

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church
SUNDAY November 3rd, 2024



WELCOME

To our Church Family

We're Glad You're Here.



St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

We are so glad that you chose to worship with us today. If you are visiting with us for the first time, please visit our Welcome Center in the North Narthex. As our way of saying thank you, you will receive a St. Paul's Welcome Bag with a coffee cup and information about our church. You may also want to download our new St Paul's App and visit our website. Information on both is in the Welcome Bag.

For our young worshipers we have children's packets to play and color with during the service. These are on the white stand near the east entrance to our sanctuary.

You are Welcome at the table!

If you have been baptized and believe Christ is present in the Eucharist (Holy Communion), you are welcome to join us at the table. Please come forward at the direction of the ushers and return to your seats using the side aisles. If you do not wish to partake in the Sacrament but would like to receive a blessing, please just cross your hands over your chest when you come forward.

Grape juice and Gluten-free wafers are available on request. Grape juice is in the colored glasses in the center of the communion tray. If you are not able to come forward and would like to receive communion, please inform an usher and the pastor will bring communion to you.

Altar Flowers

The **altar flowers** were given today by Loren Veigel in memory of his parents.

Introduction

Of all three years of the lectionary cycle, this year's All Saints readings have the most tears. Isaiah and Revelation look forward to the day when God will wipe away all tears; in John's gospel, Jesus weeps along with Mary and all the gathered mourners before he demonstrates his power over death. On All Saints Day we celebrate the victory won for all the faithful dead, but we grieve for our beloved dead as well, knowing that God honors our tears. We bring our grief to the table and find there a foretaste of Isaiah's feast to come.

Readings and Psalm

Isaiah 25:6-9

The banquet of the LORD

Psalm 24

They shall receive blessing from the God of their salvation. (*Ps. 24:5*)

Revelation 21:1-6a

A new heaven and a new earth

John 11:32-44

The raising of Lazarus

Today's Hymns from The Tower
The Westminster Strike
Welcome and Announcements

Church Carillon

Prelude

George Thalben

Ball (1896-1987)

All Saints Day Litany

In holy baptism God makes saints out of sinners. In holy communion God forgives the sins of all the saints. In worship today we give thanks for all the saints “who from their labors rest.”

We remember the great ancestors of our faith,
from Abraham and Sarah, to Paul and Phoebe:
Ancestors of the faith, we remember you.

We remember the prophets and priests,
the ministers and teachers who have taught us the way of God:
Teachers of the faith, we remember you.

We remember our grandparents and parents, aunts and uncles,
those who have gone before us in our lifetime:
Family of our faith, we remember you.

We lift up the memories of children and grandchildren,
brothers and sisters, husbands and wives and parents
whose lives ended too soon:
Those close in our heart, we remember you.

We lift up to You, O God,
the names of those we have lost in this past year from our lives,
knowing that they are with Your heart forever.
As we read these names, we will pause after every name
to remember, pray, and give thanks for their life.

We will be remembering those Saints who have gone before us:

Shirley Widing

Martha Scott

Susan Carter

Eleanor Grunden

Gail Funderburk

Jeremy Hannum

Cheryl Shaw

Paula Kritzer

Family of God, we remember you, and we honor you.

**We know you are with us in the spirit of worship,
and you will not be forgotten.**

(You are invited forward to light a candle in memory of a loved one)

Anthem

Goin' Home

Antonín Dvořák (1841-1904)

adapted by Williams Arms Fisher (1861-1948)

Sammy Kay Smith, soprano

We give thanks, O God,

for all who have gone on to join with You beyond this life.

We trust in the hope of resurrection and the promise of new life in Christ,
and know that in our grief and celebration, O God,

You are with us through it all, and we are not left alone.

In the name of Christ, in whom love lives forever, we pray.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

For All the Saints (verses 1-2, 6-7)

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GREETING

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

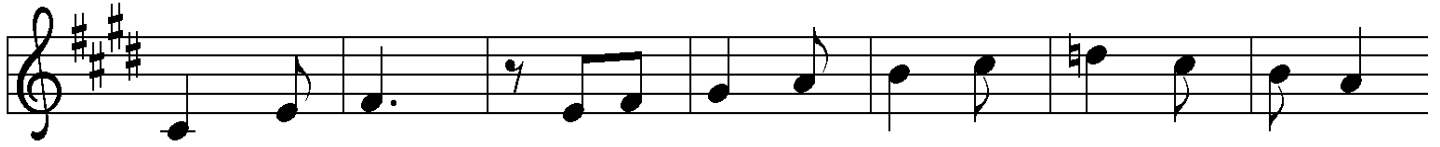
And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

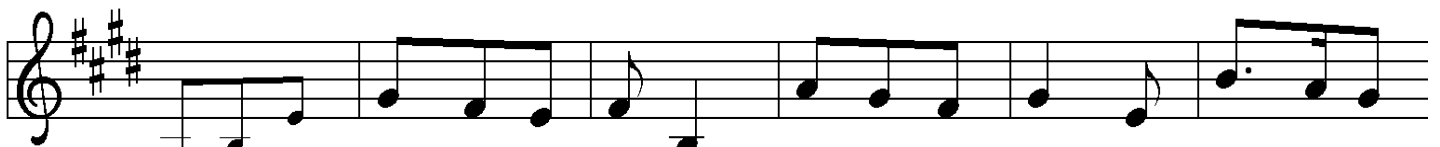


1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.

Refrain



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

Refrain

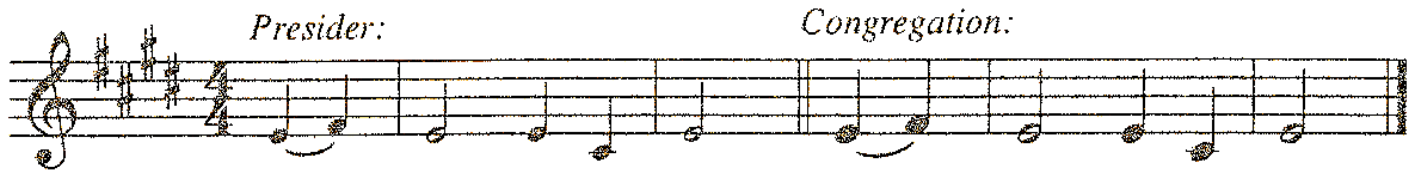


3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



God; to make all things new.

PRAYER OF THE DAY



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶ On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷ And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;

⁸ he will swallow up death forever.

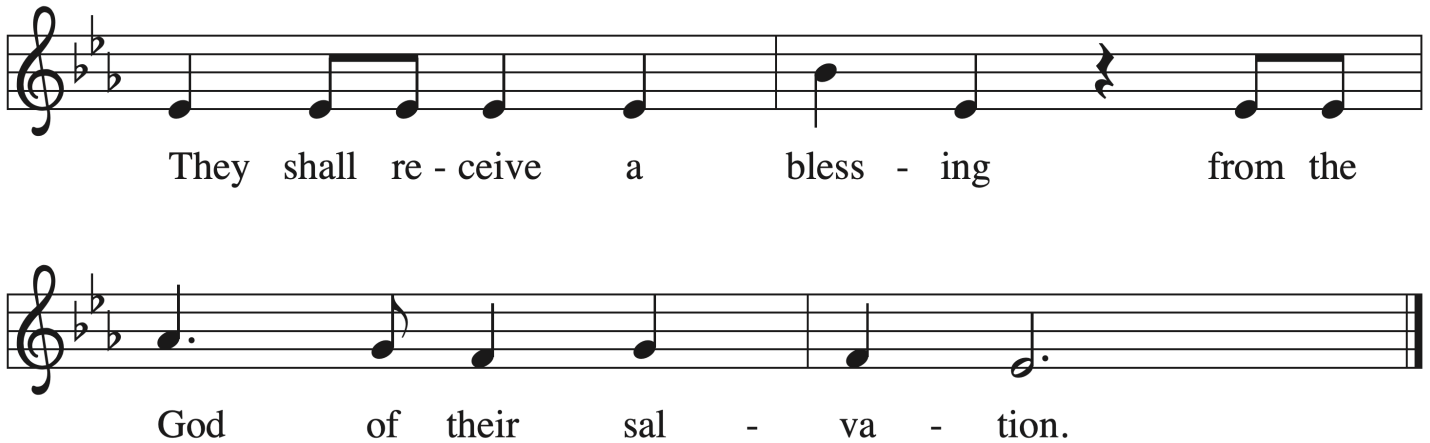
Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

⁹ It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 24



They shall re - ceive a bless - ing from the
God of their sal - va - tion.

- ¹ The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it,
the world and those who dwell therein.
- ² **For the LORD has founded it up- | on the seas
and established it up- | on the rivers. R**
- ³ Who may ascend the mountain | of the LORD,
and who may stand in God's | holy place?
- ⁴ **Those of innocent hands and puri- | ty of heart,
who do not swear on God's being, nor do they pledge by | what is false.**
- ⁵ They shall receive blessing | from the LORD
and righteousness from the God of | their salvation.
- ⁶ **Such is the generation of those who seek | you, O LORD,
of those who seek your face, O | God of Jacob. R**
- ⁷ Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O ever- | lasting doors,
that the King of glory | may come in.
- ⁸ **Who is this | King of glory?
The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, might- | y in battle!**
- ⁹ Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O ever- | lasting doors,
that the King of glory | may come in.
- ¹⁰ **Who is this | King of glory?
Truly, the LORD of hosts is the | King of glory. R**

Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-6a

¹ I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;

⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.”

⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ^{6a} Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.”

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Congregation:

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

GOSPEL: John 8:31-36

The holy gospel according to John, the 8th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

³² When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” ³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴ He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” ³⁵ Jesus began to weep. ³⁶ So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” ³⁷ But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

³⁸ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴² I knew

that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.”⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!”⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Rev. Mark Kreemer

HYMN OF THE DAY

Jerusalem, My Happy Home

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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 truly 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 with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation.

After each petition the following response is given:

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Offertory Anthem:

Lead, Kindly Light
Chancel Choir

Robert W. Lehman
(b. 1960)

OFFERING

Refrain



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.
1 As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when
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may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.


OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup, you offered yourself in love for the world, and in this meal you nourish us with your life. Fill us with your abundance, that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger, trusting in your name. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider: *Congregation:*



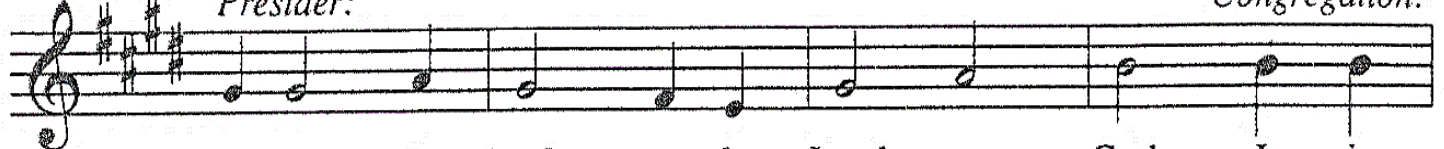
The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.

Presider: *Congregation:*



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: *Congregation:*



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is



right to give God thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is our duty and delight that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you, O God, through Jesus Christ, and so with the church on earth, all creation and the host of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
 might; heav - en and earth are filled with your
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

You are indeed holy... we pray for His coming again even as we cry...

Presider: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Congregation:



A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus.
 A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus.

Send now, we pray... And your whole creation...

Presider: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit. Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Congregation:

A - men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it.

A - men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it.

This we pray through Jesus Christ, our Savior and our friend.

Congregation:

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the

u - ni - ty of the Spir - it, all glo - ry and hon - or is

yours, O God, now and for ev - er.

A - men.

LORD'S PRAYER

Make us bold, O merciful God, to address you as our Abba as we pray:

**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;**

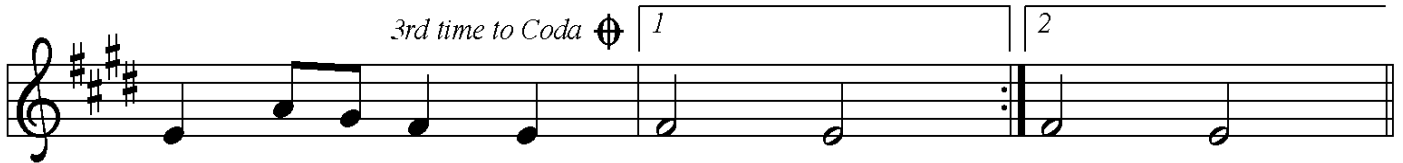
May the body and blood of our lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.



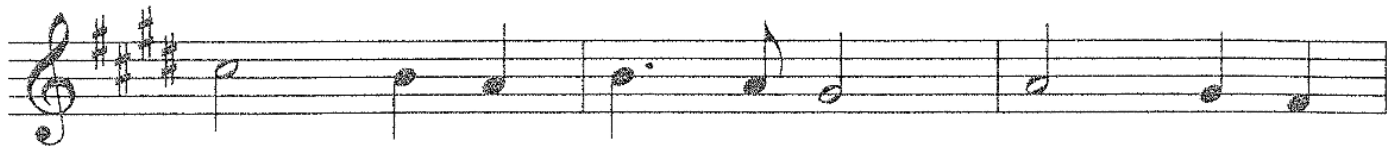
1 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -
 2 From of old you loved and sought us: thanks be to you for -
 3 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -



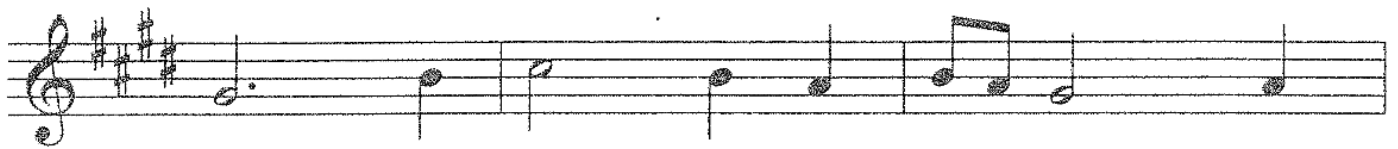
ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:
 ev - er! Truth and jus - tice you have taught us:
 ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:



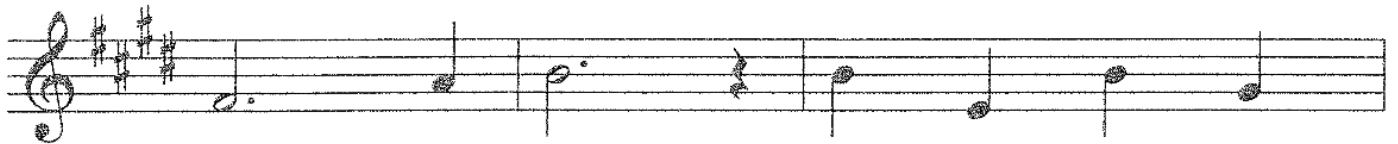
thanks be to you for - ev - er!
 thanks be to you for - ev - er!
 thanks be to you for -



Strong is your faith - ful-ness, strong is your



love, re - mem - b'ring your cov-e-nant of



life with us. 3. Praise to you, O

God of mer - cy: Thanks be to you for ev - er!

Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for

ev - er! Thanks be to you for ev - er!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Faithful God, you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink in the body and blood of your Son. Now send us out to labor with you, in service to the world you have made, and among the people you have made your home, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Sing With All the Saints in Glory (see attached pdf)

BLESSING

The Ancient One, enthroned,
 the Crucified One, now risen,
 the Indwelling One, poured out,
 † bless you now and forever.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: When the Saints Go Marching In

Rebecca Groom the Velde
 (b. 1956)

In our prayers today we will remember

Jackie Whitman, Jessie Shaffer, Mark King, Sue Rodgers, Rick Theiss, Becky Myers, Jeanne Tidwell, Jim Loveday, Rosemary Stephen, Ariane Roberts, Shane Reed, Chrissy Sturtz, Donnie Whitman, Risa Blyer, Michael Jordan, Mary Ann Hinton, Mary Martin.



Special Congregational Meeting, today, November 3

A special meeting of the St. Paul's congregation is being called by Church Council to be held in the church sanctuary immediately following the worship service. The meeting will include proposals for much needed repair work to the flat roof of the church, as well as masonry repairs on the exterior of the church building. Please stay for this important meeting. Thank you!



Save the Dates for Bell Choir

Consider joining for rehearsals on November 20, December 4, and December 11 in preparation to ring December 15.



Art Display by Peg Gibbs starting today, Sunday November 3

Join us for a new art display with photos by Peg Gibbs. The collection will be up for us to see in the Welcome Center.



Adult Sunday School Class

The Origin of Evil and the Love of God

He does not deal with us according to our sins.... For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love....(Psalm 103:10a, 11a)

We continue in the book of Genesis with both the origin of our sinfulness and the extravagance of God's love and grace. From Adam and Eve to Cain and Abel, we will see God at work, fulfilling God's divine purpose for all humanity. Please consider joining us for this important study of God's redemptive story. The class meets on Sundays at 11:30, upper floor Parish Hall. An elevator is available for your convenience.

Thursday Bible Study: The Grace of Les Misérables

We will continue our study titled *The Grace of Les Misérables*. Victor Hugo's *Les Misérables* is a truly epic story. Whether you've tackled the 1,400-page 19th century novel, witnessed the Broadway musical (and memorized its soundtrack), or seen the several screen adaptations of it, you already know the power of its story.

In the six-week study *The Grace of Les Misérables*, author and pastor Matt Rawle dives into six ideals found in the story—grace, justice, poverty, revolution, love, and hope—each represented by a character in Hugo's story. As these imperfect and relatable characters interact, we can see how these ideals work together (perhaps even in spite of each other) out in the world.



Capital Campaign Report

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| Remaining Phase One Projects | \$377,000 |
| Funds raised | \$302,159 |
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| Remaining funds to be raised | \$ 74,841 |



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The 2024-2025 Concert Series

This Thursday, November 7 at 7 pm, we will host the Bowling Green State University Men's Chorus as well as a Festival Choir of area tenor and bass high school students. You won't want to miss this concert! And thanks to your generosity, our college students' rooming is fully funded.

Paragon Brass Ensemble with Organ: Sunday, November 3

Today at 4 pm, our organist Dr. Abigail Haake will join this brass quintet for a captivating concert at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 50 N. Prospect Street, Akron.



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Open the app and search for St Paul's by typing STPLC APP.

Then click on the St Paul's logo—that's it.

To take advantage of all the app's features you must create an account. Get notifications and reminders of upcoming events, access our live stream worship and worship bulletins, send prayer requests, and see the church calendar. You can even give electronically.



Lutheran Disaster Response: Hurricane Helene

Hurricane Helene hit the coast of Florida as a devastating Category 4 hurricane and moved inland as a tropical storm through the southeastern United States. Millions are without power as heavy rains continue to fall, causing dangerous flooding and landslides, as well as downed trees and power lines.

Wherever this storm goes, Lutheran Disaster Response will be there.



Scan the QR code to give today.

By giving to Lutheran Disaster Response, you make it possible for the ELCA to act quickly after disasters such as Hurricane Helene and remain for as long as the recovery takes.



Christmas Food Baskets

St. Paul's will collect nonperishable food and miscellaneous items for our Community Meal families to be given for Christmas at our Community Meal on Friday, December 13.

- Oct. 20 Tea and Coffee
- Oct. 27 Peanut Butter and Jelly
- Nov. 3 Canned Soups and Pork 'n Beans
- Nov. 10 Cereal and Mixes (cake, brownie, muffins)
- Nov. 17 Canned fruits and Vegetables
- Nov. 24 Spaghetti Sauce, Pasta, Instant Potatoes
- Dec. 1 Paper Products (paper towels, toilet paper)
- Dec. 8 Bar Soap, Toothpaste, Toothbrush



Thank you to those serving today:

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| Presiding | Rev. Mark Kreemer |
| Director of Music | Dr. Abigail Haake |
| Lector | Patty Long |
| Assisting Minister | Dave Stoner |
| Communion Assistants | Tracie Schmolt and Carol Stoner |
| Greeter | Marilyn Norton |
| Sacristy | Kathryn Myers |
| Ushers | John and Jennifer Stark, Chuck Richards, Mike Skelly |
| Soundboard | Jim Johnson |
| Video/Live-Stream | John Stanko |

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GATHERING HYMN For All the Saints (verses 1-2, 6-7) ELW 422
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HYMN OF THE DAY Jerusalem, My Happy Home ELW 628
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Communion: Give Thanks for Saints ELW 428

SENDING HYMN Sing With All the Saints in Glory (see attached pdf)
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For All the Saints



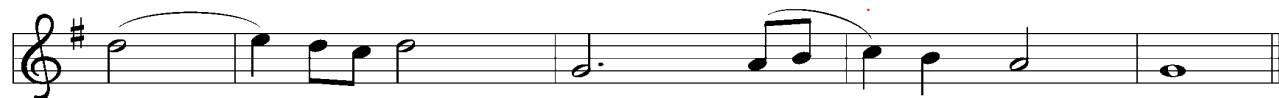
1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, who
 2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; thou,
Stanzas 3–5 below.
 6 But then there breaks a yet more glorious day: the
 7 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through



thee by faith before the world confessed, thy
 Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight; . . .
 saints triumphant rise in bright array; the
 gates of pearl streams in the countless host, . . .



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
 thou, in the dark - ness dread, their one true light.
 King of glo - ry pass - es on his way.
 sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



3 Oh, blest com-mu - nion, fel - low-ship di - vine, we fee - bly strug - gle,
 4 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long, steals on the ear the
 5 The gold - en eve - ning bright - ens in the west; soon, soon to faith - ful



they in glo - ry shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are
 dis - tant tri - umph song, and hearts are brave a - gain and arms are
 ser - vants com - eth rest; . . . sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the



thine. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 strong.
 blest.

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897

Music: SINE NOMINE, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

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Jerusalem, My Happy Home



- 1 Je - ru - sa - lem, my hap - py home, when shall I come to thee?
- 2 O hap - py har - bor of the saints, O sweet and pleas - ant soil!
- 3 Thy gar - dens and thy gal - lant walks con - tin - ual - ly are green;
- 4 There trees for - ev - er - more bear fruit and ev - er - more do spring;
- 5 Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - ru - sa - lem, God grant that I may see



When shall my sor - rows have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?
In thee no sor - row may be found, no grief, no care, no toil.
there grow such sweet and pleas - ant flow'rs as no - where else are seen.
there ev - er - more the an - gels sit and ev - er - more do sing.
thine end - less joy, and of the same par - tak - er ev - er be!

Text: F. B. P., 16th cent.

Music: LAND OF REST, North American traditional

Give Thanks for Saints



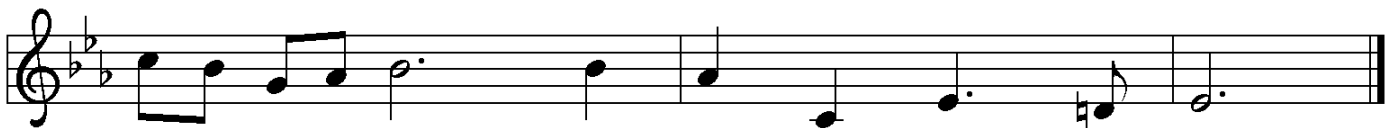
1 Give thanks for those whose faith is firm when all a -
 2 Give thanks for those whose hope is clear, be - yond mere
 3 Give thanks for those whose love is pure, a spar - kling
 4 Give thanks for saints of a - ges past and saints a -



round seems bleak: on God's good prom - ise they re - ly, so
 mor - tal sight: who seek the cit - y God has planned, the
 pre - cious stone: they show by what they say and do an
 live to - day: though of - ten by this world de - spised, their



while they live and when they die how force - ful -
 true, e - ter - nal prom - ised land, and steer on
 in - ward beau - ty, warm and true, for God's con -
 hearts by God are rich - ly prized. Give thanks that



ly they speak— the strong, who once were weak!
 toward that light, a bea - con ev - er bright.
 cerns they own— God's love through them is known.
 we may say we share their pil - grim way.

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SING WITH ALL THE SAINTS IN GLORY

HYMN TO JOY



1. Sing with all the saints in glo - ry, Sing the res - ur -
2. Oh, what glo - ry, far ex - ceed - ing All that eye has
3. Life e - ter - nal! heav'n re - joic - es: Je - sus lives who
4. Life e - ter - nal! O what won - ders Crowd on faith; what



1. rec - tion song! Death and sor - row, earth's dark sto - ry,
2. yet per - ceived! Ho - liest hearts for a - ges plead - ing,
3. once was dead; Join with all the heav'n - ly voic - es;
4. joy un - known, When, a - mid earth's clos - ing thun - ders,



1. To the form - er days be - long. All a - round the
2. Nev - er that full joy con - ceived. God has prom - ised,
3. Child of God, lift up your head! Pa - tri - archs from
4. Saints shall stand be - fore the throne! Oh, to en - ter



1. clouds are break - ing, Soon the storms of time shall cease; In God's
2. Christ pre - pares it, There on high our wel - come waits; Ev - 'ry
3. dis - tant a - ges, Saints all long - ing for their heav'n, Proph - ets,
4. that bright por - tal, See that glow - ing fir - ma - ment, Know, with



1. like - ness, peo - ple wak - ing, Know the ev - er - last - ing peace.
2. hum - ble spir - it shares it, Christ has passed th'e - ter - nal gates.
3. psalm - ists, seers, and sa - ges, All a - wait the glo - ry giv'n.
4. you, O God im - mor - tal, Je - sus Christ whom you have sent!

Text: 87 87 D; 1 Corinthians 15:20; William J. Irons, 1812–1893; fr. *Psalms and Hymns*, 1873, alt.

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