



# Behold The King

Luke 23:33-43

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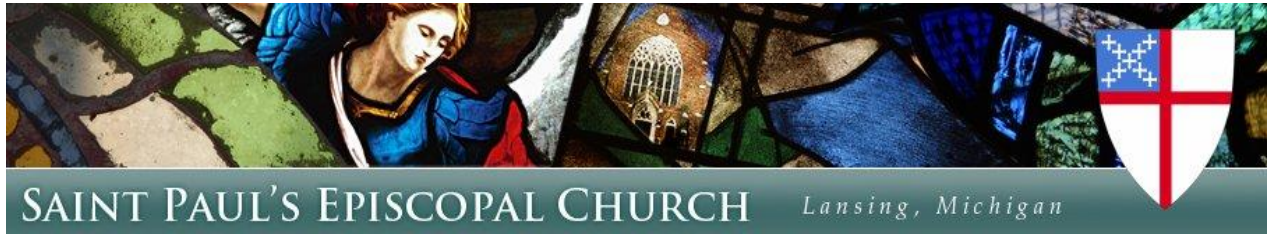
**The Last Sunday after Pentecost**

**November 23, 2025**

**Holy Eucharist 10:00am**

St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
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THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - CHRIST THE KING  
 NOVEMBER 23, 2025 - 10:00am

PRELUDE

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Creator, you made all people of every land. Today, we honor the ancestral and traditional Lands of the Anishinaabeg, the Three Fires Confederacy of Ojibwe, Odawa and Potawatomi people, whose home this land was for hundreds of years, and who are still here today. As we make this land acknowledgement, we confess to our part in the sin of traumatic, systemic racism and oppression in the history of this nation and in the Church-a history we are only beginning to understand. With humility, we commit ourselves to acknowledging the wrongs of the past and to building relationships with the Anishinaabeg. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

*All hail the power of Jesus' Name*

HYMN 450

6 Let ev - ery kin - dred, ev - ery tribe, on this ter - res - trial

1 All hail the power of Je - sus' Name! Let an - gels pros - trate  
 2 Crown him, ye mar - tyrs of our God, who from his al - tar  
 3 Hail him, the Heir of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did  
 \* 4 Ye heirs of Is - rael's cho - sen race, ye ran - somed of the  
 \* 5 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the

ball, to him a - scribe, and

1 fall; bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and  
 2 call: praise him whose way of pain ye trod, and  
 3 call, the God in - car - nate, Man di - vine, and  
 4 fall, hail him who saves you by his grace, and  
 5 gall, go, spread your tro - phies at his feet, and

crown him Lord of all! to him a -  
 1 crown him Lord of all! bring forth the roy - al  
 2 crown him Lord of all! praise him whose way of  
 3 crown him Lord of all! the God in - car - nate,  
 4 crown him Lord of all! hail him who saves you  
 5 crown him Lord of all! go, spread your tro - phies  
 scribe, and crown him Lord of all!  
 1 di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!  
 2 pain ye trod, and crown him Lord of all!  
 3 Man di - vine, and crown him Lord of all!  
 4 by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!  
 5 at his feet, and crown him Lord of all!

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*The people standing, the Officiant says*

*Officiant* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.  
*People* **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

**COLLECT FOR PURITY**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

GLORIA

S278

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and  
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -  
 might - y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we  
 praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,  
 on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
 take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;  
 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
 ceive our prayer. 6. For  
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,  
 7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the  
 Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of  
 God the Fa - ther. A - men.

*The people say the following together*

*Officiant*        The Lord be with you.

*People*            **And also with you.**

*Officiant*        Let us pray.

#### COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

Loving God, in Christ who came to listen to the children and heal those who were hurting, you revealed your intention for life together in which we listen and love, help and heal. Strengthen us now to be healing agents of your love, justice-seeking partners that all your beloved children may thrive; through Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The people are invited to sit for the readings and psalm*

#### FIRST LESSON

JEREMIAH 23:1-6

*Reader*            A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. 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. 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. 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. 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. 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."

*Reader*            Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

CANTICLE 16

1 Blessed be the God of Is - ra - el, who comes to set us free  
 2 With prom-ised mer-cy will God still the cov - e - nant re - call,  
 3 My child, as proph-et of the Lord, you will pre-pare the way,

and rais - es up new hope for us: a Branch from Da-vid's tree.  
 the oath once sworn to A - bra-ham, from foes to save us all,  
 to tell God's peo-ple they are saved from sin's e - ter-nal sway.

So have the prophets long declared that with a might-y arm  
 that we might wor - ship with-out fear and of - fer lives of praise,  
 Then shall God's mer - cy from on high shine forth and nev - er cease

God would turn back our en - e - mies and all who wish us harm.  
 in ho - li - ness and right-eousness to serve God all our days.  
 to drive a - way the gloom of death and lead us in - to peace.

Hymn tune: Forest Green (Ralph Vaughan Williams)

SECOND LESSON

COLOSSIANS 1:11-20

*Reader* A reading from Paul's letter to the Colossians

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 giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his

beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; 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. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 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. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, 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.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN *Sing, my soul, his wondrous love* HYMN 467

1 Sing, my soul, his won-drous love, who, from yon bright throne a - bove,  
 2 Heaven and earth by him were made; all is by his scep - ter swayed;  
 3 God, the mer - ci - ful and good, bought us with the Sa - vior's blood,  
 4 Sing, my soul, a - dore his Name! Let his glo - ry be thy theme:

ev - er watch - ful o'er our race, still to us ex - tends his grace.  
 what are we that he should show so much love to us be - low?  
 and, to make sal - va - tion sure, guides us by his Spi - rit pure.  
 praise him till he calls thee home; trust his love for all to come.

Words: Anon., 1800, alt. Music: *St. Bees*, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876).

THE HOLY GOSPEL LUKE 23:33-43

*Then, all standing, the clergy person reads the Gospel, first saying*

*Clergy* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. The people stood by, watching Jesus on the cross; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him,

saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

*Clergy*            The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*            **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Karen C. Lewis

THE NICENE CREED

*The people stand and say together*

**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,  
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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*The people stand, sit or kneel*

O God, you are ever more ready to listen than we are to pray. You know our hearts more truly than we do ourselves. We join now in prayer, trusting in your listening, loving presence as we name our hurts and hope for healing, saying, "Loving God, hear our prayer."

For the body of Christ, that we more truly become your hands of help, voice for justice, and hearts of love in the world we pray, **Loving God, hear our prayer.**

For our nation and our leaders, that they show courage and compassion to unite in your priority of love and justice, standing with and for those who are young, impoverished, excluded, and vulnerable, we pray, **Loving God, hear our prayer.**

For our world that is still struggling with pandemics of disease and poverty, war and warming climate, felt first and worst by the young and the old, that our love and action are as borderless as God's own heart, we pray, **Loving God, hear our prayer.**

For ourselves and our community, that we listen to the voices of the young who are hurting, that we stand with families who are struggling, that we work together for healing and the prevention of harm so that all may thrive, we pray, **Loving God, hear our prayer.**

On this Children's Sabbath day, holding in our hearts children who are thriving and those who are struggling to survive, young people who are blossoming and those who need more nurture and care, families who have grown together and those who are hurting in broken places, that we hear and heed and seek healing with and for each other, that we listen to, learn from, and love one another, we pray, **Loving God, hear our prayer.**

For all who are ill and in need of prayer, especially those on our parish prayer list and those we now name either silently or aloud \_\_\_\_\_, we pray, **Loving God, hear our prayer.**

For all who have died, especially those who died too soon and too young, from unheard and unhealed trauma, from depression and despair, from gun violence or forms of abuse, from causes we could have prevented and those we were helpless to heal, we pray, **Loving God, hear our prayer.**

*The Officiant concludes the prayers saying*

Righteous God, open our eyes.

Help us to see what you cannot ignore.

Help us to understand what our choices mean for children who are depending on adults to do what is life-giving.

Righteous God, open our lips.

Help us to speak so that others, too, may see.

Help us to understand how connected our lives are to the lives of thousands of children who endure experiences that kids should never have to.

Righteous God, open our hearts.

Help us to live differently so that what we know is made visible.

Help us to act in faith, believing that your Spirit may move in ways we cannot yet understand, but will bring your kingdom of righteousness to life on earth. **Amen**

CONFESSION OF SIN

*The Officiant says*

Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence may be kept. And then the Minister and People say together*

**Loving God, we confess that often we fail to hear the voices of those who are young,  
impoverished, and hurting.**

**We ignore the voices of those who speak in other languages,  
come from other communities,  
have different life experiences than our own.**

**We turn away from voices that call us to account,  
or to commit, or to sit with their pain.**

**We privilege the voices of those in positions of power,  
with status and wealth, or who tell us what we want to hear.**

**O God, when Jesus put a child amid the disciples squabbling about position,  
He reminded us what is important.**

**Forgive us for again missing the mark.**

**Remind us to hush and heed the voices of children and young people.**

**Open us to what they have to teach us,  
for ways they might lead us to more faithfully be your people who love and listen,  
heal and prevent harm, and pursue your ways of peace and justice. Amen.**

*The Priest stands and says,*

I have good news to share: God is with us. God never gives up on us. God will always love us. Let us live our lives with love and joy in that knowledge. And may God forgive all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

*Officiant*        The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*            **And also with you.**

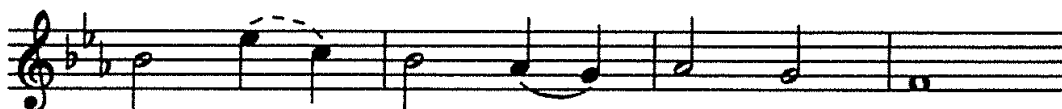
OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor unto the Lord.

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

Choir: Fair - est Lord Je - sus, rul - er of all na - ture,  
 All: Fair are the mea - dows, fair - er still the wood - lands,  
 Choir: Fair is the sun - shine, fair - er still the moon - light,  
 All: Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior! Lord \_ of the na - tions!



O thou \_ God and \_ man the Son,  
 robed in the bloom - ing \_ garb of spring:  
 and all the twink - ling, \_ star - ry host:  
 Son of \_ God and \_ Son of man!



thee will I cher - ish, thee will I hon - or,  
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,  
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,  
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,



thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.  
 who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.  
 than all the an - gels heav'n can boast.  
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

From *Fairest Lord Jesus* (CGA974).

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## OFFERTORY HYMN

*Hail, thou once despised Jesus!*

HYMN 495



1 Hail, thou once de - spis - ed Je - sus! Hail, thou Gal - i -  
 2 Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point - ed, all our sins on  
 3 Je - sus, hail! en - throned in glo - ry, there for ev - er  
 \*4 Wor - ship, hon - or, power, and bless - ing thou art wor - thy



le - an King! Thou didst suf - fer to re - lease us;  
 thee were laid: by al - might - y love a - noint - ed,  
 to a - bid; all the heav - en - ly hosts a - dore thee,  
 to re - ceive; high - est prais - es, with - out ceas - ing,



thou didst free sal - va - tion bring. Hail, thou u - ni - ver - sal  
 thou hast full a - tone - ment made. All thy peo - ple are for -  
 seat - ed at thy Fa - ther's side. There for sin - ners thou art  
 right it is for us to give. Help, ye bright an - gel - ic



Sa - vior, bear - er of our sin and shame! By thy mer - it  
 giv - en through the vir - tue of thy blood: o - pened is the  
 plead - ing: there thou dost our place pre - pare; ev - er for us  
 spi - rits, all your no - blest an - thems raise; help to sing our



we find fa - vor: life is giv - en through thy Name  
 gate of hea - ven, re - con - ciled are we with God.  
 in - ter - ced - ing, till in glo - ry we ap - pear.  
 Sa - vior's mer - its, help to chant Em - man - uel's praise!

Words: John Bakewell (1721-1819) and Martin Madan (1726-1790), alt. Music: *In Babilone*, melody from *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradanseu*, 1710; harm. Roy. F. Kehl (b. 1935).

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*The people standing, the Officiant says*

The Lord be with you

*People* **And also with you.**

*Officiant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Officiant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks and praise, amazing God, who made heaven and earth and sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever, who brings justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry; You watch over the strangers, uphold the children and most vulnerable parents, and have triumphed over sin and evil.

On this Children's Sabbath Day, we give you thanks O God, especially for children, for the blessing they are and the blessing we may be to them, as we unite our hearts and voices to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you.

And so we join the saints and angels in proclaiming your glory, as we sing:

SANCTUS

S125

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The people stand or kneel as the Celebrant continues*

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. We praise you, O God, for sending your beloved child Jesus born as a baby, nurtured by his family, and protected by strangers; who grew as a child who was taught in his temple, surrounded by his community, and guided by his parents; who became an adult who loved and blessed the children, who cared for those who were sick, poor, and left out; who taught that God loves us like a parent, and who called us his friends. This one who was born a baby needing us, died our Savior whom we all need, triumphant even over death, freeing us to live as your beloved children.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at the table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. As you do this, remember me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, remember me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith: *(the People say together)*

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Around your table, as your children, O God, we remember Jesus Christ, who came in love, lived in love, and died in love, who was and is and is to come. We offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and we offer to you our lives.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be for us the Body and Blood of Christ, that they strengthen us to welcome the children, to show your love, to work for your justice, to bring your peace. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

**FRACTION ANTHEM**

S155

*The Officiant breaks the consecrated bread*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is  
sac - ri - ficed for us; There - fore let us keep the feast.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**INVITATION**

*Officiant*      The Gifts of God for the People of God.  
                    Holy Gifts for Holy People

**THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

*All God's people are cordially invited to God's table, including children. Gluten-free wafers are available; please indicate to the priest that you require this alternative. We will be offering wine from the common cup to those who wish to receive in this manner. The chalice bearer will thoroughly wipe the space from which you drank prior to offering the cup to the next communicant.*

*Another alternative to receiving the wine from the common cup is through intinction. The priest will place the wafer in your hand; the chalice bearer will pick up the wafer, dip it into the wine, and replace it on your palm. No one is allowed to intinct with their own hand/fingers. This safe guards all who use the common cup. If you wish to receive communion in only one kind (bread), know that you have received full communion.*

Those who are not baptized or those who do not wish to receive communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest. The ushers will guide you. If you are unable to come forward and wish to receive communion in your pew, please let one of the ushers know.

COMMUNION ANTHEM *For the Bread Which Thou Hast Broken* William Bradley Roberts

COMMUNION HYMN

*Come, risen Lord*

HYMN 305

1 Come, ris - en Lord, and deign to be our guest; nay,  
 2 We meet, as in that up - per room they met; thou  
 3 One bo - dy we, one Bo - dy who par - take, one  
 4 One with each o - ther, Lord, for one in thee, who

let us be thy guests; the feast is thine;  
 at the ta - ble, bless - ing, yet dost stand:  
 Church u - nit - ed in com - mun - ion blest;  
 art one Sa - vior and one liv - ing Head;

thy - self at thine own board make man - i - fest in  
 "This is my Bo - dy"; so thou giv - est yet: faith  
 one Name we bear, one Bread of life we break, with  
 then o - pen thou our eyes, that we may see; be

thine own Sac - ra - ment of Bread and Wine.  
 still re - ceives the cup as from thy hand.  
 all thy saints on earth and saints at rest.  
 known to us in break - ing of the Bread.

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POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

*The Officiant and People say together:*

**God of abundance,  
you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;  
you have united us with Christ and one another;  
and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.  
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,  
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world  
and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BLESSING

May the God who dances in creation, who embraces us with human love, who shakes our lives like thunder, bless us and drive us out with power to fill the world with her justice; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be on you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne; Hark!  
 2 Crown him the Son of God be - fore the worlds be - gan, and  
 3 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave, and  
 4 Crown him of lords the Lord, who o - ver all doth reign, who  
 5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en - throned in worlds a - bove; Crown

1 how the heaven - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own; a -  
 2 ye, who tread where he hath trod, crown him the Son of man; who  
 3 rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save; his  
 4 once on earth, the in - car - nate Word, for ran - somed sin - ners slain, now  
 5 him the King, to whom is given the won - drous name of Love. Crown

1 wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and  
 2 ev - ery grief hath known that wrings the hu - man breast, and  
 3 glo - ries now we sing who died, and rose on high, who  
 4 lives in realms of light, where saints with an - gels sing their  
 5 him with man - y crowns, as thrones be - fore him fall, crown

1 hail him as thy match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 2 takes and bears them for his own, that all in him may rest.  
 3 died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.  
 4 songs be - fore him day and night, their God, Re - deem - er, King.  
 5 him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, for he is King of all.

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DISMISSAL

*Officiant* Be strong and let your heart take courage.  
 Go forth with the listening love of God to hear our children;  
 Go forth with the tender love of Christ to heal our children;  
 Go forth with the empowering love of the Spirit  
 to seek justice with our children;  
 On this Children’s Sabbath day and ever more. Amen.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

**Assisting in today’s service**

Crucifer	Jamal Dillman-Hasso
Subdeacon	Leslie Hall
Lector	Children
Prayers of the People	Children
Chalice Bearers	Children
Altar Guild Members for the Week	Debbie Parks (chair), Katie Alexander, Hillary Walilko
Ushers	Larry Clark, Isaac Francisco, Steven Kadow, Hillary Walilko, Katie Wiley
Counters	Jane Bryce, Isaac Francisco
Coffee Hour	Lyn Zynda
Greeters	
Blessing Box	Kelly Hackett
Recycling Team	Mark Rudd
Vestry Person of the Day	Kelly Hackett

Musical selections licensed through Rite Song.

**Assisting Next Sunday, November 30, 2025**

Crucifer	Debbie Parks
Subdeacon	Henrie Parks
Lector	AJ Walilko
Prayers of the People	Deb McMartin-Finkel
Chalice Bearers	Jim Milne, Theresa Milne
Altar Guild Members for the Week	Marti Narezo (chair), Carrie Freeman, Barb Heany
Ushers	Justin Alexander, David Parks
Counters	Jane Bryce, Isaac Francisco
Coffee Hour	Barb & Libby Richardson
Greeters	
Blessing Box	AJ Walilko
Recycling Team	
Sunday School Mentors	Barb Heany,
Vestry Person of the Day	Larry Clark

**Opportunities for Prayer  
November 23, 2025**

**We pray for those who have ongoing needs for healing prayers:** Melissa, Julie, Everett, Mark, Howard, Kris, Pat, Jim, Mike, and Ian. *\*Due to privacy concerns, we will now be posting first names only on our prayer list.*

**We pray this week for the following St. Paul's members:** Jim Ewing and Isaac & Bronwen Francisco.

**We pray this week for the following community service agency:** Lansing Neighborhood Empowerment Center, 600 W Maple St, Lansing.

**We pray for our downtown church community:** Cathedral Church of St. Mary; Central United Methodist Church; Christ Community Church; and First Presbyterian Church.

**We pray for our worshipping communities:** St. Matthew's & St. Joseph's, Detroit; St. Titus, Jimani, DR.

**We pray for those in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Pray for the Anglican Church of Australia.

**We pray for:** Sarah Mullally, Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean Rowe, our Presiding Bishop; Bonnie A. Perry, our bishop; Moises Quezada Mota, Bishop of the Diocese of the Dominican Republic; Elizabeth Eaton, ELCA Presiding Bishop; Donald P. Kreiss, ELCA Bishop, SE Michigan Synod; Craig A. Satterlee, ELCA Bishop, NW Lower Michigan Synod; our retired bishop, Wendell Gibbs; Karen C. Lewis, our rector; Dick Hamlin and Gail Shafer, our priest associates; our worship ministers, St. Paul's staff and our diocesan household.

**Announcements for The Week  
November 23, 2025 - November 30, 2025**

**Parish Office Hours** Monday - Thursday: 9:00am to 2:00pm.

Closed on Fridays.

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**Visit our website:** [www.stpaulslansing.org](http://www.stpaulslansing.org)

**For Parish activities and information please check the information table in the Merrifield**

**Thanksgiving baskets:** Working together with MDHHS we will be preparing Thanksgiving baskets for eight families this year. There are slips on the corner table in the Merrifield Room if you would like to help purchase the items needed. Today is the last day to bring food for Thanksgiving baskets. We will prepare the baskets for delivery on Monday, November 24.

**Baby formula for Advent House:** We are collecting baby formula and baby food that will be delivered to Advent House for their baby/family pantry. Your help could make a difference in the lives of young working families trying to make ends meet. Please place items in the shopping cart by the back door if you would like to help with this ministry. If you have questions, please see Katie Alexander [johns21k@gmail.com](mailto:johns21k@gmail.com).

**Grateful Gathering Dinner, November 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:15pm.** Please sign up in the Merrifield Room. We ask that you bring your favorite dessert to share.

**United Thank Offering:** As we focus on gratitude, we will hold the offering for UTO on Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>. We encourage you to notice the good things happening in your life, through creation, in simple moments, or with strangers. Give thanks for these moments and join us in making a thank offering to UTO for all of the blessings of this life. Your UTO gift will support social justice initiatives in The Episcopal Church. Your thank offering makes a huge difference right here in our diocese, so thank you for supporting UTO.

**Mission & Outreach working with Samaritas:** We have received the names of five children and their Christmas Wish Lists. If you are interested in participating in this ministry, please talk to Susan Henderson or Deb McMartin-Finkel. There are three girls and two boys, ranging in age from 5 to 13. After the service, one of us will be outside by the Chapel door with a sign-up sheet and the children's wish lists. If you would like to purchase one or more items, you will be given a card with the child's name, age, clothing size, and the items you select. Gifts are due at St. Paul's by Sunday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>. The gifts will be delivered to Samaritas on Monday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>. Please place items on the table in the Merrifield Room.

**Bulletin:** Please submit information by noon on Tuesday, in writing or by e-mail, to [office@stpaulslansing.org](mailto:office@stpaulslansing.org) to ensure accuracy.

**Blessing Box:** Sign up in the Merrifield Room to fill the Blessing Box for a week.

**Faith in Film, Fri. December 5, 6:00pm:** Considered to be one of the most watched Christmas movies of all time, Home Alone tells the story of Kevin McCallister, an 8-year-old boy accidentally left behind when the rest of his family takes a trip to Paris. Come enjoy this classic as we watch and discuss it in the context of seeing faith realized through the love of family, the power of forgiveness, and the magic of Christmastime. You may also get some behind-the-scenes fun facts about the making of the film and its legacy. Please sign up in the Merrifield room.

**St. Nicholas Celebration:** We will celebrate St. Nicholas Sunday on December 7<sup>th</sup> with a festive coffee hour. A visit from St. Nick himself, along with cookie decorating. We will make a trip to Rosewood Manor AFC to deliver cookies and sing carols with the residents following the coffee hour.

**Lange Ensemble:** Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 3pm at St. Paul's. The Ensemble will present a variety of Christmas choral works, from Bach to Rutter and Victoria to Gjeilo. Free-will offering.

**Capital City Brass Band Concert:** Save the date! December 14, 2025, at 3:00pm. Please join us for a concert with the Capital City Brass Band. Parishioner Steven Kandow is a musician in the band. This event is sponsored by the Tom & Jean Shawver Fund.

**Decorating the Sanctuary on December 21:** Please join us as we decorate the Sanctuary following the service. While the church is being decorated for Christmas, the children will decorate their own special "Kindness" Christmas tree with handmade ornaments in the Merrifield Room. Lunch will be provided for all helpers. Please sign up in the Merrifield Room.

**Deanery Confirmation at St. Paul's:** Bishop Perry will be at St. Paul's on Saturday, May 9, 2026, for Deanery confirmation. Anyone who would like to be baptized at that time, confirmed, or would like to reaffirm your faith, please let Karen+ know so she can put a class schedule together.

**Recycle ink cartridges:** Bring your used ink cartridges into the parish office for recycling and help reduce our paper costs. We get discounts on office supplies and paper through the Staples recycling program.

**Evening Meeting Times & Parking Ramp Hours:** All evening meetings and classes should begin no earlier than 6:15pm and end by 8:45pm for access to the parking ramp. regular parking ramp availability M-Th 6:00pm-9:00pm and Saturday & Sunday 7:30am-6:00pm.

**The service of Compline is offered Wednesday evenings at 9 pm** on Zoom with The Very Rev. Dr. Gail Shafer, our priest associate. The current liturgy is from the Book of Common Prayer. A recording of the service will be posted to St. Paul's Facebook page. Please feel free to either join the Zoom meeting, or the service posted on Facebook. The Zoom link will be listed in the weekly email.

**Coffee Hour sign up:** We need two family units per week to bring treats, serve & provide cleanup for coffee hour following the 10:00am services. There are signup sheets in the Merrifield Room. Sign up with a friend or extended family. If no one signs up, we will not have coffee hour.

**Altar flower requests:** There are openings for the upcoming Sundays for altar flower dedications. Flowers are always given to the glory of God, and then in honor of, or in thanksgiving for a person or occasion. Dedications and **\$120** payment must be received in the church office no later than the Monday before the date of the dedication. **More than one dedication can be made if you and a friend want to share the cost of the flowers.** Altar Flower forms available on the signup table, or you can email your dedication to [office@stpaulslansing.org](mailto:office@stpaulslansing.org).

**Reminder: Please schedule all meetings (in-person and online) with the office in advance.** We want to assure you that there is space for you to meet and that someone will be available to open the building. For online meetings, we want meetings to be available to all parishioners. **Please** notify the office if you have a **cancellation** to ensure building and staff security.

**Please sign up to be a Greeter:** One of the faith outreaches we have at St. Paul's is the Sunday morning greeters. We can extend our faith by welcoming our fellow parishioners and visitors each week. Remember that you are the first face they will see as they enter the church. A welcoming hand and face always lift our spirit, what a way to start a day and you play an important part in that.

- **Signup sheets are in the Merrifield Room** – Need two greeters at the back door.
- Be at the back door 20 minutes before the service.
- Greeters should remind parishioners to pick up their nametags and ask visitors to fill out the guest book located in the cloister outside the chapel and to join the parish after the service for coffee and fellowship in the Merrifield Room.

**St. Paul's Recycling:** Please sign up in the Merrifield Room to take some of the recycling either to your home bin or to a recycling drop off center. We are committed to reduce, reuse, and recycle at St. Paul's. See one of the Milnes or Borons for more information.

**Contributions Last Week:** For the week of November 16, 2025, St. Paul's received **\$9,625** in contributions as follows:

Pledge Income	\$7,005
NonPledge Income	\$220
2026 PrePaid Pledge	\$2,400

<b>This Week at St. Paul's</b> <b>November 23, 2025 - November 30, 2025</b>
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Sunday, 11/23:	9:15am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00am	Worship & Holy Communion/Children's Sabbath
	11:15am	Coffee Hour
Monday 11/24:	9:00am	Packing Thanksgiving Baskets
Tuesday, 11/25:	6:15pm	Grateful Gathering Dinner - Merrifield Room
Wednesday, 11/26:		Office Closed
	9:00pm	Compline - Zoom
Thursday, 11/20:		Thanksgiving - Office Closed
Friday, 11/28:		Office Closed
Saturday, 11/29:		
Sunday, 11/30:		Advent I/United Thank Offering
	9:45am	Sunday School
	10:00am	Worship & Holy Communion/Children's Sabbath
	11:15am	Coffee Hour
	11:15am	Pack lunches for Punks with Lunch
	11:30am	CMDR/Families Lunch - Merrifield Room
	3:00pm	Lange Choral Ensemble Rehearsal

**QR Code for giving. Scan the code with your phone to be taken to options for giving.**

