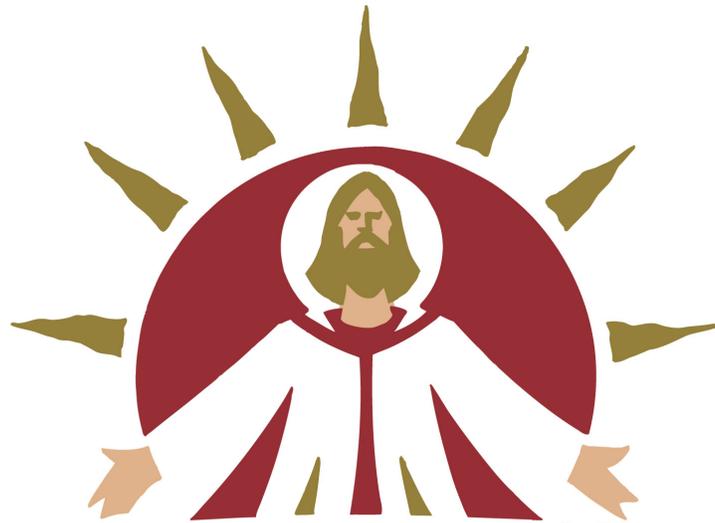


# *St. Paul's Lutheran Church*

*Last Sunday after Pentecost*

*November 26, 2017*



## **CHRIST THE KING**

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## **SUNDAY**

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# Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

*On this final Sunday of the church year our gospel is Jesus' great story of judgment. In the end, the faithful are those who served Christ by ministering to those who are poor, hungry, naked, sick, or estranged. In the first reading God is the shepherd who seeks the lost, weak, and injured and feeds them with justice. We gather this day to celebrate the reign of Christ and his victory over death, yet awaiting the consummation of all things yet to come. Acknowledging Christ as our merciful ruler, we go forth that his reign may be known in our loving words and deeds.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The assembly stands.*

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## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, who calls us into an everlasting hope, who guides us to springs of the water of life, who enlightens us with the spirit of wisdom. **Amen.**

One with the communion of saints in all times and places, let us confess our sin against God and one another.

*Members of the assembly shall stand or kneel as they are able.*

O God, our merciful redeemer, we confess the ways we live only for ourselves.

**We fail to see you in our neighbor's face. We turn our ears from voices that cry out. We pass by the hungry and the oppressed. In your great mercy, forgive our sin and strengthen us for service to all in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for ✚ his sake, God forgives you all your sin. Blessed are you! Rejoice and be glad, beloved people of God. **Amen.**

*The assembly stands.*

**GATHERING SONG**

**(ELW p. 634)**

***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name***

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.**

*Refrain*  
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

*Refrain*  
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*  
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 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.

*Refrain*  
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Final refrain*  
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## 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.

Oh Dios de poder y poderío, tu hijo nos muestra el camino del servicio, y en él heredamos las riquezas de tu gracia. Danos la sabiduría para saber lo que es correcto y la fuerza para servir al mundo que has hecho, a través de Jesucristo, nuestro Salvador y Señor, que vive y reina contigo y el Espíritu Santo, un Dios, ahora y para siempre. Amen.

## Word

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

## RESPONSIVE PSALM: 95

***R Oh yes, he's our God, and we're the people he pastures, the flock he feeds.***

Come, let's shout praises to God, raise the roof for the Rock who saved us!

**Let's march into his presence singing praises, lifting the rafters with our hymns!**

And why? Because God is the best, High King over all the gods.

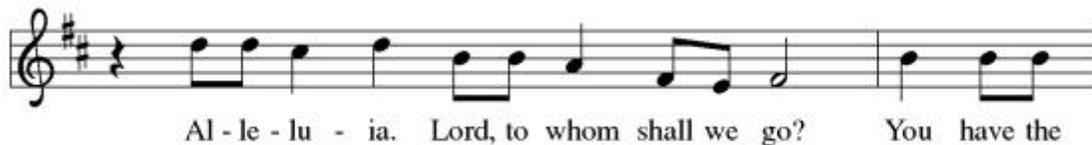
**In one hand he holds deep caves and caverns, in the other hand grasps the high mountains.**

**R**

He made Ocean—he owns it! His hands sculpted Earth!

**So come, let us worship: bow before him, on your knees before God, who made us!**

Oh yes, he's our God, and we're the people he pastures, the flock he feeds. R



## THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO: Matthew 25:31-46

### Glory to you, O Lord.

*Jesus compares himself to a king who moves among his subjects to see how he is treated: what is done for the least of those who belong to his family is truly done for him.*

“When he finally arrives, blazing in beauty and all his angels with him, the Son of Man will take his place on his glorious throne. Then all the nations will be arranged before him and he will sort the people out, much as a shepherd sorts out sheep and goats, putting sheep to his right and goats to his left.

“Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Enter, you who are blessed by my Father! Take what’s coming to you in this kingdom. It’s been ready for you since the world’s foundation. And here’s why:

I was hungry and you fed me,  
I was thirsty and you gave me a drink,  
I was homeless and you gave me a room,  
I was shivering and you gave me clothes,  
I was sick and you stopped to visit,  
I was in prison and you came to me.’

“Then those ‘sheep’ are going to say, ‘Master, what are you talking about? When did we ever see you hungry and feed you, thirsty and give you a drink? And when did we ever see you sick or in prison and come to you?’ Then the King will say, ‘I’m telling the solemn truth: Whenever you did one of these things to someone overlooked or ignored, that was me—you did it to me.’

“Then he will turn to the ‘goats,’ the ones on his left, and say, ‘Get out, worthless goats! You’re good for nothing but the fires of hell. And why? Because—

I was hungry and you gave me no meal,  
I was thirsty and you gave me no drink,  
I was homeless and you gave me no bed,  
I was shivering and you gave me no clothes,  
Sick and in prison, and you never visited.’

“Then those ‘goats’ are going to say, ‘Master, what are you talking about? When did we ever see you hungry or thirsty or homeless or shivering or sick or in prison and didn’t help?’ “He will answer them, ‘I’m telling the solemn truth: Whenever you failed to do one of these things to someone who was being overlooked or ignored, that was me—you failed to do it to me.’ “Then those ‘goats’ will be herded to their eternal doom, but the ‘sheep’ to their eternal reward.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ!**

*The assembly is seated.*

## SERMON

Rev. Arden Dorn

*The assembly stands.*

HYMN OF THE DAY (ELW p. 439) *Soon and Very Soon*

## APOSTLE'S 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 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

Welcoming God's reign of righteousness and mercy, let us pray with people of every time and place.

Almighty God, your merciful rule encompasses all the world. As we gather for worship in safety, we pray for places where the church is persecuted. Watch over your people as they witness to your good news. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give bountiful pastures, safety, and health to herds, livestock, and all animals. May our care for all of your creation reflect your shepherding love for all that you have made. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for international organizations that shine your light in places of strife, especially Doctors Without Borders, Food For the Hungry International, ELCA World Hunger, Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Service, UNICEF, and so many more that are known or unknown to us. Lead relief and aid workers, leaders and volunteers to seek the lost and provide safety. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Put an end to poverty, homelessness, and hunger. Fill our tables with healthy food. We pray for those who are lonely, stressed, and sick, especially Lorain, Pauline, Shane, Linda, Norma, Ann, Linda, Jack, Lorene, Steve, Evalena, Francis, Carol, Ella, Linda, Charles, Eli, Steve, Hope, Tom, Jackie, Yvonne, Lawrence, Mary Ruth, Kyle, Cody, and Norma. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.** Shepherd your churches to welcome the stranger and immigrant in our midst. Call all your people to

welcome, clothe, feed, and visit those in need just as you have provided for the lost and despairing throughout the ages. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give us the hope to which you call us, our glorious inheritance with all your saints. Enrich our lives with the faith and vision of those saints who have died. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Receive these prayers and the hopes and concerns of our hearts, O God, as we entrust into your loving care all for whom we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Peace is shared among the assembly, and then the assembly is seated.*

## Meal

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

**OFFERING** An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

*The assembly stands.*

**OFFERING HYMN**

**(ELW p. 182)**

***Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful***

### OFFERING PRAYER

Creator God, you made everything, and you provide for every need. The bread we break and the wine we pour come from you. As we eat and drink with thanksgiving, fill us with your love, let that love flow through us to others; and join us to the saints before us in a holy and boundless communion; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gott, unser Schöpfer, sie machte alles, und Sie bieten für jeden Bedarf. Das Brot, das wir brechen und den Wein gießen wir von Ihnen kommen. Wie wir Essen und Trinken mit Danksagung, uns mit deiner Liebe füllen, wollen, dass die Liebe durch uns auf andere; und uns die Heiligen melden Sie vor uns in einem heiligen und grenzenlose Gemeinschaft; durch Jesus Christus, unseren Herrn. **Amen.**

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

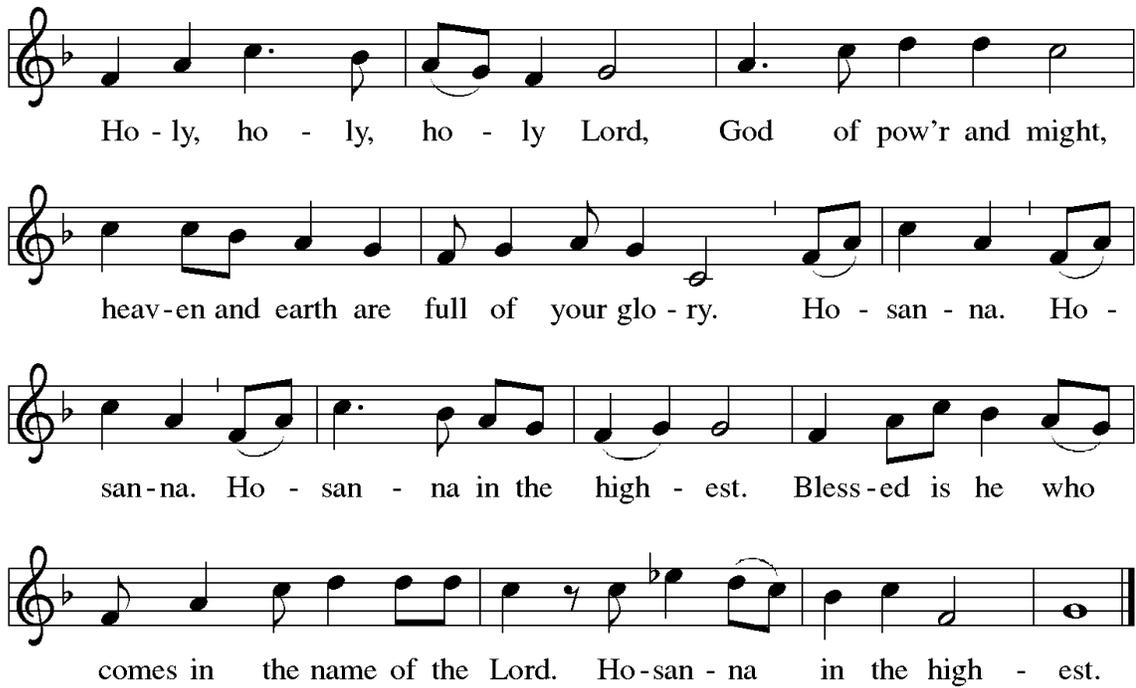
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places

give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us: *(The assembly joins hands to 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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

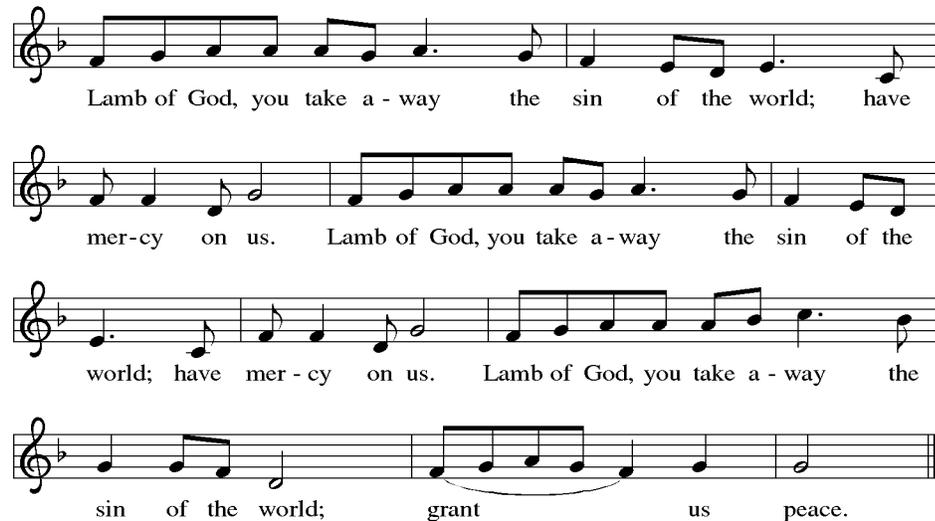
### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Hunger no more. Thirst no more. Come to the banquet of life.

*The assembly is seated.*

### **DISTRIBUTION – All are WELCOME at the table of the Lord.**

*This meal gives you strength for your journey of faith & life. Go forward as the body of Christ in your family, community and the world. Children or anyone choosing not to commune, but wishing to be blessed, may indicate this by folding their arms across their chest. Anyone who is unable to come forward may indicate to an usher that you wish to receive communion where you are seated.*



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

*Following Communion, the assembly stands.*

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Sovereign God, in this meal you give us a foretaste of the great feast to come. Keep us faithful to you, that we, with all your saints, may at length celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Sending

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

### **BLESSING**

The love of God surround you;  
the grace of + Christ release you;  
and the Holy Spirit be your guide and strength,  
now and forevermore.

**Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN (ELW p. 855) *Crown Him with Many Crowns***

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**DOXOLOGY (ELW p. 884) Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow**

## Welcome!

We have all come to St. Paul's by different paths, and from various walks of life. Through worship, study, prayer and fellowship we each seek to deepen our faith, comfort and encourage one another and dedicate our lives more fully to sharing Christ in our homes, our community and the world. All are welcome at St. Paul's. We are eager to know you, and we invite you to get to know us.

**A Nursery** is located at the rear of the sanctuary in the overflow area.

**If you are unable to hear, require a bulletin, or need any other assistance,** please signal an usher.

## For Prayerful Consideration

### ***Ill or Injured***

Lorain Chandler, Pauline Davidson, Shane Edens, Linda Franke, Norma Foreman, Ann Gary, Linda Henning, Jack Hockey, Lorene Janek, Steve Kelly, Evalina, Francis Kempe, Carol May Liberty, Ella Manka, Linda Peterek, Charles Pierce, Eli Rios, Steve Scotten, Hope Segura, Tom Shockome, Jackie Tiemann, Yvonne Watkins, Lawrence Waltersdorf, Mary Ruth Witte, Kyle Worthy, Cody Zaiontz, and Norma Zamzow.

### ***For those in the military***

Nick Adams, Allen Bowles, Justin Chandler, Justin Elkins, Rodney Foreman, Jamaica Goodhue, Jacob Jones, Felipe Leal, Jr., Garrett Peterson, Michael Rosales, James Skinner, Chris Sustaita, Kassie Thompson, John Vasquez, and Delmiro Villanueva.

### ***Birthdays***

Dorothy Gross, Andrew Witte, Ricky Witte (Nov. 28)

**Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Jordan Buehring who were married at St. Paul's yesterday.**

### **TODAY, Immediately following Worship**

We will be decorating the church for the Christmas Season  
Lunch will be provided.

**Sunday, December 3, 3:00 p.m. – Faith Lutheran, Beeville**  
*40<sup>th</sup> Annual Advent Music Festival*

**Saturday, December 9, 6:00 p.m. - Karnes City Founder's Day Parade**

A trailer has been offered for a float in the parade. Volunteers are needed to coordinate a decoration theme for the float, decorate the float on the afternoon of December 9, and ride on the float in the evening Parade. Everyone wanting to participate, contact Ronnie Retzloff or Pastor Dorn.

**Sunday, December 10, 9:30 a.m. – Christmas Program Rehearsal**

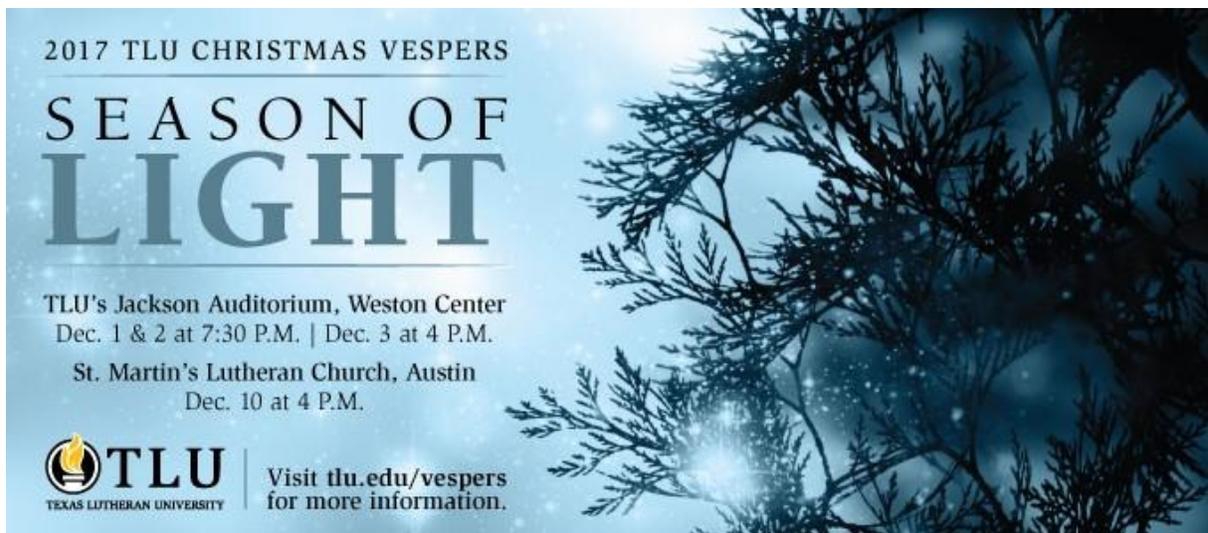
**Sunday, December 17, 10:30 a.m. – St. Paul's Multi-Generational Christmas Program**

**Sunday, December 17, 6:30 p.m. – Faith Lutheran, Beeville**  
*One Magic Night (Live Nativity)*

**Sunday, December 24, 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School**  
**10:30 a.m. – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent Worship Service**

**7:00 p.m. – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**

**Sunday, December 31, 10:30 a.m. – Service of the Word**



2017 TLU CHRISTMAS VESPERS

# SEASON OF LIGHT

TLU's Jackson Auditorium, Weston Center  
Dec. 1 & 2 at 7:30 P.M. | Dec. 3 at 4 P.M.  
St. Martin's Lutheran Church, Austin  
Dec. 10 at 4 P.M.

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