

Receiving and giving the love and hope of Christ

# Weekly Announcements

November 24, 2024



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## Worship Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:30 am

Special services during Advent, Lent & Summer

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Midweek Advent Worship Services

Advent is a time of preparing for Christ's coming. It seems like a simple sentence, but we aren't just talking about getting ready for Christmas. As the Church, we are also preparing for Christ's coming at the end of all things.

As we prepare for THAT day this Advent Season we will consider three questions and the key doctrines that accompany them. First, on December 4<sup>th</sup>, we ask what makes us the Church "*While We're Waiting*"? Then on December 11<sup>th</sup>, how does He continue to prepare the Church for his return in "*Proclaiming His Promises*"? Finally, on December 18<sup>th</sup>, how do we (the Church) reflect who we are, and what we've already been given in the "*Wonder of Worship: Receiving Restoration and Giving Grace*"?

In these three questions we get a clearer picture of The Church, The Office of Holy Ministry, and the mission given to them. Come join us this Advent Season as together we anticipate the Coming of Christ and rejoice in Christ who continues coming to us now.

## St. Paul's Youth Group

### November Events

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| 24    | NO YOUTH GROUP  |
| 29-30 | <b>Help Journeymen w/ parking for German Christmas Market</b> |
| 30    | Decorate church for Christmas (8am-10am)                      |
| 30    | German Language Service at 2pm (Youth help as ushers)         |

## Race for Education "THANK YOU!"

Thank you, St. Paul's Family and Friends, for your support with the 2024 Race for Education. Your donations helped us raise \$22,107. Praise be to God! The money raised will directly benefit our students with classroom resources, enhanced school safety measures, parent and family engagement, and other school activities. We are grateful for your support.

## Ladies Aid

Attention Ladies, this is a special announcement regarding Ladies Aid's December meeting. We have a date change and special meeting place for our Christmas party. The festivities will be on Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, at Rockwell's located in Shorehaven. For more information, contact Pat Borgman at 262-354-4203 or Mary Lou Pagenkopf 262-308-8184.

Wow, where has the time gone? Thanksgiving is less than two weeks away! After Thanksgiving, what comes next? Advent, of course! With Advent approaching its time to prepare our church for the birth of our Lord Jesus. We will be doing just that on Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, at 8am. Many hands are needed to do the decorating, so please consider giving us your helping hands on the 30<sup>th</sup>. The more, the merrier!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Lord's Cupboard (LC) is very thankful

The Chocolate Fundraiser that we did on November 14<sup>th</sup>, was a huge success as we raised \$770.55! Thank you to everyone who ordered some of their delicious subs and ice cream.

Thank you to everyone who donated food, gift cards and money for our Thanksgiving Food Bags (TFB). Thank you to all the volunteers who packed the food bags, handed out the food, delivered the food, made the to go turkey meals, picked up the food from Kwik Trip, ALDI, Feeding America, Brownberry/Bimbo, the kids that colored Thanksgiving flyers for the food bags, the parking lot guys (Journeymen). See more specifics about the LC food distribution and TFB distribution on the flyer posted on the LC cabinet just outside the Fellowship Hall.

Please continue to pray for all of our LC guests and for our volunteers. We are blessed, thank you!

### German Language Christmas service

On Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, St. Paul's will be holding a German language Christmas Service at 2pm. Please come join us!

### Journeymen Denny Zastrow Christmas Sing-A-Long

The Journeymen Denny Zastrow Christmas Sing-A-Long will take place on Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, starting at 7:30am, at Maxim's at the Depot. This will be a morning of fellowship, singing, and recalling the story of the birth of our Lord. This event is open to all men of the congregation regardless of age! We will then carol to our shut-ins (*tentative*).

## REFORMATION TAP SOCIETY

Theology and conversation with a bit of hops.



\*ADULTS 18 AND OLDER

**December 15**

**Joy in the Rearview Mirror:**

An Adult Child of God Reflects on Holidays in a Broken Home

Presenter: Nathan Meador

First time guests  
get a free  
beer or soda on us!

5:00-7:00 pm  
@ BrewFinity

N58 W39800 Industrial Rd., Suite D



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### Lord's Cupboard

This holiday season, the Lord's Cupboard will be providing a Christmas meal food bag to those in need in our community. We will be requesting Christmas gifts for our pantry families' children and to Shorehaven residents who may not have something under their tree on Christmas morning. We anticipate that we will be helping more people than ever before, with the current economy.

#### CHRISTMAS MEAL FOOD BAGS

Please support Christmas meal food bags with a \$15 gift card to Metro Market/Pick 'n Save or ALDI. Please put your gift card or a cash/check donation in an envelope marked "**Lord's Cupboard**" and place it in the offering plate or bring it to the church office. You can also give a monetary donation online by going to [www.splco.org](http://www.splco.org), click on "**Donate**" button, scroll down to Lord's Cupboard. We appreciate your consideration of the donation of those items.

#### CHRISTMAS GIFTS

The Christmas Caring Trees will be located in the Narthex and in the school entryway starting November 16<sup>th</sup>. This is where you will find the ornaments with the gift requests and this is also the place to return the wrapped gifts.



**Green Ornaments**— Gift cards (\$25 increments) to Walmart, Target, or Amazon will help 30+ seniors at Shorehaven and the families from our pantry who are most in need. Please put your gift card in an envelope marked "**Lord's Cupboard**" and place it in the offering plate or bring it to the church office **by December 9<sup>th</sup>**.



**Red Ornaments**— support the gifts asked for by families with children under the age of 18. Please put your wrapped gift under one of the **Christmas Caring Trees by December 9<sup>th</sup>**.

**Your generosity helps us serve the people in our community, and we truly appreciate ALL your help in celebrating our Lord this holiday season.**

## Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

The Last Sunday of the Church Year: *We are Alert, Awaiting the Coming of Christ*

November 24 - December 1, 2024

### ***We are Alert, Awaiting the Coming of Christ***

The signs of the end are all around us, constant reminders that *“heaven and earth will pass away.”* But all of these signs are centered in the cross of Christ, whereby He has conquered sin and death, that we might be raised with Him in righteousness through His Word of the Gospel, which *“will not pass away”* (Mark 13:31). He is *“the firstborn of the dead,”* who in His great love *“has freed us from our sins by his blood”* (Rev. 1:5). For this purpose He came into the world, the righteousness of Christ is *“a light to the peoples,”* which *“will never be dismayed”* because it is the justice of His cross and resurrection (Is. 51:4–6). As He *“is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory,”* so wait upon *“the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life”* (Jude 20–24).

### ***Order of Meditation and Prayer***

*Pray and confess out loud as much from the order of meditation and prayer as you are able, or as your family size and ages dictate. Learn by heart the verse, catechism, and hymn of the week.*

#### ***Invocation***

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

#### ***Apostles' Creed***

***Christ -Centered Theme:*** We are alert, awaiting the coming of Christ.

***Verse:*** 2 Peter 1:21 Prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

***Psalm:*** Psalm 39 and/or the appointed daily psalms for General Psalms in Psalm Schedule **LSB, p. 304**

## Catechism: The Lord's Prayer – Introduction and First Petition

<p><i>The Lord's Prayer (Introduction)</i>  <b>Our Father who art in heaven.</b></p>	Preschool +
<p><i>What does this mean?</i>          With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.</p>	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade +
<p><i>The Lord's Prayer (First Petition)</i>  <b>Hallowed be Thy name.</b></p>	Preschool +
<p><i>What does this mean?</i>          God's name is certainly holy in itself, but we pray in this petition that it may be kept holy among us also.</p>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade +
<p><i>How is God's name kept holy?</i>          God's name is kept holy when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we, as the children of God, also lead holy lives according to it. Help us to do this dear Father in heaven! But anyone who teaches or lives contrary to God's Word profanes the name of God among us. Protect us from this, heavenly Father!</p>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade +

## The Last Sunday of the Church Year: *We are Alert, Awaiting the Coming of Christ*

Day	Bible Stories for Families with Young Children	Readings for Adults & Older Children	
<b>Sun.</b>	Jesus Rejected at Nazareth: Luke 4	Psalm 103, 117, 139	Mark 13:24-37
<b>Mon.</b>	Jesus Heals a Paralyzed Man: Mark 1-2	Psalm 5, 84, 29	Gn 45.1-46.34
<b>Tue.</b>	Jesus Calls Matthew: Mark 1-2	Psalm 42, 102, 133	Gn 47.1-48.22
<b>Wed.</b>	Jesus Calms a Storm: Mark 4	Psalm 89:1-18, 1, 33	Gn 49.1-50.26
<b>Thur.</b>	Jesus Heals Jairus's Daughter: Mark 5	Psalm 97, 16, 62	Ex 1.1-22
<b>Fri.</b>	Jesus Is Anointed: Luke 7	Psalm 51, 142, 65	Ex 2.1-25
<b>Sat.</b>	Sunday's Gospel Reading: Luke 19:28-40	Psalm 24, 25, 110	Ex 3.1-4.31

### **Prayers: Collects for the Week, Daily Themes for Prayer, In Our Prayers at St. Paul's**

Lord Jesus Christ, so govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your glorious return, we may persevere in both faith and holiness of living; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

## **Daily Themes for Prayer**

- Sunday:** *Pray for the joy of the resurrection among us; for the fruit of faith nourished by the Word and Sacraments.*
- Monday:** *Pray for faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; for one's calling and daily work; for the unemployed; for the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; for schools, colleges, and seminaries; for good government and for peace.*
- Tuesday:** *Pray for deliverance against temptation and evil; for the addicted and despairing, the tortured and oppressed; for those struggling with besetting sins.*
- Wednesday:** *Pray for marriage and family, that husbands and wives, parents and children live in ordered harmony according to the Word of God; for parents who must raise children alone; for our communities and neighborhoods.*
- Thursday:** *Pray for the Church and her pastors; for teachers, deacons, deaconesses, and other church workers; for missionaries and for all who serve the Church; for fruitful and salutary use of the blessed sacrament of Christ's body and blood.*
- Friday:** *Pray for the preaching of the holy cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and for the spread of His knowledge throughout the whole world; for the persecuted and oppressed; for the sick and dying.*
- Saturday:** *Pray for faithfulness to the end; for the renewal of those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; for receptive hearts and minds to God's Word on the Lord's Day; for pastors and people as they prepare to administer and receive Christ's holy gifts.*

## **In Our Prayers this Week**

**Those sick or hospitalized: MEMBERS** – Dale Jaeger; Dorothy Duchow—shoulder surgery; Carole Schmeda—colon cancer; Ruth Polcha; Bill Anderson; John Lindemann; Gary Flanagan; Virginia Meintz; Belle Rombach; Bobby Edwards; Nancy Wolter; Don Meyer—cancer; Ann Duggan; Jim Duggan; Marilyn Marohn; Sally Eubanks; Dick Allen; Truman Seifert—acute myeloid leukemia; Carolyn Nagel—lung cancer; Don Schmitt; Karen Meyer—cancer; George Menden—prostate cancer; Diane Gartzke; Stan Kuehl; Marian Faltersack; Michael Stollenwerk; Marilyn Runyard; Richard Schultz; Vernon Schilling—cancer; Marcus Pankow—cancer; Linda Leidel; Lucille Campbell—cancer treatment

**FAMILY & FRIENDS OF MEMBERS – Those with cancer:** Bruce Bojko; Lisa Kruk (Hannah Christiansen's mom); Pat Venes (Sue Beles' sister-in-law); Daniel (Bill Merten's brother); Curt Duchow (Dorothy's son)—mantle cell lymphoma; Tim—friend of Duke & Debbie Maynard; Rhonda—breast cancer; Hailey—13 year-old w/ brain tumor; JoyAnn; Dan Faltersack—COPD; Dave; Jeff—stage four colon cancer; Dick Watt; Betty Dow (Linda Uttech's cousin)—Leukemia; Jeff—non-Hodgkin's lymphoma; Trish Lederer—breast cancer; Jayne Roberts' husband—lymphoma; Cheech Counsell (Dona Thurow's son-in-law); Tyler; Christopher—cancer; Tanner—2 year-old with cancer; Missy (Sheila Ram's niece)—breast cancer; Dawn—lung cancer; Jim (Jackie Meyer's dad); Jim (Laura Grubba's brother-in-law); Phyllis; Mike; Elizabeth—breast cancer; Kayla—thyroid cancer; Kelly Bratz (Bob's daughter-in-law)—breast cancer; Erin (Mileager)—Rayborn—Hodgkins Lymphoma; Mary Sprague—breast cancer; Debra Thurow (Dona's daughter); Kathy Berkbigler (Pat Borgman's cousin)—breast cancer; Ron Rafalski—throat cancer; Nancy—breast cancer

**Other:** Patricia Eberhardt (Chad’s mom); Bob (Sheila Rams’ brother-in-law)—broken arm and pelvis; Brent (Barb Allwardt’s brother)—Alzheimer’s; Katy—HG w/ pregnancy; Cindy Counsell (Dona Thurow’s daughter)—massive stroke; Paul; Bob; George; Paul; Liz Peronto (Barb Allwardt’s sister); Doug—CCL; Scott Kleist (Jim & Ann Duggan’s son)—MS; Paul Fellin

**Those serving in the military-deployed:** Joe; Sam Duggan; Justin Michener; Zach Howard; Theresa; Phil Preston; Casey, Phil, Andy & Steve Koth; Luke; Jacob; Brian; Randy; Kyle; Jake; Jeff; Matt; Brad; Ben; Mike & Rob

**Those serving God as missionaries:** Rev. Shauen & Krista Trump & family; Dennis Denow (Thailand), Bob & Chris Prouty (Australia), Pastor Reinke (Deaf Ministry), Rev. Bud Palmer; Rev. Ted Krey, Deaconess, Tirzah Krey in the Dominican Republic; all seminary students in the Dominican Republic, and all other pastors and missionaries in Latin America

**Those in need:** Our Shut-Ins; the family of Jessica Bernoska (Deena Ram’s daughter), who passed away; the family of Garnet Krueger (Lynn Pelnar’s mom), who passed away; Sam—a young man struggling to make good choices; those struggling with addiction; Jennifer; Brian; David

**Birthday:** Jim Duggan – 90<sup>th</sup> – November 22<sup>nd</sup>

*Lord’s Prayer and Morning or Evening Prayer from the Catechism*

*Hymn of the Week: Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending*

LSB 336

**Looking forward to the First Sunday in Advent**

**December 1, 2024**

**Hymns: 343, 332 (341, 334, 350) 348**

***When Love Comes to Town (Pastor O’Donnell)***

Advent is about remembering that Jesus came, that He still comes to us, and that He will come again to complete the New Creation. We begin this season remembering His triumphal entry on the way to His death. As we gather for the Supper we sing “Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord!” (Lk 19.38) We remember that He came because we are un-righteous. We need what only God can give: His righteousness (see Jer 33.16) We remember His love for us, and—receiving His forgiveness—we live toward His promised return, (So help us, God!) “abounding in love for one another.” (1 Thes 3.12)



# 100 envelope challenge

## How it Works

1. **Pick an envelope off the board** to make a donation by cash or check!
2. Whichever one you pick, **include that number in your donation** (ex: Envelope #4's donation can be \$4, \$14, or even \$1840!)
3. **Place sealed envelope in box**

*Our goal is to get every envelope filled by the end of the challenge!*

*November*  
1st-30th

The envelope board can be found at either the ECC entrance or the church/school lobby

**All Proceeds go to ECC renovation projects such as playground updates & classroom flooring replacement**

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE GREEN ROOM IN THE ECC?

Hello from the E.C.C. green room, the two-year-old room! We have had a busy fall so far. This week we learned all about Autumn! We have been having so much fun learning math, science, art, fine motor activities, gross motor activities, and sensory activities that have a fall theme. They have been having so much fun learning! This week:

**Chapel:** This week we read the story of David and Goliath from 1 Samuel 17. By the end of the week they started telling me the story! This week they loved hearing how David knew that God would help him win the battle. We talked about how Goliath had a shield, but it did not protect him. The King gave David a shield, but he didn't use it. David knew that God was his best shield and protection. The battle is the Lord's!

**Science:** Leaf and pumpkin exploration. They got to use a magnifying glass to look at leaves, and some pulp and seeds from a pumpkin in a Ziplock bag for them to explore.

**Math:** They have to guess which hay bale with a shape on it has the scarecrow hiding under it. This is a fun way to help them learn their shapes.

Also, for math we are practicing sorting by organizing different fall items.

**Art:** Fall Q-Tip tree painting, leaf rubbings, and a fall scarecrow collage

**Sensory:** Fall touch box: I placed fall items in a box such as leaves, acorns, small pumpkins, gourds, and leaves. They guess what is inside!

**Fine Motor:** Fall button tree. They practiced their fine motor skills. They took pipe cleaners and twisted them at the bottom and spread the pipe cleaner out to make them look like the branches of a tree. The kids then take buttons and put them on the tree like leaves.

**Gross motor skills:** Welcome Autumn song and a leaf hunt



## WEEK AT A GLANCE

<b>MONDAY</b> November 25	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> Lord's Lambs Giveaway	Fellowship Hall	6:00 pm
<b>TUESDAY</b> November 26	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> Praise Team Rehearsal	Church	6:30 pm
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> November 27	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> Thanksgiving Worship	Church	6:30 pm
<b>THURSDAY</b> November 28	<b>NO SCHOOL/OFFICE CLOSED</b> Thanksgiving Worship	Church	9:00 am
<b>FRIDAY</b> November 29	<b>NO SCHOOL/OFFICE CLOSED</b>		
<b>SATURDAY</b> November 30	Decorate for Christmas	Church	8:00 am
	German Language Christmas Service	Church	2:00 pm
	Divine Worship	Church	5:00 pm
	AA Meeting	Fellowship Hall	8:30 pm
<b>SUNDAY</b> December 1	Divine Worship	Church	8:00 am
	Blood Pressure Screening	Office	9:15 am
	Sunday School	Meet in Gym	9:15 am
	Public School Confirmation Class	Room 219	9:15 am
	Life Application Bible Study	Fellowship Hall	9:15 am
	Divine Worship	Church	10:30 am

## BIBLE STUDIES

### Life Application Bible Study

**Sunday: 9:15 am - Fellowship Hall**

262-567-5001

### Women of Joy

**Saturday (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>) - 8:00 am**

Whelan's

### Journeymen

**Saturday (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>) - 7:30 am**

Maxim's

### Sunday School

**Sunday: 9:15 am – Meet in Gym**

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### **A Welcome Truth**

Bible Truth: God gives us faith in Christ through His Word

Luke 10:38-42

# NEXT WEEKEND

	5:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
<b>Readings</b>	Jer 33:14-16	Ps 25:1-10	1 Thess 3:9-13
<b>Acolytes</b>	TBD	Ryan Edwards	TBD
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Michelle Wilson	Pam Kroupa Wendy Tesch	Marcie Nelson
<b>Elders</b>	Jim Juneau	Chuck Laabs	Jon Schmeling
<b>Greeters</b>	Char Binney	Dave & Bonnie Schlieve Jim & Judy Braatz	Anne Fait
<b>Live-Stream</b>	N/A	Alec & Delaney Heffern	N/A
<b>Radio</b>	N/A	Cheryl Tesch	N/A
<b>Ushering Team</b>	Mark Baganz	Bob Bratz	Mike Neff

DECEMBER 1, 2024

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Pastor: Lance Armstrong O'Donnell

Theme: *When Loves Comes to Town*

5pm & 8am Worship

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10:30am Worship

Special Order

## ST. PAUL'S STAFF

Rev. Lance Armstrong O'Donnell, Senior Pastor  
Allison Mackie, Director of Parish Music  
Jill George, Principal

Rev. Jason Schockman, Associate Pastor  
Christine Flores, ECC Director

Office Hours: 7:00 am – 3:30 pm (Monday-Friday)

### ***The Last Sunday of the Church Year***

#### **Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 51:4–6**

"Give attention to me, my people,  
and give ear to me, my nation;  
for a law will go out from me,  
and I will set my justice for a light to the  
peoples.  
My righteousness draws near,  
my salvation has gone out,  
and my arms will judge the peoples;  
the coastlands hope for me,  
and for my arm they wait.  
Lift up your eyes to the heavens,  
and look at the earth beneath;  
for the heavens vanish like smoke,  
the earth will wear out like a garment,  
and they who dwell in it will die in like manner;  
but my salvation will be forever,  
and my righteousness will never be dismayed."

#### **Epistle: Jude 20–25**

But you, beloved, build yourselves up in your most holy faith; pray in the Holy Spirit; keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. And have mercy on those who doubt; save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh.

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

#### **Holy Gospel: Mark 13:24–37**

[Jesus said:] "In those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the cock crows, or in the morning— lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake."



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# Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, School, & Early Childhood Center

† Please fill out an attendance card and place it in the offering plate. † *As the prelude begins, worshipers are encouraged to conclude conversation and quietly prepare for worship.*

## GUEST INFORMATION

Welcome! We're delighted that you've joined us for worship.

If you have questions, or would like more information about St. Paul's, a greeter, elder, or pastor will be happy to help you.

Please fill out an attendance card, located on the pew in front of you, and place it in the offering plate.

We welcome young children to the service. Try sitting closer to the front by a side aisle. There are activity bags located behind the back pews, and a simulcast downstairs if necessary.

## HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord's Supper is not a private meal, but a body-and-soul communion with Christ and His body, the Church. In keeping with the Lord's instruction (cf. 1 Corinthians 11.17-34) and with the common historical practice of the church, St. Paul's welcomes only those who are in full confessional agreement to receive the Body and Blood of Christ. If you hold a confession differing from The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod or are not yet confirmed in our confession of faith, we welcome you to come forward for a blessing (Please indicate by folding your hands over your heart.). If you are physically unable to come forward, please let an usher know and the pastor will come to you and give you communion. Those communing should mark this on the attendance card. If you have questions, our pastors will be pleased to speak with you.

### Distribution and Communion Wine

Please place open hands out to receive the Body of Christ and also to indicate whether you are receiving the Blood of Christ from the common cup or the individual cup. The wine glasses in the center of each tray contain **one drop** of communion wine. The glasses that contain more wine are dark in color.

## LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

5:00 pm – 77 Marriage Retreat: 52  
8:00 am – 122 **Total: 357**  
10:30 am – 106

Scan the QR code and give electronically. This is a safe and easy way to offer your gifts to God.



## THOSE SERVING THIS WEEKEND

	5pm	8am	10:30am
<b>Celebrant</b>	Ps. O'Donnell	Ps. O'Donnell	Ps. O'Donnell
<b>Preacher</b>	Ps. Schockman	Ps. Schockman	Ps. Schockman
<b>Musicians</b>	Allison Mackie	Allison Mackie	Praise Team
<b>Acolytes</b>	TBD	TBD	TBD
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Margie Hertneky	Wendy Tesch	Barb Star Delaney Heffern
<b>Elders</b>	Chuck Laabs	Mike Tesch	Jerad Luedtke
<b>Greeters</b>	Mark & Sue Baganz	Duane & Sharon Peterson Jim & Marlene Steinberg	Gary & Leah Johnson
<b>Live Stream</b>	N/A	Grace Schockman Brenainn O'Donnell	N/A
<b>Radio</b>	N/A	Chuck Muecke	N/A
<b>Ushering Team</b>	Dan Friedrich	Joel Tesch	Erik Benes

### Prayer before communing:

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this Holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**Altar Flowers:** Ann Duggan in praise to God for Jim's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on November 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Radio Broadcast:** A member in praise to God for blessings received

## ST. PAUL'S MEDIA

† **Radio: LIVE Sunday at 8am on WTKM (104.9 FM)**  
† **YouTube: LIVE Sundays at 8am (stpaulsev.lutheranchurch7279 )**  
† **Web: Anytime at [www.splco.org](http://www.splco.org) or YouTube**

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Announcements

# **We are Alert, Awaiting the Coming of Christ**

by Rev. Jason A. Schockman, Associate Pastor  
St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
Oconomowoc, Wisconsin

The Last Sunday of the Church Year  
24 November, A.D. 2024  
Is 51.4-6; Jude 20-25; Mk 13.24-37

What are some of the descriptions Jesus says we can expect while we wait for His return?

What actually awaits us on THE DAY of His return?

Some of the things Jesus describes about THAT day have happened already both figuratively and literally. WHEN?

What role do the angels have in THAT DAY? Why should that not surprise us?

What do we confess about ourselves on THAT DAY? (*see Luther's Small Catechism, Explanation of the Third Article of the Creed*)

How does the Psalmist speak of this life to come? (*see Psalm 84*)

What does Jesus answer to the "WHEN" question tell us?

What are we supposed to do while we're Awaiting Christ's Return?