

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.

FESTIVAL OF ALL SAINTS
Sunday, November 3, 2024

10 AM Service of
Holy Communion

Of all three years of the lectionary cycle, this year's All Saints readings have the most tears. Isaiah and Revelation look forward to the day when God will wipe away all tears; in John's gospel, Jesus weeps along with Mary and all the gathered mourners before he demonstrates his power over death. On All Saints Day we celebrate the victory won for all the faithful dead, but we grieve for our beloved dead as well, knowing that God honors our tears. We bring our grief to the table and find there a foretaste of Isaiah's feast to come.

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

Welcome Our Pastoral Candidate

This morning we welcome our pastoral candidate who will preach and preside over Holy Communion. Due to the confidential nature of the call process, the service will not be live streamed this week, and the outcome of the vote cannot be publicly shared until the candidate has informed their current congregation. We ask members in good standing to remain seated at the end of worship so that we can go directly into the congregational meeting and vote to extend the call to the pastoral candidate.

**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.**

OPENING HYMN

Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

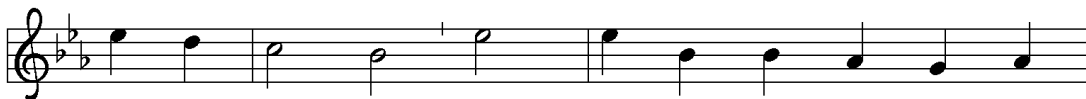
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1 Ye watch - ers and ye ho - ly ones, bright
 2 O high - er than the cher - u - bim, more
 3 Re - spond, ye souls in end - less rest, ye
 4 O friends, in glad - ness let us sing, su -



ser - aphs, cher - u - bim, and thrones, raise the glad strain:
 glo - rious than the ser - a - phim, lead their prais - es:
 pa - tri - archs and proph - ets blest: "Al - le - lu - ia!
 per - nal an - thems ech - o - ing: "Al - le - lu - ia!



"Al - le - lu - ia!" Cry out, do - min - ions, prince - doms,
 "Al - le - lu - ia!" Thou bear - er of the e - ter - nal
 Al - le - lu - ia!" Ye ho - ly twelve, ye mar - tyrs
 Al - le - lu - ia!" To God the Fa - ther, God the



pow'rs, arch - an - gels, vir - tues, an - gel choirs:
 Word, most gra - cious, mag - ni - fy the Lord:
 strong, all saints tri - um - phant, raise the song:
 Son, and God the Spir - it, Three in One:



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



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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

Amen.

Let us come in truth before the one who loves us
and has freed us from our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,
we confess that sin has taken hold of us and we are complicit in its power.
We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest. Unbind us and set us free.
Lead us again to the waters of rebirth, that we may live just and generous lives
for the good of your world and the care of our neighbors, following in the servant
way of Jesus. Amen.

These words are trustworthy and true:

Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross, swallowing up death forever.

For his sake, you are † forgiven and God remembers your sin no more.

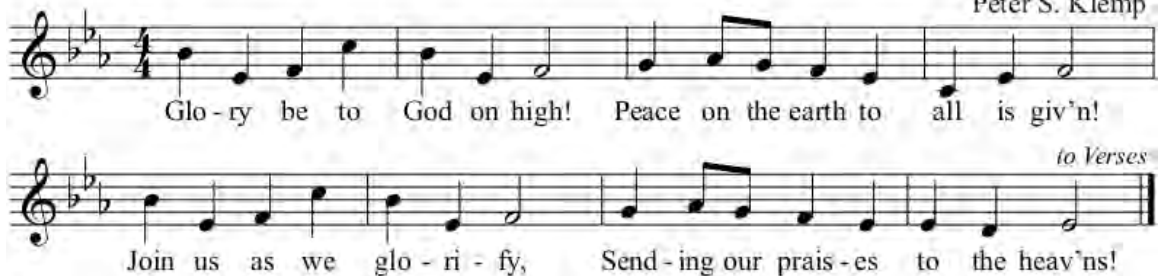
Let your heart be glad again, and rejoice in your salvation.

Amen.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Glory to God from the
Liturgy for the Family of God

Peter S. Klemp



Glo - ry be to God on high! Peace on the earth to all is giv'n!

Join us as we glo - ri - fy, Send - ing our prais - es to the heav'ns!

to Verses



1. You, Lord God, ___ our heav'n-ly King, O God the Fa - ther, might - y One;
2. You sit at the right hand of God; Oh, hear our hum - ble prayer to - day:
3. You, O Lord, are the Ho - ly One, and you a - lone are Lord of heav'n,



1. Je - sus Christ, to you we sing, O Lord, ___ on - ly be - got - ten Son. (Ref.)
2. Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us - Je - sus, take ___ our sins a - way. (Ref.)
3. Reign-ing with the Ho - ly Spir - it and the Fa - ther. A - men. (Ref.)

GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

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.

Be seated.

✠ WORD ✠

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

FIRST READING

Isaiah 25:6-9

The banquet of the LORD

A reading from Isaiah:

- ⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
 a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
 of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷ And the LORD will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
⁸ the LORD will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of the chosen people God will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

⁹ It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God, for whom we have waited, so that God might save us.
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in the salvation of the LORD.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 24

Antiphon: Ps. 24:5

They shall receive blessing from the God of their salvation.

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¹ The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it,
the world and those who dwell therein.

² For the LORD has founded it upon the seas
and established it upon the rivers.

They shall receive blessing from the God of their salvation.

³ Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD,
and who may stand in God's holy place?

⁴ Those of innocent hands and purity of heart,
who do not swear on God's being, nor do they pledge by what is false.

⁵ They shall receive blessing from the LORD
and righteousness from the God of their salvation.

⁶ Such is the generation of those who seek you, O LORD,
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

They shall receive blessing from the God of their salvation.

⁷ Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

⁸ Who is this King of glory?

The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!

⁹ Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

¹⁰ Who is this King of glory?

Truly, the LORD of hosts is the King of glory.

They shall receive blessing from the God of their salvation.

SECOND READING

Revelation 21:1-6a

A new heaven and a new earth

A reading from Revelation:

¹ I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

God will dwell with them as their God;

they will be God’s people,

and that very God will be with them,

⁴ God will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.”

⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.”

And also, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ^{6a} Then the one seated on the throne said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand, as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia! Alleluia! from
Liturgy for the Family of God*

Peter S. Klemp



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! The Lord_ our_ God be

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blessed! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Your Word brings righteousness. With
 all your works, we praise you! Ex-alt your Name forever! Al-le-
 lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Sing al-le-lu-ia!

HOLY GOSPEL

John 11:32-44

The raising of Lazarus

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³² When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” ³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Judeans who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴ He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” ³⁵ Jesus began to weep. ³⁶ So the Judeans said, “See how he loved him!” ³⁷ But some of them said, “Could not the one who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

³⁸ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” ⁴³ When Jesus had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” ⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Be seated.

SERMON

Please stand, as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Death Be Never Last

ACS 1030



1 We walk in light of count - less fac - es
2 When sor - row's heav - y hand has weight - ed
3 When joy re - turns with laugh - ter sing - ing



bright as beams of ris - ing sun, cer - tain as the
loss a - gainst the great - er gain, pin - ning down that
thanks to God for life's sweet song, let us fol - low



morn - ing chas - es night in end - less a - ges' run.
grief sore fat - ed lad - en on the bed of pain.
af - ter bring - ing thanks to God for those now gone.

Refrain



Turn - ing eyes now to their shin - ing mem - 'ry, to their faith - ful past,



saints be now the truth di - vin - ing: death be now but nev - er last.

Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943

Music: DEATH BE NEVER LAST, Ray Makeever

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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.

O God of resurrection, you call us by name and raise us to life. Rouse your church from slumber. Where we have held back in fear or shame, unbind us. Embolden us in our proclamation of your good news, that all may know abundant life. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

O God of creation, you have founded your world on rivers and seas. Preserve fresh water sources and the creatures who call them home. Heal places of pollution and nourish places of drought. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

O God of the earth, you reign over all nations and peoples. Inspire us with wisdom and discernment as we elect legislators and leaders. May they govern with justice and uphold the dignity of all people. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

O God of heaven, you make your home among mortals. Come alongside those who weep this day. Befriend all who are lonely, encourage those in despair, and heal any who are suffering, especially Judy, Stan, Janice, Claude, Nancy, Jane, Paul, Chuck, Earnie, Silas, Pat, Margaret, Sheri, Jay, Kara Beth, Rob, Christopher, Marie, Susan, Michael, JoEllen, Elizabeth, Melissa, Ginny, Gary, Isabella, Heyward, Olive and Jim. Abide with your faithful ones in love. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

O God who serves, you set before us a feast of rich food. Sustain our ministries of fellowship and hospitality and those of our partners in ministry, especially St. Stephen's Lutheran Church in Wilmington and Lutheran Campus Ministry at the University of Delaware. Strengthen the hands and hearts of all who prepare and serve food for our nourishment. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

O God, source of all being, beginning and end, we praise you for those who have served you faithfully, especially our call committee and congregational council who have presented us with a pastoral candidate this morning. Keep your Spirit with us as we meet together following worship and set forth to call the pastoral candidate as our next pastor. Inspire them and all pastors to preach your Word diligently and your people to receive it willingly, that finally we may receive the crown of eternal glory. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

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.

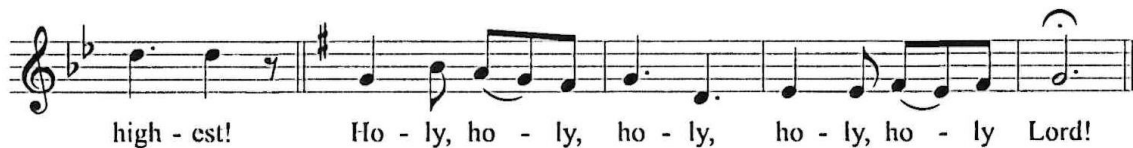
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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. 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 all the saints, with the choirs of angels and all 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



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER AND THE LORD'S 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.

With saints and martyrs through the ages,
we pray as our Savior Christ taught us:

**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 COMMUNION

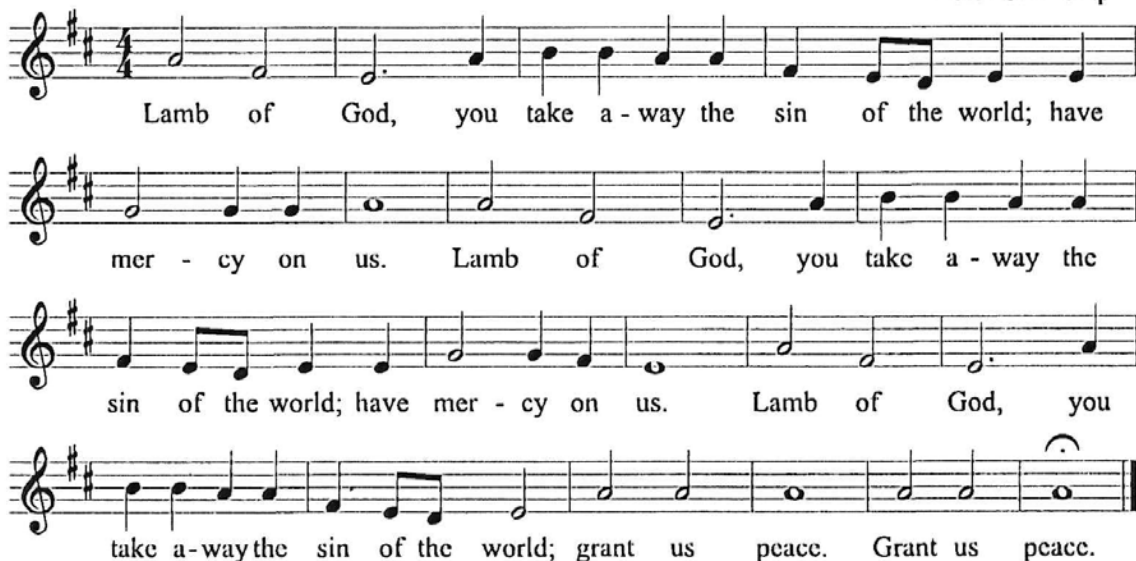
Behold, God is making all things new.

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

Christ's body and blood nourishes faith, forgives sin, and forms us as living witnesses to God's promise of unity, justice, and peace.



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.

*They are before the throne of God,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.*

Revelation 7:15



1 Look who gath - ers at Christ's ta - ble! Hear the sto - ries
 2 Clouds of light sur - round the ta - ble; an - cient fol - low -
 3 Their sad sto - ries are re - peat - ed in a thou - sand
 4 Bring your joy and bring your sad - ness, and pre - pare to



that they bring. Some are weep - ing; some are laugh - ing;
 ers ap - pear, saints con - fess - ing how they wres - tled
 dif - f'rent ways, but they share one thing in com - mon:
 be sur - prised by the host whose hands are wound - ed,



some have songs they want to sing. Oth - ers ask why they're in -
 with their guilt, their doubt and fear. Pe - ter tells of his de -
 they all end in thanks and praise for the host who has in -
 who will o - pen wide your eyes when he bless - es bread and



vit - ed, bur - dened by the wrong they've done. Christ in - sists they
 ny - ing Christ was ev - er in his sight; Paul re - lates his
 vit - ed north and south and east and west to con - verge a -
 breaks it— truth and man - na from a - bove!— and then pass - es



all are wel - come. There is room for ev - 'ry - one.
 fruit - less ef - forts to ob - lit - er - ate the light.
 round this ta - ble, where all life is fed and blest.
 wine that wa - kens in your heart the taste of love.

Text: Thomas H. Troeger, b. 1945
Music: COPELAND, Michael Corzine, b. 1947
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Jerusalem, My Happy Home

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1 Je - ru - sa - lem, my hap - py home, when shall I come to thee?
2 O hap - py har - bor of the saints, O sweet and pleas - ant soil!
3 Thy gar - dens and thy gal - lant walks con - tin - ual - ly are green;
4 There trees for - ev - er - more bear fruit and ev - er - more do spring;
5 Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - ru - sa - lem, God grant that I may see

When shall my sor - rows have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?
In thee no sor - row may be found, no grief, no care, no toil.
there grow such sweet and pleas - ant flow'rs as no - where else are seen.
there ev - er - more the an - gels sit and ev - er - more do sing.
thine end - less joy, and of the same par - tak - er ev - er be!

Text: F. B. P., 16th cent.
Music: LAND OF REST, North American traditional; arr. hymnal version
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After all have returned to their places, please remain seated.

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.

RITE OF REMEMBRANCE

While we revere those who have gone before us in faith and remember them in love, this rite reminds us that in holy baptism God unites all the faithful into the one holy catholic and apostolic church: the church on earth and the church in heaven.

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.

HYMN (pp. 20-21)

For All the Saints

LBW 174; *Vss. 1 -2*

Let us remember all the saints of God, especially beloved members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Newark.

Mary Picking

Eugene Tupin

Concetta Georgov

Robert Cantiello

Elsie Weidman

Christopher Mench

Family and friends are invited to come forward during the singing of the hymn to light a candle in memory of those who were members of this congregation.

HYMN (pp. 20-21)

For All the Saints

LBW 174; *Vss. 3 - 4*

Let us remember all the saints of God, especially family and friends of the members of this congregation.

Linda Miller
Joan Miller
Olivia Espitia
Patsy Trainer
Wayne Walling
Peter Skopowski
Janet Yannuzzi
Dorothy Fulwider
Nettie Kanter

Lee McMaster
Robert Benjamin
Irland Berti
Bruce Deschere
David Herman
The Rev. Carl Kruelle
Susan Morgan
Kenny Rhodes
Neal Landen

Brent Bass
Reginald Draheim
Catherine Centofante
Bill Fulmer
Anne Sellers
Naomi Binko
Ethel Meth
Christopher Goble

Family and friends are invited to come forward during the singing of the hymn to light a candle in memory of their loved ones named in our prayers this past year.

HYMN (pp. 20-21)

For All the Saints

LBW 174; *V*ss. 5 – 6

Please stand, as you are able.

Let us remember all the saints of God, especially those not known but who are kept in the silence of our hearts.

Family and friends are invited to come forward during the singing of the hymn to light a candle in memory of those whom we name in our hearts.

HYMN (pp. 20-21)

For All the Saints

LBW 174; *V*ss. 7 -8

BENEDICTION

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

Be seated.

POSTLUDE

“Fairest Lord Jesus”
SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU
Handbell Ensemble

arr. Brian Childers



1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest,
2 You were their rock, their for - tress, and their might;
3 Oh, may your sol - diers, faith - ful, true, and bold,
7 But then there breaks a yet more glo - rious day: the
8 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



all who by faith be - fore the world con - fessed,
you, Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight;
fight as the saints who no - bly fought of old
saints . . . tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray;
gates . . . of pearl streams in the count - less host,



your name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
you, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.
and win with them the vic - tor's crown of gold.
the King of glo - ry pass - es on his way.
sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:



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



4 Oh, blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine,
5 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long,
6 The gold - en eve - ning bright - ens in the west;



we fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine;
 steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song,
 soon, soon to faith - ful war - riors comes their rest;

yet all are one with - in your great de - sign.
 and hearts are brave a - gain and arms are strong.
 sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the blest.

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

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897, alt.
 Music: SINE NOMINE. R. Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

VOTING MEMBERS OF ST. PAUL’S ARE REMINDED TO REMAIN FOR THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING WHICH FOLLOWS WORSHIP

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Assisting Minister:	Marjorie Chin
Lector:	Joanne Hench
Bread Provider:	Linda Radwick
Altar Guild:	Cheri Simons
Flower Guild:	Cheri Simons

NEWARK INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The annual Interfaith Service of Thanksgiving will be held on Tuesday, November 26, at 7PM. The host congregation will be the Newark United Church of Christ, located at 300 Main Street in Newark. This year's theme, "Holy Human Interruption" refers to the faith community coming together to "interrupt injustice" as we stand in the gap for each other and speak up for human rights—all within the overarching umbrella of gratitude

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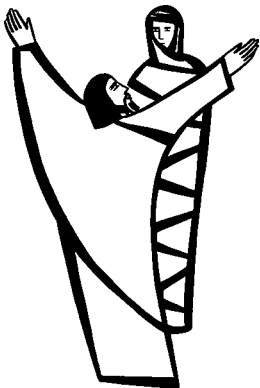
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**The flowers in the chancel are given
to the glory and praise of God in memory of
Ruth Ann Chisholm's birthday by Henry Chisholm.**





UNBINDING THE LIVING

On All Saints Sunday we remember loved ones who have been laid in the tomb. We know the acute grief of Mary, Martha, and Jesus. We know the reality of death that lies so close. We know that at any moment the phone call could come with news we dread. We live forever in the shadow of death.

At the same time, we also know the little deaths that take place every day. We know the daily disappointments, the betrayal of a friend, a failure at work, a difficult and tumultuous marriage, the loneliness and pain of one longing for something more from life.

Beyond that there are the near-constant reminders that much of this world is far from God's kingdom. How easy it is to look and see poverty and injustice, disease and despair all around. Like Lazarus, we are bound tightly in death's clothes: grief, disappointment, hopelessness.

Yet Jesus speaks the last word for us: "Unbind him, and let him go" (John 11:44). This promise is bursting with resurrecting life. This word is spoken by the one who became human and was put in a tomb, but broke through the pervasive stench of death. In the waters of the font, we hear our God speak this word to us. Lifting us out of the waters, God frees us from the binding rags of death and dresses us in the royal clothing of Christ. At the table, we feast with the God in whom we have waited, the God who swallows up death forever. The last word is not death, but life as a beloved child of God.

Clothed in the righteousness of Christ, God's people are called forth from the grave. Fellow saints rush forward to remove the rotting grave clothes. Together the people of God celebrate the hope and promise of resurrection, rising each new day to joyfully serve in the name of the one who is beyond death, Jesus our Savior.

OUR CLOSING HYMN

A hymn that many worshipers enjoy singing in commemoration of all the saints is "For All the Saints" (ELW 422). Written by William W. How, an Anglican priest, it was first published with four more stanzas in an 1864 collection of English hymns. Similar to how the psalms describe God, the hymn likens Christ to a rock, a fortress, the captain of an army, and light. The words suggest both an immediate paradise for the dead (st. 5) and the final resurrection (st. 6). The "King of glory" recalls today's Psalm 24. The extended military metaphor in stanza 4 fits well with the inspiring tune that was composed by Ralph Vaughan Williams for How's text.

ST. PAUL'S WEEKLY EPISTLE

IMPORTANT NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 3, 2024

FESTIVAL OF ALL SAINTS

All Saints Sunday celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who make up the body of Christ. With thanksgiving we remember all the faithful departed, especially those most dear to us who have died. Today's readings are filled with rich images of the eternal life promised to all the saints. The holy meal is a foretaste of that great and promised feast where death or pain will be no more. Even in the midst of loss and grief God wipes away the tears from our eyes and makes all things new.

PASTORAL CARE

Pastor Barbara will be away November 1-3. For urgent pastoral care concerns, please call or text Pastor Kathy Ierrien, 302-668-3823.

MEMBERSHIP MINISTRY NEW PHOTO DIRECTORY

The Membership Ministry Team is excited to begin 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 the blue room 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. The back table in the narthex has a box labeled St. Paul's Directory Information Sheets. Please pick up a sheet and instructions on how to update your information, and when completed, return it to the box. For questions or to submit a photo, contact Linda Grund at lgrund923@gmail.com or 302-738-5491.

ADULT FORUM

Join Eric Mease next Sunday, November 10, as he leads the discussion of "A Messy Transition". This will focus on the Reformation of British North America. We will meet in the Blue Room at 8:30 AM.

BOOKS AND BANTER

St. Paul's avid readers meet on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 1 PM in the Youth Room. Please join us for conversation and fellowship. Have a favorite book to recommend?

Upcoming Book:

December 11** "The Lincoln Highway" by Amor Towles (** *Second Tuesday*)

BREWING THEOLOGY

Fun-loving adults, age twenty-one and over, are invited to join in conversation and laughs while enjoying a beverage next Wednesday, November 13, at the Autumn Arch. Join us at 7 PM at 810 Pencader Drive in Newark for fun and fellowship.

HOLY HIKE

Outdoor adventurers of any age are invited to hike on Sunday, November 17, after worship. Snow Goose Trail at White Clay Creek is a 3.1 mile wooded trail with some small hills, located at 199 Polly Drummond Hill Road in Newark. You can park at Pike Creek Bible Church lot. Questions? Contact hike leader Rudy Schock at 814-574-8243 or rschock324@gmail.com.

FISH BREADS, MAKE ‘EM, BAKE ‘EM, TAKE ‘EM TO CHURCH

FISH is as early as it can be this month – Friday, November 15 – so break out your baking pans and help us by making little loaves of pumpkin, cranberry, banana, or “whatever” bread. Bundle them up in clear plastic wrap or aluminum foil and note the type of bread on the outside of the wrapping. (We don’t want anyone with a nut allergy to get a surprise!). The main drop off times will be Sunday, November 10, during and immediately after worship, and on Thursday, November 14, from 6 – 8 PM. We’re planning for 35 families this Thanksgiving, so we’d like to have 70 - 75 breads for the clients. Still have questions or need a special drop off time? Call or email Keith Bart ([302-345-6107/keith.m.bart@gmail.com](tel:302-345-6107)).

And, as we do every month, we invite any and all members of the congregation to help with the other FISH activities. The Food Bank pickup will be on Thursday, November 14, at 1 PM, followed by the re-boxing at 2 PM, then packing at 6:30 PM that same evening. The distribution will be on Friday, November 15, starting at 2:30 PM. The latter three events all take place in Fellowship Hall. As always, a big thank you to everyone for participating!

OWLS UPCOMING EVENTS

St. Paul’s Older Wiser Lutheran’s will go bowling on Wednesday afternoon, November 13, at Wilma’s in Wilmington. They will enjoy duckpin bowling and Cajun cuisine.

They will then celebrate the holidays at the Candlelight Dinner Theatre, also in Wilmington, on Wednesday, December 4. They will attend the 1 PM performance of Irving Berlin’s “Holiday Inn” and enjoy lunch and beverages prior to the show.

HELP NEEDED WITH FOOTBALL PARKING

St. Paul's School Board is managing parking in our lots for the UD Football game next Saturday, November 9. They need a few folks from the congregation who have a couple of hours to help out. Start time for the game is 1:00 PM. They need you there three to four hours early. If you're available and interested, please contact Bill Saylor at bsaylor2@verizon.net or 302-834-4074 for further details.

UPCOMING WELCA EVENT

On Saturday, November 16, the Women of the ELCA will join the Quilters from 9 AM - 12 PM. There will also be opportunities for quill art and making prayer beads. Please RSVP to Kaye Tyson (kaye.tyson@comcast.net) or Mary Beth Bergstrom (mbergstrom@verizon.net) so they know how many to expect for fun, fellowship and lunch, which will be provided by WELCA.

REMEMBERING OUR HOMEBOUND SENIORS

The Membership Ministry Team invites you to participate in brightening someone's day by helping us celebrate our homebound seniors at Thanksgiving time. We are seeking folks who would like to visit a senior during the week of Sunday, November 10, and bring them a thanksgiving card, a plant, and a lap robe or prayer shawl. At this time we need seventeen thanksgiving cards and seventeen small, fall plants. We have plenty of robes and shawls. To volunteer, please contact Linda Grund at lgrund923@gmail.com or 302-738-5491.

HERE AND BEYOND

Now that the annual campaign has blasted off, we have another way for you to make your pledge. You can print it at home! The link below will take you to an online version of the pledge card which you can print and return via the mail, or put in the offering plate or gold box at church.

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.

Currently, we have forty-two pledges: \$244,400 for our HERE campaign and \$12,170 towards the BEYOND. Thank you.

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

A RELIGIOUS MYSTERY

Anglican Jamestown, Virginia was founded in 1607, and yet, a Roman Catholic Reliquary (a container with relics) was found in one of the early Jamestown graves. Oops! Certainly, an indicator of a “messy transition” between Roman Catholicism and Protestantism in British North America. Who says history is boring? Join us next Sunday, November 10, at 8:30 AM in the Blue Room to dig deeper into this religious mystery with Eric Mease.

ABOUT THE HILLTOP LUTHERAN NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER

Below you will read an announcement about the Hilltop Center Thanksgiving basket appeal but what is Hilltop? The Hilltop Center is a social ministry outreach of the Lutheran Churches in New Castle County. It began as a ministry of Zion Lutheran Church in 1961, but was a victim of its own success! Spun off as a separate corporation in the 1980s, the Hilltop Center now boasts Day Care, Early Head Start, Head Start, hot meals, before and after school care, homework assistance, tutoring, recreational opportunities for families in the Hilltop area of Wilmington, with an annual budget of \$2.5 million!

THANKSGIVING BASKET DRIVE

In just three weeks it will be Thanksgiving and time for our annual Hilltop Lutheran Neighborhood Center Thanksgiving collection. On Sunday, November 24, please bring donations of frozen turkeys, canned vegetables, boxed mashed potatoes, and stuffing to the Fellowship Hall for sorting, packing, and transporting to Hilltop. We are also accepting cash and will do the shopping for you! Please see Janet or Eric Mease for more information.

WORSHIP FOLLOWED BY CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Our pastoral candidate will preach and preside at our Service of Holy Communion celebrating the Festival of All Saints this Sunday, November 3, at 10 AM. Immediately following worship, all members in good standing are encouraged to stay for a congregational meeting at which we will vote to call the candidate as our next pastor. A representative of the DE-MD Synod will be present to lead the meeting.

The service will not be livestreamed this week in consideration of the confidentiality of the call process. It will however be recorded for distribution at a later time.

If you did not get to attend the meet and greet on Saturday, you can meet the candidate and their family at the coffee social following the congregational meeting. For the life of this congregation, this is a very important decision to be made by as many of our voting members as possible.



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*Together in Jesus Christ we are freed by grace to
live faithfully, witness boldly, and serve joyfully.*



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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.

Weekly Epistle/E-mail Blast

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