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Gathering

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

In holy baptism God makes saints out of sinners. In holy communion God forgives the sins of all the saints. In the assembly today we give thanks for all the saints “who from their labors rest,” who have fought the good fight, who have gained the crown. In the same breath we petition our God for the strength to hear and to heed the admonitions of the Lord Jesus in today’s gospel. Recalling that we have been sealed by the Spirit and sustained by the Savior’s body and blood, we keep on keeping on as God gives us breath, to the praise of God’s glory.

CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✞ one God, healer of our every ill, source of unending mercy.

Amen.

Embraced in enduring grace and good hope, let us turn again to God, confessing the truth about ourselves.

Merciful God,

we come before you, beloved but broken.
We have not always treated others as we would want them to treat us.
We have not always called out injustice and abuse.
We have not always been kind to ourselves.
We have not always taken care of the world we share with other living creatures.
Remind us of who we are, beloved children bathed in your love.
Renew us by your Spirit to live as your holy people, bringing healing to the brokenness around us.

Amen.

At every moment you are held in existence by the love of God, renewed by the Spirit within and among you, and made alive again in Christ. Receive this assurance in Jesus’ name:

you are ✞ forgiven and freed to live for the healing of the world.

Amen.
REMEMBRANCE of ALL SAINTS

Let us remember all the saints before God.

We praise and bless you, O holy Trinity. You have taught your church that it is an ageless communion of saints. We thank you for gathering those who faithfully waited in hope for the redemption you promised, and now for adding us who celebrate the love of Christ for the redemption of the world. Prepare a place for us among those who are already with you. Help us remember them as an encouragement to saintly living, exciting us to love, in anticipation of an eternal reunion. With them we praise and bless you, O holy Trinity.

Amen.

Jesus says, Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart,

and you will find rest for your souls.

For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

And you will find rest for your souls.

GATHERING HYMN (ELW p. 423 )  Shall We Gather at the River

GREETING
Beloved of God, called to be saints:
Grace, mercy, and peace be with you all.
And also with you.
KYRIE

Señor, Señor, ten piedad; ten piedad de nosotros.
Lord, have mercy on us; O . . . Lord, have mercy.

Señor, Señor, ten piedad; ten piedad de nosotros.
Lord, have mercy on us; O . . . Lord, have mercy.

Cristo, Cristo, ten piedad; ten piedad de nosotros.
Christ, have mercy on us; O . . . Christ, have mercy.

Cristo, Cristo, ten piedad; ten piedad de nosotros.
Christ, have mercy on us; O . . . Christ, have mercy.

Señor, Señor, ten piedad; ten piedad de nosotros.
Lord, have mercy on us; O . . . Lord, have mercy.
CANTICLE OF PRAISE

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.

The assembly is seated

Oremos. Dios Todopoderoso, has unido a tu pueblo en una comunión en el cuerpo místico de tu hijo, Jesucristo nuestro Señor. Concédenos gracia para seguir a tus santos bendecidos en vidas de fe y compromiso, y para conocer las alegrías inefables que has preparado para aquellos que te aman, por medio de Jesucristo, nuestro Salvador y Señor, que vive y reina contigo y el Espíritu Santo, un Dios, ahora y para siempre. Amén.


**Word**

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

**FIRST READING: Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18**

The book of Daniel was written in the second century BCE, when the Syrian king Antiochus Epiphanes was severely persecuting the Jews. Daniel’s vision of the four beasts serves to proclaim the message that human kings will come and go, but the kingdom will ultimately belong to God and to God’s people.

1In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: 2I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, 3and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

15As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. 16I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this.

So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: 17“As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. 18But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever—forever and ever.”

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 149**

R: Sing the Lord’s praise in the assembly of the faithful.

1Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new song,  
  God’s praise in the assembly of the faithful.
2Let Israel rejoice in their maker;  
  let the children of Zion be joyful in their ruler.
3Let them praise their maker’s name with dancing;  
  let them sing praise with tambourine and harp.
4For the Lord takes pleasure in the people  
  and adorns the poor with victory. R
5Let the faithful rejoice in triumph;  
  let them sing for joy on their beds.
6Let the praises of God be in their throat  
  and a two-edged sword in their hand,  
  to wreak vengeance on the nations  
  and punishment on the peoples,
8to bind their kings in chains  
  and their nobles with links of iron,
9to inflict on them the judgment decreed;  
  this is glory for all God’s faithful ones. Hallelujah! R
SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:11-23

After giving thanks for the faith of the Ephesians, Paul prays that they might understand the wisdom, hope, and power of God that is embodied in Jesus Christ.

11 In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. 12 In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God’s own people, to the praise of his glory.

15 I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. 16 I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. 17 God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. 18 And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.
The assembly stands

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

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

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

¡A-le-lu-ya! ¡A-le-lu-ya!
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
Glory to You, O, Lord.

In echoes of the prophet Isaiah and Mary’s song of praise, Jesus reveals surprising things about who enjoys blessing and who endures woe. He invites his disciples to shower radical love, blessing, forgiveness, generosity, and trust, even to enemies and outsiders.

20 Then [Jesus] looked up at his disciples and said:
   "Blessed are you who are poor,
   for yours is the kingdom of God.
21 Blessed are you who are hungry now,
   for you will be filled.
   "Blessed are you who weep now,
   for you will laugh.
22 Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. 23 Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.
24 But woe to you who are rich,
   for you have received your consolation.
25 Woe to you who are full now,
   for you will be hungry.
   "Woe to you who are laughing now,
   for you will mourn and weep.
26 Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.
27 But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, 28 bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. 29 If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. 30 Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. 31 Do to others as you would have them do to you."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

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SERMON

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HYMN OF THE DAY (ELW p. 728) Blest Are They
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

United with the saints of every time and place, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God’s creation.

The assembly shall kneel, as they are able

Almighty God, in your great love and forgiveness, you call us your saints. Direct us now in your way of servanthood so that the whole world will know your unending love. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Life-giving God, you shower your creation with blessings of abundance. Sustain us with your blessing, so that we never cease to protect and find joy in your creation. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of all nations, you raise up leaders to govern the nations. Give us clear vision and a spirit of wisdom in the upcoming election, and empower the newly elected to work for justice and harmony. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for forgiveness for those times when we have failed to show respect for others and have been too quick to dismiss those we disagree with. Help us to not judge others so harshly that we fail to see the person behind the views that are being expressed. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Compassionate God, you look upon the lowly and call them blessed. Bless the poor, the hungry, and those who suffer persecution. Comfort those who mourn, those having to make hard decisions, those who are lonely, and all who are in need, especially Gilbert, Suzanne, Diane, Shane, Norma, Linda, Jack, Raymond, Mary Louise, Steve, Khloe, Krys & Jamie, Elfren, Jimmy, Erna Mae, Alejandra, Carly, Meredene, Casey, Jerry, Kyle, Cody, and Norma, as well as those that we name out loud or in our hearts... Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Merciful God, you redeem your people and seal us with the promise of your Holy Spirit. Guide the newly baptized as they embrace their new identity as holy children of God. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We give thanks for all the saints who have gone before us, especially Robert Busselman, Ellvera Boehm, Mary Ruth Witte, Lucille Seiler, and Larry Hedtke. Through their faithful witness, we continue to set our hope on Christ Jesus. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

As we sow Seeds of Hope, we pray for St. Paul’s – Karnes City and St. Paul’s – Nordheim as the congregations grow their ministries through the St. Paul’s Squared opportunity. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

With all churches in the Southwestern Texas Synod we pray for each other and also for ELCA member congregations such as those in the Northwestern Pennsylvania Synod, and Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Rockport, TX. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Rejoicing in hope, we lift our prayers to you, most gracious Lord, trusting that you have received them in your care.

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.

(ELW p. 465) As the Grains of Wheat

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. God our creator, you give us all we are, all we have, all we bring, and all we need. Draw us together around your table with all your saints on earth and in your eternal home. Let us eat and drink your promise of new life, that we might be your promise to the world, spoken in Jesus’ name.

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. By the witness of your saints you show us the hope of our calling, and strengthen us to run the race set before us, that we may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory.

And so, with Robert Busselman, Ellvera Boehm, Mary Ruth Witte, Lucille Seiler, Larry Hedtke, all the saints, with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:
Santo, santo, santo es el Señor,
Holy, holy, holy Lord.

Dios del universo; santo es el Señor.
God of might and power; holy is the Lord.

San-to, san-to, san-to, santo es el Señor.
Holy, holy, holy Lord.

Dios del universo; santo es el Señor.
God of might and power; holy is the Lord.

Ho-san-na en el cielo, ho-san-na en la tierra.
Blest is he who comes in the name... of the Lord.

Ho-san-na in the highest, ho-san-na here on earth.

Ho-san-na en el cielo, ho-san-na en la tierra.
Blest is he who comes in the name... of the Lord.
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.  
Amen.

LORD’S PRAYER

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

God keeps adding places to the table. Come to the banquet that has no end!

assembly is seated. The

COMMUNION SONG

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.
TABLE BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We thank you, God our host,
for inviting us here to taste the future
when you will feed all the hungry at your table.
Keep this hope alive in us and in our communities,
so that we might bring hope to a suffering world,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Sending

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

BLESSING

Signed and sealed by the Holy Spirit,
you are Christ’s message of love for this troubled world,
written by the same Sender.
May our Lord Jesus Christ and God our Father,
who loved us and through grace gave us
eternal comfort and good hope,

comfort your hearts and strengthen them
in every good work and word.

Amen.

SENDING SONG (ELW p. 580) How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Set your hope on Christ.
Thanks be to God.

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


*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:* Pam Kerlick (Nov 3), Shelley Gibbens (Nov 5), Peggy Buehring (Nov 6), Nolan Jonas (Nov 7)

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.
Announcements
Opportunities to Learn, Worship, Pray, and Serve

Quilting
The Quilting Group meets each Tuesday at 9:30 a.m.
The Fall quilting project is the creation and completion of Christmas Gift Lap Quilts for all of the residents at Bluebonnet Nursing Center and Karnes City Health & Rehabilitation.
All are Welcome to join in this fun project!

"Jesus ascends, now what?"
Bible Study resumes on Tuesday, November 12 with a study of Acts 1.
We’ll meet at St. Paul’s Nordheim at 6:00 p.m. A light supper will be served.
There is no charge! All are WELCOME!

CHRISTMAS VESPERS 2019: ALL EARTH IS HOPEFUL
Titled “All Earth is Hopeful,” this year’s Vespers service of word and music will feature the TLU Choir, TLU Treble Choir, Kantorei Chamber Choir, and the TLU Symphonic Winds and Percussion. This year’s program is a reminder of Advent as a time of quiet reflection, prayerful waiting, and hopeful anticipation of the birth of Christ. San Antonio actress, Sam Carter Gilliam, will perform short monologues between the musical numbers which weave a story and lend context to the music being performed.

Christmas Vespers will be held in TLU’s Jackson Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6; 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7; and 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8. Tickets for each Vespers service are free but required.

SERVICE SCHEDULE
- Friday, Dec. 6, at 7:30 p.m. in Jackson Auditorium
- Saturday, Dec. 7, at 7:30 p.m. in Jackson Auditorium
- Sunday, Dec. 8, at 4 p.m. in Jackson Auditorium
- Sunday, Dec. 15, at 4 p.m. at St. Martin’s Lutheran Church, Austin (no tickets required)

TICKET RESERVATION
Tickets will be available for reservation online and in the TLU Bookstore beginning Nov. 1. All Vespers services at TLU are free and open to the public, but tickets are required due to limited seating. vespers@tlu.edu or (830) 372-8063