

We are a **Reconciling In Christ (RIC)** congregation

St. Paul's Lutheran Church is a community of the people of God, called to serve all people. As Jesus welcomed each person exactly as he or she was, we will do the same. We believe that when we are marked by the Cross of Christ in baptism, we are marked as his forever.

**So, you are welcome here!** We welcome all who wish to worship our Risen Lord and learn about his message. As Jesus included all in his life and death, so do we.

As a Reconciling in Christ congregation, we welcome you  
 ...without regard to race or ethnicity, income level, abilities or disabilities  
 ...without regard to whether you own a home, rent, or are homeless  
 ...without regard to sexual orientation or gender identity: straight, gay, lesbian, transgendered or bisexual  
 ...without regard to age or marital status: single, married, separated, divorced, remarried, widowed or partnered.

We welcome you to join us as an active, responsible, fully participating member, growing with us in faith and fellowship. *"All this is from God who reconciled us through Jesus Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation."*  
 2 Corinthians 5:18

**Today's Worship Leaders**

Celebrant and Preacher.....Rev. Dr. Jon Keiser  
 Organist.....Charles Jones  
 Lector.....Jan Fernow  
 Worship Assistants.....Judy Wylde, Bill Horne  
 Ushers.....Cheryl Bjorge, David Meeks, Mary Jane Bramer, Chad Mowbray  
 Altar Guild.....Cheryl Bjorge, Gretchen Bush, and Emmy Volenberg  
 Audio Tech.....Mirko Bratic

This morning, we want to take a moment to extend a very warm welcome to everyone who is visiting for the first time. Whether you are just having a look or whether you are searching for a place to worship, we are delighted to have you here. St. Paul's is a welcoming, inclusive, and diverse congregation. All are welcome at the Lord's table for Holy Communion. If you are unable to walk up for Holy Communion, let an usher know and Holy Communion will be brought to you in your seat.

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**GATHERING HYMN**      "The Church's One Foundation"      ELW # 654  
 vs. 1-5

1. The church's one foundation  
 is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
 she is his new creation  
 by water and the word.  
 From heav'n he came and sought her  
 to be his holy bride;  
 with his own blood he bought her,  
 and for her life he died.
  
2. Elect from ev'ry nation,  
 yet one o'er all the earth,  
 her charter of salvation  
 one Lord, one faith, one birth:  
 one holy name she blesses,  
 partakes one holy food,  
 and to one hope she presses,  
 with ev'ry grace endued.
  
3. Though with a scornful wonder  
 this world sees her oppressed,  
 by schisms rent asunder,  
 by heresies distressed,  
 yet saints their watch are keeping;  
 their cry goes up: "How long?"  
 And soon the night of weeping  
 shall be the morn of song.

4. Through toil and tribulation  
and tumult of her war,  
she waits the consummation  
of peace forevermore;  
till with the vision glorious  
her longing eyes are blest,  
and the great church victorious  
shall be the church at rest.
5. Yet she on earth has union  
with God, the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion  
with those whose rest is won.  
Oh, blessed heav'nly chorus!  
Lord, save us by your grace,  
that we, like saints before us,  
may see you face to face.

#### INVOCATION

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**

#### RITE OF NEW MEMBERSHIP

P: Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome as new members into the life and ministry of this congregation.

Introduction of New Members

#### APOSTLES' CREED

P: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered crucified, died, and was buried;**

Alleluia! Alleluia!

5. The golden evening brightens in the west;  
soon, soon to faithful servants cometh rest;  
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!
6. But then there breaks a yet more glorious day:  
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
the King of glory passes on his way.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!
7. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

**DISMISSAL** P: Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord. **C: Thanks Be To God**

#### POSTLUDE

*(Personal prayer is available at the side chapel in the front of the sanctuary. If you would like prayer, please go to the side chapel and a prayer partner will join you.)*

## DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

*(All are welcome to partake of Holy Communion. If you would prefer grape juice or a gluten free wafer please communicate with the communion assistant. If you wish to kneel at anytime during Holy Communion, you may use the pew kneeler located in front of you.)*

### COMMUNION HYMN “For All The Saints”

ELW #422 vs. 1 & 2

1. For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
    who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
    thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
    Alleluia! Alleluia!
2. Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;  
    thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;  
    thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.  
    Alleluia! Alleluia!

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

### BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you, The Lord make his face shine upon you, and be gracious unto you; The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. **C: Amen.**

### SENDING HYMN “For All The Saints”

ELW #422  
vs. 3-7

3. Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine,  
    we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
    yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.  
    Alleluia! Alleluia!
4. And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,  
    steals on the ear the distant triumph song,  
    and hearts are brave again and arms are strong.

**he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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.**

P: In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

P: Sisters and brothers in Christ, do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism among God's people in this place?

*Those being welcomed respond:* **I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

*The minister addresses the assembly.*

P: People of God, do you promise to support and pray for these new members in their life in Christ?

**C: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

### WELCOME

*(Those being welcomed face the assembly.)*

P: Let us welcome these sisters and brothers in Christ to this community of faith.

**C: We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

P: Let us pray,  
O God, We give you thanks for our new members whom you have drawn to yourself by the love of Jesus Christ and whom we have welcomed into this household of faith. Keep us close together in your Spirit, in the breaking of bread and the prayers, and in service to others. **C: Amen**

### SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE** "This Is The Feast"  
(Please remain standing)

ELW pg. 140

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

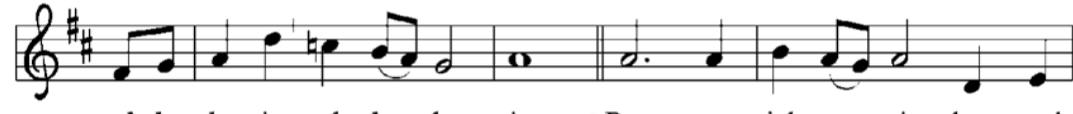


who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

*Refrain*



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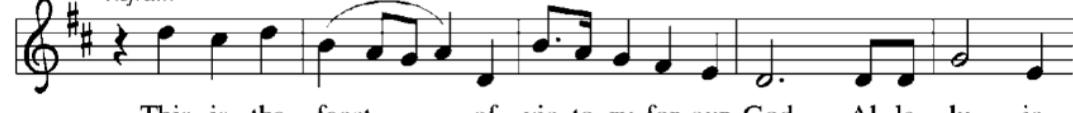


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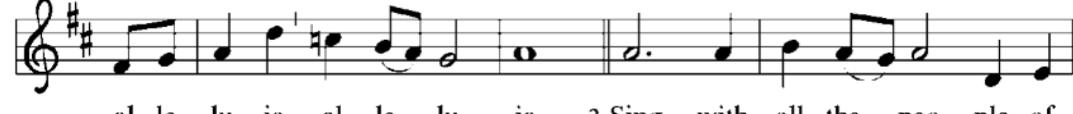


strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



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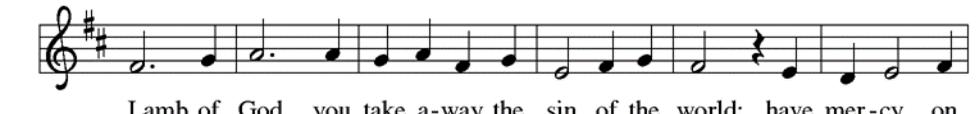
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

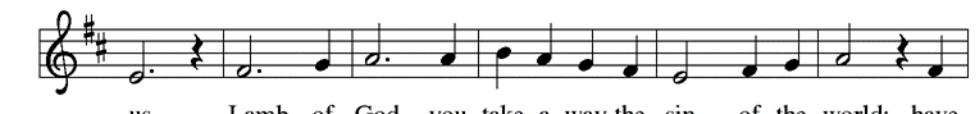
**LORD'S PRAYER** (*spoken*)

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

**LAMB OF GOD** (*Please remain standing during the singing.*) ELW pg. 146



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.

(Please be seated)

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God. The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath. We say:

**C: We praise you, O God.**

P: Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future. We say:

**C: We bless you, O God.**

P: We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now. We say:

**C: We thank you, O God.**

P: 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. (*Bells chime to make a joyful noise unto the Lord.*)

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. (*Bells chime to make a joyful noise unto the Lord.*)

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

P: We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.



A - men, a - men, a - men.



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



*Refrain*  
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



*Final refrain*  
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: 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.

**C: Amen**

**FIRST READING** Isaiah 25:6-9

On 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. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God**

**PSALM HYMN** “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

TOSB #240

Turn your eyes upon Jesus  
Look full in His wonderful face  
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim  
In the light of His glory and grace. *(Repeat)*

**SECOND READING** Revelation 21:1-6a

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. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he 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.” And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.”

L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God**

P: 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. Holy. Holy”

WOV #616a & 616b

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might:  
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
 Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

L: Holy and almighty God, Bless us through your word and holy meal to turn our hearts, souls, and minds to love you and our neighbors. Lord, in your mercy,  
**C: hear our prayer.**

L: Fill our public servants and we who elect them to office with your wisdom. Let your justice flow through our governments and institutions. Lord, in your mercy,  
**C: hear our prayer.**

L: Lift up our hearts with the memory of your blessed saints. Sustain us with the assurance that Christ has prepared an eternal home for them. We bless you for the lives of the saints who now rejoice in your salvation face-to-face. Lord, in your mercy,  
**C: hear our prayer.**

L: Be a faithful companion to people whose illness or experience isolates them from others especially Herb Schaepering, those on our prayer list and those we offer now either silently or aloud. Lord, in your mercy,  
**C: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Enfold all things in your compassion, O God, and bring us into your life through the faithfulness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

## OFFERING

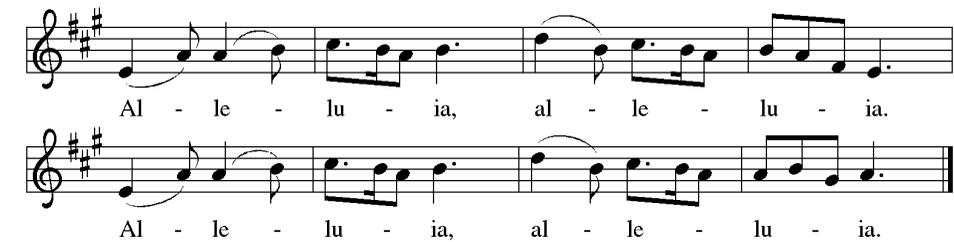
## OFFERTORY

**OFFERTORY PRAYER** “Create In Me” ELW #186  
*(Please stand and sing as the gifts are being brought forward.)*  
**Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of your salvation,  
and uphold me with your free Spirit.**

## PREFACE *(spoken)*

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**  
P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**  
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION “Celtic Alleluia” *(We stand and sing.)*



## GOSPEL John 11:32-44

P: The holy gospel according to St. John the eleventh chapter.

### **C: Glory to you, O Lord**

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.” When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?” Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. 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.” Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. 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.” When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” 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.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord **C: Praise to you O Christ.**

## THE WORD FOR OUR LIVES TODAY

Pastor Jon

## HYMN OF THE DAY “Shall We Gather At The River”

ELW # 423  
vs. 1-4

1. Shall we gather at the river,  
where bright angel feet have trod,  
with its crystal tide forever  
flowing by the throne of God?

### **Refrain**

Yes, we'll gather at the river,  
the beautiful, the beautiful river;  
gather with the saints at the river  
that flows by the throne of God.

2. On the margin of the river,  
washing up its silver spray,  
we will walk and worship ever,  
all the happy golden day. *Refrain*
3. Ere we reach the shining river,  
lay we ev'ry burden down;  
grace our spirits will deliver,  
and provide a robe and crown. *Refrain*
4. Soon we'll reach the shining river,  
soon our pilgrimage will cease;  
soon our happy hearts will quiver  
with the melody of peace. *Refrain*

### **COMMEMERATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

**Prayers for those who lost their lives at Tree of Life Synagogue** (*Thomas Schattauer, Dean of the Chapel, Wartburg Seminary*)

P: The tree of life is a biblical image shared by Jews and Christians. In the story of creation at the beginning of the Hebrew scriptures, the tree of life stands at the center of the garden, where God provides for the well-being of human life (Genesis 2). This tree is an image of the abundant life that is God's purpose in creation and, despite human rebellion and disobedience, remains God's promise and our hope and calling. For Christians, the image of the tree of life has offered a way to link Jesus' death on the tree of the cross to God's creative purpose, to life for the whole world.

Just over a week ago, a gunman entered the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh and killed eleven people worshipping there. He did so as an act of violence against the whole Jewish people.

For that reason, we lift up the names of those who died as a sign of solidarity and as an act of prayer for healing and reconciliation. (*We will observe silence as the names of those who have departed are read. A bell will be tolled after each name.*)

Joyce Fienberg  
Richard Gottfried  
Rose Mallinger

Jerry Rabinowitz  
Cecil Rosenthal  
David Rosenthal  
Bernice Simon  
Sylvan Simon  
Daniel Stein  
Melvin Wax  
Irving Younger

### **Prayers for the members of this household who died this year.**

We now remember those who, together with us, stood at the foot of the cross; who have gone before us to the place where goodness and mercy will follow them all their days; and where all will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. (*We will observe silence as the names of those who have departed are read. A bell will be tolled after each name.*)

Curt Schuenke  
Nick Berlage  
Frances Lundval  
Maria Giroffi

### **Prayers for loved ones who died.**

I invite you offer aloud the names of the faithful departed whom you would like to commemorate on this All Saints Sunday.

(*One final bell will be tolled after the names from within the congregation have been spoken aloud.*)

P: Gracious Father, we give You thanks that You kept these your children in faith, by Your Word and Sacraments, through this life and unto eternal glory. Keep us also by the same powerful means, that we may boldly confess Your salvation unto the time of our departure from this world and finally be reunited with all the saints in glory. We praise You that You have comforted us by Your Holy Spirit in our times of grieving. Grant that we may continually speak of the hope that is in us to others who grieve. We look forward to that day when all Your saints will live together in Your eternal embrace and together share the joys of heaven. We pray all this through Jesus Christ, our hope and our salvation.

**C: Amen.**

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Pastor: With the people of God gathered here and throughout the world, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.