

**24<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**  
**ELW Holy Communion Setting One**  
**Sunday, November 15, 2020**  
**8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.**

Well done, *good*

and *faithful*

servant!

*Matthew 25:21*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

(ELW pg. 94)

In the name of the Father,  
and of the ✝ Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

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.  
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.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

(ELW 532)

## Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness  
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who  
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the  
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,  
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,  
light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.  
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.  
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.  
now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in, the  
Gath - er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty, gath - er us in, the  
Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the  
Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath - er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,  
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,  
bread that is you; nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion  
make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.  
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.  
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.  
fire . . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: GATHER US IN, Marty Haugen

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## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

Lord God, rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit, that while keeping the end of all things in mind, we may be stirred up to holiness in this life and come to be with you forever in that life to come. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## **FIRST READING: Zephaniah 1:7-16**

<sup>7</sup>Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is near; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice and consecrated his guests. <sup>8</sup>And on the day of the Lord's sacrifice — "I will punish the officials and the king's sons and all who array themselves in foreign attire. <sup>9</sup>On that day I will punish everyone who leaps over the threshold, and those who fill their master's house with violence and fraud. <sup>10</sup>On that day," declares the Lord, "a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate, a wail from the Second Quarter, a loud crash from the hills. <sup>11</sup>Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar! For all the traders are no more; all who weigh out silver are cut off. <sup>12</sup>At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the men who are complacent, those who say in their hearts, 'The Lord will not do good, nor will he do ill.' <sup>13</sup>Their goods shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them." <sup>14</sup>The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter; the mighty man cries aloud there. <sup>15</sup>A day of wrath is that day, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, <sup>16</sup>a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

P: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God**

## **PSALM: Psalm 90:1-12**

<sup>1</sup>Lord, you have been our refuge  
from one generation to another.

<sup>2</sup>**Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born,  
from age to age you are God.**

<sup>3</sup>You turn us back to the dust and say,  
"Go back, O child of earth."

**<sup>4</sup>For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past  
and like a watch in the night.**

<sup>5</sup>You sweep us away like a dream;  
we fade away suddenly like the grass.

**<sup>6</sup>In the morning it is green and flourishes;  
in the evening it is dried up and withered.**

<sup>7</sup>For we consume away in your displeasure;  
we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.

**<sup>8</sup>Our iniquities you have set before you,  
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.**

<sup>9</sup>When you are angry, all our days are gone;  
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

**<sup>10</sup>The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength even eighty;  
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow,  
for they pass away quickly and we are gone.**

<sup>11</sup>Who regards the power of your wrath?  
who rightly fears your indignation?

**<sup>12</sup>So teach us to number our days  
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.**

P: Here ends the reading of the Psalm.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### **SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. <sup>2</sup>For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup>While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. <sup>4</sup>But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. <sup>5</sup>For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. <sup>6</sup>So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. <sup>7</sup>For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. <sup>8</sup>But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. <sup>9</sup>For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup>who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. <sup>11</sup>Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

P: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25<sup>th</sup> chapter.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO: Matthew 25:14-30**

<sup>14</sup>{Jesus said to the disciples,} “For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. <sup>15</sup>To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. <sup>16</sup>He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. <sup>17</sup>So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. <sup>18</sup>But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master’s money. <sup>19</sup>Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup>And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more.’ <sup>21</sup>His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ <sup>22</sup>And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two talents more.’ <sup>23</sup>His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ <sup>24</sup>He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, <sup>25</sup>so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours.’ <sup>26</sup>But his master answered him, ‘You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? <sup>27</sup>Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. <sup>28</sup>So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. <sup>29</sup>For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. <sup>30</sup>And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

(ELW 695)

## As Saints of Old

1 As saints of old their first-fruits brought of or - chard, flock, and field  
2 A world in need now sum-mons us to la - bor, love, and give;  
3 In grat - i - tude and hum-ble trust we bring our best to - day

to God, the giv - er of all good, the source of boun - teous yield,  
to make our life an of - fer - ing to God, that all may live.  
to serve your cause and share your love with all a - long life's way.

so we to - day first - fruits would bring, the wealth of this good land,  
The church of Christ is call - ing us to make the dream come true:  
O God, who gave your - self to us in Je - sus Christ your Son,

of farm and mar - ket, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.  
a world re - deemed by Christ-like love; all life in Christ made new.  
teach us to give our - selves each day un - til life's work is done.

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Music: FOREST GREEN, English folk tune; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

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**SERMON**

“Am I A Manager or A Miser”  
Matthew 25:14-30  
Pastor Kurt E. Luebke

**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 into Hell  
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 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.**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**PEACE**

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

**THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

(ELW pg. 108)

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.

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Come to the Banquet, for all is now ready.

### **THE PARTAKING OF HOLY COMMUNION**

#### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

(ELW pg. 114)

Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

#### **BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

**Amen.**

(ELW 756)

## God Be with You Till We Meet Again

1 God be with you till we meet a-gain; by good coun-sels guide, up - hold you,  
2 God be with you till we meet a-gain; ho - ly wings se - cure - ly hide you,  
3 God be with you till we meet a-gain; when life's per - ils thick con-found you,  
with a shep-herd's care en - fold you;  
dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you; God be with you till we meet a - gain.  
put un - fail - ing arms a - round you;

*Refrain*  
Till we meet, till we meet, till we  
till we meet, till we meet a - gain,  
meet at Je - sus' feet; till we meet, till we  
till we meet, till we meet, till we  
meet, God be with you till we meet a - gain.  
meet a - gain.

Text: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1828–1904  
Music: GOD BE WITH YOU, William G. Tomer, 1833–1896

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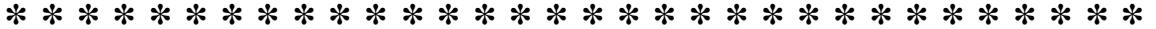
### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Welcome to worship at St. Paul Lutheran Church! May you experience the love of our good Shepherd, Jesus, and share it with others throughout the week.



The ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God from the “Cross of Lilies” Fund.



## PRAYER REQUESTS

- |                         |                                     |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Judy Campbell           |                                     |
| Trudy Conley            | daughter of Naomi Conley            |
| Devon & Megan Fischer   | grandson of Naomi Conley            |
| Ralph Haslett           | brother of Janet (Dave) Zilch       |
| Bill & Tracy Hutchinson |                                     |
| Jack Kuhns              | stepfather of Sherry (Walt) Frasher |
| Sheri Pero              | daughter of Joe & Karen Sawyer      |
| Wally Potts             |                                     |
| Reed Family             |                                     |
| Joe & Karen Sawyer      |                                     |
| Kandy Sumner            | sister-in-law of Dawn Sumner        |
| Toni Waugh              | daughter-in-law of Mary Waugh       |
| Joyce Weiker            |                                     |
| Elam Wildermuth         | grandson of John & Sandy Pawsey     |

## DEPLOYED MILITARY PERSONNEL

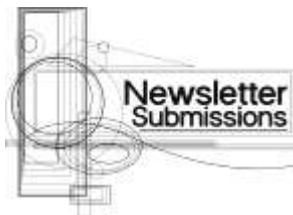
- Dylan Kimmert ~ son of Duane & Jeanie Kimmert
- Michael Styczynski ~ husband of Elishia (Rosen) Styczynski

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**November 15, 2020 – November 22, 2020**

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| <p><i>Sunday the 15<sup>th</sup></i></p>    | <p>8:00 a.m. ~ Holy Communion<br/>           9:15 a.m. ~ Sunday School<br/>           10:30 a.m. ~ Holy Communion Service<br/>           7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. ~ HS CCYG</p> |
| <p><i>Monday the 16<sup>th</sup></i></p>    | <p>7:00 p.m. ~ Safety Board Meeting</p>  |
| <p><i>Tuesday the 17<sup>th</sup></i></p>   | <p>7:00 p.m. ~ Stewardship/Finance Board Meeting</p>   |
| <p><i>Wednesday the 18<sup>th</sup></i></p> |  |
| <p><i>Thursday the 19<sup>th</sup></i></p>  | <p><b><i>REFLECTOR DEADLINE / noon</i></b><br/><br/>           7:00 p.m. ~ Church Council Meeting</p>  |
| <p><i>Friday the 20<sup>th</sup></i></p>    |  |
| <p><i>Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup></i></p>  | <p>8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. ~ Men’s Bible Study<br/>           5:00 p.m. ~ Holy Communion Worship</p>   |
| <p><i>Sunday the 22<sup>nd</sup></i></p>    | <p>8:00 a.m. ~ Holy Communion<br/>           9:15 a.m. ~ Sunday School<br/>           10:30 a.m. ~ Holy Communion<br/>           7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. ~ MS CCYG</p>         |

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## **REFLECTOR DEADLINE !!**

The **DEADLINE TO GET ARTICLES IN THE NEXT “REFLECTOR”** is **Thursday, November 19, 2020 at noon!** Thank you for your cooperation!!

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## **Good Cheer Cans**

The St. Paul Women will be packing Good Cheer cans this year on **Saturday, December 5, 2020. All bakers:** Get out those great cookie/bar recipes to share with our homebound members, those in medical facilities and with our church staff!! Please have your goodies in the church kitchen **by 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 5, 2020.** Wrap in plastic wrap or place in snack size zip-lock bags (2 pieces each) and place on kitchen counter clearly marked for Good Cheer cans.

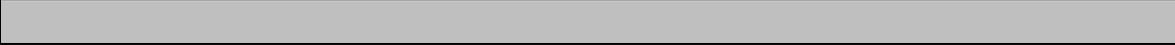
Also enjoyed would be individually wrapped protein bars, trail mix, loose (wrapped) Christmas candy, puddings and jellos. If we have items left-over, they will be shared with our military members.

We are always out the look-out for 2 lb. Christmas tins in good condition for this project, so bring those to the kitchen also if you happen to have any to donate. Due to COVID-19 concerns, Brenda and Jane will be doing the packing.

Thank you!!

*Mission Action Committee*

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**8:00 a.m. Service**

**10:30 a.m. Service**

**USHERS:**

Sue Mayes  
Sandy Gray  
Kevin Larkins  
Michelle Larkins  
Brenda Sieger  
Jim Sieger

Kendall Rieman  
Collin Rieman  
Lisa Rieman  
Dawn Sumner  
Deanna Turner  
Gary Wott

**COUNTERS:**

John Glass  
Gege Smith

Ken Avers  
Ray Wasson

**Song Leaders**

*Bill Hutchinson & Tom Thorbahn*

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**OUR STEWARDSHIP November 7 & 8, 2020**

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| <b><u>Worship Service Attendance</u></b> ..... | 94          |
| General Fund Offering .....                    | \$ 3,291.73 |

*Weekly amount needed to achieve budget is \$5,225.00*

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God uses money to confirm direction.

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart,  
and do not lean on your own understanding.  
In all your ways acknowledge him,  
and he will make straight your paths” (Prov. 3:5-6).