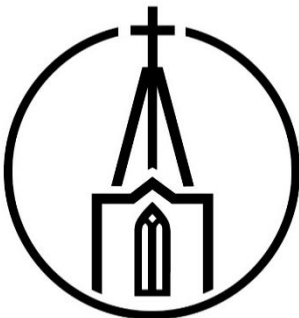


Saturday/Sunday, November 12/13, 2022  
Saints Triumphant Sunday



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**Welcome to our worship service!** We're gathered for at least a couple reasons...to **worship our God** who showed His love for all people by sending His Son to die for our sins on the cross of Calvary. We're also gathered to **strengthen our faith** as we gather around the Gospel!

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## TODAY'S WORSHIP FOCUS

The last weeks of the church year focus on the end-times, Judgment Day. There certainly is the picture of destruction and gloom and doom. But the Christian has the very positive reminder of loved ones already being saints in heaven, as well as living Christians also being forgiven saints through the gift of faith!

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**HYMN** #394 "Blessed Are the Saints of God"

*Please stand!!*

### **INVOCATION**

*P: We join in worship today with all the saints who have entered the Church Triumphant in heaven.*

**C: As they worship in the splendor of God's heaven, we worship as the Church Militant here on earth in presence of His glory.**

*P: We are glad to be in God's house, and to celebrate His majesty and mercy.*

**C: Let us worship our Lord, who is the same yesterday, today and forever!**

### **CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

*Based on Psalm 32.*

*P: We have truly been blessed in countless ways in our lives by our loving God. We have freedom of religion instead of living under religious tyranny as much of the world does. God has given us family and friends to help us in both comfortable and challenging times throughout our lives.*

**C: Our lives overflow with material blessings as our heavenly Father gives us what we need to live, and the Holy Spirit strengthens us in our faith through his Word and Sacraments.**

*P: Every day we show that we are both saints and sinners, saints, forgiven through Jesus' blood, and sinners, who daily disobey God and deserve nothing but eternal death for those sins. Therefore, let us confess our sins to our almighty and merciful God using the words of Psalm 32, and plead for His mercy.*

**C: "When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long."**

*P: "For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;*

**C: "My strength was sapped as in the heat of summer."**

*P: "Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity."*

**C: I have sinned against you, O Lord, in countless ways, and "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord."**

*P: The Lord has heard our confession coming from a repentant heart. Based on the perfect life and innocent death of His Son as our substitute, He has forgiven the guilt of all our sins. We now leave our lives of sin and praise the Lord in all we do!*

**C: "Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered."**

*P: "Blessed is the man whose sin the LORD does not count against him, and in whose spirit is no deceit.*

**C: "Rejoice in the Lord and be glad, you righteous; sing, all you who are upright in heart!"**

## **OUR THANKFUL RESPONSE** #241, Vs 4 "Alleluia! Let Praises Ring"

Alleluia! Let praises ring! Unto our triune God we sing;

Blest be his name forever!

With angel hosts let us adore And sing his praises more and more

For all his grace and favor.

Singing, Ringing: Holy, holy, God is holy. Spread the story

Of our God the Lord of glory!

*Please be seated!*

## **SALUTATION** 2 Corinthians 1:1,2

*P: <sup>2</sup> Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>3</sup> Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort,*

**C: <sup>4</sup> who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.**

*P: Dear friends, may the Lord and all His blessings be with you.*

**C: Pastor, may He also bless and be with you.**

**HYMN** CW #550, vs 1 “Behold a Host, Arrayed in White”

Behold a host, arrayed in white,  
Like thousand snow-clad mountains bright;  
With palms they stand. Who is this band  
Before the throne of light?  
These are the saints of glorious fame,  
Who from the great affliction came  
And in the flood Of Jesus' blood  
Are cleansed from guilt and blame.  
Now gathered in the holy place,  
Their voices they in worship raise.  
Their anthems swell Where God does dwell  
Mid angels' songs of praise.

**SAINTS-TRIUMPHANT DIALOGUE**

*The resurrection to “eternal life” doesn’t only refer to heaven!*

*P: According to the Bible, what happens when a person dies?*

**ALL: The person’s soul is separated the body. “The dust returns to the ground it came from, and the spirit returns to God who gave it.” Ecclesiastes chapter twelve, verse seven.**

*P: What does the Bible say will happen in the resurrection of the Last Day, Judgment Day?*

**ALL: On the Last Day, Judgment Day, God will use His power to raise from the dead, the bodies of all people who have died throughout history. “A time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice and come out.” John chapter five, verse twenty-eight.**

*P: What does the Bible say will happen to the unbelievers who don’t know or have rejected God’s gracious invitation of forgiveness through Jesus?*

**ALL: Sadly, they will be separated from God to live in eternal torment in a place called hell. “Then [Jesus] will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.’” Matthew chapter twenty-five, verse forty-one.**

*P: What does the Bible say will happen to those who, through the gift of faith, trust in Jesus for the forgiveness of their sins?*

**ALL: The Bible says, “We will be with the Lord forever!” First Thessalonians chapter four, verse seventeen. “Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world.’” Matthew chapter twenty-five, verse thirty-four.**

**HYMN** CW #550, vs 2 “Behold a Host, Arrayed in White”

Despised and scorned, they sojourned here;  
But now, how glorious they appear!  
Those martyrs stand, A priestly band,  
God's throne forever near.  
So oft in troubled days gone by,  
In anguish they would weep and sigh;  
At home above The God of love  
Fore'er their tears shall dry.  
They now enjoy the Sabbath rest,  
The heav'nly banquet of the blest;  
The Lamb, their Lord, At festive board  
Himself is host and guest.

*P: What does the Bible say my life in heaven will be like?*

**ALL: When I am with God in heaven, I will be free from all pain, sadness, and troubles of this life on earth!**

*P: Revelation chapter seven, verses sixteen and seventeen refer to the saints in heaven... <sup>16</sup> Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat upon them, nor any scorching heat.*

**ALL: <sup>17</sup> For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; he will lead them to springs of living water. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."**

*P: What does the Bible say will happen to my body on Judgment Day?*

**ALL: Jesus will change my imperfect, sinful body into a holy replica of His glorious body so that it lives forever in heaven with Him! “[Christ] will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.”** Philippians chapter three, verse twenty-one.

*P: How does this affect me?*

**ALL: When I think of a loved one who has died in Jesus, it makes me glad to know all this is true for them! When I think of my own death, I look forward to that day with thankful anticipation! “Our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ.”** Philippians chapter three, verse twenty.

**HYMN** CW #550, vs 3 “Behold a Host, Arrayed in White”

O blessed saints, now take your rest;  
A thousand times you will be blessed  
For keeping faith Firm unto death  
And scorning worldly trust.  
For now you live at home with God;  
You toiled and sowed the Word abroad.  
Rejoice and bring Your fruits and sing  
Before the throne of God.  
The myriad angels raise the song;  
O saints, sing with that happy throng!  
Lift up one voice; Let heav'n rejoice  
In our Redeemer's song.

**OUR END-TIME CONFESSION OF FAITH**

*P: God has set a day when He will judge the world with holy justice by His Son whom He has appointed.*

**C: He has given proof of this to all people by raising Jesus from the dead.**

*P: The Lord Jesus himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command,*

**C: with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God.**

*P: When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, He will sit on His throne in heavenly glory.*

**C: All the nations will be gathered before Him.**

*P: There will be a resurrection of all people from all time, both those forgiven through faith, and those who are not forgiven. Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake:*

**C: some to everlasting peace and joy, others to shame and everlasting suffering.**

*P: Whoever believes in Jesus will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already*

**C: because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.**

*P: The King will say to us, “Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance,*

**C: the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world.”**

*P: Christ will transform our lowly bodies*

**C: so that they will be like His glorious body.**

*P: Then those without saving faith will go away to eternal punishment, and those who are blessed with faith will go to eternal peace and joy in heaven.*

**C: And so we will be with the Lord forever.**

*P: Our citizenship is in heaven.*

**C: And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ.**

*P: Therefore we keep watch, because we do not know on what day our Lord will come.*

**ALL: We must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at a time when we do not expect him. Come quickly, Lord Jesus! Come quickly to take us to be with You!**

## **OUR THANK-OFFERINGS BROUGHT TO THE LORD**

*As forgiven children of God, brothers and sisters of St. Paul's give our offerings as one way we show our love and thanks to God for doing so much for us. Those offerings also support the Gospel ministry here in our community and around the world. We don't ask or expect our visitors to help with this, we're just happy and thankful you're with us! But you're also welcome to join in this offering-worship!*

*If you haven't already, please place your thank-offering in the plates located in the back hallway of church. Scanning this QR code works too. Thanks for your generous gifts! God blesses a cheerful giver!*

***Malachi 3:10*** *Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.*



### **An Offering Hymn** #488 vss 1&4 "Savior, Thy Dying Love"

Savior, thy dying love Thou gavest me;  
Nor should I aught withhold, Dear Lord, from thee.  
In love my soul would bow, My heart fulfill its vow,  
Some offering bring thee now, Something for thee.

All that I am and have, Thy gifts so free,  
In joy, in grief, through life, Dear Lord, for thee!  
And when thy face I see, My ransomed soul shall be  
Through all eternity Something for thee.

**A SCRIPTURE LESSON**      II Corinthians 5:1-10

*As living saints, we look forward to reaching our final, permanent home in heaven with all the other saints who are already there!*

<sup>1</sup> Now we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands. <sup>2</sup> Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling, <sup>3</sup> because when we are clothed, we will not be found naked. <sup>4</sup> For while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. <sup>5</sup> Now it is God who has made us for this very purpose and has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

<sup>6</sup> Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. <sup>7</sup> We live by faith, not by sight. <sup>8</sup> We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. <sup>9</sup> So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. <sup>10</sup> For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

**HYMN of the DAY**    #214    “Jerusalem the Golden”

**SERMON**            Hebrews 10:11-14

**THE “GOOD” OL’ DAYS**

<sup>11</sup> Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. <sup>12</sup> But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, <sup>13</sup> and since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool. <sup>14</sup> For by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.

**MEDITATION RESPONSE**    *Holy, Holy, Holy*    (CW melody #130)

1 O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of pow'r and  
2 Ho - san - na in the high - est! How tru - ly blest is



might, Your glo - ry, earth and heav - en In  
he Who in God's name is com - ing To

count - less ways re - cite. Ho - san - na! Come and  
set his peo - ple free! He comes to bring sal -

save us, Lord God of hosts on high, And  
va - tion And with his blood out - poured, De -

in your grace and mer - cy Re - ceive our fer - vent cry.  
liv - er us from bond - age—Ho - san - na, might - y Lord!

## **PRAYERS & LORD'S PRAYER**

*P: Dear heavenly Father, we join in thanking You for giving us life and breath, talents and energy, and all that we are and have during this earthly life.*

**ALL: We are grateful to You for our safe travels, for the angels You send to serve and protect us, and for our prosperity.**

*P: Lord Jesus, we praise You for saving us and giving Your life as the payment for our sins.*

**ALL: Thank You for the rest and the peace we have which comes through the confidence of our forgiven sins.**

*P: We rejoice for the blessing of Christian friendship and fellowship. Keep us all faithful to the Christian duties You have given us through our families and jobs and free time.*

**ALL: We ask You to preserve a Christ-centered doctrine in our congregation at all times, so that we all may be more active in our service to You and to those around us.**

*P: Hear us Lord, as we bring You our private prayers.*

*(Silent, personal prayer as we thank God for things and ask God for things!)*

*P: Make us more aware to see the spiritual dangers facing those who do not yet trust in You as the one and only Savior from sin.*

**ALL: Move us to share with others the hope of eternal life we have in You. Go with each of us into our lives, and support us in all we do to the glory of Your holy name! Hear us as we pray, O Lord. Our Father, who art in heaven. . .**

**ADULT CHOIR** (Sunday) “Sing Forth His Glorious Name”

**BLESSING** *Spoken by the pastor.*

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.

**CLOSING HYMN** #208 “Great God, What Do I See and Hear”

## Serving In the Lord’s House Today

**Worship Leader:** Pastor Paul Hirsch

**Organist:** Mrs. Alicia Moyer

**Radio Broadcasters:** Joel Wiedeman & Kathy Wiedeman

**Video Tech:** Lisa Lindemann

**Elder:** John Kouba

**Ushers:** Eric Nunnenkamp & Joe Myers

**Power Point:** Jett Leuthold (Sat.), Ben Sperry (Sun.)

### SERVING NEXT WEEK

**Elder:** Joel Wiedeman

**Ushers:** Curt Dinkel & Randy Anderson

**Power Point:** Lisa Lindemann (Sat.), Reese Bachman (Sun.)

## St Paul's Weekly Giving to the Lord - General Fund, November 5 & 6, 2022

Yearly Need	YTD Need	YTD Offerings	YTD Need vs Offerings	Last Week Received	Weekly Need	Difference
\$422,052.00	\$145,882.00	\$120,843.06	-\$25,038.94	\$7,732.00	\$8,609.50	-\$877.50

## Gathering Around the Gospel

Last Week's Attendance: Sat. 6:30 PM – 61; Sun. 9:00 AM – 170; **Total = 231**  
 Sunday Bible Class – 24      Wednesday Bible Class – 12  
 Donnerstag Group (Thursday) - 9

## Announcements

- 1) This year's **THANKSGIVING SERVICE** will be held on Wednesday, 11/23, 6:30 PM.
- 2) **ST. PAUL'S FOOD DRIVE** Through next weekend (Sunday, November 20), we're still gathering non-perishables for the local food bank. You're more than welcome to drop off donations during the week or when coming to worship. The gathering spot will be by the north door of church.
- 3) **ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT** Registration forms and invitations are now available for the Sunday, Dec. 11 event being held at the Courtyard at the Midtown Event Center at 3:00. Please complete the registration form (found in the communication center) and place it in the box on the scrip table by Dec. 4th. Feel free to give an invitation (also found in the communication center) to a friend, family member, or co-worker and encourage them to join you. Please consider joining ladies from St Paul's and the area churches as we share Bible readings and special music to focus on Jesus birth during the Christmas season.
- 4) **FELLOWSHIP GROUP** The next meeting time for this group has changed from Sunday, November 27 to a week earlier to Sunday, November 20.
- 5) **St. Paul's SCRIP** Are gift cards on your list of items to purchase for Christmas? Please consider using the scrip program to order them this year. You may be able to get them all through the SCRIP program, plus school gets a percentage of the sales. Cards ordered usually arrive in a week or two. We keep a variety of local stores on hand, but there are many other options to order. Here are a few: Barnes and Noble, Bass Pro Shop, Buckle, Build-a-Bear, Cabela's, Chipotle, Fleet Farm, Old Navy, Panera, Scheels, and TopGolf. Stop by the SCRIP table for more info and the complete list.

## **FUNCTIONS THIS WEEK:**

**Sunday, 11/13** = Worship Service, 9:00 AM  
NO Bible Study this morning  
Mrs. Mullen's 30<sup>th</sup> Ministry Anniversary, 11:00-1:00 PM

**Monday, 11/14** = Sisters in Faith, 6:30 PM

**Tuesday, 11/15** = Executive Council, 6:00 PM

**Wednesday, 11/16** = Worship Service Broadcast on Local Cable 12, 9:00 AM  
Bible Class (Schliewe), 10:00 AM  
Choir (balcony), 7:00 PM

**Thursday, 11/17** = Fountain Point Service, 10:00 AM

**Saturday, 11/19** = Worship Service with Holy Communion, 6:30 PM  
*Organist: Mrs. Shannon Spreeman*

**Sunday, 11/20** = Worship Service with Holy Communion, 9:00 AM  
Fellowship Coffee, 10:15 AM  
Fellowship Group, 6:00 PM

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## **Church Cleaning Teams:**

**Nov. 13 & Nov. 20** – Team 4: Pat Jamison, Leonard Janovec,  
John & Jan Schlomer, Debbie Webb, JoAnn Winter

**Nov. 27 & Dec. 4** – Team 5: Gary & Sue Bretschneider, Joan Ellenberger,  
Rick & Diane Ellenberger, Shannon Spreeman

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