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St. Paul's Celebrates, Declares, and Demonstrates the
Love of God in Jesus Christ to Sarver and the World.

Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost

November 17, 2024

Family of Christ, welcome to worship! May you sense Jesus' presence and be strengthened in his love.

* Indicates when to stand

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND TIME OF SHARING

STEWARDSHIP TALK

***GATHERING SONG:** "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" Hymn #632

*APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

C. **And also with you.**



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



1 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.



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



2 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.

Today's Service:

Lector: Marlene Lacanic

Ushers: Larry & Kelly Warriner, Morgan Kaminski, Sam Naples

Communion Assistant: Greg Carns, Ron Mariotti

Tellers: Bill Boyer, Larry Szebalskie, Sam Naples

Continued steady, steadfast, sustained prayers for:

Vivian Beers, Joe Cashell, Charlotte Hostetler, Don Diller,
Claire Jones, Janaea, Dorothy Glance, Floyd & Carol Lux, Joanne Toy,
Tom Leskovik, Paige Swagger, Ted & Pat Kaminski, Scott Reyer,
John Schmeider, Don Blumetti, Ron Hanna, Rodney, Al Reyer,
Gretchen, Dave Bochman, Rhonda Lineman, Joyce & Nelson Bastin,
Michael Furer, Shelly, Mary Blake, Holden, Sophia, Glenda, Clayton,
Tom, Hobe & Eunice Kenton, Dale, Mario Lesko, Jim, Carol,
Dave Fotheringham, Jen Scandrol, Don Olszewski, Avani, Mr. K.,
Cara, Joe, Monie's sister, Eric Bricket, Larry Warriner's sister Nancy

Christmas Open House time for Quiet Prayer

The church Sanctuary will be open on Saturday, December 7 from 9:30-1:30 for a time of individual prayer and meditation. This is a time to reflection and prayer before the hustle and bustle of the holiday season begins. There will be devotionals available to guide you as you spend time with the Lord in prayer. You may stay as long as you like.

Kiski Valley Community Band Christmas Concert

Join us for an afternoon of Christmas music as the Kiski Valley Community Band performs for us on Sunday, December 22 @3:00pm. Fellowship over cookies and beverage to follow.



3:00pm & 7:00pm

***PASTORAL BLESSING**

P. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C. Amen

***SENDING SONG:**

“Lead On, O King Eternal”

Hymn #805

***THE DISMISSAL**

P. Go in Peace. Serve the Lord. C. Thanks be to God!

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Operation Christmas Child

Shoeboxes are available in the Narthex. We are not collecting items this year. Everyone may pack and donate their own individual boxes. A box is available at the Outreach Hub if anyone wishes to make a monetary donation of \$10 to go towards the cost of shipping. Boxes are due back at St. Paul’s TODAY.

College Student “Finals Gift”

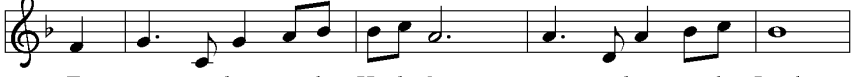
We are accepting monetary donations to purchase gift cards to be sent to our college students during their finals week. This lets them know that we are thinking of them and praying for them as they prepare for their final exams. A box is located at the kiosk. Please do not place in the offering plate. Thanks for your support!

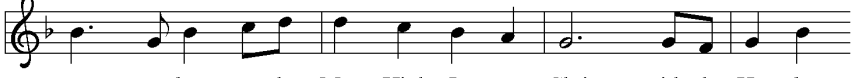
Decorating for Christmas

We will be decorating the sanctuary and Narthex for Christmas on Saturday, November 30 at 10:00am. We have many trees to decorate as well as putting up wreaths and various decorations throughout the church. Anyone interested in joining us is welcome!

Refrain

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


3 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.

Refrain

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***THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

Spoken response at conclusion of each reading: “Thanks be to God.”

The First Lesson: 1 Samuel 1:4-20

Psalm 16

Second Lesson: Ephesians 6:10-20


Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?


You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

*The Holy Gospel: Mark 13:1-13

THE CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

THE SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY “A Mighty Fortress”**

Hymn #504

***THE APOSTLE’S 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.

***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Each petition concludes with *“Lord, in your mercy...”*
 Please respond with **“hear our prayer”**

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

OFFERING

***THE DOXOLOGY**

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P. Let us pray

**C. Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth
 and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who
 hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to
 feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.



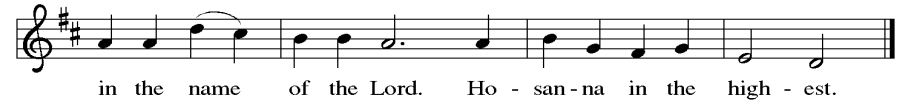
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



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.

***THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

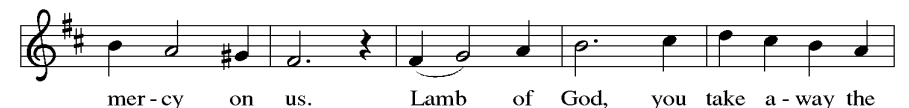
***THE LORD’S PRAYER**



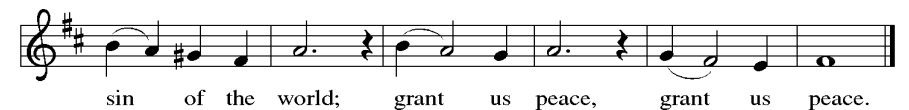
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



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.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

***THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P. Let us pray.

**C. God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation
 you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your
 people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we
 may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue
 forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**