of command, with the archangel's call and with
the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from
heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then
we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the
clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air,
and so we will be with the Lord forever. 18 Therefore
encourage one another with these words.

The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*10 measures organ intro)*



GOSPEL: Matthew 25:1-13

C Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 1 “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. 3 When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them,

4 but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. 5 As
the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became
drowsy and slept. 6 But at midnight there was a shout,
'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet
him.' 7 Then all those young women got up and
trimmed their lamps. 8 The foolish said to the wise,
'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.'
9 But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough
for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers
and buy some for yourselves.' 10 And while they went
to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were
ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and
the door was shut. 11 Later the other young women
came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' 12 But he
replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' 13 Keep
awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor
the hour."

The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON *Pastor Timothy Holt*

HYMN OF THE DAY
LBW 351 "Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand"

APOSTLE'S CREED
C I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION
United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

You illumine the church with the hope of your new day. Prepare our hearts and minds for the inbreaking of your kingdom, that we might awaken to your transforming love at work all around us. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

You hasten to heal our wounds and make whole what is broken. Comfort individuals facing a difficult diagnosis, receiving palliative care, or facing uncertain treatment options. *(We pray especially for Greg Bauer, Marlene Fuhrman, Keanyn Neukam, family and friends of Mike Merkel, family and friends of Leon Seitz, and all those we name before you either silently or aloud.)* God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

You give rest to weary hearts and bodies. As the days grow shorter in the north, help us to move more slowly and intentionally through our days, honoring the need for quiet and stillness. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

You welcome those who have come before us in faith into the joys of heaven. Sustain us by your grace and

guide us into the promise of everlasting life. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

We pray that you guide the military serving to protect us. Grant them safety and wisdom to carry out their assigned duties. *(We pray especially for Luke Himsel, Joshua Hoffman, and Cooper Uebelhor.)* God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.

C Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY RESPONSE



OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

C Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMMUNION

All who are baptized are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Children who have not yet received instruction about Holy Communion are invited to come forward for a blessing. As you approach the communion assistant, they first will hand you the bread. Take and eat it. Then take a communion cup from the tray. After you have taken the wine, place your empty cup in the tray table beside the pillar.

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way

of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

> Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
> Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

> This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C 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.

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**
The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

LAMB OF GOD



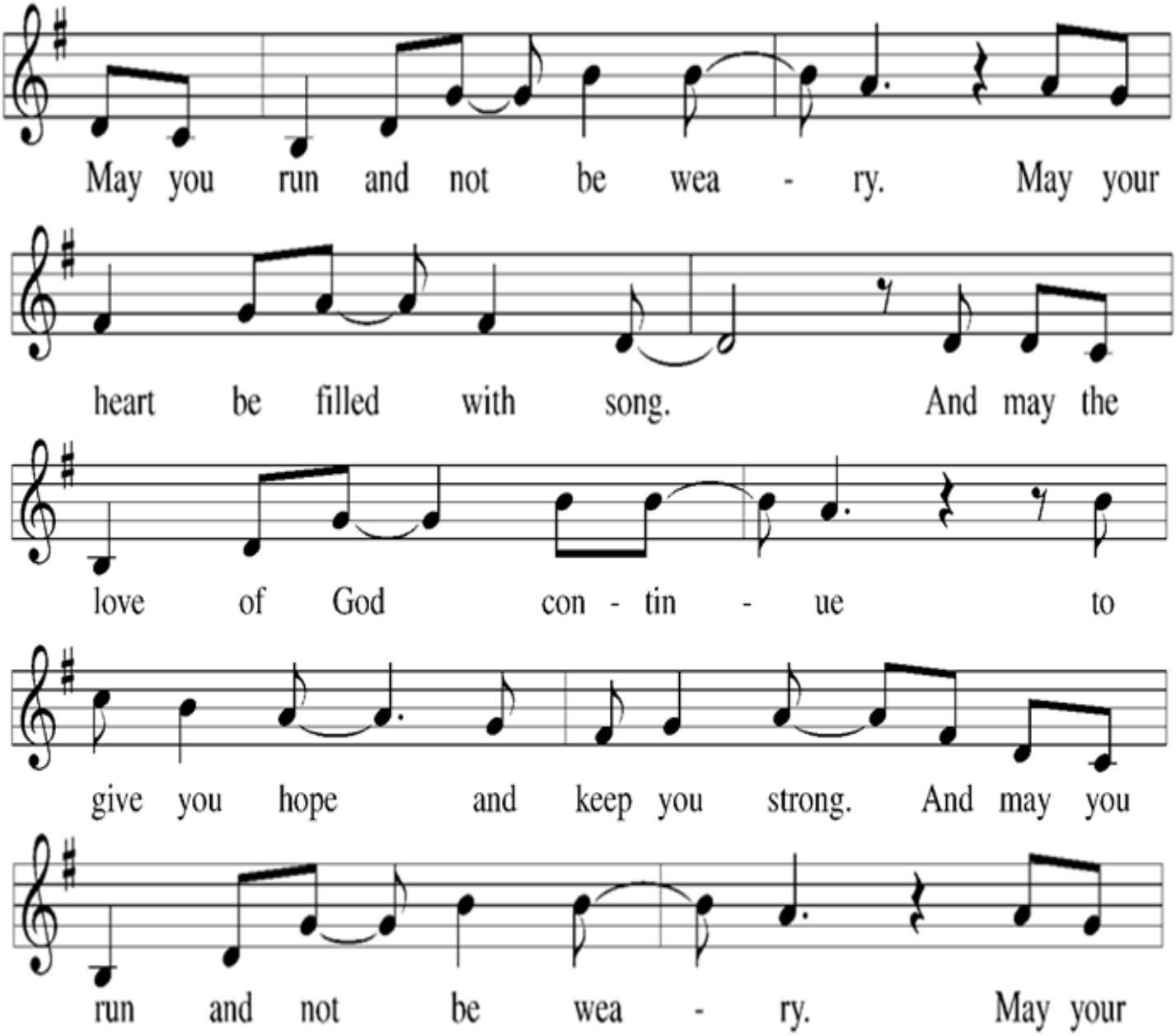
COMMUNION HYMNS

LBW 346 "When Peace, Like a River"
WOV 776 "Be Thou My Vision"
WOV 744 "Soon and Very Soon"

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE





PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray

C Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

BLESSING

The holy Trinity, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God, today and always.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

WOV 699 "Blessed Assurance"

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Encourage one another.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Mission Statement: *Worship Boldly, Empower for Discipleship, Cultivate Spiritual Maturity, Strengthen Community, Serve.*

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Thank you to the following people for your service today.

Greeters:	Andy & Gabbie Chinn
Comm. Asst:	Jessica Freyberger
Video:	Geoff Stallwood
Organist:	Barbara Dell
Lay Reader:	Sandy Schnaus
Audio:	Doug Wiseman
Acolytes:	Will Werner and Bailey Buse

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 157 SS: 15

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF
Nov. 8th – Nov. 15th

Sun., Nov. 8th	8:00 AM	Chancel Choir Practice
	9:00 AM	Sunday Worship Service
		(Sunday School following communion - 10:30 AM)
Wed., Nov. 11th	6:30 PM	Handbell Practice
	6:30 PM	Confirmation
Thurs., Nov. 12th	1:00 PM	Blanket Tacking
	2:00 PM	Worship & Music Meeting
Sun., Nov. 15th	7:30 AM	Church Council Meeting
	8:00 AM	Chancel Choir Practice
	9:00 AM	Sunday Worship Service
		no communion
		(Sunday School about 10:00 - 10:30 AM)

Please continue to keep in your prayers, Alexis, Brenda, Carol, Donna, Ely, Katrina, Druscilla Chestnut, Amy DeKemper, Keith Freyberger, Dorothy Fuhrman, Elizabeth Hansen, Lana Hoffman, Mary Ann Jerger, Ken Keller, Judy Kieffner, Carol Keller, Don Krodel, Zach Leinenbach, Madison Mann, Jeanne Marks, Gene Mehne, Dean Mehringer, Melvin Meyer, Logan Musgrave, Bob and Edith Nugent, Christine Probst, Anita Reed, Annette Schepers, Jim Seitz, Kaine Seitz, Larry Sendelweck, Audrey Weisheit, and Darlene Ziegler.



ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Dedication of Paraments this Sunday is in memory of Elnora Eisenhut and Radus & Juanita Hembree.

LYO will be meeting today after the church service.
~ Tara Betz

Have you or your children picked up your shoe box yet?

Please remember to bring your gift filled shoe box to church by next Sunday, November 15th.
~Kathy Jarboe

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held November 22nd at 10:00 AM. The LYO will be serving breakfast after the meeting. *~ Church Council*

Christmas Poinsettias will be for sale before and after service in the entance area on November 29th and December 6th. The cost is $15.00 each.
~ Diane Bair

The Evangelism committee has put together an angel tree with local children who might otherwise go without on Christmas. The children range from ages 0 through 17. We are asking anyone from the congregation that is interested in adopting/sponsoring or donating money for a child to pick an angel off the tree. Anyone is welcome to adopt/sponsor a child, you could do it solely, with your extended family, or with another family. We are just asking that you spend approximately $125 on the child's needs. The Evangelism Committee will have a tree setup for your choosing, along with a donation box if you would rather donate money and the committee will do the shopping for you. All donations must be turned in or before December 6th. ~ *Julie Breitwieser*

Annual reports for each committee are due December 8th. Please leave in the office or email to Marcie at secretary@stpaulshaysville.org .

(NOTE: new email)

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The Women of the ELCA will have the shoeboxes available inside the Fellowship Hall through Sunday, November 15th. *Grab a shoebox or use an empty cardboard shoebox that you have.* Brochures are available with the boxes that give an explanation on how to pack the box.

If you don't want to shop, there will be a donation box available to make a monetary donation. The filled boxes need to be returned to the church by Sunday, November 15th. If you have any questions, please contact any WELCA officer.

WHAT WILL I PACK?



Gift-filled Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes are delivered together with **the Good News of Jesus Christ** as expressions of God's immense love for a child. ***So, be sure to make them*** …

FUN: Include a quality "wow" item to delight the child, such as …

- Soccer ball with pump
- Doll
- Stuffed animal

FULL: To fill empty spaces, add school supplies and personal care items, such as …

- Pens, pencils, crayons, and notebooks
- Sunglasses
- Flashlights

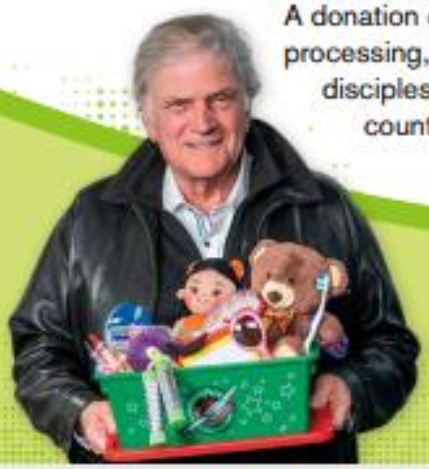
PERSONALIZED: Make sure every shoebox is unique and covered in prayer.

Include a note of encouragement and photo of you, your family, church, or group to further personalize the gift. These personal letters often are children's favorite shoebox items!

Wondering if certain items are OK to pack? **See our gift suggestions and search tool:**

WHERE WILL IT GO?

A donation of $10 per shoebox is critical to help cover collecting, processing, and shipping gifts to equip local churches for evangelism and discipleship. Give online through Follow Your Box and discover the country destination of your gift through our Look-up Tool.



"Shoebox gifts are like snowflakes—*no two are alike!*"

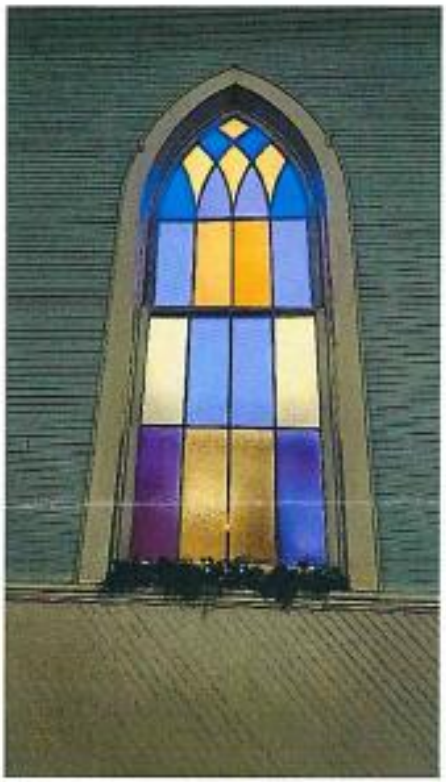
—***Franklin Graham,*** *President, Samaritan's Purse*

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OLD-FASHIONED CHRISTMAS HYMN SING

DECEMBER 6TH 2026 @ 3:30PM

REFRESHMENTS

FELLOWSHIP

RESTROOM FACILITIES WILL BE AVAILABLE

Listening Assistance Devices are available for use during our services. These devices can be found in the small bookcase just inside the doors between the Welcome Center and Narthex.

Have an announcement, special event, accomplishment, etc. you would like to share with your church family? Epistle Newsletter content and pictures always welcome!

Call or email Marcie 😊

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