



St. Paul Lutheran Church

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The Rev. Tracey Breashears Schultz, *Supply Pastor*

Organists: (5 p.m.) Jean McHenry

(9 a.m.) Sherise Davis

November 20 & 21, 2021

Christ the King



JOHN 18:36

Next weekend's readings:

Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36

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Welcome!

- + Welcome to worship!
- + All are welcome at the table of grace. We believe that Christ is truly present as we share the bread and wine. Those at home are invited to use whatever bread or crackers and wine or juice you have on hand. We believe that Christ is truly present as we share whatever elements we have available.
- + The 9 a.m. service will be on Facebook live & audio streamed on our webpage, www.stpaullg.org. It will also be posted on our Facebook page. You may also listen to last week's service on KBUK 104.9 FM on Sundays at 10 am.
- + Everyone is invited for coffee and conversation in the Fellowship Hall following Sunday morning's service.

Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, the people still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the "one like a human being" (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

(Stand if able)

Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(Silence is kept for reflection)

Have mercy on us, O God. **We confess that we have sinned against you and against our neighbor. We have built walls instead of tables and have turned away the stranger. We have sought glory for ourselves and have treasured that which does not satisfy. Help us to love as you love, to welcome those you send, and to treasure mercy and justice. Turn us from our ways to your ways, and free us to serve those in need. Amen.** God, who makes all things new, forgives your sins for ✝ Jesus' sake and remembers them no more. Lift up your heads and your hearts. Yours is the kingdom of God. **Amen.**

Hymn ELW 805 "Lead On, O King Eternal" *(back of bulletin)*

Greeting

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

Prayer of the Day

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

(Sit)

WORD

Children's Word

Psalm 93 *(read responsively)*

¹The LORD is king, he is robed in majesty;
the LORD is robed, he is girded with strength.
He has established the world; it shall never be moved;

²your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting.

³The floods have lifted up, O LORD, the floods have lifted up their voice;
the floods lift up their roaring.

**⁴More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters,
more majestic than the waves of the sea,
majestic on high is the LORD!**

⁵Your decrees are very sure; holiness befits your house, O LORD, forevermore.

Reading Revelation 1:4b-8

The book of Revelation begins by celebrating the Almighty God, who spans all of time. Similarly, Jesus is celebrated as the firstborn from the dead who rules over the world's rulers. He is the one whose return we eagerly await.

^{4b}Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds;

every eye will see him,

even those who pierced him;

and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

(Stand if able)

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel John 18:33-37

The Holy Gospel according to St. John. **Glory to you, O Lord!**

In John's gospel, the story of Jesus and Pilate presents two different ways of exercising power: through force or with love.

³³Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

This is the gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ!**

(Sit)

(Stand if able)

Hymn ELW 660 "Lift High the Cross" *(back of bulletin)*

Apostles Creed

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 under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; 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.

Prayers of Intercession

Eternal God, you hold firm amid the changes of this world. Hear us now as we pray for the church, the world, and everyone in need.

God, you sent your Son Jesus to liberate all of creation. We pray for all living things longing for the freedom to flourish, from ancient trees and wild grasses to endangered animals and rare insects. Give human beings compassionate hearts to care for them. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God, you sent your Son Jesus to lead us into the way of peace. Direct the members of international alliances in choosing a nonviolent path toward the future. Give them the humility and wisdom to make just decisions to benefit all. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God, you sent your Son Jesus to make us into your own people, set free to serve you. We pray for people who serve the well-being of others, especially ministries in our community. Renew them in their work. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God, you sent your Son Jesus to rule in all times and places. We pray for the friends of our congregation who are unable to join our worship in person and for all who are sick and suffering, especially for all affected by the COVID virus, and for the families of Charles Rau and Daniel Pietsch. For Alan, Annazell, Annette, Annie, Autry, Barbara, Becki, Pastor Bill, Blair, Calvin, Carolyn, Don, Doris, Earlene, Ed, Edna Mae, Edwin, Elaine, Elva, Enid, Eric, Fay, Gary, George, Iris, J.C., James, Jenelle, Jerry, JoAnne, Johnny, Jon, Juanita, Kay, Kevin, Leon, Lisa, Marjorie, Mel, Michael, Myrtle, Nellie, Nick, Norbert, Oliver, Raymond, Sarah, Sherise, Sherry, Sheryl, Shirley, Susie, Pastor Sue, Tom and for those we name now in the silence of our hearts. Join their prayers with ours and unite them with us in the body of Christ. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God, you sent your Son Jesus to be our beginning and our ending. We give thanks for those whose lives have given us a glimpse of Jesus' reign of justice and peace. Empower us to join their witness. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God our hope and strength, we entrust to you all for whom we pray. Remain with us always, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Offering

The offering plates will be passed this morning. The lock box will also be in the Narthex as you exit. Offerings may also be mailed to St. Paul, PO Box 567, La Grange, Texas, 78945; or brought to the church office, 427 S Washington St. You may donate now by scanning the QR Code which will take you will to myEoffering where you can register to give online - you choose the frequency of giving - you may make a one time offering or schedule when you prefer. Thank you for supporting St. Paul!



Offering Song

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Offering Prayer

Holy God, the earth is yours and everything in it, yet you have chosen to dwell among your creatures. Come among us now in these gifts of bread and wine, and strengthen us to be your body for the world through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

MEAL

The 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. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. 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:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Thanksgiving at the Table

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all. 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, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

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, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Communion Instructions

All who receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion in their own community of faith are welcome to receive, or you may come forward to receive a blessing.

Grape juice is in the center of the tray. If you are physically unable to come forward for communion, please tell an usher and communion will be brought to you. You may also remain in your pew and use a prepackaged communion kit.

Communion Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Blessed Jesus, at this table, you have been for us both host and meal. Now send us forth to extend our tables and to share your gifts until that day when all feast together at your heavenly banquet. **Amen.**

Children's Sunday School

Children 6th grade and below gather in the back of the Sanctuary to go to the Friendship Room for Sunday School. Parents can pick their children up at 10:30 a.m.

SENDING

Blessing

God, the beginning and the end, who has written your name in the book of life, ✠ bless and keep you in grace and peace from this time forth and forevermore. **Amen.**

Sending Song ELW 439 "Soon and Very Soon" (*back of bulletin*)

Dismissal

Led on by the saints before us, go in peace to serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God. And we will!**

**Please remain in the Sanctuary
after the service!**

Pastor Tracey will give a presentation explaining the call process, laying out a timeline and all the steps necessary to

Pick up your tamale order Tuesday between 4 & 6 p.m.
in the Fellowship Hall. Extras were ordered.

SUNDAY: 9:00 AM Praise Worship w/ Pr. Tracey Schultz
6:00 PM Community Thanksgiving Service @ Casino Hall
TUESDAY: 4-6 PM LYO Tamale Pick-Up
6:00 PM Council Meeting
WEDNESDAY: 8:30 AM Community Bible Study
6:00 PM Handbell Choir
7:00 PM Vocal Choir
8:00 PM Praise Band
THURSDAY-TUESDAY: OFFICE CLOSED
SATURDAY: 5:00 PM Worship w/ Pr. Jerry Wirtley
SUNDAY: 9:00 AM Worship w/ Pr. Jerry Wirtley

Lead On, O King Eternal!



1 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal! The day of march has come;
 2 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
 3 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears,



hence-forth in fields of con - quest your tents will be our home.
 and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;
 for glad-ness breaks like morn - ing wher - e'er your face ap - pears.



Through days of prep - a - ra - tion your grace has made us strong;
 for not with swords loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir-ring drums,
 Your cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light;



and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.
 but deeds of love and mer - cy the heav'n - ly king - dom comes.
 the crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might!

Text: Ernest W. Shurtleff, 1862–1917
 Music: LANCASHIRE, Henry T. Smart, 1813–1879

Lift High the Cross



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till



all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Refrain



our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
 bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827–1912; rev. Michael R. Newbolt, 1874–1956
 Music: CRUCIFER, Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875–1947
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Soon and Very Soon



1 Soon and ver - y soon
2 No more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
3 No more dy - in' there,
4 Soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon
no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
no more dy - in' there,
soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon
no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King.
no more dy - in' there,
soon and ver - y soon



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!

Coda after stanza 4



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu -



jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

Text: Andraé Crouch, b. 1945

Music: VERY SOON, Andraé Crouch

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5 p.m. USHERS: James & Sharon Elias;

ALTAR GUILD: James & Kathy Brewer; **READER:** Kathy Brewer

9 a.m. USHERS: Howard & Phyllis Bohot, George Eilert, Gary Anders;

ALTAR GUILD: Janet Coronado; **READER:** Praise Band

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God in memory of Sanford Schmid on his birthday, November 20 by Mannie.Fritsch-Schmid.

RECOVERING AT HOME: Leon Heintschel

OUR CHRISTIAN CONDOLENCES to the family of Rose Hunger, whose funeral was Tuesday. Rest eternal grant her, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine on her.

WE WELCOME Pastor Tracey Breashears Schultz, the Bishop's Associate for Leadership, will serve our supply pastor this weekend.

Please remain in the Sanctuary after each service, when Pastor Tracey will give a presentation explaining the call process, laying out a timeline and all the steps necessary to call our new minister. She will answer any questions you have about this process.

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED Thursday, November 25-Tuesday, November 30. Call Melinda, 979-820-8793, with emergencies.

AMEN DONATIONS: We collected 87# of food for AMEN so far in November. Our monthly goal is 200#, so please bring food to the AMEN basket this weekend or to the green baskets by the door on Walnut Street or on the office porch. Monetary donations to the AMEN Food Pantry are always welcome (mark your envelope AMEN).

ST. PAUL LYO TAMALE SALE: Pick up your order Tuesday between 4 & 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Extras were ordered and will be sold first come, first served.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE is at 6:00 p.m. at the Historic Casino Hall. Non-perishable donations will be collected for AMEN.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER at First United Methodist Church on Thanksgiving Day, November 25 from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

All meals are free. Call 968-8323 to reserve your plate or to volunteer!

GIFT CARDS NEEDED!

Cheri Herbrich, Vice-President of the Fayette County Child Welfare Board will see that these cares are distributed to Fayette County children removed from their parents homes. HEB, Wal-Mart and Academy gift cards are requested, please write the gift amount on the card. Bring all cards to the church office by December 13.