St. Paul Lutheran Church Yorktown, Texas



Saturday and Sunday Holy Communion Services 25th Sunday after Pentecost November 19, 2023

Silent Prayer

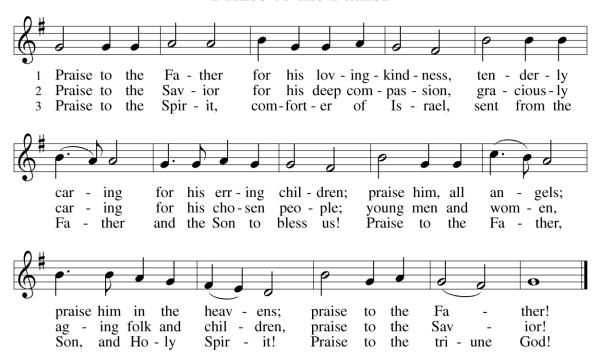
O God, our Creator, continue to build this household of faith into what you want us to be. O Christ, our Savior, lead us to do as you will. O Spirit, our Power, strengthen us for the work of the Kingdom, a worship and a service which is ours today as well as tomorrow. O Blessed Trinity, fill this place and these people with your presence. For yours is the Power, and the Salvation, and the Creation, now and always. Amen.

<u>PRELUDE</u>

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS Please take a moment to fill out an Attendance Card. You may leave them in the pew by the center aisle or drop them in the basket at the church entrance. (*) Indicates times in worship when you are invited to stand as you are able. (+)Indicates when it may be appropriate to make the sign of the cross.

*OPENING HYMN

Praise to the Father



Text: Elizabeth R. Charles, 1828–1896

Music: FLEMMING, Friedrich F. Flemming, 1778-1813

*GREETING and DIALOGUE

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

C: And also with you.

L: Holy is the LORD, the Almighty.

C: He was, He is, and He is to come.

L: He is worthy of glory and honor and power.

C: He created all things. By His will they came to be.

L: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain;

C: worthy to take the scroll and break its seals.

L: By His blood He purchased for God

C: people of every race and tongue, of every folk and nation.

L: Christ made of them a kingdom

C: and priest to serve our God.

L: And they shall reign on earth forever.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

*CONFESSION OF SIN

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

- C: I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.
- L: The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and + remission of all your sins.

C: Amen.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- P: Let us pray.
- C: Lord God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that, always keeping in mind the end of all things and the day of judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of life here and may live with you forever in the world to come, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN

"Count Your Blessings" RW #231

When Upon Life's Billows

Count Your Blessings



Text: Johnson Oatman Jr., 1856–1922

Music: BLESSINGS, Edwin O. Excell, 1851-1921

FIRST LESSON: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

Lector: A reading from _____

⁷Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the LORD is at hand; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests.

12 At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts,
"The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm."
13 Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them.

14The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there.
15That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness,
16a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

¹⁷I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung.
¹⁸Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the LORD's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 90:1-12

¹Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another.

²Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, from age to age you are God.

³You turn us back to the dust and say, "Go back, O child of earth."

⁴For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past and like a watch in the night.

⁵You sweep us away like a dream; we fade away suddenly like the grass.

⁶In the morning it is green and flourishes; in the evening it is dried up and withered.

⁷For we consume away in your displeasure; we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.

⁸Our iniquities you have set before you, and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

⁹When you are angry, all our days are gone; we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

¹⁰The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength even eighty; yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly and we are gone.

¹¹Who regards the power of your wrath? Who rightly fears your indignation?

¹²So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

SECOND LESSON: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Lector: A reading from

¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! ⁴But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; ⁵for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. ⁶So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; ⁷for those who sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Luke 4:14; Acts 4:8



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*GOSPEL Matthew 25:14-30

P: The Holy Gospel according to _____, the ____ chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 14"For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' ²¹His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' ²²And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' ²³His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' 24Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' ²⁶But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

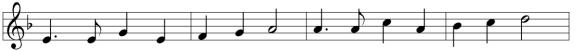
HYMN of the DAY "Come, You Thankful People, Come" LBW #407 Come, You Thankful People, Come



- Come, you thank-ful peo - ple, come; raise the song of har - vest home.
- the world is God's own field, fruit un - to his praise to yield. All
- the Lord our God shall come and shall take his har - vest home;
- ven so, Lord, quick ly come to your fi - nal har - vest home.



is safe - ly gath - ered in storms be - gin. All ere the win-ter Wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown. from his field shall in that day of - fens - es purge a - way, all all your peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin,



God, our mak - er, does pro-vide our wants to sup-plied. for be First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear. give his an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast, there, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in your gar - ner to a - bide.



Come to God's own tem - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home. Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole-some grain and pure may be. the fruit - ful ears to store in his gar - ner ev - er - more. Come, with all your an - gels, come, raise the glo-rious har-vest home!

Text: Henry Alford, 1810-1871, alt.

Music: ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR, George J. Elvey, 1816-1893

*CONFESSION OF FAITH

P: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

C: We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.

P: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through Him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven;

by the power of the Holy Spirit

He became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day He rose again in accordance with the scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection + of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*PRAYERS

P: ... Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

OFFERING

*OFFERTORY

Take My Life, That I May Be



Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt. Music: Patmos, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

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*OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray. Wise and Gracious God,

C: Receive the labor of our hands—these gifts of money, bread, and wine—along with the offering of our lives. Nourish us with the life of your Son, that we might be His body in the world, making known your abundant mercy in Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

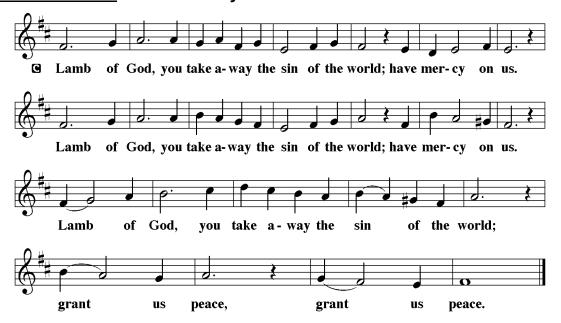
*LORD'S PRAYER

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.

DISTRIBUTION of the ELEMENTS

All those who are baptized and believe that Christ is truly present in the sacrament are welcome at His table. Those who are unable to receive communion, for any reason, may come forward to receive a blessing, and may indicate this by crossing their arms over their chest. Parents, please indicate if children are to receive communion. If they are not yet receiving communion, children are encouraged to come to the table to receive a blessing. Available in the center of each tray is juice for those choosing not to drink wine. If you are unable to come to the altar and wish to receive communion, please inform the ushers so that the sacrament may be brought to you.

COMMUNION HYMN: "Lamb of God"



POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with spiritual food, the body and blood of Christ. All who come to you will not hunger, all who believe in you will not thirst. Empowered by this sacrament, send us back into the world to do the work you have given us to do: to share the gospel and be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

*BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you And be gracious to you.

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

C: Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

"Sent Forth by God's Blessing" LBW #221

Sent Forth by God's Blessing



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Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune
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*DISMISSAL

P: As you go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. As you leave, you are invited to share the peace of the Lord with those around you. Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

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Pentecost 2023 – Setting 2 LBW

ANNOUNCEMENT BULLETIN 25th Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, November 19, 2023

HELPING with WORSHIP SERVICES:

NOVEMBER 19, 2023 – 9:00 AM SERVICE

Presiding Minister: Tim W Muehlbrad **Reader:** Jay Heil

Acolytes: Piper Peyton & Korbin Kerlick Children's Sermon: Cathy Moritz

Musicians: Saturday – Luellen Smiley Sunday – Beverly Bruns

Saturday Altar Guild: Luellen Smiley

NOVEMBER 26, 2023 – 9:00 AM SERVICE CHRIST THE KING

Presiding Minister: Tim W Muehlbrad **Reader:** Larry Gohmert

Acolytes: Aadin Koopmann & Gwen Kneese

Musicians: Saturday – Beverly Bruns Sunday – Beverly Bruns

Saturday Altar Guild: Laura Kaiser

Helping with Worship during the month of November:

Head Usher: Allen Leist

Ushers: Ronnie Afflerbach, Wryston Fischer, Christopher Gohmert, & Allen Machost

Altar Guild: Judy Noster & Linda Hurta

Saturday Usher: Albert Metting

KNOWN HOSPITALIZED DURING THE WEEK: Will Sauermilch

Thank you to all who have been helpful in keeping the Pastor informed of members who are hospitalized.

<u>PRAYERS FOR GOD'S PEOPLE</u> Below is a list of individuals Pastor has been asked to include in our prayers during worship. We list these people in our bulletin to encourage you, the members, to include them in your daily prayers. *Names will remain on the list for 4 weeks unless the request is renewed.*

Bryce	Verda Mae Foerster	Christy Paulsgrove
David	Daniel Goehring	Pam Roth
Max Anderson	Family of Jim & Margerite Hanson	Dolly Ruppert
Aggie Arnold	Rosa Horton	Will Sauermilch
Joyce Baacke	Keith Ibrom	Joan Smith
Laurie Barfield	Joanna Ivy	Kennedy Smith
Joe Barnes	Shirley Jendrzey	Lori Nelson Stenger
Donna Baxter	Bonnie Kaiser	Mike & Deborah Stern
Caroline Blain	Mary Kanuch	Cynthia Hoegemeyer Strait
Wade Bolting	Bill Klaevemann	Pastor Craig Sturm
Daisy Borgfeld	Joyce Lamprecht	Judy Taylor
Warner Borth	Ray Lange	Yvonne Trevino
Katherine Brown	Lin Migura	Ruby Warzecha
David Brucker	Lanie Milliff	Curtis Weise
Byron Cramer	Mark Niemeier	Ron & Marjorie Wilhelmsen
Verla Crawford	Guy Nobles	

ST. PAUL OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK:

Sunday (19th)	9:00 am	Worship with Holy Communion

10:15 am Sunday School
11:30 am Confirmation Class

6:00 pm AA Meeting

Wednesday (22nd) 12:00 pm Church office closes at noon

Thursday (23rd)

Thanksgiving Day
Church office closed
Friday (24th)

Church office closed

Saturday (25th) 5:00 pm Worship with Holy Communion – Chapel

Olive Wood Carvings-Fellowship Hall

Sunday (26th) 9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion

Olive Wood Carvings-Fellowship Hall

10:00 am Christmas Program Practice

10:15 am Sunday School 6:00 pm AA Meeting

SYMPATHY - We keep in our prayers the family and friends of Glynda Schulze. May the power of the resurrection give assurance to her family and friends as Glynda joins the Church Triumphant.

<u>RADIO BROADCAST -</u> in Memory of Glynda Schulze, given to the Glory of God by Dr. John & Kathy Frels.

FFF: We will be meeting on Wednesday, November 29, 2023 at 6:00pm.

<u>COWBOY CLAUS</u>: We will be collecting monetary gifts for the "Cowboy Claus" program, supported by the Western Days Committee this year. Make checks out to St. Paul with a notation for "Cowboy Claus." Place cash gifts in an envelope labeled "Cowboy Claus." Let's help a child have a Merry Christmas! Deadline is Sunday, December 3, 2023.

<u>IT'S TIME TO ORDER YOUR POINSETTIA!</u> Poinsettia orders must be turned in by Sunday, December 3, 2023. Order forms may be found in the Narthex, Annex and Educational Building.

<u>CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL</u>: Children's Sunday School classes are cancelled for Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. Lesson leaflets will be sent home on Sunday, December 17, 2023 for use as a family activity during the holidays.

<u>CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICES:</u> Nov 26th after Sunday School; Dec 2nd 10am; Dec 9th 10am - All practices are held in the Sanctuary. The program is on Dec 10th!

Upcoming Christian Life Events:

December 10, 2023 – Christmas Feast; this is a catered meal. Please make sure you sign up.

<u>OLIVE WOOD CARVINGS</u>: The Bethlehem Christian families will be here on Saturday, November 25, and Sunday, November 26, in the fellowship hall, to display their carvings and have them available to purchase.

FREE ITEMS: In making more room for the youth, it has been determined that there are several items that are no longer needed, and we have no place to store them. The items are: 10 small nursery chairs, 1 small nursery chair with arms, 1 small light-colored bench, 5 large benches, 2 large office desks, 1 small office desk, 1 longhorn framed art, 1 heavy meeting table, 3 podiums, 1 altar, 1 half-moon table, 1 small display cabinet. If you are interested in these items, please contact the church office for more information.

2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available for pick up in the Sanctuary. You can also call the office (564-2135) and make arrangements to receive them.

THE FLOWER CHART for 2024 has been posted on the bulletin board outside the church office. Make sure you get your name beside the date you would like to place flowers in the Sanctuary. * **Remember:** Don't forget to contact a flower shop to make arrangements for the flowers, and please pick them up after Sunday service.

CHURCH SERVICES: If you normally use the elevator to enter the Sanctury, we ask that you attend the Saturday Service being held in the Chapel located in the Educational Building until our elevator is fixed (we are waiting on parts). Sunday morning worship services will continue to be held in the Sanctuary.

SUMMER CAMP FUNDRAISER: Last year we had the most kids ever joining us for camp and we could not have done that without your help. The "MONEY WALL" is back up at the back of the church. You may pick any numbered envelope and donate that amount and place it in the offering plate. Other envelopes are available for your own choice of amount or if you would like to sponsor the full amount for a child. One big difference this year is that we will be inviting the Oromo church kids to join us at camp. We will have a signup sheet open soon if your child is in 3rd grade or older and would like to join us so that you can sign them up. Camp is a spiritual experience for our kids that they love. Please help us make it happen again this year!!! I would be happy to answer any questions you might have. Thanks, Kimberly Gaus

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9 a.m. Sunday Morning Radio Broadcast: 100.1 FM

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