



St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Wilton, WI  
26th Sunday after Pentecost  
November 17, 2024  
**Inviting People to  
Journey with Christ's Family  
in Spreading God's Love and Mercy**

*November begins with All Saints Day and ends in or near Advent, when we anticipate Christ's coming again. It is fitting, then, that the readings today tell of the final resurrection and the end time. In the turmoil of hope, fear, and disbelief that these predictions provoke in us, Hebrews sounds a note of confident trust. Christ makes a way for us where there is no way, and we walk it confidently, our hearts and bodies washed in baptismal water, trusting the one who has promised forgiveness. The more we see the last day approaching, the more important it is to meet together to provoke one another to love.*

**\*(Indicates that the people should stand as they are able.)**  
Announcements

#### **Gathering**

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

#### **\*Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
our refuge, our delight,  
our beginning and our end.

**Amen**

Let us come in truth before the one who loves us  
and has freed us from our sin.



**IN OUR PRAYERS**

Gloria Meltesen, Darlene Babbitt, Laurie Switz Johnson, Heidi Stenerson, Dan Paulson, Richie Vlasak, Kristy Gwin Solovey, Bud Speicher, Kathy Von Ruden, Lyle Schindler, Florence Dougherty, Connie Summerfield, Gordy O'Rourke, Marilyn O'Rourke, David Forbes, Mary Ann Arndt, Cole Brandau, Jeremy Munson.

**IN THE MILITARY**

Jacob Picha, Dylan Dougherty, Danelle Dougherty, Allen Roscovious, Robert Cale, Matthew Dutton.

**CALENDAR**

Today	Children Sing Noisy Offering Birthday & Anniversary Fellowship	
Nov. 20	Confirmation	5:00 PM
Nov. 24	Sunday School Worship	9:00 AM 10:15 AM
Nov. 27	Choir Practice Thanksgiving Service	11:30 AM 7:00 PM
Nov. 30	Norwalk Methodist Church Decorate Church	9:00 AM

**\*Prayer of the Day**

**Almighty God, your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**Word**

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

**First Reading**

*The book of Daniel is an example of apocalyptic literature, which is full of strange visions and symbolism. Arising during times of great persecution, apocalyptic literature is concerned with God's revelation about the end time and the coming kingdom of God, when God will vindicate the righteous who have been persecuted.*

**A reading from Daniel 12:1-3**

<sup>1</sup> "At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. <sup>2</sup> Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. <sup>3</sup> Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever."

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 16

- <sup>1</sup> Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;  
I have said to the LORD, “You are my Lord, my good above all other.”
- <sup>2</sup> **All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,  
upon those who are noble among the people.**
- <sup>3</sup> But those who run after other gods  
shall have their troubles **to such gods,  
never take their names upon my lips.**
- <sup>5</sup> O LORD, you are my portion and my cup;  
it is you who uphold my lot.
- <sup>6</sup> **My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;  
indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**
- <sup>7</sup> I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel;  
my heart teaches me night after night.
- <sup>8</sup> **I have set the LORD always before me;  
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**
- <sup>9</sup> My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;  
my body also shall rest in hope.
- <sup>10</sup> **For you will not abandon me to the grave,  
nor let your holy one see the pit.**
- <sup>11</sup> You will show me the path of life;  
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand  
are pleasures forevermore.

“Lamb of God”

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Distribution

### **\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**Faithful God,  
you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink  
in the body and blood of your Son.  
Now send us out to labor with you,  
in service to the world you have made,  
and among the people you have made your home,  
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.**

### **Sending**

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

### **Blessing**

The Ancient One, enthroned,  
the Crucified One, now risen,  
the Indwelling One, poured out,  
✠ bless you now and forever.

**\*Hymn**

**“Canticle of the Turning”**

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### **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **THOSE SERVING TODAY**

Ministers: All God’s People; Minister: Karen Sparling;  
Organist: Kirstin Arndt; Reader: Barb Bever; Altar: Barb Bever & Karla  
Richie; Communion Server: John Ornes

## Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

\*Great Thanksgiving ELW p. 190

\*Holy, Holy, Holy ELW p. 190

### \*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Words of Institution

### \*LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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

Behold, God is making all things new.  
Take your place in the new creation.

***Everyone who believes in Jesus is welcome at Christ's table.***

## Second Reading

*Images of worship and sacrifice are used throughout Hebrews to highlight what Christ has uniquely accomplished through his death. Because we have received forgiveness through Christ's death, we live with sincere hearts by trusting in God's promises and encouraging love and good works from each other.*

### A reading from Hebrews 10:11-14 [15-18] 19-25

<sup>11</sup> Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. <sup>12</sup> But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, "he sat down at the right hand of God," <sup>13</sup> and since then has been waiting "until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet." <sup>14</sup> For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

<sup>19</sup> Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup> by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), <sup>21</sup> and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup> let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup> Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup> And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup> not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**\*Gospel Acclamation**

**“Alleluia”**

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**GOSPEL READING**

*In the last week of his life, Jesus warned his disciples concerning trials that were to come upon them and upon the world. He exhorts the listener: Do not be alarmed.*

**The Holy Gospel according to Mark 13:1-8**

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> As [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” <sup>2</sup> Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.”

<sup>3</sup> When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, <sup>4</sup> “Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” <sup>5</sup> Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. <sup>6</sup> Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. <sup>7</sup> When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. <sup>8</sup> For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

Reverend Karen Sparling  
Synod Authorized Minister

**Hymn**

**“My Lord What a Morning**

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**\*Apostles’ Creed**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
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.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,**

**\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** (Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**)

**\*PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**OFFERING**

**Offering Hymn**

**“We Are an Offering”**

**ELW #692**

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup,  
you offered yourself in love for the world,  
and in this meal you nourish us with your life.  
Fill us with your abundance,  
that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger,  
trusting in your name.

**Amen.**