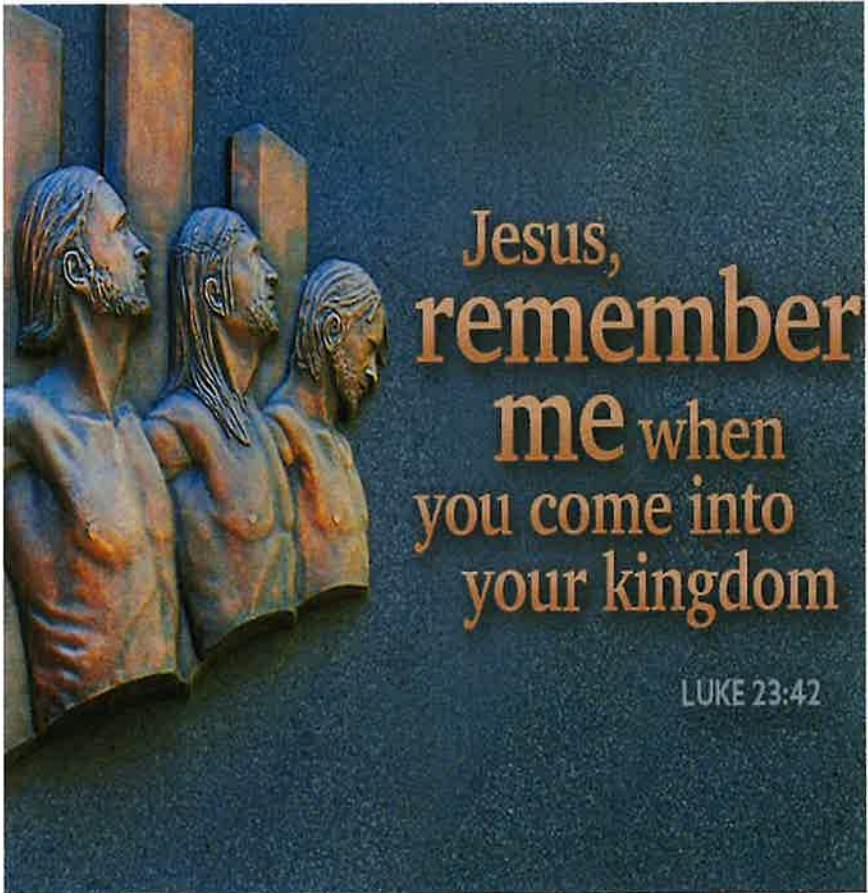


# St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church



## *The Twenty-fourth Sunday Christ the King Sunday*

Sunday, November 23, 2025 10:00 a.m.

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**Sunday, November 23, 2025**  
**The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost**

**Christ the King Sunday**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Service Prelude**

Jared Hall, Organist

**Brief Order for Confession & Forgiveness**

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

**C Amen.**

**P** Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**P** Most merciful God,

**C** **We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us, and for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

## Opening Hymn

# “Rejoice the Lord is King” #171

1 Re - joi - ce, the Lord is king! Your Lord and king a - dore;  
2 Our Sav - ior Je - sus reigns, the God of truth and love;  
3 His king - dom can - not fail; he rules o'er earth and heav'n;  
4 He sits at God's right hand till all his foes sub - mit

re - joi - ce, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more:  
when he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove:  
the keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus giv'n:  
and bow to his com - mand and fall be - neath his feet:

*Refrain*  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; re -

joi - ce, a - gain I say, re - joi - ce!

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C** And also with you.

## The Gloria



W Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.



Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa-ther:



We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High. Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



In the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men

**Recognition of Birthdays & The Children's Sermon**

## **The First Lesson**

**Jeremiah 23:1-6**

<sup>1</sup> Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. <sup>2</sup> Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. <sup>3</sup> Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. <sup>4</sup> I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall no longer fear or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD. <sup>5</sup> The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>6</sup> In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

**Here Ends the First Lesson**

## Psalm Hymn

# “Before You Lord We Bow” #401



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



rules the world be - low, bound - less in pow'r and love. Our thanks we  
foes and fears at rest, pro - tect - ed by your care. For this bright  
in your word's pure light, and its rich fruits be seen! May ev - 'ry  
lieve, o - bey, re - joice, and wor - ship him 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, our king!  
day, for this fair land—gifts of your hand—our thanks we pay.  
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!

## The Second Lesson

Colossians 1:11-20

<sup>11</sup> May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully <sup>12</sup> giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. <sup>13</sup> He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup> in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. <sup>15</sup> He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, <sup>16</sup> for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup> He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. <sup>19</sup> For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup> and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

### Here Ends the Second Lesson



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

## **P The Holy Gospel According to St. Luke, the Twenty-first chapter.**



33 When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. 34 [[Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. 35 And the people stood by watching, but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!” 36 The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine 37 and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” 38 There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.” 39 One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” 40 But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? 41 And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” 42 Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom.” 43 He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

## **P The Gospel of the Lord**



The Sermon Hymn

“Crown Him with Many Crowns” #170



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



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.



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,



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.

5 Crown him the Lord of peace,  
 whose pow'r a scepter sways  
 from pole to pole, that wars may cease,  
 absorbed in prayer and praise.  
 His reign shall know no end,  
 and round his pierced feet  
 fair flow'rs of paradise extend  
 their fragrance ever sweet.

6 Crown him the Lord of years,  
 the potentate of time,  
 creator of the rolling spheres,  
 ineffably sublime.  
 All hail, Redeemer, hail!  
 For thou hast died for me;  
 thy praise and glory shall not fail  
 throughout eternity.

## The Apostles' Creed

- + I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. **Amen**

## The Prayers of The Church

### The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**P** The Peace of The Lord Be with You.

**C** And Also with You.

### Sharing of The Peace & Chancel Choir Anthem

#### The Offering

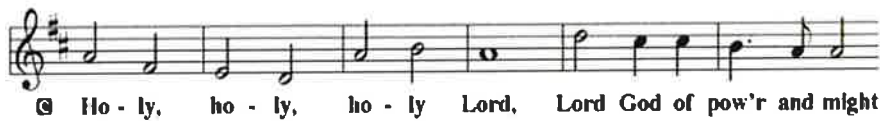
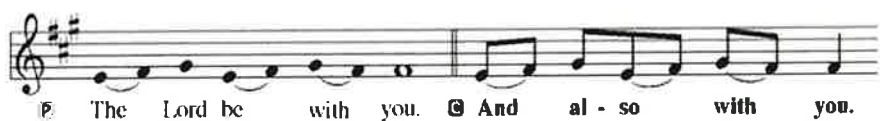
Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be  
fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -  
nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

**P** Let Us Pray

**P** Merciful Father,

**C** We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love, Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

### The Great Thanksgiving



### The Words of Institution



## The Closing Hymn

### + “This is My Father’s World” #554

1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-t'ning ears all  
2 This is my Fa-ther's world; the birds their car-ols raise; the  
3 This is my Fa-ther's world; oh, let me not for-get that,

na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.  
morn - ing light, the lil - y white, de - clare their mak - er's praise.  
though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.

This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of  
This is my Fa-ther's world; he shines in all that's fair. In the  
This is my Fa-ther's world; why should my heart be sad? The

rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won-ders wrought.  
rus - tling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev-ry-where.  
Lord is king, let the heav-ens ring; God reigns, let the earth be glad!

**P/C** Go In Peace! Serve The Lord! / **Thanks Be To God!**

**Postlude** Jared Hall

## **Our Worship Leaders & Staff...**

**Senior Pastor...** The Rev. Peter J. Hartmann  
**Director of Music & CFO ...** Donald R. Martin, Jr.  
**Senior Organist & Choir Accompanist ...** Jared Hall  
**Organ Curator ...** James Freeman - Callahan, Florida  
**Office Administrator ...** Fran Snipes  
**“The Epistle” ...** Betsy Martin  
**Facebook Live ...** Lisa B. Martin, Emma Levy, George Wiggins  
**Chancel Choir Bass Section Leader &  
Assistant Choral Director ...** Anthony Broadnax  
**Chancel Choir Soprano Section Leader ...** Evelyn Thomas  
**Chancel Choir Tenor Section Leader ...** Allan Berry, II  
**Resonator Guitar ...** William Pan  
**Pre-School Director ...** Gina Johnson  
**Assistant Pre-School Director ...** Cynthia Thomas  
**Parish Housekeeping ...** April Reilly

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**Our Lector Today** Lisa Gnann

**Altar Guild**

Charlie Schafer

**Liturgical Service Cantors**

Emma Levy, Carol Stemsrud & Donald Martin

**Communion Assistants**

John & Sherill Martin

**Narthex Greeter**

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## **ST. PAUL’S CHRISTMAS OUTREACH TO BENEFIT PARK PLACE OUTREACH INC.**

*Park Place provides emergency shelter, meals and counseling to at risk youth and their families. Park Place Outreach provides a safe, secure and loving temporary home for teens who are homeless, runaways or victims of abuse, and also for youth in DFCS and DJJ custody as a preferable alternative to foster care detention. Park Place Outreach is the only facility in the area where homeless or runaways can self report without an agency or family referral. If you can help, please take a tag from the Christmas Tree and return the tag and gift card under the tree by December 9, 2025.*

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**We Welcome You to  
St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church...**

Whether you are a long time member, friend at St. Paul's, or here for the first time, we are glad you are with us in worship today! If you are in need of pastoral care, please give us a call. If you will be entering the hospital or preparing for any surgical procedures, please let the Pastor know so he can plan to visit and have prayer with you during this time. Thank you for checking the "prayer list" posted in the bulletin today and for helping us to keep this list current by notifying the office with any updates.

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**We Remember in Our Prayers...**

Kristen Aspaas, Kevin Boatright, Ronnie & Delores Boatright, Angie Briggs, Florence Brown, Tom Brown, Jean Camp, Alice Ann Duggar, David Fennell, George Flathmann, Mike Frederick, Miriam Fulton, Frances Graff, Louise Grotheer, Mike Hatfil, Gene Henry, Don Kennedy, Dianne Martin, Mario Morin, Sydney Oetgen, Al Schunemann, Kay Sellman, Isabelle Sherouse, Charlie Smith, Debbie Sonnenschmidt, Barbara & Tim Tyson, Melissa Waller, Michelle Ward, Joe Whitaker and Alan Wyatt.

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**Current Budgetary Needs Each Sunday From 2025  
Offerings**

**\$8,200.00**

**Received From Current Offerings Last Week:**

**\$3,986.00**

**Worship Statistics Last Week:**

**10:00 AM - 81 Facebook Broadcast - 84**

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**Operation Christmas Child  
The Power of a Simple Gift**

Churches in more than 100 countries distribute gift-filled shoeboxes to boys and girls during outreach events that focus on Jesus Christ, God's Greatest Gift.

**Operation Christmas Child Ends Today!  
Collection Day is Tomorrow!  
Thank you ALL for your participation!!!**

### **St. Paul's Christmas Angels**

As we approach the End of the Year, I once again am looking for "Angels" to offer an extra \$1,000 Gift above their regular levels of giving to help me close the year in the "positive." However, any gift is accepted and no one will ever know the amount of your additional sacrifice. Thanking you for another Great Year of Blessings! **Donald**



## **25-26 Seasonal Worship Offerings**

### **Sunday November 23rd Christ the King Sunday**

10:00 am Worship with Holy Communion

11:00 am Congregational Meeting

**12:00 Noon - Thanksgiving Covered Dish Luncheon**

### **Sunday November 30th - Advent 1**

**10:00 am Worship - Service of the Word**

### **Wednesday December 3rd, 10th & 17th - Advent Services**

**11:00 am Advent Services in the Henry J. Black Chapel**

### **Sunday December 7th - Advent 2**

9:00 am-10:00 am Adult Sunday School

10:00 am Worship with Holy Communion

### **Sunday December 14th - Advent 3**

9:00 am-10:00 am Adult Sunday School

10:00 am Worship with Holy Communion

**4:00 pm 64th Annual Tri-Church Christmas Festival & Reception**

### **Sunday December 21st - Advent 4**

9:00 am-10:00 am Adult Sunday School

**10:00 am Sunday School Christmas Play**

**5:00 Annual Family Advent Night - Soup & Sandwich Dinner**

### **Wednesday December 24th - Christmas Eve Services**

**6:30 & 10:00 pm Candlelight Communion Services**

**w/ Organ, Piano, Choirs & Brass**

### **Sunday December 28th**

9:00 am-10:00 am Adult Sunday School

**10:00 am Lessons & Carols Service with the Choir**

### **Sunday January 4th - 2026**

9:00 am-10:00 am Adult Sunday School

**10:00 am Worship with Holy Communion**



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## ORDER YOUR POINSETTIA ....

We would like to give all members an opportunity to place a Poinsettia in the church this Christmas in honor and/or in memory of loved ones.

The plants will be ordered through the church at a cost of **\$15.00** each. This price includes tax and delivery.

If you would like to place a Poinsettia, please complete the form below and return to the church office no later than **December 19<sup>th</sup>**.

**PLEASE ATTACH YOUR CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO:  
ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**

I wish to donate a Poinsettia which will adorn the Chancel for the services of Christmas, to the Glory of God and be:

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Given By: \_\_\_\_\_

**(Please list exactly as you would like it shown in the Bulletin and use the back for additional space.)**

\_\_\_\_ I will pick up my plant after the 10:00 pm Christmas Eve Service or during the following week for my own enjoyment, or I'll take to a neighbor or a shut-in.