

St. Paul Lutheran Church  
November 22, 2020  
8:15 am

**Prelude:** *Festival Voluntary – Dominic Zipoli*

## Confession and Forgiveness

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.  
*(Pause for reflection)*

Most merciful God,

**We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.**

For by Grace you have been saved. Out of great mercy, Jesus Christ was sent to die for your sins on the cross. As he lives victorious from the grave, I declare to you that your sins are forgiven.

## Gathering Hymn: *O Worship the King*

*Sung by cantor. Congregation may follow and hum along with the text.*

Oh, worship the King, all-glorious above.  
Oh, gratefully sing God's power and love;  
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,  
pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;  
your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,  
our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend.

## Apostolic Greeting

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

## Kyrie (*Sung by cantor*)

Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.  
Christe eleison. Christe eleison. Christe eleison.  
Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.

## Hymn of Praise (*Sung by cantor*)

Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.  
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:  
We exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.

## Prayer of the Day

O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## Reading

## Ephesians 1:15-23

<sup>15</sup>I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup>I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, <sup>18</sup>so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. <sup>20</sup>God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup>far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name

that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. <sup>22</sup>And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 95:1-7a

<sup>1</sup>Come, let us sing to the LORD;  
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

<sup>2</sup>**Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving  
and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.**

<sup>3</sup>For you, LORD, are a great God,  
and a great ruler above all gods.

<sup>4</sup>**In your hand are the caverns of the earth;  
the heights of the hills are also yours.**

<sup>5</sup>The sea is yours, for you made it,  
and your hands have molded the dry land.

<sup>6</sup>**Come, let us worship and bow down,  
let us kneel before the LORD our maker.**

<sup>7a</sup>For the LORD is our God,  
and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

## Gospel Acclamation *(sung by cantor)*

Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

## Gospel

Matthew 25:31-46

*Before the gospel is read:*

The holy gospel according to Matthew.... **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the conclusion of the reading:*

The gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

Rev. Rob Myallis

## Hymn of the Day: *Beautiful Savior*

*(Sung by cantor. Congregation may follow and hum along with the text.)*

1Beautiful Savior,  
King of creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love thee,  
truly I'd serve thee,  
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

2Beautiful Savior,  
Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor,  
praise, adoration,  
now and forevermore be thine!

## Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and 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

### 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.

## Announcements and Offering

### Offering Prayer

God of all goodness,  
Generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant. **Amen.**

### Offering Response *(sung by cantor)*

Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell ev'ryone what God has done.  
Let ev'ryone who seeks the Lord, rejoice and bear the name of Christ.  
Send us with your promises and lead your people forth in joy  
With shouts of thanksgiving, alleluia, alleluia.

### Blessing

#### Sending Hymn: *Soon and Very Soon*

*(Sung by cantor. Congregation may follow, hum, SWAY, and CLAP along with the text!)*

Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,  
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,  
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!

No more dyin' there, we are goin' to see the King,  
No more dyin' there, we are goin' to see the King,

No more dyin' there, we are goin' to see the King.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!

Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,  
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,  
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!

## Peace and Sending

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**  
Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God.**

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## Announcements

**Advent Devotionals** are available in the Narthex while supplies last! Take yours home today.

**Endowment Grant Applications** for the 2021 year distribution are now available this Sunday and on our website, [stpaulinitz.net](http://stpaulinitz.net) (on the “online office” page). All applications will need to be in the Church office by Monday, November 23, 2020. Selection will be done on December 3 and will be announced at the Church Council meeting on December 8, 2020. The Endowment Committee has been granted \$29,000 for distribution. Any questions on this project, contact Mark Nestleroth: [mnestleroth@windstream.net](mailto:mnestleroth@windstream.net).

**Small Groups on Sundays** are offered in-person and online, 9:30-10:30am. **Contact a coordinator for details!**

Children: Deacon Emily Myallis [deaconemily@stpaulinitz.net](mailto:deaconemily@stpaulinitz.net)

Youth: Johnna McCormick [jmccormick@stpaulinitz.net](mailto:jmccormick@stpaulinitz.net)

Adults: Kimberly Todd [ktodd@stpaulinitz.net](mailto:ktodd@stpaulinitz.net)

**Did you know that Women's Ministry** has a dedicated page on the church website? Click on Women's Ministry from the drop down menu at [stpaulinitz.net](http://stpaulinitz.net) to view and find out what activities are available in 2020.

**Supper Club** for 2021 will pick up where it left off as soon as it is safe to do so! Units already assigned to supper groups should have received an email this past week. If you are interested in joining a Supper Club small group for 2021, there is room for you! Contact: Deb Rothermel [drothermel535@windstream.net](mailto:drothermel535@windstream.net) (717) 627-2107



**Advent Wreaths:** Create an Advent wreath for your home!

Sunday, November 29 3pm or 6:30pm in Social Hall

Sign up required: <https://tinyurl.com/y5h5865a>

**Carry-Out Option for 2020:** Would you like to participate from your home?

Contact Deacon Emily for a carry-out package with all the supplies you'll need to build your wreath at home. Pick-up times are 4:00pm and 7:30pm in the Social Hall entrance.

**First Communion TODAY!** At the 10:45am worship service, our second-graders will receive their First Holy Communion! God bless you: Patrick Maryniak, Mason Barry and Girum Charles! St. Paul Church celebrates this Faith Step-Stone with you!

**Sunday School Helper NEEDED!** Our preschool/preK class needs an adult helper to assist with a small group of little ones on Sunday mornings 9:30-10:30am. Please consider this joyful job! Offer the Sundays that suit your schedule. Contact Deacon Emily to say YES! ([deaconemily@stpaulsititz.net](mailto:deaconemily@stpaulsititz.net))

**Week of Nov. 22**

**Mon:** Children's Chimes 4:30 pm  
Oula 630pm  
Jubilate Bells 7pm  
Grief Group 7pm

**Tues:** Staff Mtg 10am  
Children's Game Day 1 pm  
Senior Shepherds 6:30pm

**Wed:** Boy Scouts 6:30 pm

**Thu:** Thanksgiving/ Church Closed

**Fri:** Church Closed

**Christmas Gifts for Refugee Children**

Due to COVID, the staff at Church World Service has asked that we replace our annual Backpack Christmas Gifts with a \$25 VISA Gift Card. You do not need the recipient's name to purchase. Last year St. Paul's members filled over ninety backpacks. This year, due to refugee restrictions, there are only twenty-nine. To gift a card, please contact Linda Bell at either [Imbell50@ptd.net](mailto:Imbell50@ptd.net) or 717-278-2210. Each child has a number and she has that information. Return the VISA card inside a Christmas Card with your child's number on the envelope. You can make it more personal with a note inside the card. Cards should be returned to the church office before December 12. (Cards can be placed in offering plate or in our outdoor mailbox at the office entrance.)



## ***Poinsettia Order Form***

To order a 3-4 bloom, 6 ½" poinsettia plant for Christmas, please complete the form below and return with your payment; place it in the offering plate, mail it, or drop it off in the church mailbox outside the office entrance. Make checks payable to "St. Paul Lutheran Church." **Deadline for orders is Wednesday, December 2. Cost: \$5.00 each.**

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

*In Memory of:*

*In Honor of:*

*To the Glory of God:* \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Poinsettias Ordered: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Paid For Poinsettias: \_\_\_\_\_

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### **Donations for Itete Hospital In Tanzania**

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

*In Memory of:*

*In Honor of:*

*To the Glory of God:* \_\_\_\_\_

Donation amount: \_\_\_\_\_