St. Paul’s Lutheran Church
Christ the King
Thanksgiving Fellowship Service
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Gathering

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

INTRODUCTION

Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, they still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king’s title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the “one like a human being” (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel’s vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN  (ELW p. 556)  Morning Has Broken

CONFESSIOAN 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.

Lord Jesus Christ, you have been the faithful sower, scattering seeds of God’s love and grace in our lives. Yet we confess that our hearts have often been like hard soil, or shallow soil, or thorny soil, stunting the seed and failing to bear fruit. We also confess that we often have neglected our task of sowing the good news of your Kingdom, and of leavening the lives of others with your love. Forgive us, and renew us, so that we might grow more in our faith and bear the fruit of your mercy, of your love, of your undying life. 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.

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

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.

Christ has died. Christ is ris-en. Christ will come a - gain.

A - men, a - men, a - men.
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

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.
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.

1 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.
eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, 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.
Word

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

**FIRST READING: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14**

*To the community for whom this passage was written, it seemed as though the oppression they were experiencing would never end. Daniel’s message is: It shall end. The Ancient One who is judge will call all nations to account and will give dominion to “one like a human being,” the Messiah.*

9As I watched, 
thrones were set in place,  
and an Ancient One took his throne,  
his clothing was white as snow,  
and the hair of his head like pure wool; 
his throne was fiery flames, 
and its wheels were burning fire.  
10A stream of fire issued  
and flowed out from his presence. 
A thousand thousands served him,  
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. 
The court sat in judgment,  
and the books were opened.

13As I watched in the night visions, 
I saw one like a human being  
coming with the clouds of heaven. 
And he came to the Ancient One  
and was presented before him.  
14To him was given dominion  
and glory and kingship,  
that all peoples, nations, and languages  
should serve him. 
His dominion is an everlasting dominion  
that shall not pass away,  
and his kingship is one  
that shall never be destroyed.

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

**HYMN** *(ELW p. 855)*  
*Crown Him with Many Crowns*
SECOND READING: Revelation 1:4b-8

The book of Revelation begins by celebrating the Almighty God, who spans all of time. Similarly, Jesus is celebrated as the firstborn from the dead who rules over the world’s rulers. He is the one whose return we eagerly await.

4b Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, 5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, 6 and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

7 Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.

8 “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands.

HYMN (ELW p. 689) Praise and Thanksgiving

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO: John 18:33-37

Glory to You, O Lord!

In John’s gospel, the story of Jesus and Pilate presents two different ways of exercising power: through force or with love.

33 Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” 34 Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” 35 Pilate replied, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?” 36 Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.” 37 Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ!

ALTAR SIDE CHAT

HYMN (ELW p. 826) Thine the Amen
PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you

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. Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.


Sending

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

BLESSING

The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.
Amen.

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The God of all grace bless you now and forever.
Amen.
SENDING HYMN (ELW p. 858)  

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor. 
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, Darla Chandler, Mitch Dorn, Linus Drees, 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, Marie King, Barbara Kopplin, Ella Manka, Khloe Martinez, Moma Ndeh, the Ndeh family, Charles Pierce, Leroy Polderick, Carly Rosenboon, Hope Segura, Jason Segura, John Tackitt, Yvonne Watkins, 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: 
Dorothy Gross, Andrew Witte, Ricky Witte (Nov. 28)

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.
Thank you for your generosity!
St. Paul’s contributed $3,500 to ELCA Global Ministry last Sunday.

Coming Events
Let's join together and PARTICIPATE!

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE
LET'S DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS!
THERE’S BIG STUFF TO DO, AND LITTLE STUFF, TOO! SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

**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!