



St. Paul Lutheran Church

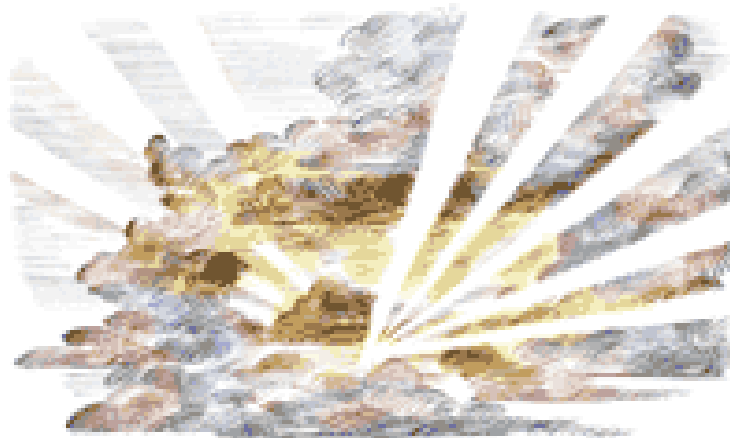
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La Grange, Texas

Praise Band Sunday

Sunday

November 5, 2023

All Saints Sunday



All Saints' Day

Next weekend's readings:

Amos 5: 18-24; Psalm 70; 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18

Matthew 25: 1-13

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St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Welcome!

- + Welcome to worship! All are welcome at the table of grace. We believe that Christ is truly present as we share the bread and wine. Those at home are invited to participate with appropriate elements.
- + The 9 a.m. service will be on Facebook live & audio streamed on our webpage, www.stpaullg.org. It will also be posted on our Facebook page. You may listen to last week's service on KBUK 104.9 FM on Sundays at 10 am.

All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. At the Lord's table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem.

GATHER

Prelude

Announcements

Stand as able

Invocation *The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.*

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Hymn

(See Overhead Screen)

Greeting

P: 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

P: Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

Sit

First Reading: Revelation 7: 9-17

The book of Revelation is written to seven churches in western Asia Minor during a time of great oppression. Today's reading is a response to the question asked in 6:17: "Who is able to stand?" The writer gives the faithful the assurance of God's protection and a vision of victory.

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,

nor any scorching heat;
¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

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

Psalm: Psalm 34: 1-10, 22

¹I will bless the LORD at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.

²**I will glory in the LORD;
let the lowly hear and rejoice.**

³Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD;
let us exalt God’s name together.

⁴**I sought the LORD, who answered me
and delivered me from all my terrors.**

⁵Look upon the LORD and be radiant,
and let not your faces be ashamed.

⁶**I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me
and saved me from all my troubles.**

⁷The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear the LORD
and delivers them.

⁸**Taste and see that the LORD is good;
happy are they who take refuge in God!**

⁹Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD,
for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.

¹⁰**The lions are in want and suffer hunger,
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.**

²²O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants,
and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

Second Reading: 1 John 3: 1-3

A saint is one who has been set apart by God for God’s purposes. God, out of divine love, set us apart to be the children of God. Our holy hope is that we shall see God as God really is.

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is

what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

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

Stand as able

Gospel Acclamation

(See Overhead Screen)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Gospel: Matthew 5: 1-12

In the Beatitudes, Jesus provides a unique description of those who are blessed with God's favor. His teaching is surprising and shocking to those who seek wealth, fame, and control over others.

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

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

Sit

Children's Word

Pastor Pat Dietrich

Sermon

Pastor Pat Dietrich

Lighting of the Candles for the Saints

Stand as able

Hymn

(See Overhead Screen)

P: Apostles Creed

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, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Holy God, the church triumphant gathers around your throne to praise you. We join them in worship and remember your sustaining grace in every generation. Heal our divisions; show us unity in your presence. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Holy creator, we marvel at your creation revealed in the cycle of seasons, changing landscapes, and the rise and fall of ocean tides. Turn us from selfish consumption and open us to gentle healing of the earth so all creation thrives. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Holy teacher, for the newly baptized saints, we give you thanks. Through your continuing grace, help us to support Harper, Brooks, Grayson and Hudson on their faith journey so that they too may join with us in worship and service to you, all people and creation. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Holy healer, bless the brokenhearted and all who mourn. Send your compassion to all who grieve especially the families of Darold Moellenberndt and Eugene Hunger, grant wholeness to those who are sick, and accompany the dying. We pray especially for Myrtle Friemel, Mary Ann Butler, Russell Friemel, and Delores Bayer. Be near to all who need you. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Holy comforter, we pray for this congregation, that the promise of your new life may be shared and experienced. We pray for the funeral ministry of this congregation, that families and friends seeking your love find it here. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Holy One, for the saints who now rest in your mercy, we give you thanks. We remember their witness of faithfulness and love, especially Leon Heintschel, Jr., Claude Mertz, Ruby Tielsch, Carolyn Hunger, Velrie Prause, Elroy Zimmermann, and Bea Rost. Praise to you for the eternal life they have been given through Jesus Christ. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

The Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

Sit

Offering *The offering plates will be passed.*

Stand as able

Offertory *(See Overhead Screen)*

Offering Prayer

P: God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

MEAL

The Great Thanksgiving *ELW 144*

P: 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,

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.

By the witness of your saints
you show us the hope of our calling
and strengthen us to run the race set before us,
that we may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory.
And so, with Leon, Claude, Ruby, Carolyn, Velrie, Elroy, Bea, and all the saints,
with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

(See Overhead Screen)

Words of Institution

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, he 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.

Lord's Prayer

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

Communion

All are welcome to the Lord's table. White grape juice is in the center of the tray of cups. If you are physically unable to come forward for communion, please tell an usher and communion will be brought to you. You may also remain in your pew and use a prepackaged kit.

Prayer after Communion

P: Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way. **Amen.**

SENDING

Blessing

P: May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad! The blessing of God, Sovereign, ✝ Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always. **Amen.**

Sending Song *(See Overhead Screen)*

Dismissal

P: Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

We welcome Pastor Pat Dietrich this weekend as Supply Pastor. Thank You Pastor Pat!

The following weeks we will have as Supply Pastors:

November 12—Pastor Wes Cain, Campus Pastor at TLU

November 19—Pastor Pat Dietrich

AMEN BENEFIT—the KJT Catholic Union of Texas will be holding a Chicken Fajita Dinner drive thru at the Knights of Columbus Hall; 190 S. Brown St; La Grange, on Wednesday, November 8 from 4:30-6:00 pm. 50% of the **NET PROCEEDS** will benefit the **AMEN Food Pantry**. Tickets are \$14.00 and can be purchased at the KJT Home Office; 214 E. Colorado St; La Grange. You can also call 979-968-5877.

This Weekend: 11/5

9:00 am **USHERS:** George Eilert, Gary Anders
Chuck & Karen Bellue

LECTOR: Praise Band

ALTAR GUILD: Faye Breasan

FELLOWSHIP REFRESHMENTS: Open

FLOWERS: In God's Glory for All Saints Day

Next Weekend: 11/12

9:00 am **USHERS:** James & Sharon Elias
Richard & Danette Coufal

LECTOR: Hannah Bellue

ALTAR GUILD: Gloria Raschke

FELLOWSHIP REFRESHMENTS: Open

FLOWERS: Gloria Raschke

SUNDAY: 9:00 am Worship

10:30 am Sunday School

MONDAY: 8:30 am St. Paul @ AMEN

6:30 pm Friends in Faith

TUESDAY : 7:00 am—7:00 pm

FAYETTE COUNTY ELECTIONS in
Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY: 8:30 am Bible Study

6:00 pm Handbells

6:30 pm LYO

7:00 pm Choir

8:00 pm Praise Band

THURSDAY: 10:00 am St. Paul @ AMEN

SUNDAY: 9:00 am Worship

10:30 am Sunday School

REMINDER—St. Paul works at **AMEN** on Monday at 8:30 for distribution and again on Thursday at 10:00 to receive donations only.

REMINDER—Friends in Faith meets Monday at 6:30 at the home of Ann Raborn, 198 S. Charles St, La Grange. Susan Knesek will lead the lesson. All are welcome!

REMINDER—Fayette County Elections office will be utilizing the Fellowship Hall on Monday 11/6 for set up and on **TUESDAY 11/7 for elections.**

All Saints 2023

Thanksgiving for the Baptized: Harper Jo Hengst (4/23/23), Brooks Buss (6/24/23), Grayson Buss (6/24/23) and Hudson Childs (8/6/23)

Remembrance of the Faithful

Let us remember those who have departed this past year

Leon Leslie Heintschel, Jr.

Ruby Tielsch

Velrie Prause

Elroy Zimmermann

Claude Mertz

Carolyn Hunger

Bea Rost

Eugene Hunger