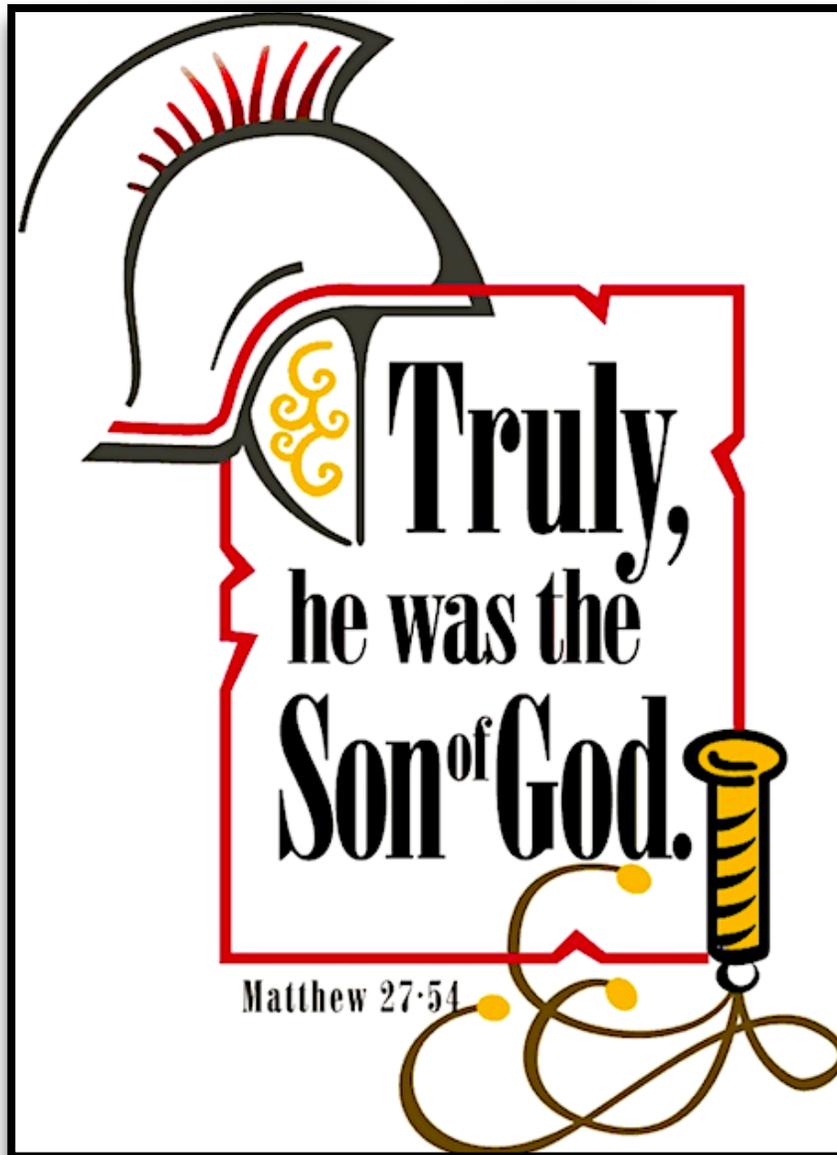


# ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

– CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION –  
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LAST SUNDAY OF END TIME – CHRIST THE KING  
NOVEMBER 22, 2020

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### **ORDER OF WORSHIP: SERVICE OF THE WORD** *(printed on insert inside front cover of maroon hymnal)*

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 23 (pew bible, p.491)
- ◆ The Hymns: 554, 662, 532, 924
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: 1 Corinthians 15:20-28, Matthew 27:27-31
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: From Psalm 47
- ◆ Song by the Children: “Let All Things Now Living” (LSB #792)

**Sermon Text – Ezekiel 34:11-16,23-24**

### ***CHRIST THE KING IS OUR SHEPHERD***

1. He searches for His straying sheep.
2. He feeds His sheep.
3. He brings them safely home.

- ◆ Prayer & Lord’s Prayer
- ◆ Benediction & Closing Hymn (924)

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*Large print bulletins are available on the shelf by  
the tract rack or by request from an usher.*

*You may contribute an offering for God’s kingdom work by  
putting it in the collection plate located by the back pew.  
There will be no offering collection during the service.*

## TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

### First Lesson – 1 Corinthians 15:20-28

20 But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. 21 For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. 22 For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. 23 But each in his own turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. 24 Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. 25 For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. 26 The last enemy to be destroyed is death. 27 For he “has put everything under his feet.” Now when it says that “everything” has been put under him, it is clear that this does not include God himself, who put everything under Christ. 28 When he has done this, then the Son himself will be made subject to him who put everything under him, so that God may be all in all.

### From Psalm 47

P Clap your hands, all you nations:  
C Shout to God with cries of joy.  
P How awesome is the LORD Most High:  
C The great King over all the earth!  
P God reigns over the nations:  
C God is seated on his holy throne.  
P God has ascended amid shouts of joy:  
C The LORD amid the sounding of trumpets.  
P Sing praises to God, sing praises:  
C Sing praises to our King, sing praises.  
P For God is the King of all the earth:  
C Sing to him a psalm of praise.

### Second Lesson – Matthew 27:27-31

27 Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole company of soldiers around him. 28 They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, 29 and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand and knelt in front of him and mocked him. “Hail, king of the Jews!” they said. 30 They spit on him, and took the staff and struck him on the head again and again. 31 After they had mocked him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

### Sermon Text – Ezekiel 34:11-16,23-24

11 “For this is what the Sovereign LORD says: I myself will search for my sheep and look after them. 12 As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I look after my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on a day of clouds and darkness. 13 I will bring them out from the nations and gather them from the countries, and I will bring them into their own land. I will pasture them on the mountains of Israel, in the ravines and in all the settlements in the land. 14 I will tend them in a good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel will be their grazing land. There they will lie down in good grazing land, and there they will feed in a rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. 15 I myself will tend my sheep and have them lie down, declares the Sovereign LORD. 16 I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak, but the sleek and the strong I will

destroy. I will shepherd the flock with justice. | 23 I will place over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he will tend them; he will tend them and be their shepherd. 24 I the LORD will be their God, and my servant David will be prince among them. I the LORD have spoken.

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**A WARM WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS** worshipping with us this morning! The members of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church consider it an honor and privilege to share with you the words of eternal life in Jesus Christ, the world's only Savior. Please sign the guest register in the front entry and come worship with us again!

**SERVING US AT GOD'S HOUSE TODAY**

- ◆ Organist: Lisa Sprengeler
- ◆ Ushers: Wayne Ruegge, Joshua Ruegge
- ◆ Elder: Ed Chiappetti

**THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL**

Today (11/22)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School (The Annunciation, NT 2)
	10:45 am	Bible Class
Thu	9:30 am	Thanksgiving Day Worship
Sun (11/29)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School (The Birth of Christ, NT 3)
	10:45 am	Christmas Decorating

**UPCOMING DECEMBER EVENTS**

- Choir Practices: TBA
- Christmas Meal & Baskets Prep: Sunday, Dec.6, 10:45 am
- Children's Christmas Eve Service Practice: Sunday, Dec.20, 10:45 am (*see note below*)
- Children's Christmas Eve Service: Thursday, Dec.24, 6:30 pm
- Christmas Day Worship: Friday, Dec.25, 9:30 am
- NY's Eve Communion Service: Thursday, Dec.31, 7:00 pm

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE PRACTICE SCHEDULE:** Due to Covid, modifications have been made to the Children's Christmas Eve Service practice schedule. Only one group practice is planned for Sunday, December 20, after the worship service, with children appropriately distanced. The service this year will be a bit different from other years (with one group song and one individual recitation part assigned to each child). We hope to have copies of the service ready for distribution by the end of the month so parents can begin working with their children in early December to help them learn their parts at home.

**SYNOD NEWS:** Pastor Aaron Ude of Good Shepherd Lutheran, Rapid City, SD, was led to return the call to Redeemer, Cheyenne. Pastor Michael Gurath of Holy Cross Lutheran, Phoenix, AZ has now received this call.

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR HOME DEVOTIONS**  
**NOVEMBER 23-28**

**Mon Ezekiel 34:11-16, 23-24** Since the clergy had cheated on the LORD God and His people, God disowned them. Did that leave them shepherd-less? Not at all, for God pledged to *search, seek, deliver, bring, gather, feed, bring back, bind up, and strengthen His needy, hungry, injured, battered, and bleeding sheep* and establish Jesus (pictured as David) as Prince over the flock. Clergy defections sully all chapters of history; our chapter is still being written.

**Tues Matthew 27:27-31** Hardly anybody understood that the King of kings was deliberately lowering Himself as Substitute for sinners—which led to this black parody of a royal coronation. He endured the torture and scorned the pain by focusing on sinners like you and me; for our sakes He stayed on course, steadfast and resolute. We thank You, dear Lord Jesus.

**Wed 1 Corinthians 15:20-28** Topping our list of Thanksgiving blessings are these: Jesus not only corrected Adam's default (21-22), He also lined us up for Judgment Day (23), trumped Death (26), and stands astride the Universe as co-regent with God the Father Almighty. We thank You, holy Trinity.

**Thanksgiving Day: Deuteronomy 8:10-18** When you push away from the table with a full stomach, you *should bless the LORD, your God for the good land He has given you, your beautiful home, and your affluence* (10-13). Now, don't forget the Lord who rescued you from your sins and turned your disasters into blessings (14-16). God (not you) deserves the credit for your successes (17), and don't you forget it! Have mercy on us, Lord Jesus!

**Fri Luke 17:11-19** Jesus had mercy on those suffering humans and sent them (with renovated bodies) to the public health officer to be inspected and to receive certification that they had been cleansed (11-14). Question: Since God has cleansed our souls, where do we fit into the parable? Do we return to thank Jesus—or just head out in another direction?

**Sat Philippians 4:10-20** Even though Jesus had toughened Paul to endure a lot in life (11-13), Paul wanted his friends to know that Jesus was using them to help him survive another hour of need. They deserved to know that he appreciated their thoughtfulness, their tender hearts, and their generous gift—which arrived at just the right time (14-18). Thanks! *May God supply all that you may need*, gifts that Jesus withdraws from His account and parcels out from His personal storeroom (19).

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**  
**Praise Him, all creatures here below;**  
**Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:**  
**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**