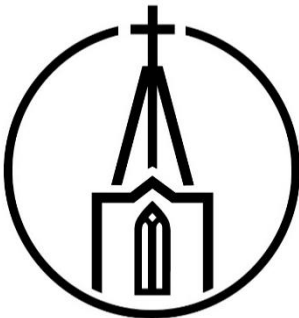
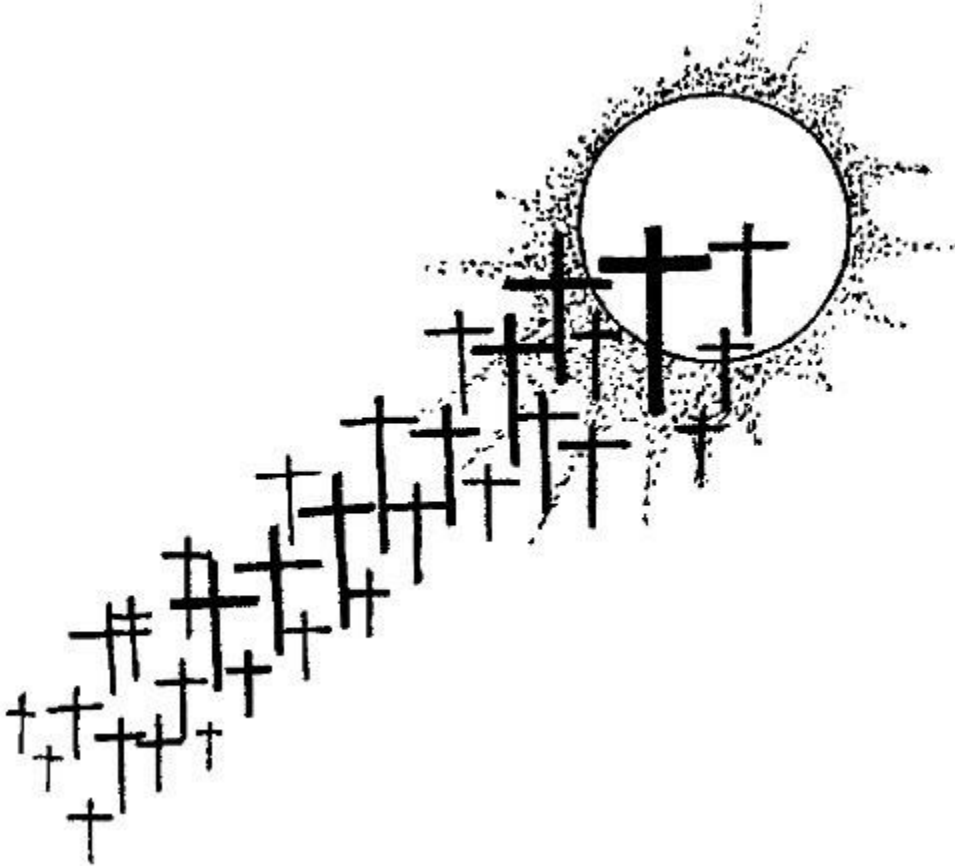


Saturday/Sunday, November 13/14, 2021
Saints Triumphant Sunday



St. Paul's
Lutheran Church
1100 Georgia Ave., Norfolk, Nebraska

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We welcome all worshipping God in this service!

We're so happy that you're joining us for worship today! If you need any help, please don't hesitate asking one of the ushers. Restrooms are located in the narthex, across from the car-port entrance on the west side of the church. A cry/changing room with a live-stream is also available in that same area..

St. Paul's is a member of the WELS...the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Just what is that?!?!

Wisconsin – In 1849, a group of Christians first joined together for like-minded Gospel ministry in the Milwaukee, Wisconsin area. Today, although our name only says “Wisconsin,” WELS congregations exist in all fifty states and in more than 25 countries.

Evangelical – This word simply means “good news.” The “Good News” of God’s love through Jesus is the heart of our faith and teaching.

Lutheran – In 16th century Europe, the church had strayed away from the Scriptures, and was teaching that a person is saved by his/her good works. A man named Martin Luther worked to return to the basic Biblical truths that a person is saved by grace alone, through faith alone, which comes by Scripture alone. Our congregation continues to build on these three Biblical truths.

Synod – This word means “walking together.” For over 150 years, St. Paul's has been blessed as part of a church body, a synod, which consists of over 1,200 congregations, “walking together” in the same faith and the same ministry of sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Times to Formally Gather around the Gospel:

Saturday:	6:30 PM Worship Service
Sunday:	9:00 AM Worship Service & 10:15 AM Bible Class
Monday:	6:30 PM Sisters In Faith fellowship & study
Wednesday:	10:00 AM Bible Class (in church basement)

*The Sunday service is broadcast live every week on KNEN, 94.7 FM,
and livestreamed via our website – stpls.com.
These Sunday service video recordings are also archived on Youtube.*

TODAY'S SERVICE THEME...

During the church season of the End Time many people have a scary, negative picture of destruction and gloom and doom. That side certainly is part of the reality of the End-Times and Judgment Day, but the Christian has the very positive reminder of loved ones already being saints in heaven, as well as living Christians also being forgiven saints through the gift of faith!

HYMN #213 "Forever with the Lord" HOTW

Please stand!!

INVOCATION

M: We begin our time of worship in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: We worship our triune God, for the salvation He gives us. Amen.

CONFESSION

M: Dear friends, let us humbly and honestly approach God to confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to forgive us.

ALL: Lord of life, I confess that I am naturally born to be dead in my sin. I am altogether helpless for reaching eternal life in heaven. I am guilty of faithless worrying and selfish pride, for pet-sins that I do over and over, and so many other sins I don't even realize I do. Because of the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do, You should drive me away from your presence forever by sending me to hell. O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

ABSOLUTION

M: Thanks be to God!! In His great mercy, God made us alive in Christ through faith, even when we were dead in our sins! Hear and trust the promise of forgiveness which is ours through faith, as Jesus said to the paralyzed man and his friends in Luke chapter 5... When Jesus saw their faith, he said, "Friend, your sins are forgiven."

ALL: We are thankful for and trust in God's merciful promises! We rest assured in the peaceful confidence that our sins are forgiven, and because of that gift of forgiveness, we will strive to remove those sins

from our lives. Amen. Dear God, please strengthen my faith so that I am a stronger Christian worker, family-member, congregation-member and neighbor. Amen.

SALUTATION

M: Dear members and friends of St. Paul's, may the Lord and all His blessings be with you.

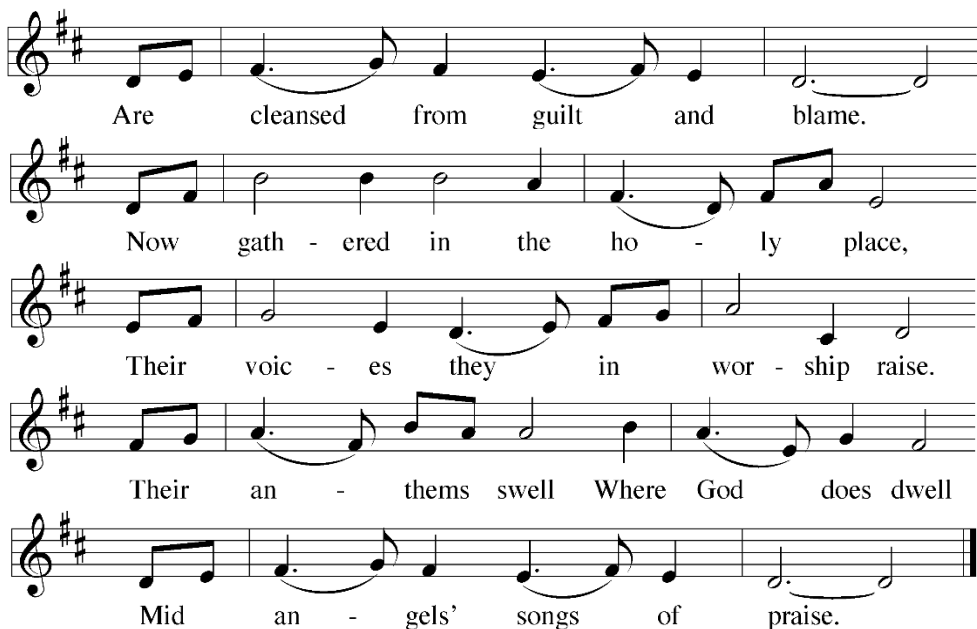
C: Pastor, may He also bless and be with you.

Please be seated!

CHILDRENS' MESSAGE

HYMN CW #550, vs 1 "Behold a Host, Arrayed in White"

I Be - hold a host, ar - rayed in white,
Like thou - sand snow - clad moun - tains bright;
With palms they stand. Who is this band
Be - fore the throne of light?
These are the saints of glo - rious fame,
Who from the great af - flic - tion came
And in the flood Of Je - sus' blood



SAINTS-TRIUMPHANT DIALOGUE

“The Resurrection to Eternal Life...to Hell or to Heaven!”

P: According to the Bible, what happens when a person dies?

ALL: “The dust returns to the ground it came from, and the spirit returns to God who gave it.” Ecclesiastes chapter twelve, verse 7.

P: What does the Bible say will happen in the resurrection of the Last Day, Judgment Day?

ALL: On the Last Day, Judgment Day, God will use His power to raise from the dead, the bodies of all people who have died throughout history. “A time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice and come out.” John chapter five, verse twenty-eight.

P: What does the Bible say will happen to the unbelievers who have rejected God’s gracious invitation of forgiveness through Jesus?

ALL: Sadly, they will be separated from God to live in eternal torment in a place called hell. “Then [Jesus] will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.’” Matthew chapter twenty-five, verse forty-one.

P: What does the Bible say will happen to those who, through the gift of faith, trust in Jesus for the forgiveness of their sins?

ALL: The Bible says, “We will be with the Lord forever!” First Thessalonians chapter four, verse seventeen. “Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world.’” Matthew chapter twenty-five, verse thirty-four.

HYMN CW #550, vs 2 “Behold a Host, Arrayed in White”

Despised and scorned, they sojourned here;
But now, how glorious they appear!
Those martyrs stand, A priestly band,
God's throne forever near.
So oft in troubled days gone by,
In anguish they would weep and sigh;
At home above The God of love
Fore'er their tears shall dry.
They now enjoy the Sabbath rest,
The heav'nly banquet of the blest;
The Lamb, their Lord, At festive board
Himself is host and guest.

P: What does the Bible say my life in heaven will be like?

ALL: When I am with God in heaven, I will be free from all pain, sadness, and troubles of this life on earth!

P: Revelation chapter 7, verses 16 & 17 refer to the saints in heaven... ¹⁶ Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat upon them, nor any scorching heat.

ALL: ¹⁷ For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; he will lead them to springs of living water. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

P: What does the Bible say will happen to my body on Judgment Day?

ALL: Jesus will change my imperfect, sinful body into a holy replica of His glorious body so that it lives forever in heaven with Him! “[Christ] will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.” Philippians chapter three, verse 21.

P: How does this give me comfort as a Christian?

ALL: When I think of a loved one who has died in Jesus, it makes me glad to know all this is true for them! When I think of my own death, I look forward to that day with thankful anticipation! “Our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ.” Philippians chapter three, verse twenty.

HYMN CW #550, vs 3 “Behold a Host, Arrayed in White”

O blessed saints, now take your rest;
A thousand times you will be blessed
For keeping faith Firm unto death
And scorning worldly trust.
For now you live at home with God;
You toiled and sowed the Word abroad.
Rejoice and bring Your fruits and sing
Before the throne of God.
The myriad angels raise the song;
O saints, sing with that happy throng!
Lift up one voice; Let heav'n rejoice
In our Redeemer's song.

OUR END-TIME CONFESSION OF FAITH

P: God has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed.

C: He has given proof of this to all people by raising Jesus from the dead.

P: The Lord Jesus himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command,

C: with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God.

P: When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with Him, He will sit on His throne in heavenly glory.

C: All the nations will be gathered before him.

P: There will be a resurrection of both the righteous and the wicked. Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake:

C: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt.

P: Whoever believes in Jesus will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already

C: because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

P: The King will say to us, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance,

C: the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world."

P: Christ will transform our lowly bodies

C: so that they will be like his glorious body.

P: Then the wicked will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.

C: And so we will be with the Lord forever.

P: Our citizenship is in heaven.

C: And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ.

P: Therefore we keep watch, because we do not know on what day our Lord will come.

ALL: We must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at a time when we do not expect him. Come quickly, Lord Jesus! Come quickly to take us to be with You!

PRAISE CHOIR "Bless the Lord O My Soul" *Give your attention to the screen!*

A SCRIPTURE LESSON II Corinthians 5:1-10

As living saints, we look forward to reaching our final, permanent home in heaven with all the other saints who are already there!

¹ Now we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands. ² Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling, ³ because when we are clothed, we will not be found naked. ⁴ For while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. ⁵ Now it is God who has made us for this very purpose and has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

⁶ Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. ⁷ We live by faith, not by sight. ⁸ We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹ So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. ¹⁰ For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

HYMN #216 “Saints Behold! The Sight is Glorious”

SERMON John 5:25-29

Saints, You Have the Joy of Two Resurrections

1. Look back at your resurrection to faith
2. Look ahead to your resurrection after death

²⁵ “Amen, Amen, I tell you: A time is coming and is here now when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who listen will live. ²⁶ For just as the Father has life in himself, so also he has granted the Son to have life in himself. ²⁷ And he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man.

²⁸ “Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice ²⁹ and will come out. Those who have done good will rise to live, but those who have practiced evil will rise to be condemned.

OFFERING PRAYER & HYMN *Read together.*

God of all grace, as we give You our financial gifts, help us to use the spiritual gifts You have also given us. Thank You for giving the gift of faith to each of us which leads us to also offer our spiritual gifts in the Gospel ministry here at St. Paul’s. May we generously serve You with both our spiritual and financial first-fruits. Amen.

#452, vss 1&4 “Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”

- 1 Let us ever walk with Jesus, Follow his example pure,
Flee the world which would deceive us And to sin our souls allure.
Ever in his footsteps treading, Body here, yet soul above,
Full of faith and hope and love, Let us do the Father’s bidding.
Faithful Lord, abide with me. Savior, lead; I follow thee.

- 4 Let us gladly live with Jesus; Since he's risen from the dead,
Death and grave must soon release us. Jesus, thou art now our head.
We are truly thine own members; Where thou livest, there live we.
Take and own us constantly, Faithful Friend, as thy dear brethren.
Jesus, here I live to thee, Also there eternally.

RESPONSIVE PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

P: Dear heavenly Father, we join in thanking You for giving us life and breath, talents and energy, and all that we are and have during this earthly life.

ALL: We are grateful to You for our safe travels, for the angels You send to serve and protect us, and for our prosperity.

P: Lord Jesus, we praise You for saving us and giving Your life as the payment for our sins.

ALL: Thank You for the rest and the peace we have which comes through the confidence of our forgiven sins.

P: We rejoice for the blessing of Christian friendship and fellowship. Keep us all faithful to the Christian duties You have given us through our families and jobs and free time.

ALL: We ask You to preserve a Christ-centered doctrine in our congregation at all times, so that we all may be more active in our service to You and to those around us.

P: Hear us Lord, as we bring You our private prayers.

(Silent, personal prayer)

P: Make us more aware to see the spiritual dangers facing those who do not yet trust in You as the one and only Savior from sin.

ALL: Move us to share with others the hope of eternal life we have in You. Go with each of us into our lives, and support us in all we do to the glory of Your holy name! Hear us as we pray, O Lord. *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.*

BLESSING *Spoken by the pastor.*

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



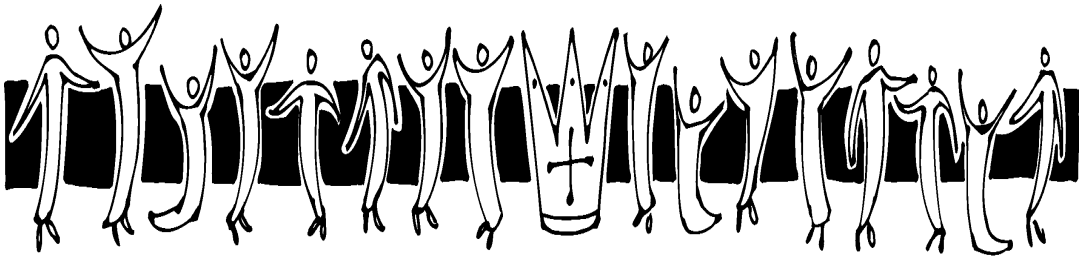
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CLOSING PRAYER

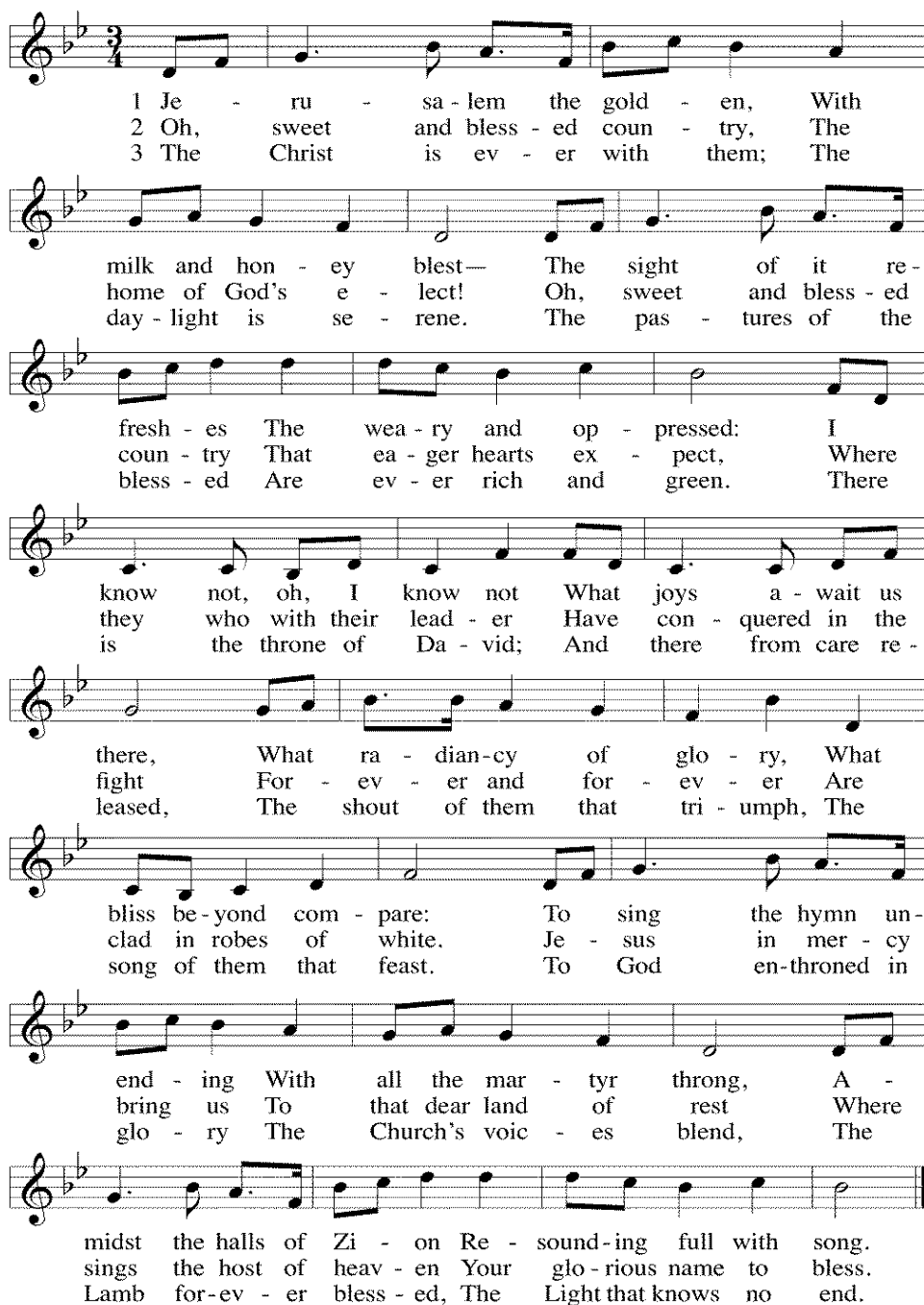
Lord God, because of Your mercy, I have another day of grace today. Through that same mercy, I'm also blessed to be with my faithful brothers and sisters here in Your house, to be strengthened in my faith, and to give You my thanks and praise. Use the Gospel, which I have heard in Your Word to grow in me and produce fruits of faith that are pleasing to You. Strengthen me so that I serve You with all I say and do, wherever I go, and whatever I do. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN CWS #728 "Jerusalem the Golden"

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“Jerusalem the Golden”



1 Je - ru - sa - lem the gold - en, With
 2 Oh, sweet and bless - ed coun - try, The
 3 The Christ is ev - er with them; The

milk and hon - ey blest — The sight of it re -
 home of God's e - lect! Oh, sweet and bless - ed
 day - light is se - rene. The pas - tures of the

fresh - es The wea - ry and op - pressed: I
 coun - try That ea - ger hearts ex - pect, Where
 bless - ed Are ev - er rich and green. There

know not, oh, I know not What joys a - wait us
 they who with their lead - er Have con - quered in the
 is the throne of Da - vid; And there from care re -

there, What ra - dian-cy of glo - ry, What
 fight For - ev - er and for - ev - er Are
 leased, The shout of them that tri - umph, The

bliss be - yond com - pare: To sing the hymn un -
 clad in robes of white. Je - sus in mer - cy
 song of them that feast. To God en - throned in

end - ing With all the mar - tyr throng, A -
 bring us To that dear land of rest Where
 glo - ry The Church's voic - es blend, The

midst the halls of Zi - on Re - sound - ing full with song.
 sings the host of heav - en Your glo - rious name to bless.
 Lamb for - ev - er bless - ed, The Light that knows no end.

Serving In the Lord's House Today

Worship Leader: Pastor Richard Schlieve

Organist: Mrs. Alicia Moyer

Radio Broadcasters: Joel Wiedeman & Kathy Wiedeman

Video Tech: Lisa Lindemann

Elder: Chad Moyer

Greeters: (Sun.) Jamie & Pat Jamison

Ushers: Eric Nunnenkamp & Joe Myers

Power Point: Jett Leuthold (Sat.) Hallie Spreeman (Sun.)

SERVING NEXT WEEK

Elder: Gary Bretschneider

Greeters: (Sat.) Leonard & Kathy Janovec

Ushers: Curt Dinkel & Randy Anderson

Power Point: Josephine Moyer (Sun.)

Worshipping the Lord

Last Week's Attendance: Sat. 6:30 PM – 54; Sun. 9:00 AM – 161; **Total = 215**

Sunday Bible Class – 31; Wednesday Bible Class – 16

Last Week's Giving to the Lord St. Paul's General Fund, November 6 & 7, 2021

Yearly Need	YTD Need	YTD Offerings	YTD Need vs Offerings	Last Week Received	Weekly Need	Difference
\$435,741.00	\$136,225.00	\$137,032.33	\$807.33	\$7,935.00	\$7,373.40	\$561.60

Announcements

- 1) **There's no official Bible Class Sunday morning (11/14)**, but please take the opportunity to still grab a donut, drink some coffee and enjoy some Christian fellowship with one another downstairs!

- 2) With Thanksgiving and Christmas just around the corner please consider stopping by the **Scrip table** for your holiday gift cards. The cards for many local stores (Hyvee, Lou's, Walmart, Target, Bomgaars and more) and restaurants (Subway, Buffalo Wild Wings, Pizza Hut and more) are on hand to be purchased. But there are several hundred retailers whose cards can be ordered (Kohl's, Scheels, Omaha Steaks, Olive Garden and many more). Ordered cards usually arrive within the week. The last day for ordering cards to ensure they arrive before Christmas is December 12th. The money generated from this program supports our school. Cards are sold Sunday morning after church but also Fridays before and after school. If the weather's nice, Kristen (the school Scrip gal) usually locates outside near one of the entrances, but if there's a bit of frost on the pumpkin, she's in the gym. If you have questions please stop by the table in the narthex. Thanks!
- 3) The latest edition of the **Forward In Christ** is available by the Communication Center. There are also copies of an **Advent devotion booklet** called "We Have Seen His Glory" on the same table as the Forward In Christ. These daily devotions start on December 1 and go through December 25...Christmas Day.
- 4) Please check your calendar to see if you can help in our "**Greeter Program.**" While we're all greeters every Sunday (or Saturday!), looking for the opportunity to introduce ourselves to the guests at our services, it's nice to have a friendly person or two be in the narthex most of pre-service, giving a friendly "Good evening / morning!" and distributing service folders. There's a sign-up sheet for the month of November at the Communication Center.
- 5) **Shepherd of Peace Expansion Dedication:** Please join us as we wrap up our expansion project which added a new entry way and some office space! Our expansion dedication will be this Sunday – TODAY!, November 14 from 12pm - 2pm. We will be serving a pulled pork meal for \$5/meal (to go meals available) along with holding a silent auction - the auction will close at 1:30pm with winners announced shortly after. All money raised will go toward the expansion.
- 6) **School Newsletters** In order to keep in touch with some goings-on at the school, a current, weekly newsletter is available here at church. Just to the east of the big bulletin board at the communication center, there's a school bulletin board on which new newsletters are included every week.
- 7) **Thanksgiving Food Collection:** As we did last year, we will be hosting a food drive during the month of November. The many food items that are donated are placed in the front of church for our Thanksgiving service to remind us of the many blessings our God provides. Following the service, all the items are donated. Please bring any donations to the church library table by the north door, or to the school office. We hope you'll join us!

An update from Vietnam

WELS Director of Missions Operations Mr. Sean Young just returned from a month-long visit to Vietnam to discuss next steps for the theological education center in Hanoi. Hmong Asia Ministry Coordinator Rev. Bounkeo Lor accompanied him. The Board for World Missions released this report about the trip:

From the beginning of this initiative, WELS has known that that there would be potential challenges and unexpected setbacks due to this being a brand new mission field in an unfamiliar country. COVID also complicated the process, but we're thankful that the Lord continues to guide these efforts and "work all things for the good of those who love him" (Romans 8:28).

This was the first visit to Vietnam since COVID-19 shut down international travel in March 2020. Certain conversations and building plan discussions were held via Zoom, but concrete plans for the next steps needed to be discussed in-person. Conversations with the Hmong Fellowship Church leadership went well and continue at the time of this writing. If all goes as planned, it is WELS World Missions' goal to have the theological education center open by Easter 2022, pending no other COVID-19 complications.

Rev. Dr. Terry Schultz from Multi-Language Productions and Rev. Ger Lor from Grace Hmong Lutheran Church in Kansas City, Kan., accompanied Rev. Bounkeo Lor and Mr. Sean Young on the trip. Schultz trained Hmong Fellowship Church leaders how to use evangelism materials he created to train their members, and he gained valuable insight into the Hmong culture for the creation of future materials. Multi-Language Productions will be purchasing flip-book versions of these visual teaching aids. They also identified three Hmong Fellowship Church students with drawing skills who potentially could help develop future educational resources.

In the meantime, the second wave of visiting professors are currently in Vietnam to have their religious visas renewed/approved and conduct training. Rev. Joel Nitz is there for the first time since being called to serve the Hmong in Vietnam in February 2020. Training continues, in-person (thank the Lord!) and via Zoom, for the first 60 men who will prayerfully be ordained as pastors. These men also continue to lead rural training workshops throughout the 13 districts to share what they are learning with other Hmong Fellowship Church members.

The Hmong Fellowship Church grew by 12,000 people in 2020, and the church body now numbers 138,000 members. Stay updated on progress and learn more about Hmong outreach in Vietnam at wels.net/vietnamhmongoutreach.

Serving with you in Christ,
President Mark Schroeder

SOME CHURCH FUNCTIONS THIS WEEK:

Sunday, 11/14 = Worship Service, 9:00 AM (Praise Choir sings)
Coffee & Fellowship – NO Bible Study, 10:15 AM
Sunday School, 10:15 AM
Shepherd of Peace Expansion Dedication, 12:00-2:00 PM
Youth Group Bible Study, 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Monday, 11/15 = Sisters in Faith, 6:30 PM

Tuesday, 11/16 = Executive Council, 6:00 PM

Wednesday, 11/17 = Worship Service Broadcast on Local Cable 12, 9:00 AM
Bible Class (Schliewe), 10:00 AM
Public School Confirmation, 2:15 PM
Choir, 7:00 PM

Thursday, 11/18 = Fountain Point Service, 10:00 AM

Saturday, 11/20 = Worship Service w/ Communion, 6:30 PM
Organist: Mrs. Shannon Spreeman

Sunday, 11/21 = Worship Service w/Holy Communion, 9:00 AM
Coffee / Bible Study, 10:15 AM
Sunday School, 10:15 AM
Youth Group Thanksgiving Meal

Church Cleaning Teams:

Nov. 14 & Nov. 21 – Team 2 (Darol Dusseau, Mike & Linda Mullen, Sarah Nelson, Joel & Kathy Wiedeman)

Nov. 28 & Dec. 5 – Team 3 (Loren & Marianne Bloomquist, Jim & Diane Herbolzheimer, John & Sarah Kouba)

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