

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

701 S. College Avenue, Newark, Delaware 19713

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Growing in faith. Growing in community. Welcoming all in Jesus' name.

**TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Christ the King Sunday, November 24, 2024**

**10 AM Service of
Holy Communion**

Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, the people 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.

Catch the excitement! Witness the joy! Shape the vision!

ST. PAUL'S VISION STATEMENT (adopted 02/25/2018)

- To worship as a diverse community of all ages
- To engage in faith formation as a community grounded in God's word
- To maintain with depth and integrity the work of feeding the hungry and housing the homeless
- To nurture a strong foundation of generosity, giving, and caring for creation
- To provide a music ministry that encompasses congregation and surrounding communities

Worship at Home and Away

When we cannot be together in person, we can still hear the word of God and hold each other in prayer. Therefore, we offer the 10 AM service through simultaneous live streaming to St. Paul's Facebook page. The service is then posted to the website, www.stpaulsnewarkde.org and can be found in the upper right hand corner of the home page, along with a digital copy of this worship folder, as well as a copy of the sermon.

**Large print worship folders and hearing assistance devices
are available in the narthex. Ask an usher for assistance.**

**A Prayground is available for young children
in the rear of the sanctuary.**

✠ GATHERING ✠

Worship begins with God who takes the initiative and calls us into being.

*We gather at the Holy Spirit's invitation and assemble as the community of faith
on the first day of the week, the day of Christ's resurrection.*

*Upon entering the sanctuary, the people pray silently or engage in quiet meditation
allowing the music to focus their attention on God and God's kingdom.*

The sanctuary doors will be closed as worship begins with the prelude.

PRELUDE

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

arr. Roberts

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Handbell Ensemble

WELCOME

Please stand, as you are able.

CALL TO WORSHIP

We have chosen to be here, where God remembers us.

God comes to us, the One who was and is and is to come.

Like leaves skipping over the carpet of grass:

God comes to us, the One who was and is and is to come.

Like the first glimpses of the sun peeking over the horizon:

God comes to us, the One who was and is and is to come.

Like the moon lighting our way on a cloudless, autumn night:

God comes to us, the One who was and is and is to come.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
our refuge, our delight, our beginning and our end.

Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN

Crown Him with Many Crowns

ELW 855

Verse 1: All in unison

Verse 2: Treble (high) voices

Verse 3: All in harmony

Verse 4: Bass (low) voices

Verse 5: All in Unison

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
 2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,
 3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
 4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave
 5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,

hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
 whose arm those crim - son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
 and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.
 cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
 No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
 His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;

and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.
 but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated.

✠ WORD ✠

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

FIRST READING

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

The one coming with the clouds rules over all

A reading from Daniel:

⁹ As I watched,
thrones were set in place,
and an Ancient One sat down on the throne,
whose clothing was white as snow,
the hair of whose head like pure wool;
whose throne was fiery flames,
and its wheels were burning fire.

¹⁰ A stream of fire issued
and flowed out from the presence of the Ancient of Days,
whom a thousand thousands served,
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood in attendance.

The court sat in judgment,
and the books were opened.

¹³ As 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,
before whom he was presented.
¹⁴ To 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 reign is one
that shall never be destroyed.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalms 93

Antiphon: Ps. 93:2

Ever since the world began, your throne has been established.

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¹ The LORD is king, robed in majesty;
the LORD is robed in majesty and armed with strength.

The LORD has made the world so sure that it cannot be moved.

² Ever since the world began, your throne has been established;
you are from everlasting.

Ever since the world began, your throne has been established.

³ The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted up their voice;
the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.

⁴ Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea,
mightier is the LORD who dwells on high.

⁵ Your testimonies are very sure,
and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forever and forevermore.

Ever since the world began, your throne has been established.

SECOND READING

Revelation 1:4b-8

Glory to the one who made us a kingdom

A reading from Revelation:

^{4b} Grace to you and peace from the one who is and who was and who is to come, and
from the seven spirits who are before God's throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful

witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the rulers of the earth.

To the one who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and made us to be a dominion, priests serving his God and Father, to Jesus Christ 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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand, as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! from the
Liturgy for the Family of God

Peter S. Klemp

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! The Lord_ our_ God be
blessed! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Your Word_ brings_ righ - teous-ness. With
all your works, we praise you! Ex - alt your Name for - ev - er! Al-le-
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Sing al - le - lu - ia!

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HOLY GOSPEL

John 18:33-37

The kingdom of Christ

The Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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 Jewish, 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 Judeans. 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.

Be seated.

CHILDREN’S CHAT

JP and Friends

Please stand, as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

O Christ, What Can It Mean for Us?

ELW 431 (harmony)

Found on p. 8

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: ALL SAINTS NEW, Henry S. Cutler, 1824–1902

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Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Greg Johnson

Please stand, as you are able.

The service continues with the Nicene Creed, found on p. 9.

O Christ, What Can It Mean for Us



1 O Christ, what can it mean for us to claim you as our
2 You came, the im - age of our God, to heal and to for -
3 Though some would make their great - ness felt and lord it o - ver
4 You chose a hum - ble hu - man form and shunned the world's re -



king? What roy - al face have you re - vealed whose
give, to shed your blood for sin - ners' sake that
all, you said the first must be the last and
nown; you died for us up - on a cross with



praise the church would sing? As - pir - ing not to
we might rise and live. To break the law of
ser - vice be our call. O Christ, in work - place,
thorns your on - ly crown. But still, be - yond the



glo - ry's height, to pow - er, wealth, and fame, you
death you came, the law of love to bring: a
church, and home, let none to pow - er cling; for
span of years, our glad ho - san - nas ring, for



walked a dif - f'rent, low - ly way, an - oth - er's will your aim.
dif - f'rent rule of righ - teous - ness, a dif - f'rent kind of king.
still, through us, you come to serve, a dif - f'rent kind of king.
now at God's right hand you reign, a dif - f'rent kind of king!

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

Let us confess our faith:

We believe in one God,

**the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

**the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven**

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.**

Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Revive our congregations, synods, and national church body to reflect the love, justice, and kinship of your kingdom. Raise up diverse leaders like Justus Falckner, Jehu Jones, and William Passavant, whom we commemorate today, who teach and serve your people. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Nourish parched lands and bring relief to flooded places. Protect wildlife habitats and endangered species, that the chorus of creation's praise resounds with joy. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Grant wisdom to the leaders who govern, legislate, and deliberate on our behalf. Advance your nonviolent reign of justice-seeking love through their work. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Draw near to those who are detained, on trial, or incarcerated. Transform systems of retribution into systems of reconciliation and restoration. Empower activists who advocate for change. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

By your power, great God, our Lord Jesus healed the sick and gave new hope to the hopeless. Though we cannot command or possess your power, we pray for those who want to be healed, especially Jim, Dot, Jenny, Addison, Cindy, Judy, Stan, Janice, Claude, Nancy, Jane, Paul, Pat, Margaret, Jay, Rob, Marie, Susan, Michael, JoEllen, Elizabeth, Melissa, Ginny, Isabella, Heyward, Olive and Jim. Mend their wounds, sooth fevered brows, and make your broken people whole again. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Remind us of your enduring love in all seasons. Guide the planning efforts of worship leaders and volunteers who usher our congregation and those of our partners in ministry, especially Grace Lutheran Church in Easton and St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Ocean City, into a meaningful Advent. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

In your eternal presence the saints sing of your majesty, especially Gary, Sheri, Ruth, Chris, and Ethel. Join our voices with theirs in praise to the one who loves us and frees us from sin. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

The presiding minister concludes the prayers.

We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

*The assembly exchanges Christ's peace
in word and gesture, saying,*

Peace be with you.

Be seated.

At this time, please sign the Fellowship Pad (the black folder) found at the end of your pew and pass it to your neighbor and back again. We ask visitors to provide us with contact information so we can thank you for enriching our worship experience. We ask members to update any changes to their information so our records can be maintained.

✠ MEAL ✠

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

GATHERING OF GIFTS

In response to God's love in Jesus Christ, we offer our gifts for service and mission.

OFFERTORY

“Our Great Redeemer’s Praise”

arr. Anna Laura Page

Sanctuary Choir, Handbells

& Organ: Joanne Hench

Please stand, as you are able.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup, you offered yourself in love for the world, and in this meal you nourish us with your life. Fill us with your abundance, that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger, trusting in your 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; 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:

Sanctus (Holy) from the
Liturgy for the Family of God
Peter S. Klemp

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, our God of pow'r and might, — Sing
ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Heav'n and earth are full of your maj - es -
ty! Ho - san - na in — the high - est! Blest is he who
comes in the Name of the Lord! Sing loud, — Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na in the
high - est! Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal: surrounded by evil and bordered by death we appeal to you, our Sovereign, our Wisdom, and our Judge. We praise you for Christ, who proclaimed your reign of peace and promised an end to injustice and harm.

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, the sacrifice of his life and death and the victory of his resurrection, we await with all the saints his loving redemption of our suffering world. Send your Spirit on these gifts of bread and wine and on all who share in the body and blood of your Son: teach us your mercy and justice, and make all things new in Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father,
with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.
Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.**

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Amen.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

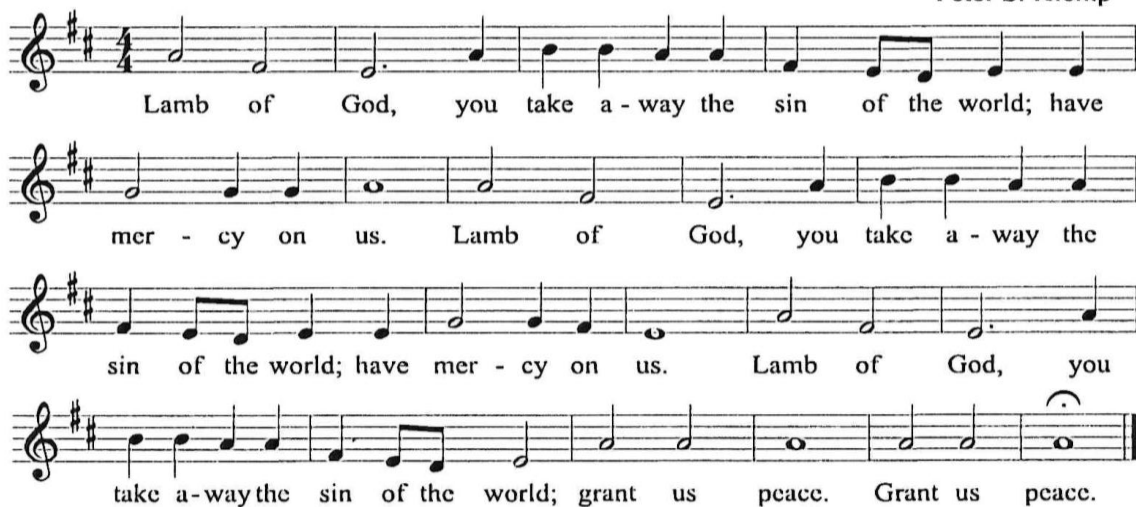
Behold, God is making all things new.

We come to take our place in the new creation.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) from the *Liturgy for the Family of God*

Peter S. Klump



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. Grant us peace.

Be seated.

HOLY COMMUNION

In Christ's body and blood given to us, God forgives us and nourishes us for mission.



All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Children not yet communing are welcome to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossed arms. If you would like to receive communion in your pew, please notify an usher.

Non-alcoholic grape juice and gluten-free communion wafers are available upon request.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd

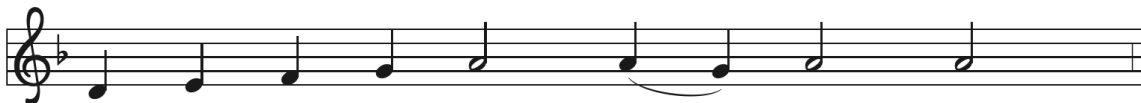
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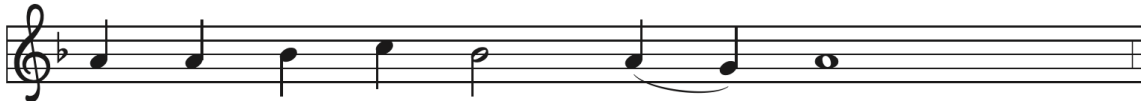
- 1 You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shep - herd.
- 2 Clothed in light up - on the moun - tain,
- 3 You, who walk each day be - side us,
- 4 Wor - thy is our earth - ly Je - sus!



You, Lord, are both prince and slave.
stripped of might up - on the cross,
sit in pow - er at God's side.
Wor - thy is our cos - mic Christ!



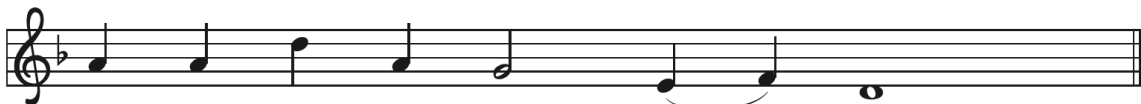
You, peace - mak - er and sword - bring - er
shin - ing in e - ter - nal glo - ry,
You, who preach a way that's nar - row,
Wor - thy your de - feat and vic - t'ry;



of the way you took and gave.
beg - gared by a sol - dier's toss,
have a love that reach - es wide.
wor - thy still your peace and strife.



You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
you, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;



you, whom we both scorn and crave.
you, who are both gift and cost.
you, who are our pil - grim guide.
you, who are our death and life.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993

Music: PICARDY, French folk tune, 17th cent.

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O Christ the Same

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1 O Christ the same, through all our sto - ry's pag - es—
2 O Christ the same, the friend of sin - ners, shar - ing
3 O Christ the same, se - cure with - in whose keep - ing



our loves and hopes, our fail - ures and our fears;
our in - most thoughts, the se - crets none can hide;
our lives and loves, our days and years re - main;



e - ter - nal Lord, the king of all the a - ges,
still as of old up - on your bod - y bear - ing
our work and rest, our wak - ing and our sleep - ing,



un - chang - ing still a - mid the pass - ing years:
the marks of love in tri - umph glo - ri - fied:
our calm and storm, our plea - sure and our pain:



O liv - ing Word, the source of all cre - a - tion,
O Son of Man, who stooped for us from heav - en—
O Lord of love, for all our joys and sor - rows,



who spread the skies and set the stars a - blaze;
O Prince of life, in all your sav - ing power;
for all our hopes when earth shall fade and flee;



O Christ the same, who wrought our whole sal - va - tion,
O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are giv - en:
O Christ the same, be - yond our brief to - mor - rows,



we bring our thanks for all our yes - ter - days.
 we bring our thanks for this the pres - ent hour.
 we bring our thanks for all that is to be.

Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith, b. 1926
 Music: LONDONDERRY AIR, Irish tune

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After all have returned to their places, please stand, as you are able.

BLESSING AND PRAYER

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
 strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

Let us pray.

Faithful God, you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink in the body and blood of your Son. Now send us out to labor with you, in service to the world you have made, and among the people you have made your home, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

✠ **SENDING** ✠

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

BENEDICTION

The Ancient One, enthroned,
 the Crucified One, now risen,
 the Indwelling One, poured out,
 † bless you now and forever.

Amen.

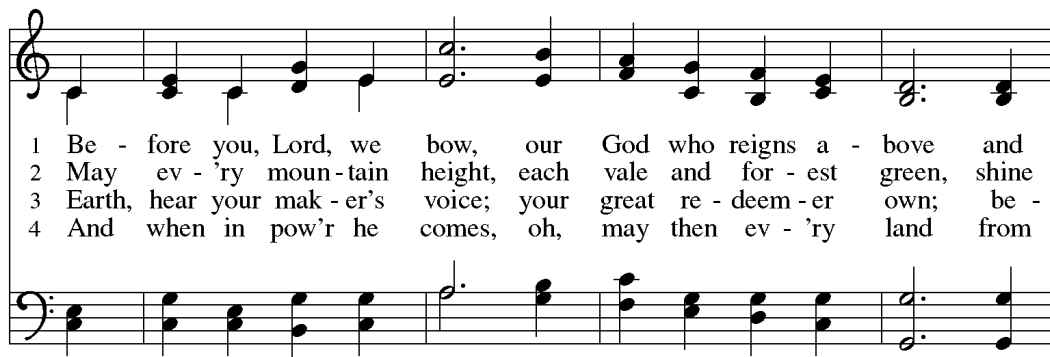
SENDING SONG

Before You, Lord, We Bow

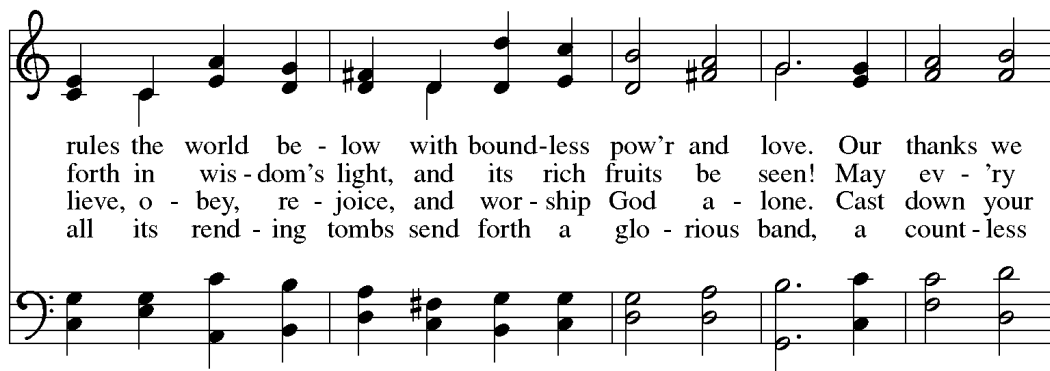
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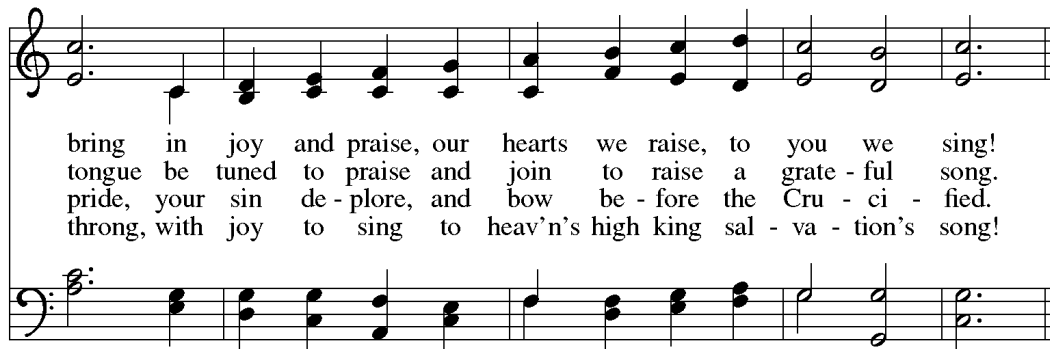
Before You, Lord, We Bow



1 Be - fore you, Lord, we bow, our God who reigns a - bove and
2 May ev - 'ry moun - tain height, each vale and for - est green, shine
3 Earth, hear your mak - er's voice; your great re - deem - er own; be -
4 And when in pow'r he comes, oh, may then ev - 'ry land from



rules the world be - low with bound - less pow'r and love. Our thanks we
forth in wis - dom's light, and its rich fruits be seen! May ev - 'ry
lieve, o - bey, re - joice, and wor - ship God a - lone. Cast down your
all its rend - ing tombs send forth a glo - rious band, a count - less



bring in joy and praise, our hearts we raise, to you we sing!
tongue be tuned to praise and join to raise a grate - ful song.
pride, your sin de - plore, and bow be - fore the Cru - ci - fied.
throng, with joy to sing to heav'n's high king sal - va - tion's song!

Text: Francis Scott Key, 1779-1843, alt.
Music: DARWALL'S 148TH, John Darwall, 1731-1789

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Rejoice, for Christ Is King”

arr. Jacob B. Weber

LAUS REGIS

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Assisting Minister:	Marjorie Chin
Lector:	Mary Beth Bergstrom
Bread Provider:	Linda Radwick
Altar Guild:	Cheri Simons
Flower Guild:	Cheri Simons



The flowers in the chancel are given
to the glory and praise of God in honor
of their grandson Patrick Burian's baptism
by Robert and Maggie Weidman.



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ST. PAUL'S WEEKLY EPISTLE

IMPORTANT NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 24, 2024

LECTIONARY 34, PROPER 29 (YEAR B) – CHRIST THE KING

We proclaim Christ our king as he goes to the throne of the cross. We acclaim him as he sheds his blood. We acknowledge him as our Lord as he gives himself to us in bread and cup. Christ is our king as he reigns from the tree, sharing our fears and experiencing our frailties. In the reign of God, the powerful one does not intimidate the weak, but cares for them. In the reign of God, the person of authority does not use others, but seeks them out and crowns them with mercy.

PASTORAL CONCERNS

Moving forward until our new pastor starts mid-December, Pastors Greg Johnson and Tara Magoon will be available to handle pastoral concerns. You can reach Pastor Greg by calling 302-563-5150, or if he is not available, Pastor Tara by calling Grace Lutheran Church, 302-239-6481.

ST. PAUL'S NEW PASTOR

The Reverend Cris Frigm was extended the call to be our new pastor on Sunday, November 3. Highly recommended by the Call Committee and Congregational Council, he received a unanimous vote in favor (102-0) from the members present at the congregational meeting held after worship on All Saints Sunday. Pastor Cris will begin his ministry here at St. Paul's on Monday, December 9, and his first Sunday with us will be the Third Sunday of Advent, December 15.

TODAY WE COMMEMORATE

Justus Falckner, died 1723; Jehu Jones, died 1852; William Passavant, died 1894; pastors in North America--Sunday, November 24, 2024

Not only was Falckner the first Lutheran ordained in North America, but he published a catechism which was the first Lutheran book published on the continent. Jones was the Lutheran church's first African American pastor and carried out missionary work in Philadelphia which led to the formation there of the first African American Lutheran congregation (St. Paul's). William Passavant helped to establish hospitals and orphanages in a number of cities and was the first to introduce deaconesses to the work of hospitals in the United States.

HILLTOP THANKSGIVING BASKET SUNDAY

Sunday, November 24, is the big day! It's Thanksgiving basket Sunday for families at the Hilltop Lutheran Neighborhood Center. Please remember to bring your donations of frozen turkeys, canned vegetables, boxed mashed potatoes, and stuffing to the Fellowship Hall by 10 AM. Your donations will be sorted, packed, and transported to Hilltop. Please see Janet or Eric Mease for more information.

ADULT FORUM

Join us in Advent for a four-part series on New Sweden: The Lutheran Colony in North America. Pastor Greg Johnson will lead the sessions beginning with "The Planting of New Sweden: A history of Courage and Faith." We start at 8:30 AM on Sunday, December 1, in the Blue Room.

BOOKS AND BANTER

St. Paul's avid readers will not meet in November. Instead, we'll gather for conversation and fellowship at Sue Wallden's home on Wednesday, December 11 at 1 PM. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Sue at slwallden@gmail.com by Monday, December 9.

Upcoming Books:

December 11 "The Lincoln Highway" by Amor Towles
(*Second Wednesday this month*).

January 22 "I am Malala" by Malala Yousafzai (*Back to fourth Wednesday*).

HOLY HIKE

Outdoor adventurers of any age are invited to hike on Sunday, December 15, after worship, at the Judge Morris Estate. The 4.5 mile trail, located at 76 Polly Drummond Hill Road in Newark, is wooded and mostly flat. Questions? Contact hike leader Linda Grund at 302-824-5780 or lgrund923@gmail.com.

HERE AND BEYOND

Please prayerfully and carefully consider your pledge for "HERE" in 2025 - and "BEYOND", in the form of an Endowment gift. Then return it in the next few weeks. Why the urgency? We'd like to be able to tell our new pastor that we've reached our goal prior to their arrival - a "Welcome!" gift for them - and us - to celebrate the start of their pastorate.

We are happy to report that as of November 17, we have fifty-three pledges total with \$275,980 going to the HERE campaign and another \$14,470 for BEYOND.

https://stpaulsnewarkde.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/Pledge-Card-Sept_2024-1-1.pdf

MEMBERSHIP MINISTRY NEW PHOTO DIRECTORY

The Membership Ministry Team continues with phase two of the process of creating a new membership directory. During the month of November, we invite you to have your photo taken in Fellowship Hall just before and after the 10 AM service. Or you have the option of submitting your favorite headshot of you as a single, a couple, or a family. For questions or to submit a photo, contact Linda Grund at lgrund923@gmail.com or 302-738-5491.

BREWING THEOLOGY

Fun-loving adults, age twenty-one and over, are invited to join in conversation and laughs while enjoying a beverage on Wednesday, December 11. Join us at 7 PM at the home of Rick and Kris Cassar, located at 438 Pierce Run in Newark, for fun and fellowship.

YOUTHERAN HOLIDAY GATHERING

The Young Lutherans of the Delmarva North Conference will meet to put together Thanksgiving baskets for Hilltop this Sunday, November 24, at 5 PM at Grace Lutheran Church, located at 2033 Graves Road in Hockessin. Questions? Contact Pastor Zachary Wright (pastorzach.blcne@gmail.com).

CHRISTMAS GIFT CARDS

Every Advent season we receive requests for Christmas gift cards from some of our neighbors to help them purchase gifts for their families. Please consider contributing a gift card or two from Walmart, Target, or other retail store of your choosing. Just put it in an envelope marked "Gift Cards" and place it in the Sunday offering plate, or make a donation through *Tithe.ly* using the QR Code found at the end of this bulletin.

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR BARBARA AND GARY

Thank you so much for a beautiful send-off in worship and fellowship. And Gary and I deeply appreciate your lovely card, beautiful quilt, and extravagantly generous check! All God's blessings in this new season of ministry.



St. Paul's Concert Series

Building community through music and the arts

Of Mountains, Lakes, and Mischief

Sunday, November 17

4:00 PM

The **First State Flute Choir** presents a varied program reflecting sounds found in nature. It will include repertoire inspired by wind through bamboo, bird calls, kayaking on mountain lakes, and even a dancing spider. The concert is free and open to the public. A freewill offering will be collected and donations will go to the Red Cross for disaster relief.

A Joyful Noise. An International Holiday

Saturday, December 21

3:00 PM

The **New Ark Chorale** presents their holiday concert, a musical celebration of international choral repertoire. The chorale welcomes guests, *Joyful Noise*, a choir for neurologically and physically challenged special individuals, to join them for a combined set. Tickets are \$20; under 18 are free. Tickets available at the door or by visiting brownpapertickets.com.

Sounds of the Season

Sunday, January 5

4:00 PM

St. Paul's ministry of music will present their tenth annual program of choral and handbell music from the Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany seasons. Featured will be Mark Hayes' "International Carol Suites." St. Paul's Sanctuary Choir will be joined by chorus members of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Delaware, accompanied by chamber orchestra. There will be plenty of opportunities for carol singing. The concert is free and open to the public. A freewill offering will benefit St. Paul's Friends of Music fund.

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Weekly Epistle/E-mail Blast

Articles due by Wednesday morning at 10 AM. Late submissions will be shared the following week. Please send articles to the church office at splcstaff@gmail.com.

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