St. Paul Lutheran Church Christ the King ~ Sunday, November 23, 2025

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Children's Message

Baptism of Elizabeth Violet Petersen and Marianna Katherine Petersen P: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Sponsors present the candidates:

I present Elizabeth Violet Petersen for baptism.

I present Marianna Katherine Petersen for baptism.

The presiding minister addresses the parents

P: Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your children baptized into Christ?

Response: I do.

P: As you bring your children to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with them among God's faithful people,

bring them to the word of God and the holy supper,

teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,

place in their hands the holy scriptures,

and nurture them in faith and prayer,

so that your children may learn to trust God,

proclaim Christ through word and deed,

care for others and the world God made,

and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your children grow in the Christian faith and life? Response: I do.

The presiding minister addresses sponsors:

P: Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Elizabeth and Marianna in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church? Response: I do.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly:

P: People of God, do you promise to support Elizabeth and Marianna and pray for them in their new life in Christ?

C: We do.

The assembly stands.

Profession of Faith

The presiding minister addresses the parents and sponsors.

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

P: Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God? Response: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God? Response: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God? Response: I renounce them.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Thanksgiving at the Font

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you. Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The assembly may be seated.

Baptism

The presiding minister baptizes the candidate.

P: Elizabeth Violet Petersen, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Marianna Katherine Petersen, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Laying both hands on the heads of the newly baptized, the minister prays: P: Sustain Elizabeth Violet Petersen and Marianna Katherine Petersen with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C: Amen.

The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of the baptized.

P: Elizabeth, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

C: Amen.

P: Marianna, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

C: Amen.

Welcome

A lighted candle may be given to a sponsor

P: Jesus said, I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will have the light of life.

P: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

Applause as those who have gathered at the font return to their places.

Please rise in body or spirit

Gathering Song

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!" Screen or ELW #634 vs. 1.2.5 & 6



- All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros-trate fall;
- seed Is - rael's cho - sen race now ran - somed from the fall. 2 \mathbf{O} of
- Hail him, you heirs of Da-vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did call— 3
- Sin ners, whose love can ne'er for get the worm-wood and the gall.



bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and crown him Lord of all. him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all. hail in - car - nate, man di - vine-and crown him God Lord of all. the spread your tro-phies at his feet and crown him Lord of all. go



di - a - dem and crown him all. Bring forth the roy - al Lord of Hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all. The God in - car - nate, man di - vine—and crown him Lord all. of Go spread your tro-phies at his feet and crown him Lord all. of

- 5 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe on this terrestrial ball to him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all.
- 6 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall! We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all.

Text: Edward Perronet, 1726-1792, sts. 1-4; J. Rippon, A Selection of Hymns, 1787, sts. 5-6 Music: Coronation, Oliver Holden, 1765-1844

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Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. C: And also, with you.



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Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray. O God,

C: our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

First Reading – Jeremiah 23:1-6

Screen

A: A reading from the book of Jeremiah.

A: 1 Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. 2 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. 3 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. 4I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall no longer fear or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord. 5 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. 6 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."

A: Word of God, Word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm – Psalm 46 Screen

A: We will read the Psalm responsively by whole verse.

A: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

C: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;

A: though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

C: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

A: God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken; God shall help it at the break of day.

C: The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth melts away.

A: The Lord of hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

C: Come now, regard the works of the Lord, what desolations God has brought upon the earth;

A: behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world; who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

C: "Be still, then, and know that I am God;

I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."

A: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Second Reading - Colossians 1:11-20

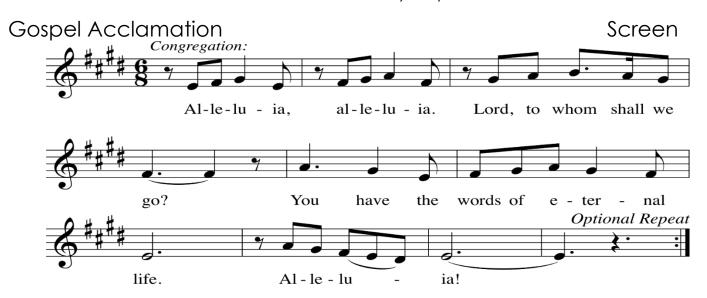
Screen

A: A reading from the book of Colossians.

A: ¹¹ May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³ He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. ¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, ¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ 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. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ 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.

A: Word of God, Word of life. C: Thanks be to God.

Please rise in body or spirit.



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Gospel - Luke 23:33-43

Screen

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 23rd chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

P: ³³ 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. ³⁴ [[Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵ And the people stood by watching, but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" ³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷ and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸ There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹ And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴² Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom." ⁴³ He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise." P: The Gospel of our Lord **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

The congregation is invited to be seated

Sermon

Please rise in body or spirit.

Hymn of the Day

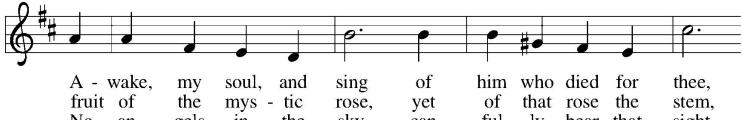
"Crown Him with Many Crowns" Screen or ELW #855 vs. 1,4 & 5



- 1 Crown him with man y crowns, the Lamb up on his throne;
- 2 Crown him the vir gin's Son, the God in car nate born,
- 3 Crown him the Lord of love— be hold his hands and side,
- 4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri-umphed o'er the grave
- 5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po ten tate of time,



hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn; bove, in vis - i - ble a beau - ty glo - ri - fied. rich wounds, yet strife for those he came to save. vic - to - rious in the and rose roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly of the cre a tor sub - lime.



No an gels in the sky ful - ly bear that sight, can His glo ries now sing, who died and rose high, we on All hail, Re - deem - er, For thou hast died for hail! me;



and hail him thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty. as the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem. but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies bright. e - ter - nal to bring, and who died. life lives that death may die. shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty. thy praise and glo - ry

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800-1894, sts. 1-3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823-1903, st. 4

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Prayers of Intercession

Screen

P: Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

A: We pray for the church in the world, its leaders, and its mission to share the good news of healing and restoration. Inspire us to embody the beloved community in ways that faithfully witness to the Holy Spirit. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: We pray for the trembling mountains and glad streams of creation. Preserve and renew your coastlines, deep seas, forests, and grasslands. Guide all who tend flocks or care for creatures of all kinds. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: We pray for leaders and advocates in government, civic life, and public safety. Support equity across the globe, and heal division with accountability and truth. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: We pray for any who are hungry, living in poverty or desperation, weary in body or spirit, or sick especially Roger Asplund, Eva Cowley, Barb Strom, Deb Liebzeit, Chase Flynn, Connie Clayton, Bonnie Bollman, Connie Laidig, and those we name aloud or in our hearts... brief silence.... Comfort all in need of your tender care. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: We pray for this part of the body of Christ gathered around word and sacrament. Bring us into authentic community where all ages are valued and experience God's faithfulness together. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: We give thanks for all who have died in faith, especially Terry McCarter. May we remember them faithfully until we are gathered with you in the paradise you promise. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

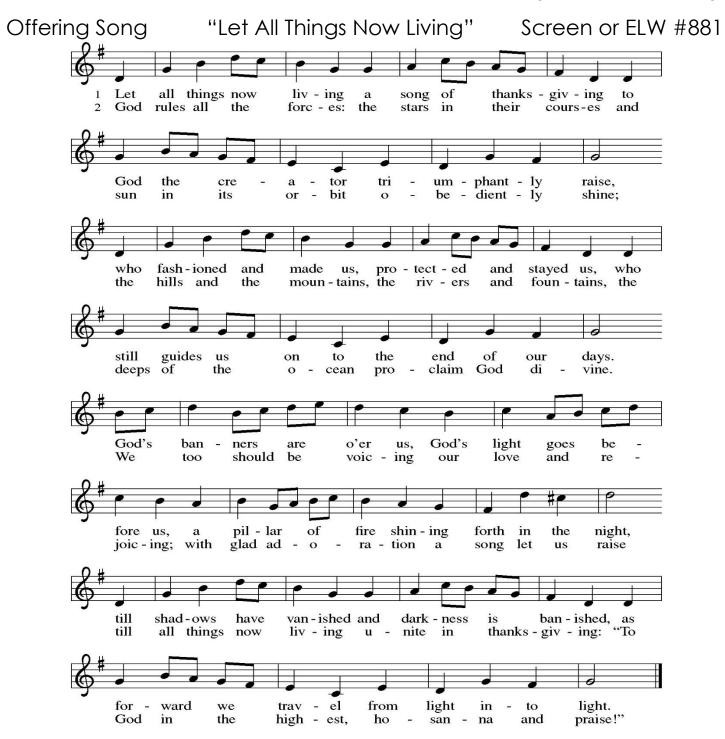
Prayer requests can be submitted to the church office by phone or email.

Peace P: The peace of Christ be with you all. C: And, also with you! Please share a sign of Christ's peace however you feel comfortable.

The congregation is invited to be seated.

Offering

General and special offerings may be placed in the plates by the doors as we enter or depart. In addition to the offering that supports the ministry of St. Paul, the children of St. Paul receive a weekly Children's Offering. Their offering this month will support the LSSI Holiday Hope Chest. We thank the children and youth for their help collecting the children's offering!



Offering Prayer Screen

P: God of healing and hope,

C: you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things. Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts. Nourish us with the abundance of your feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and forever. Amen.

Holy Communion

Screen

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Words of Institution

P: In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying "Take and eat, this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Again, after supper, Jesus took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

The Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

P: There is a place for you at the table of God. Come, receive the food that does not perish, a taste of life eternal.

The congregation is invited to be seated.

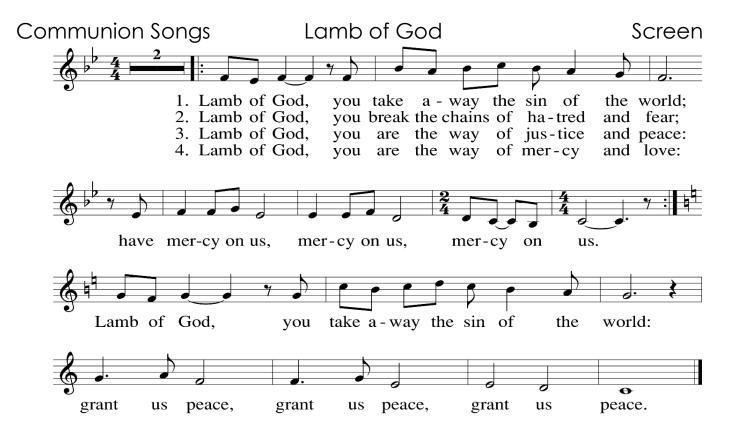
Distribution of Holy Communion

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say "The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you."

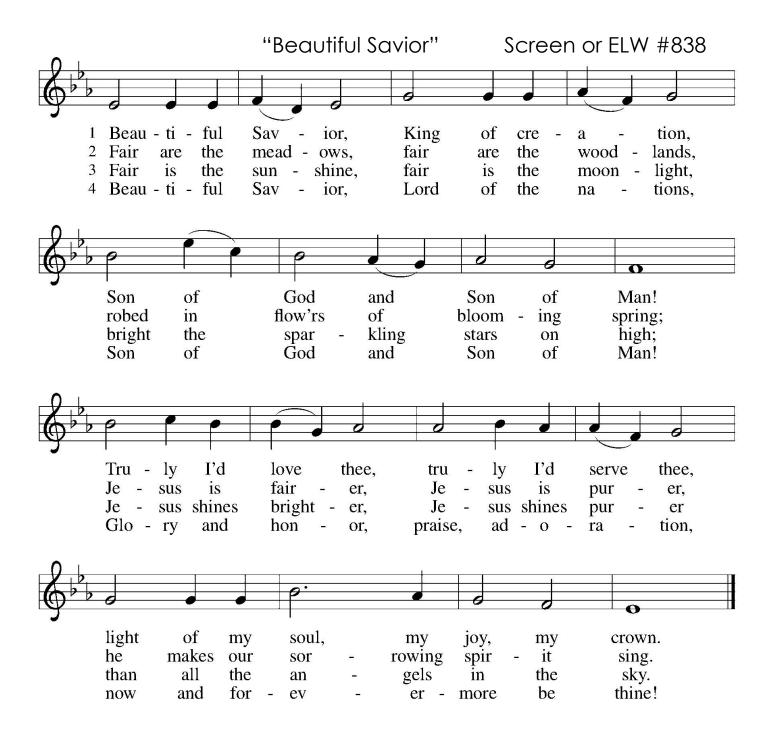
Each person may respond, "amen".

St. Paul Lutheran Church and the ELCA practice "open table" communion.
This is Christ's table; Jesus is our host. Everyone is invited and welcome to receive Holy

Communion!



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Please rise in body or spirit

Post Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **C: Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer

A: Let us pray, God of field and flower, wheat and grape,

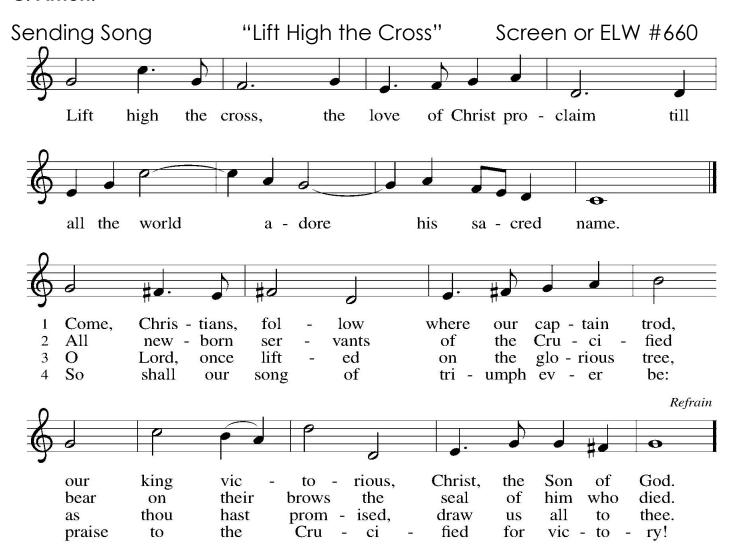
C: you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world. Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name. Amen.

SENDING

Blessing

P: The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you, God the Son save you, and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead. The holy Trinity bless you & and grant you a faithful and courageous heart now and forever.

C: Amen.



Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827-1912; rev. Michael R. Newbolt, 1874-1956

Music: CRUCIFER, Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875–1947

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Dismissal A: Go in peace. Share the harvest. C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Leading Worship

Musician: Kathy Sheridan

Preacher: Pastor Riley **Presider:** Pastor Anthony

Worship Assistant: Linda Patterson Youth Worship Helpers: Luis, Hannah, & Rafael

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Today's Altar flowers were given by John & Barb Storm to celebrate the baptism of Mari & Ellie Petersen.

St. Paul Announcements

Church Office contact information ~ email: office@stpauldixon.org phone: 815-288-2757 Church Office Hours: Monday through Thursday 8:30 am – 1:30 pm Pastor Anthony Windau (414) 364-9504 pastoragwindau@gmail.com Pastor Riley Reed-Windau (406) 240-2145 pastorreedwindau@gmail.com

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, 11/23: Pre Service Pie / Faith Lab Advent Logs Activity 9:30 am - 10:30 am

Worship Service 10:45 am (worship assistant: Lester Hallquist)

Joint Advent Tea at St. Paul 2:00 pm

Monday, 11/24: Prayer Team 10:00 am

Line Dancing 5:00 pm

Tuesday, 11/25: Line Dancing 9:00 am

Thursday, 11/27: Church Office Closed ~ Happy Thanksgiving!

Saturday, 11/29: No Worship (Pastors on vacation)

Sunday, 11/30: Christmas Pageant Rehearsal 9:30 am - 10:30 am

Worship Service 10:45 am (worship assistant: Joyce Craney)

Advent begins

Poinsettia order forms are available in the Gathering Area. TODAY is the day to turn in the order forms!

Thank you to all who helped at the workday last weekend!

WELCA COFFEE Wednesday, December 10th at 9 am

The Church Office will be CLOSED on Thursday, November 27th

Midweek Advent Devotions on the St. Paul Facebook page beginning noon Wednesday, November 26th.