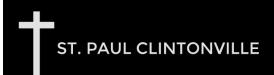


St. Paul Lutheran Church

Christ the King — November 20, 2022







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Welcome Guests...

We are honored to have you with us here at St. Paul in Clintonville!

- **Guest Book:** Please sign our guest book near the doors to the worship area.
- **Restrooms**: If you need them, there are bathrooms just to the sides of the main entrance doors.
- Children: We are grateful and glad that they are here! If you feel the need to, you can take them to the parent's room or to the back gathering area. Let us know if there are other ways we can help you focus on the Word.
- Changing Table: If needed these are in the parent's room and downstairs restrooms.
- Communion: guests, please talk with our pastor before coming up for communion so that we can talk about what we believe about it first.

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Christ the King Sunday As we end this church year, this last Sunday

As we end this church year, this last Sunday we draw our hearts to Christ, our King. Even today people like to define and describe God as if they were in charge of God. They may tell you what to expect of God but God has shown Himself to be different than what people expected. Who would look to the shameful punishment of execution on a cross to find their King? Yet there He is, more triumphant than the eye reveals. There He is, giving words no one else could... "today you will be with me in paradise".

Christ is the King of kings and LORD of lords, however it unlikely it may look. Join us today as we praise our King for the mighty victory He won for us all! Christ is our eternal King, to Him be all the praise and glory and honor, now and forever more! Amen!

Vision



Our passion for the Gospel will make us the chosen place of worship in our community.

Mission

We will share the life giving and inerrant Word of God as written in the Bible.

Core Values

We will proclaim the law and the gospel so that all may have eternal life.

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The Bible translation used in today's service is NIV 11.

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Hymn 512

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

those who are able to, please stand after stanza 4, for the final 2 stanzas



- 1 All hail the pow'r of Je sus' name! Let an gels pros-trate fall;
- 2 Crown him, ye mar-tyrs of our God who from his al tar call;
- 3 Ye seed of Is-rael's cho-sen race, ye ran-somed from the fall,
 - 4 Ye Gen-tile sin-ners, ne'er for get the worm-wood and the gall;
 - 5 Let ev-'ry kin-dred, ev-'ry tribe on this ter-res-trial ball
- 6 Oh, that with yon-der sa-cred throng we at his feet may fall!

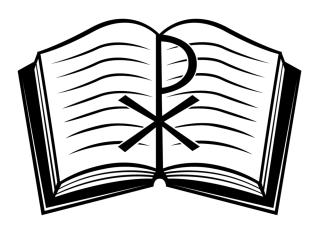


bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and crown him Lord of all. ex - tol the stem of Jes - se's rod and crown him Lord of all. hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all. go spread your tro-phies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.

to him all maj-es-ty as-cribe and crown him Lord of all.
We'll join the ev-er-last-ing song and crown him Lord of all.



Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and crown him Lord all. Ies - se's rod and crown him Ex - tol the stem of Lord of all. Hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all. Go spread your tro-phies at his feet and crown him all. Lord of To him all maj - es - ty as - cribe and crown him Lord all. of We'll join the ev - er - last-ing song and crown him Lord of all.



Invocation Call to Worship

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Group: Amen

Confession of Sins

We have come here to worship and praise our God. It only seems fitting that we should start in the beginning.

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth

Day after day, God added to his creation...

...and it was good

Then the perfect God made the crown of creation. He made Adam, and because it was not good for Adam to be alone, he made Eve.

So God created mankind in his own image

In the image of God he made them, Male and female he created them...

...and it was very good. Adam and Eve were in unity with God.

And God walked with them in the Garden.

Hymn 574 stanza 1

The Tree of Life

The tree of life with ev'ry good In Eden's holy orchard stood And of its fruit so pure and sweet God let the man and woman eat Yet in this garden also grew Another tree of which they knew Its lovely limbs with fruit adorned Against whose eating God had warned

We know what happened next. In that scene of perfection, God told Adam and Eve that they have dominion over all they saw. They could enjoy the fruit of any tree, except one. He asked them to honor Him by not eating the fruit of that one tree.

Hymn 574 stanza 2

The Tree of Life

The stillness of that sacred grove Was broken as the serpent strove With tempting voice Eve to beguile And Adam to by sin defile Oh, day of sadness when the breath Of fear and darkness, doubt and death Its awful poison first displayed Within the world so newly made

Adam and Eve learned shame. From that moment when Adam and Eve chose their way over God's, all creation has been in mourning. We come here to this church not to claim we are better or special, but to acknowledge the reality of everything.

God is holy, we are not.

God does not sin and does not want us to sin, but we sin.

We choose our ways over His ways.

Friends, sinners, let us confess our unworthiness to the Lord and ask for his forgiveness.

Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.
For faithless worrying and selfish pride,
For sins of habit and sins of choice,
For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,
You should cast me away from your presence forever.
O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

Hymn 574 stanza 3

The Tree of Life

What mercy God showed to our race, A plan of rescue by his grace: In sending One from woman's seed, The One to fill our greatest need--For on a tree uplifted high His only Son for sin would die, Would drink the cup of scorn and dread To crush the ancient serpent's head!

The Creator bent down and dwelt amongst his fallen creation. Who is God? Look at what he has done! Out of His pure and boundless love, while we were still rebellious sinners, God came to rescue us.

Be at peace, your sins are forgiven. Be confident in your Savior. Be filled with joy knowing that by God's undeserved grace toward us, we will one day walk with God in perfect unity. We will be with Him in the gardens of Heaven and see the tree of life.

Hymn 574 stanza 4

The Tree of Life

Now from that tree of Jesus' shame Flows life eternal in his name; For all who trust and will believe, Salvation's living fruit receive. And of this fruit so pure and sweet The Lord invites the world to eat, To find within this cross of wood The tree of life with ev'ry good.

Kyrie Lord Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen**



Prayer of the Day

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

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, by your victory you have broken the power of the evil one. Fill our hearts with joy and peace as we look with hope to that day when every creature in heaven and earth will acclaim you King of kings and Lord of lords to your unending praise and glory; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

First Reading Jeremiah 23:1-6

"Woe to the shepherds who are destroying and scattering the sheep of my pasture!" declares the LORD. ²Therefore this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says to the shepherds who tend my people: "Because you have scattered my flock and driven them away and have not bestowed care on them, I will bestow punishment on you for the evil you have done," declares the LORD. ³"I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them and will bring them back to their pasture, where they will be fruitful and increase in number. ⁴I will place shepherds over them who will tend them, and they will no longer be afraid or terrified, nor will any be missing," declares the LORD.

5"The days are coming," declares the LORD,
 "when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch,
 a King who will reign wisely
 and do what is just and right in the land.
 6In his days Judah will be saved
 and Israel will live in safety.
 This is the name by which he will be called:
 The LORD Our Righteous Savior.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 95 printed below



Second Reading Colossians 1:13–20

¹³For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. ¹⁵The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. ¹⁹For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, ²⁰and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Luke 23:42,43

Alleluia

"Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Jesus answered him, "Today you will be with me in paradise." Alleluia.

Gospel Reading Luke 23:35-43

³⁵The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is God's Messiah, the Chosen One."

³⁶The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar ³⁷and said, "If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself."

³⁸There was a written notice above him, which read: this is the king of the jews.

³⁹One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!"

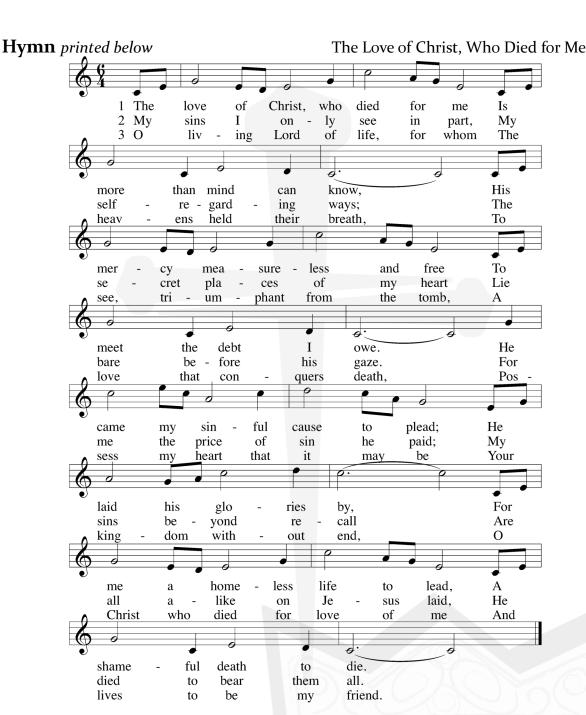
⁴⁰But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? ⁴¹We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong."

⁴²Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

⁴³Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise be to you, O Christ!**





Sermon *Luke* 23:35–43

Expect the Unexpected from Your King

Confession of Faith Nicene Creed

The Nicene Creed was written around A.D. 325 in defense of the true Christian faith. .

The Nicene Creed can be found on page 162 of the hymnal.

Prayer of the Church

To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power for ever and ever!

Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory.

You are worthy, O Christ our King, to receive honor and glory and praise, for you created all things and by your will they were created and have their being.

Alleluia! For our Lord God Almighty reigns!

You are worthy, O Christ our King, to receive honor and glory and praise because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased us for God. From every tribe and language and people and nation, you have called us into your kingdom and have made us priests to serve you, our God and Father.

Help us live as royal priests.

We give thanks to you, O Christ our Shepherd-King, because you have searched for us and found us. Lead us to the green pastures and quiet waters of your saving love, so that we may enjoy peace and comfort for our souls.

Heal our hearts when they are broken with sin and guilt. Strengthen us when we are weak.

We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, because you have taken your great power and have begun to reign. Come with your mighty power to break and defeat every evil plan and purpose of the devil, of the ungodly influences and ideas of the world, and of our own sinful nature. Use your power to calm the unrest among nations and peoples so that your kingdom may spread and grow.

Strengthen our confidence in knowing that your kingdom will never be destroyed.

O Christ our King, you have supremacy over all. You will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity. You have destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Reign in our hearts that we may serve you more faithfully and speak more boldly to others of your saving love.

Praise be to the Lord God, who alone does marvelous deeds.

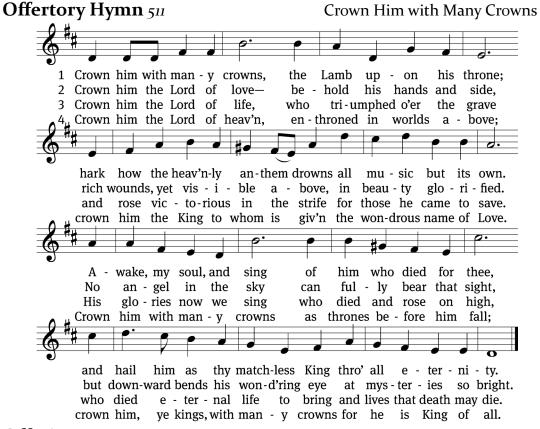
May the whole earth be filled with his glory.

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

—Silent prayer—

Look, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him. The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign for ever and ever, King of kings and Lord of lords!

The Lord God Almighty reigns!
Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! Amen.



Offering

Our offering is our reaction to God's grace, do not feel obligated to give.

The Sacrament spoken

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

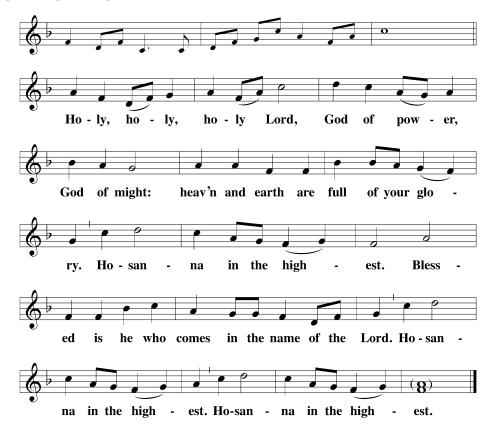
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who preserves his Church to the end of time, when he will come again as king to judge all people and take his own to glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy



Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer the prayer our Savior taught us

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

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

Distribution of the Sacrament

Our Practice of Close Communion

Based on the words of Scripture, we believe that partaking in the Sacrament of Holy Communion is one of the highest forms of fellowship we have this side of heaven—both with our Risen Savior and with our fellow believers. By partaking in the sacrament, we confess that we believe what this congregation teaches and confesses. Because we don't want to put anyone in the uncomfortable position of having to state their full agreement with us before we've had an opportunity to explain it to them, we respectfully ask that only those who are communicant members of this congregation or another WELS or ELS congregation come forward to receive the Sacrament. If you would like further explanation of our practice, Pastor Rothfuss would be more than willing to explain after the worship service.



own pres - ence, grant us grace to heed your call. path with vour thirst with liv - ing spring-ing up e - ter - nal - ly. wa - ter branch - es your vine - yard e ter - nal life we gain. in till

us hear your voice a - lone. shep - herd, keep us; let God, our your heav'n - ly man - sions, there to share your wed-ding feast. Fa - ther and the Spir - it and to you e - ter - nal - ly.



Thanksgiving

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing the Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen.

Hymn 829

Take Heart

stanza 1 will be sung by a soloist, please join in for stanzas 2 and 3



hind the storm is Je - sus Christ, the sun of our sal - va - tion. dress-es us in ra - diant light— the ar - mor of his gos - pel. we be - fore his throne will be like him, for - ev - er shin - ing!

Announcements

Thanks for joining us this morning!

Welcome, we are glad you joined us this morning! After the service, relax and enjoy some snacks. **Kids** can grab a snack and head downstairs for Sunday School! **Teens and adults**, we will gather back in the worship for a Bible Study.

Advent Devotional Booklet

In the gathering area there are free devotional booklets for Advent. These wonderful resources were provided by Martin Luther College, our church body's college for training Called workers. While we don't have any members currently attending MLC, it is a blessing to know that Pastor's sister is there training to serve the Church as a teacher. For more information about MLC go to mlc-wels.edu.



Thanksgiving Eve

As we take time to celebrate all the blessings we have that we are thankful for, don't forget the Lord. Join us as we praise the Lord, our great provider. There will be a very special service here **this Wednesday at 6:30pm.** The service will be full of beautiful hymns and encouraging readings.

Sisters In Christ Advent Tea

Sunday, December 4th @12:30pm Join us for an afternoon of food, fellowship, and devotion. Please sign up outside of Pastor's office and specify if you are willing to bring anything. Sugar Bush, Belle Plaine, and Shawano have also been invited.



Christmas Decorating Help Needed

Help us celebrate this Advent season as we decorate our church in preparation of Christmas. Join us this Saturday starting at 8am to help us as we make this lead up to Christmas extra special.

Book Club Connecting Sinai to Calvary

Don't miss out on the next Book club gatherings. We'll see you on Tuesday November 29th at 6:30pm! Talk to Chuck if you need a book or discussion guide.

Advent Meals Help Needed

If you are willing to help bring food for these light suppers, please let us know on the sign up sheet by Pastor's office. This will help us coordinate everyone's effort. It will be up to those who sign up to decide what to bring.

Upcoming Events at St. Paul

November 23 Wednesday

Open Office @10am-12 noon Thanksgiving Eve Service @6:30pm

November 26 Saturday

Men's Breakfast Bible Study @6am Christmas Decorating @10am-12 noon

November 27 Sunday

Worship Service @9am Sunday School @10:15am Bible Study @10:15am

November 29 Tuesday

Catechism Class @ 5:30pm Book Club @6:30pm

November 30 Wednesday

Open Office @10am-12 noon Shared Meal @5:30pm Advent Service @6:30pm

December 4 Sunday

Worship Service @9am Sunday School @10:15am Bible Study @10:15am

December 6 Tuesday

Catechism Class @ 5:30pm

~THE LORD WILING~

Sunday, November 6th Attendance: 82 Offered: \$2,778.00 General Fund: \$2,078.00

Mortgage Matching Total: \$16,111.52 given

so far from our congregation before matching

Snacks this week

Ann L Linda M

Ushers this week

Todd T Aaron W Greg M **Dustin** L

Snacks next week Lizzie B

Jeannie S

Ushers next week

Tom L Chuck S Austin R Evan R

Big Events

Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service Wednesday at 6:30pm

Advent Wednesday Services

starting November 30th

Christmas Eve

Saturday December 24th services at 7pm & 8:30pm

Communion Help: November: Aaron Warnke Communion Clean Up **Lizzie B 11/20** Jeannie S 11/20 Crystal R 12/4 **Joan M 12/4**

November: Angie Boughton Shut In Visitors

December: Gansters

