

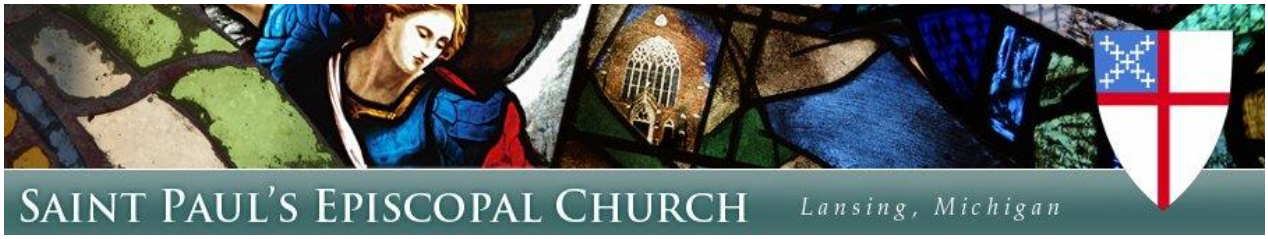
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In the light of God's unconditional love, we respect the dignity of every human being by welcoming and supporting all persons whatever their race, color, gender, age, sexual orientation, health status, marital status or stage of spiritual journeying. We invite you to explore, investigate, and grow in your faith and become a part of our shared journey with God.

The Last Sunday After Pentecost – Christ the King
November 22, 2026 Holy Eucharist

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
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Sundays: 10:00am – Worship & Holy Communion

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THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST– CHRIST THE KING
HOLY EUCHARIST -- NOVEMBER 22, 2026 – PROPER 29

PRELUDE

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
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 *Come, thou almighty King* HYMN 365



Words: Anonymous, ca. 1757, alt. Music: *Moscow*, Felice de Giardini (1716-1796); harm. *The New Hymnal*, 1916, based on *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, and Lowel Mason (1792-1872).

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.

The people sing together

GLORIA S278



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.

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

FIRST LESSON Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Reader A reading from the prophet Ezekiel.

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 100

1 Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;*
serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.
2 Know this: The Lord himself is God;*
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise;*
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.
4 For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting;*
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN *Jesus shall reign where'er the sun* HYMN 544



Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: *Duke Street*, John Hatton (d. 1793).

THE HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 25:31-46

Then, all standing, the clergyperson reads the Gospel, first saying

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

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at his left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom

prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

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

THE SERMON The Rev. Karen C. Lewis

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,
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

Through baptism we have been raised with Christ, ordained to a royal priesthood, and made citizens in a holy nation. As faithful priests serving the King of kings, let us intercede for all the world, saying: In the name of Jesus our King, hear our prayer.

Almighty God, enable us to live the good news convincingly, that all may inherit life eternal in the kingdom of heaven. In the name of Jesus our King, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, make all the leaders of nations to be advocates of peace and lovers of justice, crown each ruler with compassion, that all peoples may live in peace. We pray especially for those in the Middle East. In the name of Jesus our King, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, look with pity on all who suffer: those with chronic or incurable diseases, those unjustly imprisoned, those denied dignity, the hungry, those without shelter, those who live without hope, those who have asked for our prayers on our parish prayer list and those we now name either silently or aloud _____. Direct us toward them, that their royalty may be reclaimed and their lives celebrate your grace. In the name of Jesus our King, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, we pray for your holy catholic church especially Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury, Sean our presiding bishop and Bonnie our bishop. Gather all who bear the name of Christ into one vigorous, fruitful community of faith, that the world may see one King of glory and one kingdom of grace. In the name of Jesus our King, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, we pray for all your people gathered to seek your grace. By your mercy, prepare us for the day of judgment, that we may accept it as a rich and royal gift for the eternal pleasure of the faithful. In the name of Jesus our King, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, we pray for all who have died. May they rejoice as they gather at your heavenly banquet. In the name of Jesus our King, **hear our prayer.**

The Officiant concludes the prayers saying

Grant these petitions, O God, according to your perfect will, that your holy name be praised and proclaimed until that day when all the faithful shall gather before your throne in heaven, through the merits of Christ the King. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION

Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves,
and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.

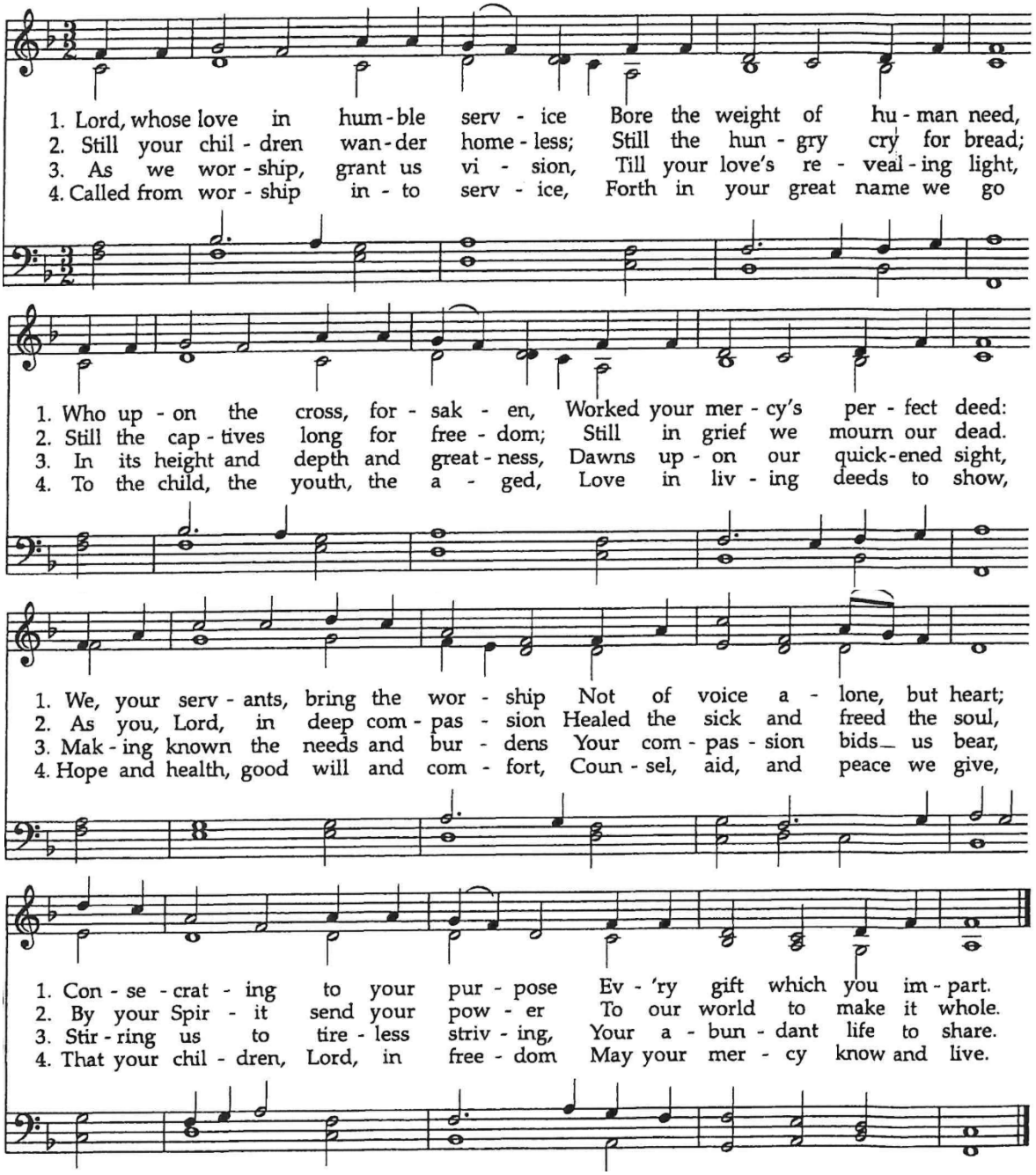
The Officiant stands and says
Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

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 *Psalm 146* Pepper Choplin

OFFERTORY HYMN *Lord, whose love through humble service*



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The Sacred Harp, Philadelphia, 1844
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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

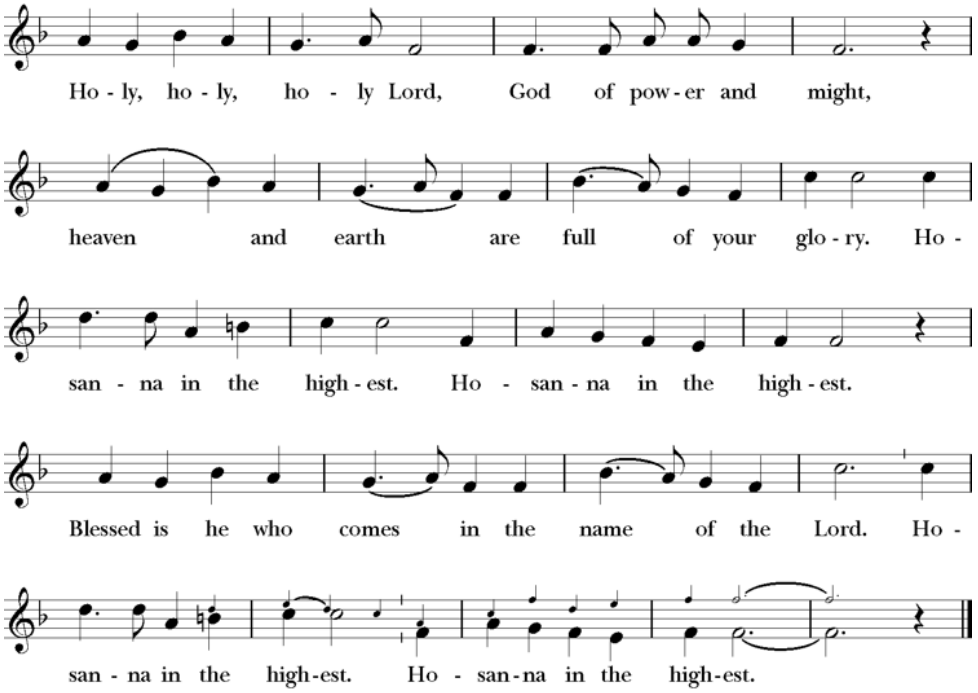
The people standing, the Officiant says

The Lord be with you
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Officiant and People sing together

SANCTUS S125



We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Officiant and people say together

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

The Officiant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

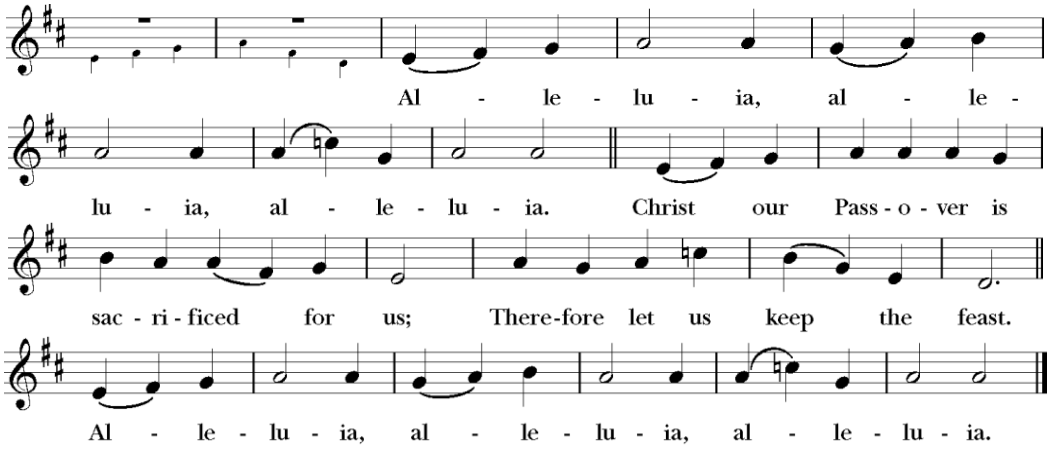
By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

FRACTION ANTHEM S155

The Officiant breaks the consecrated bread



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.

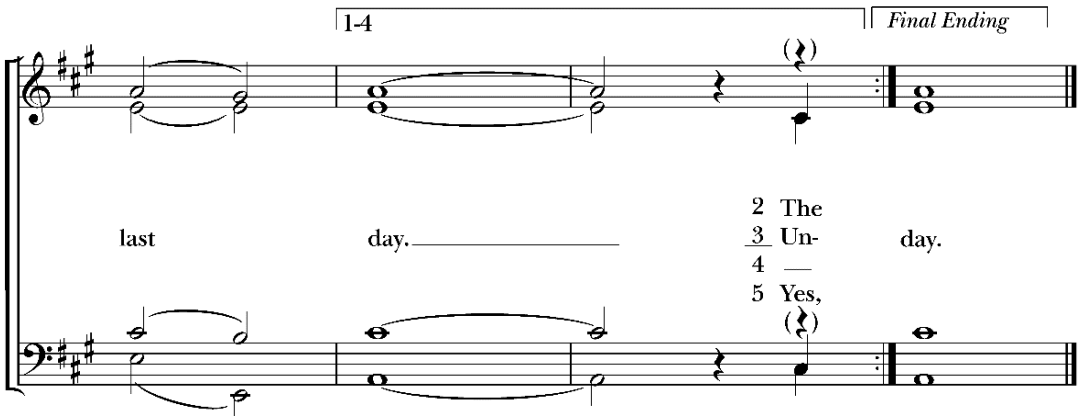
Another alternative to receiving the wine from the common cup is through intinction. The priest will place the wafer in your hand; the chalice bearer will pick up the wafer, dip it into the wine, and replace it on your palm. No one is allowed to intinct with their own hand/fingers. This safe guards all 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 You Have Broken* David Schelat

COMMUNION HYMN *I am the bread of life* HYMN 335





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The Officiant and People say together:

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BLESSING

Now may the power that is in Christ Jesus,
the strength of the Holy Spirit to baptize and save,
and the fierce love of God, the Creator,
bless you and keep you in grace and truth. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN *Crown him with many crowns* HYMN 494



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DISMISSAL

Officiant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Assisting in today's service

Crucifer	**Jamal Dillman-Hasso**
Subdeacon	**Leslie Hall**
Lector	**Susan Kendall**
Prayers of the People	**AJ Walilko**
Chalice Bearers	**Jamal Dillman-Hasso, Leslie Hall**
Altar Guild Members for the Week	**Debbie Parks (chair), Katie Alexander, Hillary Walilko**
Ushers	**Larry Clark, Isaac Francisco, Steven Kandow, Hillary Walilko, Katie Wiley**
Counters	**Jane Bryce, Isaac Francisco**
Coffee Hour	**Vestry**
Greeters	**Sally Boron**
Blessing Box	**John David Hawkins**
Recycling Team	**Jim Milne**
Sunday School Mentors	**Barb Heany, Allan Boron**
Vestry Person of the Day	**Jim Milne**

Musical selections licensed through Rite Song.

Assisting Next Sunday, November 29, 2026

Crucifer	**Debbie Parks**
Subdeacon	**Henrie Parks**
Lector	**Nancy Rudd**
Prayers of the People	**Libby Richardson**
Chalice Bearers	**Justin Alexander, Debbie Parks**
Altar Guild Members for the Week	**Marti Narezo (chair), Carrie Freeman, Barb Heany**
Ushers	**David Parks, Dani Hilliard, Patrick Prebo, Bob Merriman**
Counters	**Larry Clark, Leslie Hall**
Coffee Hour	**The Walilko Family**
Greeters	
Blessing Box	**Mike Arneson & Bella Rose**
Recycling Team	**Allan Boron**
Sunday School Mentors	**Barb Heany**
Vestry Person of the Day	**Mark Rudd**

Opportunities For Prayer
November 22, 2026

We pray for those who have ongoing needs for healing prayers: Melissa, Julie, Everett, Pat, Jim, Mike, Jennifer, Howard, Jon, Carol, Whitt, Laurie, Leslie, Larry, Lyn, Patrick, and Barbara. **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: Joe Lehning, and The Rev. Karen Lewis.

We pray this week for the following community service agency: House of Promise, PO Box 27032, Lansing 48909.

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 worshiping communities: St. Matthew's & St. Joseph's, Detroit.

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

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 22, 2026 – November 29, 2026

AdventWord is a free inspirational online Advent calendar featuring a daily prompt word selected from the Advent Sunday Lectionary readings. Followers receive a daily meditation and image inspired by the day's word, and are invited to share their own personal reflections, art, poetry, or other creative expression. Sign up for email updates and daily meditations at **AdventWord.org.**

"Tabletop Saints": Our next game night is Friday, December 11th at 6:15pm. A board and card game night of fellowship and fun! Games will be provided, but feel free to bring your favorite games and invite friends**.** Please sign up in the Merrifield room so we can plan enough food and soft drinks for everyone. Children are welcome when accompanied by a parent or guardian, childcare is not provided. Parking is available in the 4Cs lot in St. Paul's designated spots, the St. Paul's lot and on the street. Please see Rachel or Ian Moore if you have any questions.

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

Grateful Gathering Dinner, November 24th at 6:15pm. Please sign up in the Merrifield Room so we know how much food we need to prepare. We ask that you bring your favorite dessert to share. There is also a signup sheet for cleaning up. The Roosevelt Ramp will be open until 10:00pm.

United Thank Offering, November 29th: As we focus on gratitude, we will hold the offering for UTO on November 29th. 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.

Faith & Film – December 4th at 6:15pm: *The Christmas Chronicles,* released November 2018. Kate and Teddy, who notice Santa Claus in their home and jump into his sleigh with his reindeer; however, they accidentally cause the sleigh to crash, and the presents are lost. As Christmas morning approaches, it is up to the children and Santa to save Christmas by correctly delivering all the presents on time. This is a feel-good Christmas story for the whole family. Snacks will be provided. Please sign up in the Merrifield Room.

St. Nicholas Celebration: We will celebrate St. Nicholas Sunday on December 6th with a visit from St. Nick himself.

Capital City Brass Band Concert: Save the date! December 13, 2026, 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.

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.

Decorating the Sanctuary on December 20th: 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.

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.

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

Provide a Meal for Canterbury MSU: The signup genius is open to sign up to provide a meal for Canterbury for the fall. Please bring a complete meal (main dish, side, salad, dessert) for 6 people with a gluten and dairy free option. Please no mushrooms. Deliver to 225 M.A.C. Ave on Thursday by 6:15pm. Contact Chaplain Alex Aivars at chaplain.canterburymsu@gmail.com or 269.806.3489 for any questions.https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C044EAEAD28A5FDCF8-65142631-fall

Red Cross First Aid/CPR/AED Certification: Our Red Cross certified instructors will be holding classes December 12th in the Choir Room from 10am-2pm. This class is for anyone who wants to be certified/re-certified in adult and/or pediatric First Aid or CPR/AED. You have two weeks to complete an online portion of the class. Payment of $40 to St. Paul's Episcopal Church due at the class. Free for staff, ushers, and Sunday School mentors. See John David Hawkins or Mark Rudd for more information.

Noisy Offering through December: The City Rescue Mission of Lansing is a 501(c)3, Christian ministry founded in and still serving Michigan's capital area. Every year, thousands of children and adults find refuge and rescue thanks to the compassion of our community. Their mission is to meet physical needs for Food and Shelter to bring those with spiritual needs the Hope that is found in Jesus Christ.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Contributions Last Week: For the weeks of November 15, 2026, St. Paul's received **$4,532** in contributions as follows:

Pledge Income	**$4,050**
NonPledge Income	**$350**
SP26 Lift Capital Campaign	**$100**

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This Week at St. Paul's
November 22, 2026 – November 29, 2026

Sunday, 11/22:		Christ the King
		Pledge Card Sunday
		CMDR Advent kick off meeting w/parents
	9:15am	Choir Rehearsal
	9:45am	Sunday School
	10:00am	Worship & Holy Communion – Sanctuary
	11:15am	Coffee Hour
	11:30am	Melissa Blood Interment – Memorial Garden
	4pm-6pm	Lange Ensemble Rehearsall
		Roosevelt Ramp open until 7:30pm
Monday, 11/23:		
Tuesday, 11/24:	6:15pm	Grateful Gathering
		Roosevelt Ramp open until 10:00pm
Wednesday, 11/25:	9:00pm	Compline – Zoom
Thursday, 11/26:		Thanksgiving – Office Closed
Friday, 11/27:		Office Closed
Saturday, 11/28:		
Sunday, 11/29:		Advent I
		United Thank Offering
	9:15am	Choir Rehearsal
	9:45am	Sunday School
	10:00am	Worship & Holy Communion – Sanctuary
	11:15am	Coffee Hour
	11:15am	Pack lunches for Punks with Lunch
	3pm-7pm	Lange Choral Ensemble Rehearsal
		Roosevelt Ramp open until 7:30pm

CHRISTMAS FLOWER FUND



I would like to contribute $_____

This contribution is from: _____

In Memory of: _____

OR
In grateful Thanksgiving for: _____

Please make checks payable to St. Paul's Episcopal Church and write "Flower Fund" in the memo line. Checks and this form can be placed in the collection plate, mailed to the church office at 218 W. Ottawa, Lansing 48933, or placed in the Parish mailbox outside of the Parish office. (Deadline: Monday, December 14, 2026)