

St. Paul's Lutheran Church



CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY **November 21, 2021** **9:00 a.m.**

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Welcome to all – especially visitors!!!

It is no accident that you are here today!

You are an answer to our prayer. We have been praying for you, and believe that God has brought you here because God wants to touch your life. We welcome you in the name of the Risen Lord!

*Please remember to write any prayer requests for today
in the prayer book in the Narthex.*

PRELUDE & QUIET MEDITATION

McKenna Rahn

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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.

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: 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.

FIRST READING: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

⁹As I watched,

thrones were set in place,
and an Ancient One took his throne,
his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames,
and its wheels were burning fire.

¹⁰A stream of fire issued

and flowed out from his presence.

A thousand thousands served him,

and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him.

The court sat in judgment,

and the books were opened.

¹³As I watched in the night visions,

I saw one like a human being
coming with the clouds of heaven.

And he came to the Ancient One
and was presented before him.

¹⁴To him was given dominion

and glory and kingship,

that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him.

His dominion is an everlasting dominion

that shall not pass away,

and his kingship is one

that shall never be destroyed.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 93

¹The Lord is king, robed in majesty; the Lord is robed in majesty and armed with strength.

The Lord has made the world so sure that it cannot be moved.

²Ever since the world began, your throne has been established;

you are from everlasting.

³The waters have lifted up, O Lord, the waters have lifted up their voice;

the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.

⁴Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea,

mightier is the Lord who dwells on high.

⁵Your testimonies are very sure,

and holiness befits your house, O Lord, forever and forevermore.

SECOND READING: Revelation 1:4b-8

^{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.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (spoken)

C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 18:33-37

The Holy Gospel according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

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.”³⁷ Pilate 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.”

P: The Gospel of our Lord

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON

Pastor Pamela M. Illick

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Before the Ancient One, Christ Stands”

Mary Jane McMillian, Soloist

McKenna Rahn, Pianist

APOSTLES’ CREED

A: Let us join our voices together as we confess our Christian faith in the words of the Apostles’ Creed.

**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 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.

THE PRAYERS

A: 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.

A brief silence.

A: God, you sent your Son Jesus to testify to the truth. We pray for preachers, missionaries, evangelists, and teachers who carry your forgiveness and love to the world. Fill their words and actions with compassion and kindness so that your truth will shine. God, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: 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,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: 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,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: 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, including New Hope Ministries. Renew them in their work. God, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: 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... (*Assisting Minister will read names on today's prayer list*). Join their prayers with ours and unite them with us in the body of Christ. God, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: 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,

C: Hear our prayer.

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

Amen.

OFFERING

Pastor and Assisting Minister receive the offering and elements for communion.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray.

C: 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.

THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal: surrounded by evil and bordered by death we appeal to you,

our Sovereign, our Wisdom, and our Judge.

We praise you for Christ, who proclaimed your reign of peace and promised an end to injustice and harm.

In the night in which he was handed over,
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,
the sacrifice of his life and death
and the victory of his resurrection,
we await with all the saints
his loving redemption of our suffering world.
Send your Spirit on these gifts of bread and wine
and on all who share in the body and blood of your Son:
teach us your mercy and justice,

and make all things new in Christ.
Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Brought together by the Holy Spirit from all the spaces we are right now, we pray as Jesus taught us:

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: A feast of love is offered here for you and for all the saints.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

SPECIAL MUSIC “Beautiful Savior”

McKenna Rahn

TABLE BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve us in eternal life.

Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A: 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.

C: Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS and COMMUNITY TIME

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.

C: Amen.

DISMISSAL

A: Led on by the saints before us,
go in peace to serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Please remain seated for the Congregational Meeting.

Large print bulletins are available – please see an usher.

Bulletins are presented to the glory of God.

Immediate Prayer Requests should be written in the prayer notebook in the Narthex prior to the service. These will be included in the prayers during worship. Long-term prayer requests are listed at the end of the bulletin.

ORDER YOUR POINSETTIAS in honor or memory of someone and your flowers will adorn the sanctuary over Christmas. One dedication per flower, please. Pick up your flowers either after service on Christmas Eve or 12/26. Mail/drop off your order and payment or put them in the offering. **Orders and payment due December 2, 2021.**

NEW HOPE MINISTRIES' CHRISTMAS WISH LIST

Printed lists are available in the Narthex. The last day for donating gifts is December 5.

Thank you to those assisting with worship:

Assisting Minister: Mary Jane McMillian

Lector: McKenna Stitzel

Ushers: Vicki Barnhart, Mike Stoner, Stew Trout, Steve H.

Building Lock-up: Vicki Barnhart

Guest Pianist: McKenna Rahn

We welcome McKenna Rahn as our pianist for the next several Sundays. McKenna, thank you for sharing your musical gifts with us!

	Asst. Minister	Lector	Ushers
11/28	Keith Gilbert	Vicki Barnhart	Vicki Barnhart, Mike Stoner Stew Trout, Steve H.
12/05	Nick Cekovich	Steve H.	Mike Peck, Tim Morgan, Darrell M., Drew Kugler
12/12	Mason Miller	Seana Miller	
12/19	Keith Gilbert	Denise Casella	
12/24	Denise Casella	Ann Gilbert	
12/26	Mary Jane McMillan	Vicki Barnhart	

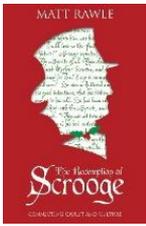
ON-GOING PRAYER REQUESTS

Please let the church office know when names can be removed.

Levi Stoner (Stoners' grandson)	Ann Getz	Paul Currie - brother-in-law of Carole J. Sutch
Clyde Barnhart (Seana Miller's Grandfather)	Kaylin Vardzik	Kathy Hare - cancer/treatment (co-worker/friend of Steve H.)
Zelda Coleman (Trudy Getz's Mother)	Mason Miller	Angelia Compton – heart problems (cousin of Trudy Getz)
Jim Gebhardt (Seana Miller's Father)	Jean Seiple	Pat Brinser – surgery complications (Seana Miller's aunt)
Marge & Jerry Rettig	Pat Martin	Mary Valenzuela (Vicki Barnhart's cousin)
Nicole Hoffmaster	Arla Hunter	Gilbert Campbell (Gary Stitzel's step-father)
Jordan Boehm	Claris Lutz	Earl Fogal – cancer/treatment (Ann Gottlieb's father)
Loretta Freyser	Katie Vardzik	
	Kody Getz	
	Dee Downs	
	Kim Getz	
	Gerald & Joann Meek	

BOOK STUDY tonight, 7:00pm-8:00pm. This class is open to anyone in the congregation and their friends and family. You do not have to register. Pastor will send an email with the link, or using the following information to log in:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84715836090?pwd=OFFYSCtmeitFMepROUVEN1J6cm1Qdz09> Meeting ID: 847 1583 6090, Passcode: 494185



“The Redemption of Scrooge” You are invited to a Soup Lunch and to view the movie “Scrooge” as we prepare for our Advent Study beginning on November 28 right after worship.

Books are available in the Upper Sunday School Room

Midweek Advent Services: “A Musical Journey Through Advent and Christmas” will be hosted by The West Shore Lutheran Cooperative Ministry (of which St. Paul’s is a member) at 7:00pm on Zoom and on YouTube. Links will be provided for you each week so that you may join in. The 4th week of Advent we will gather in person at Trinity Lemoyne for a Longest Night Service (also known as Blue Christmas Service).

December 1 – Led by Pastor Gwenn Trout

December 8 – Led by Pastor Marleen Griffith-Stull

December 15 – Led by Pastor Pam Illick

December 22 – Longest Night Service led by Pastor George Scott

Mark your calendars!

November 21 – Book Study: **I’m Still Here** Session 6, at 7:00pm

November 25 – Thanksgiving (Church office is closed)

November 28 – Advent 1 God’s Economy: Adult Discussion at 10:15am in the Upper Sunday School Room.

November 28 – Movie and Soup at 11:15am to see “Scrooge”

December 1: Advent Midweek Service (Pastor Gwenn)

December 5: Advent 2 Worship – “Jesus, the Redeemer of Our Past”

December 5: **“The Redemption of Scrooge”** – Christmas Past, at 10:15am

December 8: Advent Midweek Service (Pastor Marleen)

December 12: Advent 3 Worship – “The Greatest Gift”

December 12: **“The Redemption of Scrooge”** – The Life of Christmas Present, at 10:15am

December 15: Advent Midweek Service (Pastor Pam)

December 19: Advent 4 Worship – “Accepting Christ’s Invitation”

December 19: **“The Redemption of Scrooge”** – The Hope of Christmas Future at 10:15am

December 22: Longest Night Service @Trinity Lemoyne at
7:00pm

December 24: Christmas Eve

December 25: Christmas Day

December 26: Lessons and Carols

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