

St. Paul Lutheran Church
of Stillwater, Minnesota

November 9, 2025

The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost



Your presence at worship is important to God and to us! Whether you are a first-time visitor, frequent participant, neighbor, member, or friend, please take a moment as you prepare for worship to share some information on the "Welcome to Worship" card included with your bulletin. Place it in the offering plate at the time the offering is received.

We worship on the first day of the week because Jesus was raised on that day. Every Sunday is a little Easter. This Sunday feels more like Easter than many as the appointed texts celebrate the reality of the resurrection. Live it up this Lord's day.

Our God is the God of the living.

Many of our worship materials are taken from the red Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW). Page numbers are located in the front half of the book and hymn numbers are located in the back half of the book.

The assembly **speaks** or **sings** the bold responses.



GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude

Thanksgiving for Baptism

ELW Page 97

Gathering Song

ELW Hymn 636

"How Small Our Span of Life"

Greeting

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

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

O God, our eternal redeemer, by the presence of your Spirit
you renew and direct our hearts. Keep always in our mind
the end of all things and the day of judgment. Inspire us for
a holy life here, and bring us to the joy of the resurrection,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading

Pew Bible: Old Testament Pages 468

Job 19:23-27a

*Job suffers the loss of children, wealth, and health. Accused by
his companions of wrongdoing, he knows himself to be innocent.
Here, in the midst of his suffering, Job clings to the radical hope
that his vindicator, his redeemer, lives; and that one day he
himself will see God.*

At the conclusion:

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Children's and Outreach Message



Gospel Acclamation

ELW 619

"I Know that My Redeemer Lives!"

Verses 1, 2, 3, and 4.

Luke 20:27-38

Some Sadducees, who do not believe in the resurrection of the dead, try to trap Jesus. They formulate the convoluted case of a serial widow who marries a succession of seven brothers. Jesus responds by teaching about God to whom all are alive and in whom all relationships are fulfilled.

The gospel is introduced:

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the conclusion:

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Nathan Baker-Trinity

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.



Hymn of the Day

"Sing With All the Saints in Glory"

Sing with all the saints in glo - ry, sing the res - ur - rec - tion song!
Death and sor - row, earth's dark sto - ry, to the for - mer days be-long.
All a - round the clouds are break-ing, soon the storms of time shall cease;
in God's like-ness we a - wak - en, know-ing ev - er - last - ing peace.

**Oh, what glory, far exceeding
all that eye has yet perceived!
Holiest hearts for ages pleading
never that full joy conceived.
God has promised, Christ prepares it,
there on high our welcome waits.
Ev'ry humble spirit shares it,
Christ has passed the eternal gates.**

**Life eternal! heav'n rejoices:
Jesus lives who once was dead.
Shout with joy, O deathless voices!
Child of God, lift up your head!
Life eternal! Oh, what wonders
crowd on faith; what joy unknown,
when, amid earth's closing thunders,
saints shall stand before the throne!**

Prayers of Intercession

After each prayer:
Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

At the conclusion:

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

Amen.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

All are invited to greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.



Offering

Our offering is a collection of money for the church's mission, including the care of those in need, as a sign of the giving of our whole selves in grateful response for all God's gifts. Your offering and "Welcome to Worship" card may be placed in the offering plate. The QR code on the right may be used if you wish to give electronically.



Offering Hymn

ELW Hymn 619

"I Know that My Redeemer Lives!"

Verses 5, 6, 7, and 8.

Offering Prayer

God of healing and hope, 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.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts,

We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . .

. . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God . . .

In the night in which he was betrayed . .

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command . . .

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

Amen.

**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.**



☞ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace. 7

Communion

We celebrate at an open communion table. All who hear our Lord's invitation are welcome to participate. Receive the bread first with an open hand and eat immediately, followed by the juice (white) or wine (red). Gluten-free bread is available at the front end of the center aisle. Please indicate to an usher if you need to receive communion from your pew. Children who have received age-appropriate instruction are welcome to commune. If you prefer instead to receive a blessing, please indicate by crossing your arms over your shoulders.

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

and each person may respond:

Amen.

Prayer After Communion

God of field and flower, wheat and grape, 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

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Announcements

Thanksgiving for Veterans

ELW Hymn 888

"O Beautiful For Spacious Skies"



Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

Amen.

Sending Song

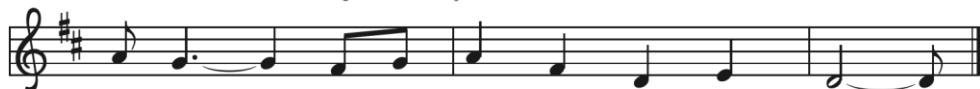
"Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In"



1 Oh, when the saints go march - ing in, oh, when the
2 Oh, when the Lord in glo - ry comes, oh, when the
3 Oh, when the new world is re - vealed, oh, when the
4 Oh, when they gath - er round the throne, oh, when they
5 And on that hal - le - lu - jah day, and on that



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Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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DAILY PRAYER

For Those Who Mourn

O Lord our God, Father of the Crucified, we pray for all who mourn, for those without those in whom their souls delighted, saddened with memories of vanished faces and loved voices stilled. Give them comfort in hope of that day when heart shall find heart and those torn apart on earth shall reunite in heaven; through the power and mercy of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Good Physician. Amen.

CONNECTIONS WITH THE LITURGY

Praying Across Generations

The prayer of the day is inspired by one in the 1639 Evangeliebok of the Church of Sweden. With Job, we ask God, our redeemer, for the Spirit to live a holy life while awaiting God's judgment and a joyful resurrection through Christ.

CATECHISM CONNECTION

Resurrection Now and Forever

Martin Luther regularly talked about two kinds of death and resurrection. One is our resurrection on the last day to eternal life. But another and equally important resurrection is our daily dying to sin and rising to new life through our baptism. Luther concludes his teaching on Third Article of the Creed ("I believe in the Holy Spirit. . .") in the Small Catechism: "Daily in this Christian church the Holy Spirit abundantly forgives all sins—mine and those of all believers. On the last day the Holy Spirit will raise me and all the dead and will give to me and all believers in Christ eternal life. This is most certainly true."

UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS

Martin, Bishop of Tours, died 397

Tuesday, November 11, 2025

Martin's pagan father enlisted him in the Roman army. Approached by a beggar, Martin cut his cloak in half and gave part to the man, whom he later understood as representing Christ. He asked to leave the army, but was jailed instead. After his release, he became a preacher, and later a bishop.

Søren Aabye Kierkegaard, teacher, died 1855

Tuesday, November 11, 2025

Kierkegaard was a Danish theologian whose writings also gave rise to the modern philosophy of existentialism. He frequently attacked the complacency of the state church of his day, as well as its desire to be accepted by polite society rather than be a stumbling block.

GOSPEL MESSAGE

Something Different

Sometimes the gospels give us the impression that Jesus would make a great lawyer. The Sadducees seem to ask him a pretty straightforward question, but Jesus answers it as though he is deliberately sidestepping the point. Indeed, he answers a lot of questions this way, apparently talking about something totally unrelated to the conversation at hand. If we pay close attention, though, we see that Jesus is directing us to an important point, even if it seems altogether different from the original track.

The Sadducees are challenging the validity of the resurrection with a hyperbolic question about ancient Hebrew marriage customs. But Jesus basically says, “Look, God came to Moses in the burning bush and said, ‘I am the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob here and now, in the present. And I am the God of the living, not the dead.’ Therefore, God’s chosen ones are alive and well after death!”

Jesus knows that the reality of the resurrection is too hard for them to understand. It’s too hard for any of us to understand. So instead of responding to their literal question, he offers some comfort. He says, “Listen, Moses already showed us that these saints are alive and well with God. It’s okay. Don’t worry about what comes next. God’s got this.”

Death is scary, so Jesus is giving us a word of assurance to help us face it. That word is this: “You will be resurrected. It’s okay to be afraid. It’s okay to not know what the resurrection will look like or who is going to be sitting where. Just remember that you are a beloved child of God and will be made alive together with all the saints.”