

*Christ the King*  
*Sunday, November 24, 2019*

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church**  
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**GATHERING**

*As we gather, let us refrain from conversation, quiet ourselves, and welcome the Holy Spirit into our midst.*

<b>PRELUDE (8:00)</b>	<b>“O Worship the King”</b>	<b>F. Ritter</b>
<b>BELL CHOIR (10:30)</b>	<b>*“Come, Christians Join to Sing”</b>	<b>A. Sherman</b>
<b>ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>		

GATHERING HYMN

“O Worship the King”

1. O wor - ship the King, all - glo - rious a - bove,  
 2. O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,  
 3. The earth with its store of won - ders un - told,  
 4. Thy boun - ti - ful care, what tongue can re - cite?  
 5. Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,

and grate - ful - ly sing His pow'r and His love;  
 whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space.  
 al - might - y, Thy pow'r hath found - ed of old;  
 It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,  
 in Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail;

our Shield and De - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,  
 His char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,  
 es - tab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,  
 it streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,  
 Thy mer - cies how ten - der! how firm to the end!

pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor, and gird - ed with praise.  
 and dark is His path on the wings of the storm.  
 and round it hath cast, like a man - tle, the sea.  
 and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.  
 Our Mak - er, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend.

## 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.**

## HMYN OF PRAISE “O God beyond All Praising”

1 O God be-yond all prais - ing, we wor-ship you to - day  
and sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can-not re - pay;  
for we can on - ly won - der at ev - 'ry gift you send,  
at bless-ings with - out num - ber and mer-cies with - out end:  
we lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your word,  
we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O Almighty God, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## WORD

### **A Reading from Jeremiah.**

<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 not fear any longer, 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."  
(Jeremiah 23:1-6)

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 46**

<sup>1</sup>God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.

<sup>2</sup>**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,  
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**

<sup>3</sup>though its waters rage and foam,  
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

<sup>4</sup>**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

<sup>5</sup>God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;  
God shall help it at the break of day.

<sup>6</sup>**The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;  
God speaks, and the earth melts away.**

<sup>7</sup>The Lord of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

<sup>8</sup>**Come now, regard the works of the Lord,  
what desolations God has brought up- on the earth;**

<sup>9</sup>behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;  
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

<sup>10</sup>**“Be still, then, and know that I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”**

<sup>11</sup>The Lord of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

### **A Reading from Colossians.**

<sup>11</sup>May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while 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. (Colossians 1:11-20)

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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

**Gospel** Luke 22:33-43

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>33</sup>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. <sup>34</sup>[[Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.”]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. <sup>35</sup>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!” <sup>36</sup>The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, <sup>37</sup>and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” <sup>38</sup>There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

<sup>39</sup>One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” <sup>40</sup>But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? <sup>41</sup>And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” <sup>42</sup>Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” <sup>43</sup>He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.” (Luke 23:33-43)

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** “Lord, I Lift Your Name on High” #857

**SERMON**

**BELL CHOIR (10:30)** \*“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” K. McChesney

## **THE NICENE CREED**

We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

# OFFERING

*For 10:30 service ushers: Take the offering plates from the table in the back of the church. Receive the collection along the center aisle, from front to back, then walk behind the last pews and up the side aisles to receive the collection on the outside aisles, again from front to back. Return to the back and wait for the Communion Assistant to come forward with the alms basin.*

**Offertory (8:00)**

“Trumpet Tune”

A. Giamanco

**Anthem (10:30)**

\*“We Are the Church”

J. Martin

*Chancel Choir*

## **OFFERTORY HYMN** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low;

praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

## **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

United with the saints of every time and place, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

*A brief silence.*

God, you are our righteousness. Fill us with the hope of steadfast love and shine light so that we see your kingdom made visible on earth. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God, your reign extends from majesty of the universe to a single grain of sand. Guide us to protect your creation and to live in peace with this planet. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God, you are exalted among nations. Protect the people in countries ravaged by violence, warfare, and hatred, and raise up leaders to find their strength in you. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God, you are our help in times of trouble. Like a shepherd who guards the sheep, watch over your flock: those who are sick and hurting in body, mind, or spirit, (*especially...*). Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God, you call us forth from this place to lives of service. Equip all the ministries of this congregation and help us to share Christ's love with neighbors in need. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Almighty God, the beginning and the end, we rejoice that one day we will share in the inheritance of the saints. With thanks to you we remember those who have gone before us. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Rejoicing in hope, we lift our prayers to you, most gracious Lord, trusting that you have received them in your care.

**Amen.**

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

## SENDING

### BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us now and forever. **Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**      “Crown Him with Many Crowns”      #855

### THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**      “Behold the King”      D. Paxton

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**Altar flowers** are presented in honor of Alexander Sklar by his family.

**Chancel flowers** are presented in memory of parents, grandparents, Francis & Margaret Piacine by Richards/Dixon Families.

**Today's bulletins** are presented in memory of Mr. & Mrs. William Lafko by the Lafko family.

**\*Today's anthem** is presented in honor of my grandson, Sgt. Ryan T. Herb, who is serving our country in Afghanistan, by Gloria Dierwechter (2019).

\*“Come, Christians, Join to Sing” was presented by Jack Miller and Mary Timpany in honor of their children: Christopher, Alex, and Fritz. (2000)

\*“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” was presented in honor of the Scholtes’ children: Michael, Heather, Christy, and Zoe by Pastor and Bonnie Scholtes. (2013)

**SERVING TODAY (11/24/19)**

**8:00 AM**

**LECTOR: Deb Moyer; LAY WORSHIP LEADER: Doug Travor**

**10:30 AM**

**LECTOR: Sue Reier; LAY WORSHIP LEADERS: Chris Long & Sue Schenck;**

**USHERS: Tina Butler & Hope Clarke; GREETER: Sue Schenck;**

**COUNTERS: Connie Teter, Jean Premich, & Barb Sterner;**

**ALTAR GUILD: Joanne Emerich & Gwen Wehr**

**SERVING NEXT SUNDAY (12/01/19)**

**8:00 AM**

**LECTOR: Becky Herb; COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Gail Rarick**

**10:30 AM**

**LECTOR: Juli Schenck; COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Jim Spotts;**

**USHERS: Sue & Mike Petresky; GREETER: Doug Travor;**

**COUNTERS: Gwen Wehr, Tom Wehr, & Glenda Bright ;**

**ALTAR GUILD: Joanne Emerich & Gwen Wehr**

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**COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE**

Please plan to worship with your friends and neighbors at Salem United Methodist Church on Wednesday, November 27, 2019, at 7 PM. There are no musical rehearsals scheduled at St. Paul’s for that evening.

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**CALENDAR**

Sunday, November 24	8:00 AM	Worship
	9:15 AM	Adult Forum
		Property Committee
	10:30 AM	Worship
Wednesday, November 27	7:00 PM	Thanksgiving Eve Worship at Salem U.M. Church
Saturday, November 30	9:00 AM	Decorating the Sanctuary
	5:30 PM	Worship
Sunday, December 1	8:00 AM	Worship
	9:15 AM	Adult Forum
	10:30 AM	Worship

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**EVANGELISM NEWS**

Sunday, December 15, we will be having breakfast treats for all following the 8 AM service! Come and share good food and fellowship!

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**CHURCH FLOWER PRICES**

As of January 1, Freed's Flowers will increase their prices: The minimum price for a Chancel Basket will be \$25.00 and Altar Flowers will cost \$30.00. If you would like to order a special arrangement for a given date, you can do that by contacting Freed's directly; just mark the flower book accordingly. Please see Sue Schenck with any questions.

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**CHRISTMAS DECORATING**

Please join our Worship & Music Committee on Saturday, November 30 at 9 AM as we begin to decorate the sanctuary for the Advent & Christmas Seasons!

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**CHRISTMAS DINNER**

The Men of St. Paul’s and WELCA will hold a dinner for all members of the congregation on Sunday, December 8, at 5:00 PM in Reidler Hall. There is a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Place, so that we can know how many people to expect. Please plan to join us, and add your name to our list!

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**PASTOR ON VACATION**

Pastor Mike will be on vacation and will not lead worship this month on Saturday, November 23, and Sunday, November 24, 2019. If you or someone you love needs pastoral care in an emergency during this time, please call 717-649-3532 and leave a detailed message.

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**BOOKS FOR KIDS DRIVE**

Our Service Committee is holding a “Christmas” Book Drive for children whose families are served by the Orwigsburg Area Food Pantry. Your new or gently used books are needed now. Donations can be placed in a box located in the narthex today through Saturday, December 14! Thank you for your generosity!

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO US!**

The Worship and Music Committee invites you to enjoy a piece of our congregational birthday cake between the 8 and 10:30 AM worship services on Sunday, December 8, 2019! We will officially be 175 years old as an independent Lutheran congregation on Saturday, December 7, 2019!

Please mark your calendars now and plan to celebrate with your church family!

## ANGEL TREE RETURNS

Our congregation will again participate in “Angel Tree” giving this year. The following are guidelines for this project:

- The Angel Tree, which will be filled with names and gift ideas for area youth, will arrive around Thanksgiving.
- Each tag will contain the name, age, gender and a gift idea---*please keep gifts in the \$15-\$20 price range*
- Please drop off the gift unwrapped and with the name tag. The Sunday school kids will wrap the presents (it’s one of our favorite activities !!!)
- Each child will also get a Christmas stocking. The stockings will have a tag with the name, gender and age of the child. Please fill it with age-appropriate snacks, toiletries and other small items.
- We have plenty of wrapping paper but can always use boxes, gift bags and Scotch tape – we seem to go through a lot tape!

Please contact Deb Bolinsky at 570-789-3540 with any questions.

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**POINSETTIA ORDER FORM**

Poinsettias for Christmas Eve will be ordered from Blue Mountain Farms, New Ringgold, PA.  
The cost of an 8+ bloom plant is \$8.00.

You may purchase these flowers and dedicate them “in honor of” or “in memory of” someone  
in your life.

If you choose not to dedicate the plants, you will be listed as a sponsor.

**THE DEADLINE TO ORDER POINSETTIAS IS DECEMBER 1.**

Please complete this form and return it with payment to the plate in the gathering room.

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YOUR NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to order \_\_\_\_\_ red poinsettia(s);

I would like to order \_\_\_\_\_ white poinsettia(s);

I would like to order \_\_\_\_\_ pink poinsettia(s);

I would like to order \_\_\_\_\_ marble (pink and white marbled flower) poinsettia(s);

I would like to order \_\_\_\_\_ jingle bell (red with white speckled flower) poinsettia(s);

at \$8.00 each. I wish to dedicate my flowers(s) “in honor/memory of”  
(Please circle one)

Honor/Memory: \_\_\_\_\_

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