

# St. Paul Lutheran Church Member of the Church of the Lutheran Confession

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"I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ for it is the power of God to salvation to everyone who believes." Romans 1:16

# All Saints Day November 3, 2024

**Pastor:** David Reim Ph. - 549-5250 **Organist:** Julie Reim

**Head Usher:** George Rosenberg Ushers: Willy and Roman

**Read Before the Service:** Psalm 145 (Hymnal page 155)

**Opening Praver** 

Oh Lord, our gracious Father, be present with Your grace and mercy. Lord, open our hearts by Your Holy Spirit that we may see and adore Christ as our Savior and Lord. We thank you for all the saints of the past who, by their example inspire us to live in true repentance and faith that we may serve you faithfully with our lives and one day join them in your presence. Hear us for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Opening Hymn: 463 For All the Saints Who From their Labor Rest 1. For all the saints who from their labors rest, Who Thee by faith before the world confess, Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest, Alleluia! Alleluia!

- 2. Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress, and their Might; Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight; Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 3. Oh, may Thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold, Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old And win with them the victor's crown of gold. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 4. O blest communion, fellowship divine, We feebly struggle, they in glory shine; Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!

5. And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long, Steals on the ear the distant triumph song, And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Invocation:** 

P: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C**:



#### **Confession of Sins:**

P: God's faithful people have always humbled themselves before Him in genuine repentance, confessing their sins and seeking God's mercy and forgiveness for Jesus' sake. Great men like Daniel who confessed the sins of the nation of Israel and sought God's mercy. Let us join

Daniel in confessing our sins.

C&P: "O Lord, great and awesome God, who keeps His covenant and mercy with those who love Him, and with those who keep His commandments, we have sinned and committed iniquity, we have done wickedly and rebelled, even by departing from Your precepts and Your judgments. ... O Lord, righteousness belongs to You, but to us shame of face, ... because we have sinned against You. ... We have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God, to walk in His laws, which He set before us by His servants the prophets.

"Now therefore, our God, hear [our] prayer, ... O Lord, hear! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, listen and act! Do not delay for Your own sake, my God, for Your people are called by Your name."

(Select verses from Daniel 9)

# **Absolution:**

P: God, our heavenly Father, is truly merciful and gracious, He has given His own Son into death for our sins, and raised Jesus to life for our justification. By His unfailing word of promise, I assure you that all your sins are forgiven for Jesus' sake. We also proclaim with joy and praise that all those in the past who have put their trust firmly in Jesus, their Savior for the forgiveness of their sins, are now dwelling safely in your presence.



Gloria: Hymn 244 st. 1&2 Glory Be to God the Father Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son, Glory be to God the Spirit: Great Jehovah, Three in One! Glory, glory, while eternal ages run!

Glory be to Him who loved us, Washed us from each spot and stain; Glory be to Him who bought us, Made us kings with Him to reign! Glory, glory, To the Lamb that once was slain!

Scripture 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. 2 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. 3 And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

**Response of Praise:** 

P: Lord, You have been our Dwelling Place:

**C:** In all generations.

P: Before the mountains were brought forth or ever You had formed the earth and the world:

C: Even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

P: They that trust in the Lord shall be as Mount Zion:

C: Which cannot be removed, but abides forever. Hallelujah!

#### **Gospel Reading:** Matthew 5:1-12

Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. 2 And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

- 3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- 4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
- 5 "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

- 6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
- 7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.
- 8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
- 9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.
- 10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- 11 "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: Blessed Are they who hear the word of God and keep it.



# **Confession of Faith:** The Apostles Creed

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

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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: 465 Christ Is Our Cornerstone

- 1. Christ is our Corner-stone, On Him alone we build; With His true saints alone The courts of heaven are filled. On His great love Our hopes we place Of present grace And joys above.
- 2. Oh, then, with hymns of praise These hallowed courts shall ring; Our voices we will raise The three in One to sing And thus proclaim In joyful song, Both loud and long. That glorious name.
- 3. Here, gracious God, do Thou Forevermore draw nigh;
  Accept each faithful vow And mark each suppliant sigh.
  In copious shower On all who pray
  Each holy day, Thy blessing pour.
- 4. Here may we gain from heaven The grace which we implore, And may that grace, once given, Be with us evermore Until that day When all the blest To endless rest Are called away!

#### **Sermon Text: Revelation 7:9-17**

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

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

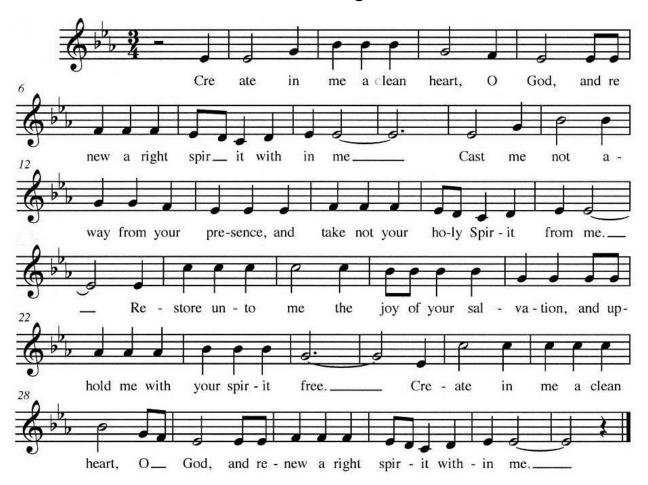
15 "Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. 16 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.

17 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."

Theme:

# Our Victory in Christ is Real!

L: The peace of God which surpasses all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.



Hymn: 656 Behold A Host Arrayed in White

1. Behold a host, arrayed in white,
 Like thousand snow-clad mountains bright,
 With palms they stand. Who is this band
 Before the throne of light?
 Lo, these are they of glorious fame
 Who from the great affliction came
 And in the flood of Jesus' blood
 Are cleansed from guilt and blame.
 Now gathered in the holy place,
 Their voices they in worship raise,
 Their anthems swell where God doth dwell,
 Mid angels' songs of praise.

- 2. Despised and scorned, they sojourned here; But now, how glorious they must appear! Those martyrs stand a priestly band, God's throne forever near. So oft, in troubled days gone by, In anguish they would weep and sigh, At home above the God of Love For aye their tears shall dry. They now enjoy their Sabbath rest, The paschal banquet of the blest; The Lamb, their Lord, at festal board Himself is Host and Guest.
- 3. Then hail, ye mighty legions, yea,
  All hail! Now safe and blest for aye,
  And praise the Lord, who with His Word
  Sustained you on the way.
  Ye did the joys of earth disdain,
  Ye toiled and sowed in tears and pain.
  Farewell, now bring your sheaves and sing
  Salvation's glad refrain.
  Swing high your palms, lift up your song,
  Yea, make it myriad voices strong,
  Eternally shall praise to Thee,
  God, and the Lamb belong.

# **Offerings for Christ's Church:**

**Sing -** while offering is brought forward Hymn 441 st. 1-2 We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be; All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our first-fruits give!

# **Prayers of the Church:**

# **Remembering our departed Saints:**

P: We remember our brothers and sisters who have gone on before us to their eternal rest. May we follow their example and by God's grace and power, continue in the faith, until our own departure from this life into the eternal mansions.

We remember those who stood firm on the word of God and were an encouragement to us in our faith life:

Ottilia Rosenberg, William & Elsie Frank, Olga Domke, Edith Asmus, Ruth Pelzer, Ottillia Ogassawara, Waldemar Goll, Rosemarie Schwabe, Felix Kruger.

We pray: O most gracious God, Lord of our salvation, on this day we honour the memory of Christian loved ones who have gone on before us. It is a great comfort to know that they have received the goal of their faith: the salvation of their souls. As we remember their faithful service to you, may we be encouraged to continue steadfast in the faith, trusting in you for our forgiveness and salvation throughout our life and using the time we have in this world to spread the glory of your holy name. In Jesus name we pray.



# The Sacrament of the Altar

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

C: It is good and right to do so.

P: It is right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God. Especially do we praise You that You sent Your only Son into the flesh, to reconcile us to You through His own suffering and death which has

taken away all our sin, clothing us with His righteousness and giving us eternal life. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the saints on earth, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY Sanctus



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.

#### **Words of Institution:**

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

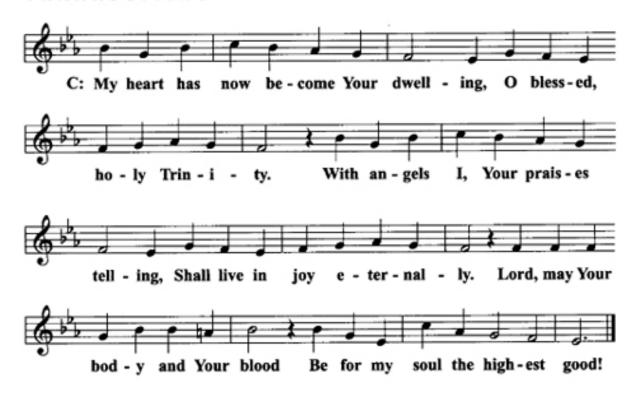
After the same manner also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you for

the remission of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

#### **The Distribution**



**P:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.



#### **Benediction:**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



# Closing Hymn: 463 St. 6-8 For All the Saints

- 6. But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day; The saints triumphant rise in bright array; The King of Glory passes on His way. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 7. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host, Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia! Alleluia!

8. The golden evening brightens in the west; Soon, soon, to faithful warriors cometh rest. Sweet is the calm of Paradise the blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!



# **Scripture Treasure to Remember:**Matthew 24:44

"Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Today -** Bible Class at 11:20.

Monday - Choir Rehearsal at 6:30

**Wednesday:** Skype Bible Study with Kenneth at 9:30

Bible Study with Karrie at 2:00

Thursday: Pastoral Study Club at 2:00.

Catechism Class at 4:00

**Friday:** Shut-in visit with George Rosenberg at 1:30

**Next Sunday** - Worship Service at 10:00.

Quarterly Voter's Meeting after the service.

#### **Christmas Dinner**

We are planning our Christmas Dinner on December 22<sup>nd</sup>. Give some thought to what type of dinner we would like.

# **CLC Call News**

**Teacher Collette Krause** of Trinity in Watertown, SD has announced her retirement effective at the end of the current school year.

**Pastor Sam Rodebaugh** will be installed at St. John's Lutheran Church, Okabena, MN on November 10, 2024.

**Pastor Frank Gantt** of Zion Lutheran Church in Loganville, GA has received the call to Faith Lutheran Church in Manchester, MO.

#### November Birthday's and Baptisms

Morgan Johnston 5th Willy Frank 6th 20th

Elfriede Goll 13th Karlheinz Schwabe 13th

Rose Genier 14th

Luke Johnston 25th

**CLC World Missions Prayer List** 

Nepal (South Asia) – Nepal has been hit by unusually heavy rains that have caused flooding and landslides. Many lives have been lost, and several villages have been destroyed. Damage to the roads makes it dangerous to travel and almost impossible to reach many who are affected, including some HCLCN families living in the foothills of the Himalayas. Missionary Ohlmann is scheduled to visit Nepal in December. While in Nepal, he will have the opportunity to teach the fifteen students who attend the Himalayan Lutheran Bible Institute (HLBI). He will also attend and teach at a regional HCLCN pastoral conference following the week of classes at the HLBI. Ask our Savior to keep the sheep of His HCLCN flock safe during these dangerous days and to grant safe travels for the pastors and leaders who attempt to visit and evangelize in dangerous places. Praise the Lord for the fifteen men who have dedicated their time and lives to training for the Gospel ministry. Ask for the Lord's blessings on the upcoming visit and for all the preparations that need to take place.

Myanmar (South Asia) – It's been over three years since the military overthrew Myanmar's democratically elected government, plunging the nation into a devastating civil war. Countless individuals continue to suffer, including farmers who can't grow crops, leading to food shortages and soaring prices. Many members of the CLCM have been forced to flee their homes, seeking safety for their families. To help our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ, the CLC Board of Missions has approved Kinship funding for one year. This funding will provide vital humanitarian aid, ensuring access to essentials like food, shelter, and medical care for displaced CLCM members. Please continue to keep our brothers and sisters in Christ in your thoughts and prayers, asking for peace, justice, and relief for all affected by this conflict.

**Pakistan (South Asia)** – Pastor Tim Daub and Missionary Ohlmann's visit to Pakistan was not able to take place since Pastor Daub fell quite ill on the way to Pakistan. We thank the Lord that Pastor Daub has recovered and returned home. We pray that the Lord will bless the group in Pakistan and pave the way for a future visit.

Bangladesh (South Asia) – Pastor Monotosh reports that the interim government, that was established after violent protests and the resignation of the prime minister, has restored peace to the nation. There are still protests going on as a new government is established but they have remained peaceful. Prep work continues for the building project. The Board of Missions has approved an MDF grant to assist with the construction of a multipurpose building that will serve the Bangladesh Lutheran Church Mission (BLCM) as a Bible Institute to train faithful church workers, a place for worship, and housing for teachers and students. Thank the Lord for His protection of His children during the recent violence and change in government. Ask the Lord to bless this nation with good government so that they can live in peace and continue to spread the Good News of Jesus.

Nigeria (West Africa) – The NCLC has been hoping and planning for the construction of a multipurpose building for the seminary for more than twenty-five years. They recently met their fundraising goal for the project and have received approval of the building plans by the local government. They plan to begin working on the foundation by mid-October and hope to have the project completed by March. The CLC Board of Missions has approved an MDF grant to assist with construction costs. The building will have two large classrooms, a library/computer room, and an office for the faculty. For the past several years, they have been using two small dormitory rooms as classrooms. With an increase in enrollment and in anticipation of an even larger enrolment next year, this building is much needed. Ask the Lord to bless this project and to provide necessary funding through the offerings of NCLC members and MDF offerings of CLC members. Thank the Lord for the privilege of working together in this effort to train faithful workers in His Nigerian harvest of souls!