

*Christ  
the King*



*Welcome to*  
**SAINT PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

*Last Sunday of the Church Year*

*Christ the King Sunday*

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"In Nomine Iesu"

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**Welcome** to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, a member congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. Thank you for being with us today, where we join "with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven" to hear the Word of God and receive His Sacraments. If you are a visitor or guest, we invite you to come and worship with us again. If you have any questions, or have an interest in joining St. Paul's, please speak with one of our pastors.

A special welcome is extended to all our guests. We hope you will worship with us again soon.

**Everyone** is asked to fill out the registration card found in your pew rack. Just jot down the names of those in attendance and hand it to the usher as you leave

We sincerely pray that your day has been blessed through worship and you will visit with us again very soon.

**Prelude**  
**Welcome, and Announcements**  
**Call to Worship ~ *Ringings of the Bells***

## **The Order of Worship**

Lutheran Service Book – Divine Service Setting Four

### **Hymn of Invocation**

*“How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds”*      LSB #524

### **Invocation** *(please stand)*

P      In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son  
and of the Holy Spirit.

C      **Amen.**

### **Confession and Absolution**

P      Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C      **who made heaven and earth.**

P      If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins,  
O Lord, who could stand?

C      **But with You there is forgiveness;  
therefore You are feared.**

P      Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word and call upon  
Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our  
unworthiness and confess before God and one another  
that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and  
that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition.  
Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite  
mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace  
for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to  
me, a sinner.

C      **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our  
sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P      Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for  
you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a  
called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His  
authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the  
name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy  
Spirit.

C      **Amen.**

## Service of the Word

### Introit

*Ps. 39:4-5; 7-8, 12a; 2 Peter 3:13b NIV*

P We are looking forward to a new heaven  
and a new earth,

C **the home of righteousness.**

P O LORD, make me know my end and what is the  
measure of my days;

C **let me know how fleeting I am!**

P Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths,

C **and my lifetime is as nothing before you.**

P And now, O Lord, for what do I wait?

C **My hope is in you.**

P Deliver me from all my transgressions.

C **Do not make me the scorn of the fool!**

P Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear to my cry;

C **hold not your peace at my tears!**

All **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the  
Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and  
will be forever. Amen.**

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and a new earth,

C **the home of righteousness.**

### Kyrie



Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

### Gloria in Excelsis

1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
 2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
 3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.

Good-will from God in heav - en Pro- claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
 O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
 For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;

We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
 You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,

Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.  
 Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—  
 In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

### Salutation

P The Lord be with you.  
 C **And also with you.**

### Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.  
 Lord Jesus Christ, so govern our hearts and minds by  
 Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your glorious  
 return, we may persevere in both faith and holiness of  
 living; for You live and reign with the Father and the  
 Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All **Amen.**

*(be seated)*

### Choir Anthem *"Every Day My Thanks to You"*

Words and Music: Penny Folsom  
 Arranged by Ralph Manuel

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 51:4-6*

<sup>4</sup> “Give attention to me, my people, and give ear to me, my nation; for a law will go out from me, and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples. <sup>5</sup> My righteousness draws near, my salvation has gone out, and my arms will judge the peoples; the coastlands hope for me, and for my arm they wait. <sup>6</sup> Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like manner; but my salvation will be forever, and my righteousness will never be dismayed.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

*Revelation 1:4b-8*

<sup>4</sup> 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, <sup>5</sup> and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood <sup>6</sup> and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. <sup>7</sup> Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

<sup>8</sup> “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Alleluia and Verse (*please stand*)

The image shows two staves of musical notation in treble clef with a common time signature. The first staff contains the melody for the Alleluia, with the lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." written below it. The second staff contains the melody for the verse, with the lyrics "These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that" written below it. Both staves end with a double bar line.



## Holy Gospel

*Mark 13:24-37*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>24</sup> “But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, <sup>25</sup> and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. <sup>26</sup> And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. <sup>27</sup> And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

<sup>28</sup> “From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. <sup>29</sup> So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. <sup>30</sup> Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. <sup>31</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>32</sup> “But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>33</sup> Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. <sup>34</sup> It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. <sup>35</sup> Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning— <sup>36</sup> lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. <sup>37</sup> And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **Apostles' Creed**

**All** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*(be seated)*

## **Children's Message**

### **Hymn of the Day**

*"Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying"*

LSB #516

## **Sermon**

## **Presentation of the Offering**

## **Prayers of the Church**

(After each portion of the prayers:)

**P** Lord, in your mercy, **C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs:

**P** Almighty God, You have prepared Your kingdom for us from the foundation of the world. Preserve us in faith and love throughout our days, that we may care for Your servants and our neighbors with compassion and joy, looking toward that day when the Son of Man comes in His glory; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who



lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God,  
now and forever.

**C Amen.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

**All 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.**

**Benedicamus** (*please stand*)

**P Let us bless the Lord.**

**C Thanks be to God.**

### **Benediction**

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

**C Amen.**

**Sending Hymn**    *"Thine Forever, God of Love"*    **LSB #687**

### **Silent Prayer**

*(be seated)*

### **Postlude**

**"Soli Deo Gloria"**

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## The Advent Season Worship Calendar

### Sunday, December 1

Blue Christmas

3:00 p.m.

### Wednesday, December 4, 11, 18

Pre-service Advent Meal 5:00 - 6:15 p.m.

Advent Worship 6:30 p.m.

### Sunday, December 15

Children's Program

Worship at 9:00 a.m.

Only ONE service

Sunday School/Bible Class at 10:15 a.m.

### Sunday, December 22

Carol Service

Worship at 8:00 and 10:30

Bible Class at 9:15 a.m.

### Tuesday, December 24

Christmas Eve

Worship at 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

### Wednesday, December 25

Christmas Day

Worship with Communion at 9:00 a.m.



**HEAVEN AND EARTH WILL PASS  
AWAY, BUT MY WORDS WILL  
NEVER PASS AWAY.**

Mark 13:31

*Joy's Royalty*