

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Drive-In Service – Nov 29, 2020
87.9 FM

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Gathering Song: “You Are My All In All”

You are my strength
When I am weak
You are the treasure
That I seek
You are my all in all

Taking my sin
My cross my shame
Rising again
I bless Your name
You are my all in all

Seeking You as a precious jewel
Lord to give up I'd be a fool
You are my all in all

When I fall down You pick me up
When I am dry You fill my cup
You are my all in all

Jesus Lamb of God
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Welcome and Announcements

Opening Song: “We Praise You, O God”

1 We praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before You, we kneel and adore You;
We bless Your holy name, glad praises we sing.

2 We worship You, God of our fathers, we bless You;
Through trial and tempest our guide You have been.
When perils o'ertake us, You will not forsake us,
And with Your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.

3 With voices united our praises we offer
And gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With You, Lord, beside us, Your strong arm will
guide us.
To You, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

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Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution *1 John 1:8; John 3:16; Matthew 5:16*

P As we begin a new Church Year, let us put behind us everything in the past that would disqualify us from a new life, and remembering our Baptism, we boldly petition our Savior Jesus Christ, seeking for our entry into His presence and His plan and future for us, saying, stir up Your power, O Lord, and come,

C **that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance.**

P What are those threatening perils? I now ask you before God, who searches the heart, do you sincerely confess that you have sinned against God and deserved His wrath and punishment?

C **I do confess.**

P So you should confess as Holy Scripture says, "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us."

Do you also repent of all your sins committed in thought, word, and deed?

C **I do repent.**

P So you should repent as did King David, who prayed for a contrite heart; Peter, who wept bitterly; the sinful woman; the prodigal son; and others.

Do you sincerely believe that God, by grace, for Jesus' sake, will forgive you all your sins?

C **I do believe.**

P So you should believe as Holy Scripture declares, "God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life."

Do you promise that with the aid of the Holy Spirit you will amend your sinful life?

C **I do promise.**

P So you should promise for Christ the Lord says, "Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

Finally, do you believe that through me, a called servant of God, you will receive the forgiveness of all your sins?

C **I do believe.**

P As you believe, even so may it be to you. Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come,

C **that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance. Amen.**

Lighting the Advent Candle

P Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,

C **the light no darkness can overcome.**

P Let Your light scatter the darkness

C **and illumine Your Church.**

Prayer of the Day

Song: "Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart"

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ His Son.

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And now let the weak say "I am strong,"
Let the poor say "I am rich,"
Because of what the Lord has done for us.
And now let the weak say "I am strong,"
Let the poor say "I am rich,"
Because of what the Lord has done for us.
Give thanks, give thanks.

Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 64:1–9*

¹Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down,
that the mountains might quake at your presence—
²as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
and that the nations might tremble at your presence!
³When you did awesome things that we did not look for,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
⁴From of old no one has heard
or perceived by the ear,
no eye has seen a God besides you,
who acts for those who wait for him.
⁵You meet him who joyfully works righteousness,
those who remember you in your ways.
Behold, you were angry, and we sinned;
in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved?
⁶We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
⁷There is no one who calls upon your name,
who rouses himself to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities.
⁸But now, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
⁹Be not so terribly angry, O LORD,
and remember not iniquity forever.
Behold, please look, we are all your people.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm *Psalm 80:1–7; antiphon: v. 7*

¹Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,
you who lead Joseph like a flock!
You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.
²Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh,
stir up your might
and come to save us!
³Restore us, O God;
let your face shine, that we may be saved!
⁴O LORD God of hosts,
how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?
⁵You have fed them with the bread of tears
and given them tears to drink in full measure.
⁶You make us an object of contention for our neighbors,
and our enemies laugh among themselves.
⁷Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved!

Epistle 1 Corinthians 1:3–9

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—⁶even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Song: “In Christ Alone”

1 In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

2 In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

3 There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

4 No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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Holy Gospel Mark 11:1–10

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eleventh chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹When they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples ²and said to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. ³If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.’” ⁴And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. ⁵And some of those standing there said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” ⁶And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. ⁷And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. ⁸And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. ⁹And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! ¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Song: "The Advent of Our King"

- 1 The advent of our King
Our prayers must now employ,
And we must hymns of welcome sing
In strains of holy joy.
- 2 The everlasting Son
Incarnate deigns to be,
Himself a servant's form puts on
To set His servants free.
- 3 O Zion's daughter, rise
To meet your lowly King,
Nor let your faithless heart despise
The peace He comes to bring.
- 4 As judge, on clouds of light,
He soon will come again
And His true members all unite
With Him in heav'n to reign.
- 5 Before the dawning day
Let sin's dark deeds be gone,
The sinful self be put away,
The new self now put on.
- 6 All glory to the Son,
Who comes to set us free,
With Father, Spirit, ever one
Through all eternity.

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Sermon

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

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.

Offering – Register Attendance – Submit Prayer Requests

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Song: "Almighty Father, Bless the Word"

- 1 Almighty Father, bless the Word
Which through Your grace we now have heard.
Oh, may the precious seed take root,
Spring up, and bear abundant fruit!
- 2 We praise You for the means of grace
As homeward now our steps we trace.
Grant, Lord, that we who worshiped here
May all at last in heav'n appear.
- 3 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Benediction

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WELCOME to St. Paul's Lutheran Church! We are honored to have you in worship today. We come together in the name of Jesus Christ, who brings the promise of salvation and everlasting life to all who believe in Him as Savior and Lord. **May He richly bless your life as we worship in Spirit and Truth!**

(John 4:24)

IF YOU ARE VISITING WITH US TODAY, we want to warmly welcome you in the name of Jesus. If you have no church home, we would be honored to have you join us at St. Paul's. For more information about what Lutheran Christians believe and about St. Paul's, please visit us on our website at www.StPaulsDec.com.

OUR MISSION at St. Paul's is to glorify God by connecting people to Jesus through teaching, serving, caring, and telling.

OUR VISION FOR MINISTRY

By the power and grace of Jesus Christ we will work to build a diverse community of spiritually maturing Christians who are... living out their faith in daily life; inviting, welcoming and including new people; and involved in meaningful ministry to others!

OUR CORE VALUES

Generosity (Acts 20:35)

Children (Mark 10:14)

A Place to Belong (Isaiah 56:7)

Respectfulness (Mark 12:31)

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday - Friday 9:00am - 2:00pm

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TODAY	8:15am	In-Church Traditional Worship
November 29	8:15am	Facebook Live Worship
Advent Begins	9:00am	Children's Bible Time FB posting
<i>Giving Tree in Narthex</i>	9:30am	Adult Study - Galatians by Zoom
	9:30am	Worship on Radio 98.5 FM
	11:00am	Drive-In Worship
MONDAY	7:00am	Preschool Ext Care (M-F)
	8:45am	Preschool (M-Th)
	8:45am	KTT Afterschool (M-F)
TUESDAY	9:30am	Staff meeting
WEDNESDAY	12:00pm	Advent Worship
	12:00pm	Facebook Live Advent Worship
	4:00pm	God's Place Chapel
	6:00pm	Confirmation In person
	6:00pm	HS Youth Giving Tree preparation
	6:00pm	Adult Study – Romans in-person in the Fellowship Room
	7:00pm	Praise Band practice
	7:15pm	Choir practice
	8:00pm	Adult Confirmation Class by Zoom
THURSDAY	10:00am	Preschool Chapel
	11:00am	Prayer Shawl Workshop
	4:00pm	KTT Swamp John's Fundraiser
SUNDAY	8:15am	In-Church Traditional Worship
December 6	8:15am	Facebook Live Worship
<i>Giving Tree in Narthex</i>	9:00am	Children's Bible Time FB posting
	9:30am	Adult Study - Galatians by Zoom
	9:30am	Worship on Radio 98.5 FM
	11:00am	Drive-In Worship
	1:00pm	Ladies Christmas Party
	6:00pm	MS Youth Meet-up by Zoom

LOOKING AHEAD:

Thursday, December 17

Preschool Christmas Program by Facebook Live

Thursday, December 24

Christmas Eve Worship

3:00pm Drive-in

6:00pm in the Sanctuary & Facebook Live

11:00pm in the Sanctuary w/ Choir & Brass & Facebook Live

Friday, December 25

Christmas Worship

10:00am in the Sanctuary & Facebook Live

Ways to Serve

Blessing Box Donations

Van Driver for KTT Afterschool

one afternoon/week 2:15-3:45pm

Homework Helper for KTT

Mon, Tues, or Thurs for 1 hour