YOUR GREATNESS
IS NOT WHAT YOU HAVE,
IT'S WHAT YOU GIVE.

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Gathering

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

INTRODUCTION

Widows are visible everywhere in today’s readings. Jesus denounces those scribes who pray impressive prayers but devour widows’ houses. He commends the poor widow who in his view gave far more than the major donors. Jesus doesn’t see her simply as an object of compassion or charity. She, like the widow of Zarephath who shares her last bit of food with Elijah, does something of great importance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTRODUCTION OF VETERANS

GATHERING HYMN (ELW p.708) Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

GREETING

God whose love is pouring over us, welcomes us here today.  
Praise be to God!

God whose healing power is ready to bind up our wounds, welcomes us here today.  
Praise be to God!

God whose transforming presence offers us hope and peace, welcomes us here today.  
Praise be to God who loves, heals and restores us. AMEN.

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.

Let us confess our sin, calling for God’s transforming power.  
The assembly shall kneel or stand, as they are able.

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

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.
KYRIE

1. Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer.
2. Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin.
3. Have mercy on us, Lord; make sin and shame depart.

We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may begin.
Renew us with your saving pow’r; create in us new hearts!

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

1. Glory be to God in heaven; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2. Glory be to Christ for ever, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3. Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call;

Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:
Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav’n above;
Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:

we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God’s right hand.
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father’s splendor bright.

Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.
For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!
PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.  **O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  Amen.**

The assembly is seated

**Oremos.** **Oh Dios, muestra tu Todopoderoso poder, principalmente, acercándote a nosotros en misericordia. Danos la plenitud de tu gracia, fortalece nuestra confianza en tus promesas, y trae a todo el mundo para compartir los tesoros que vienen a través de tu hijo, Jesucristo, nuestro Salvador y Señor. Amén.**

**Word**

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

**FIRST READING: Psalm 119: 1-8**

1-8  You’re blessed when you stay on course, walking steadily on the road revealed by God. You’re blessed when you follow his directions, doing your best to find him. That’s right—you don’t go off on your own; you walk straight along the road he set. You, God, prescribed the right way to live; now you expect us to live it. Oh, that my steps might be steady, keeping to the course you set; Then I’d never have any regrets in comparing my life with your counsel. I thank you for speaking straight from your heart; I learn the pattern of your righteous ways. I’m going to do what you tell me to do; don’t ever walk off and leave me.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**
RESPONSE READING: Psalm 24

R: The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down.

1 Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, O my soul!
2 I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.
3 Put not your trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there is no help.
4 When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish. R
5 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help, whose hope is in the Lord their God;
6 who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps promises forever;
7 who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.

The Lord sets the captive free.

8 The Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
9 The Lord loves the righteous. R
10 The Lord cares for the stranger; the Lord sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

10 The Lord shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah! R

SECOND READING: HEBREWS 9:24-28

The letter to the Hebrews describes Christ as a high priest who offers himself as a sacrifice for our sin. Christ does not die again and again each year. He died once, is alive with God, and will reveal himself on the last day.

24 Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. 25 Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; 26 for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. 27 And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, 28 so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands.
Glory to You, O Lord!

After engaging in a series of public arguments with religious leaders in the temple, Jesus contrasts the proud and oppressive ways of those leaders with the sacrificial humility and poverty of the widow.

38 As [Jesus] taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, 39 and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! 40 They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

41 He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. 42 A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. 43 Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. 44 For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to You, O Christ!

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY (ELW p. 583) Take My Life, That I May Be

NICENE 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

With the people of God gathered here and throughout the world, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

*The assembly shall kneel, as they are able*

O God, preserve your church from empty piety. Stir up our will to act with mercy and compassion. Keep our bishops, pastors, teachers, and all who proclaim your good news strong in faith. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Provide all living things with sufficient food and clean water. Make us ever mindful of the farmers and laborers who supply us with food, and open our hands to share what we have received. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Awaken our nation to care for veterans and others who have experienced the stress and trauma of war or other military conflicts. Inspire us to promote the well-being of those who have put themselves in the service of others. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bow down to meet those who are trampled. Greet them with mercy, and give new life to those who feel overwhelmed or broken by discrimination, grief, or illness especially for Ellvera, Laura, Bobby & Betty, Laquita, Helen, Andy, Mary Louise, Francis, Barbara, Lynda, Leroy, John, as well as those that we name out loud or in our hearts... Wipe away the tears of those who cannot see your life through the weight of their affliction. Be with those who will die today. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bless the ministries in our community that reach out to people who are unnoticed or neglected. Give us a common vision of justice that eliminates hunger, greed, and self-righteousness. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

As we sow Seeds of Hope, we pray for St. John Lutheran in Westhoff. Guide them to new opportunities and abilities to draw younger people into the congregation. We pray also for St. Peter’s in Elgin that they may have vision, direction, and that God would use them as an instrument of grace in their community. We pray for St. Paul’s – Karnes City and St. Paul’s – Nordheim as the congregations continue discussions of the St. Paul’s Squared opportunity. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

With all churches in the Southwestern Texas Synod we pray for each other and also for ELCA member congregations such as those in the Southwestern Washington Synod, Abiding Savior Lutheran Church in Cameron, TX, and Lutheran Campus Ministry in Austin, TX. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bind us together with the saints of every time and place until we join them around your throne. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Enfold all things in your compassion, O God, and bring us into your life through the faithfulness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

*And also with you*
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.

OFFERING HYMN (ELW p. 692)  We Are An Offering

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. 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.

Lasset uns beten. 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; diese Liebe durch uns für 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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
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:
THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.
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.
Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.
Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Amen, amen, amen.
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.

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.

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
you suffered death our lives to save: have mercy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now, we pray.

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. 888) O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

DISMISSAL

Led on by the saints before us, go in peace to serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.

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

For Prayerful Consideration

**Ill, Injured or Otherwise Struggling:** Sadat Abrihim, David Anaba, Sharon Baumann, Ellvera Boehm, Laura Burney, Bobby & Betty Busselman, Alex Caballero, James Castillo, Mitch Dorn, Shane Edens, Norma Foreman, Laquita Gibbens, Helen Grimm, Linda Henning, Jack Hockey, Andy James, Michael Janysek, Raymond Jenkins, Mary Louise Jonas, Steve Kelly, Evalina, Francis Kempe, Barbara Kopplin, Lynda Lathrop, Ella Manka, Khloe Martinez, Moma Ndeh, the Ndeh family, Elmer Pawelek, Charles Pierce, Leroy Polderick, Carly Rosenboon, Shanna Swierc, Mathew Sourhada, John Tackitt, Yvonne Watkins, Anyemarie, Kyle Worthy, Cody Zaiontz, and Norma Zamzow

**For those in the military:** Nick Adams, Anthony Alvarez, Allen Bowles, Justin Chandler, Justin Elkins, Rodney Foreman, Jamaica Goodhue, Jacob Jones, Felipe Leal, Jr., Garrett Peterson, Jon Wayne Schulz, James Skinner, Chris Sustaita, Kassie Thompson, John Vasquez, and Delmiro Villanueva

**Birthdays:**
Dottie Myers, Holly Polasek (Nov. 13), Logan Polasek (Nov. 16)
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. If you are unable to hear, require a bulletin, or need any other assistance, please signal an usher.

Today we WELCOME Pastor Joseph Wold to our pulpit!

Coming Events

Let's join together and PARTICIPATE!

NEXT SUNDAY will be our Global Church ThanksLiving Service at 10:30 am followed by a catered meal from Polak’s. Please sign up if you plan to attend the luncheon. (See last page for more details.)

The Community Thanksgiving Service will be held at First Presbyterian on November 13 at 7:00 pm.

Youth Confirmation will be December 2.

TLU Christmas Vespers  Titled “Night Of Nights,“ the 2018 Vespers service of word and music will feature the TLU Choir, TLU Women’s Choir, Kantorei Chamber Choir, and the TLU Symphonic Winds and Percussion. Christmas Vespers will be held in TLU's Jackson Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30; 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1; and 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2. Tickets for each Vespers service are free but required. For more information call 830-372-8063 or email vespers@tlu.edu

The Music Academy Winter Recital will be December 9 at 3 PM at St. Paul’s. The recital is open to the public. Invite your friends!

Synod Assembly 2019 - May 31-June 2, 2019
2019 Synod Assembly will be held at the Omni Corpus Christi Hotel. The Synod office has negotiated a discounted room rate of $127 per room per night and Synod Assembly registration will begin at an estimated $180. Offerings this Assembly will go toward the Tiemann Endowment Fund for Leadership Development.
DEAR, SAINT PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

If anyone is interested in volunteering your time please feel free to contact the activity department. Activities can range from bingo, dominoes, room visits, church services, to a simple coffee social. The best times to have activities with more participation would be 10am or 3pm. If you would like to do anything on the weekends please do not hesitate to contact the activity department. To whomever would like to bring items to use as bingo prizes for our residents like shampoo, conditioner, t-shirts, perfume, old jewelry, and house shoes would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for all your help!

Sincerely,
Kristan Ashley- Activity Assistant
bluebonnet nursing & rehab
Global Church ThanksLiving Worship Service & Lunch
November 18 beginning at 10:30 am

Our guests will be Andrew Steele and Rahel Mwitula Williams from ELCA Global Church Sponsorship. The November 18 offering will be donated to ELCA Global Mission. A catered Turkey & Dressing lunch will be served following the worship service. Please let us know how many people will be attending the lunch. Guests are welcome!

Andrew Steele has served as the Director for ELCA Global Church Sponsorship since April of 2015. In this capacity, Andrew oversees the advancement efforts for ELCA Missionaries, Young Adults in Global Mission volunteers, Global Ministry projects, and the International Women Leaders initiative. These ministries make up 33 million of the $198 million goal as part of Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA.

He joined the ELCA in 2013 as the Manager of Donor Relations for Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA after serving as a Senior Major Gifts Officer for United Way of Metropolitan Chicago. Prior to joining United Way of Metropolitan Chicago, Andrew spent a year volunteering in Bloemfontein, South Africa, as an ELCA Young Adult in Global Mission volunteer. He is also founder of BLOOM Africa, a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization working to strengthen communities and empower orphans in Lesotho, Africa. He leads annual cultural immersion trips to Lesotho and South Africa. Andrew graduated from Wittenberg University, (one of the ELCA’s 26 affiliated colleges and universities,) with a degree in Sociology. He now serves on the University’s Alumni Association Board as well as the Board of Directors for Wheat Ridge Ministries, United Way North-Northwest, and Friends of Lesotho.

Rahel Mwitula Williams is ELCA Manager of Donor Relations with ELCA Global Church Sponsorship. In this role, she seeks to develop and deepen relationships with ELCA Lutherans, to participate the church’s call to service and create lasting impact through ELCA Missionaries, Young Adults in Global Mission volunteers, Global Ministry projects, and the International Women Leaders initiative.

Born and raised in Tanzania, East Africa, Rahel migrated to the United States with her family when she was 12 years old. She obtained her a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology from Loyola University and her a Master of Science degree in International Public Service from DePaul University. She is a founder of ILAVA: It Can Be Done- An African Inspired Lifestyle Boutique which serves as a way to help women entrepreneurs in Kenya and Tanzania gain economic security, and ILAVA Gives Back 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization that empower and provide academic, economic and social resources to women and children in targeted African’s countries. She serves as an Executive Board Officer for the BIGG Hearted Foundation, an organization that provides scholarships and education programs to Chicago area students. She is a member of Shekinah Chapel Lutheran Church in Chicago.