

Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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Pianist		Jeannette VonHoltzen
AV Technicians		Russ Oelrichs & Todd Rusk
Altar Guild		Susan Goosen & Debbie Vaughan
Ushers		Melinda Strathman, Head Usher
		Chad Schlesselman, Mark Oelrichs, Randy Schlesselman, Steve Triplett

All Saints Day ~ November 1, 2026

Assisting Minister		Anne Goosen
Communion Assistants		At the Altar
Reader		Glenalee Dillon
Children's Sermon		Pastor Stephen Zeller
Acolytes		Miranda Gerken & Braden Schlesselman
Flowers		Lois Viebrock

24th Sunday after Pentecost ~ November 8, 2026

Assisting Minister		Janice Gerken
Communion Assistants		Trisha Goosen & Stephanie Randall
Reader		Jackson Decker
Children's Sermon		Paul Fuelling
Acolytes		Lena Smith & Clayton Schlesselman
Flowers		Debbie Eckhoff

ALL SAINTS DAY - NOVEMBER 1, 2026



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If it is uncomfortable for you to stand where indicated, please feel free to remain seated. The congregation responds where it is bold print.



Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

A Blessing for All Saints

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
the fountain of living water,
our hope and our salvation,
the One who gathers together the saints.
Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, claimed as children of God, and united with all of God's saints, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism...

Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things.

Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By our baptism into his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise.

We praise you for your Holy Spirit, who washes away sin in this cleansing water, who clothes the baptized with Christ, and who claims us as your daughters and sons, one with all the baptized saints in Christ Jesus.

We give thanks to God for all who have been washed in these waters of baptism, beginning their baptismal journey, especially those baptized here at St. Paul's this past year:

This Week At St. Paul's

Sunday, November 1:	8:45 am Confirmation Class 9:00 am Adult/SS Class 10:00 am Worship Service Holy Communion at the Altar All Saints Day
Monday, November 2:	9:00 am Sewing Group 6:30 pm Yoga Evangelism Committee
Wednesday, November 4:	7:00 pm BCHD
Thursday, November 5:	8:00 am Casual Worship Service
Saturday, November 7:	5:30 pm Confirmation Class
Sunday, November 8:	8:45 am Adult/SS Class 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am Holy Communion by Stations



Coming Events

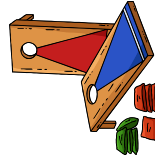
November 1	_____	All Saints Day
November 4	_____	Evangelism Committee
November 11	_____	Church Council Meeting
November 15	_____	Little Blessings Benefit Dinner
November 16	_____	Esther Circle
November 25	_____	Sunbeam Committee
November 22-27	_____	Pastor out of office



Parish Education: Calling all those willing to share their faith with the future of our church! The Parish Education committee is looking for Sunday school teachers. There is a current need for both teachers and substitute Sunday School teachers. The curriculum is easy to follow and the materials are on hand and ready. We just need people willing to be there and share in the faith development of our youth. Please contact Lynn Schear or another member of Parish Education to help answer the call!

~*~ In The Community ~*~

Chili - Soup Supper: The American Legion Post 305 will be holding a Chili-Soup Dinner on Sunday, **November 8th**, from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm in the American Legion Building in Cole Camp. Menu will include Chili, Vegetable Soup or Chicken Noodle Soup, Grilled Hot Dogs, Dessert and Drinks. There will be a 50/50 raffle (need not be present to win). 25% of the proceeds from the dinner will go to the Auxiliary Christmas Store at the Warrensburg Veterans Home. Come and support your local American Legion family!



Cornhole Tournament: St. John's Men's Club will host a Cornhole Tournament on at 10:00 am on Saturday, **November 7th**, at the LSA Gymnasium, 204 E. Butterfield Trail, Cole Camp. There will be prizes for the top teams! The fundraiser will benefit the Men's Club scholarships for future Christian servants. The registration fee is \$20 per person. Enter as a team or single and we will pair you up! Food and drinks will be available. Complete the registration form with entry fee and return it to: Trinity Lutheran Church, Attn: Men's Club, 104 E. Butterfield Trail, Cole Camp, MO 65325. Registration must be received by November 4th at 9:00 am. Limited to the first 128 participants. If you are interested in a registration form, please contact the church office.

Ellisyn Oelrich, Grace Fowler, Everett Schweitzer, Cade Jackson, Jordyn Weinberg, Jackson Decker

By water and the Word we are united to Christ's Church, the communion of saints here on earth. Amen! Alleluia!

Hymn of Thanksgiving "Remember and Rejoice" #454

When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

We praise and bless you, holy God. You have taught your church that it is an ageless communion of saints. We thank you for gathering those who faithfully waited in hope for the redemption you promised. Prepare a place for us among those who are already with you. Help us remember them as an encouragement to saintly living, exciting us to love, in anticipation of an eternal reunion.

Almighty God, those who die in the Lord still live with you in joy and blessedness. We give you thanks for the grace you have bestowed upon your saints who have completed their baptismal journey in faith and now rest from their labor:

Ken Holland, Gordon Ives, Jill Logan, Venetta Rehmer, Marie Viebrock

Hymn of Remembrance "Shall We Gather at the River" #423

Greeting

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

Let us pray.....**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.**

please be seated

First Reading

Revelation 7: 9-17

⁹ After 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. ¹⁰ They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!" ¹¹ And 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, ¹² singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." ¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴ I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who 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. ¹⁵ For 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.

¹⁶ They will hunger no more and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat, ¹⁷ for 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.

Advent Calendars

Advent is just around the corner! Advent is a season of waiting and preparing for the birth of Jesus Christ. Many people use calendars or other methods to help countdown to Christmas. Over the past few years, we have been experimenting with some fun ways to do our own calendars. Based on interest over the past few years, this year we will be doing FOUR different calendars:

- 1) Kids Candy
- 2) Craft Beer
- 3) Wine
- 4) Hot Tea Bags

Everyone who participates will be asked to answer one question, with the answers being compiled into an Advent Devotional booklet for each of us to use throughout Advent. How it works: if you take part in the hot tea bag or kid's candy calendar, you bring in 24 of the SAME item, individually wrapped, and in return you will receive 24 different items – one for each day of Advent in December. For the beer calendar, bring in TWO DIFFERENT 12-packs of beer. If you take part in the wine calendar, you are asked to bring in 4 of the SAME bottles of wine (regular sized, ~\$8-14 range) and you will get to choose 4 different bottles in return – one for each week of Advent. Because we need an exact count of who is participating, you must sign up to participate on the bulletin board in the link or by contacting Pastor Stephen. You will then receive more information and the question to be answered. Your items must be dropped off by **November 22nd** at the Church Office or Parsonage Garage. There is always room in these calendars so please feel free to invite a friend to participate. Please speak with Pastor Stephen if you have any questions.



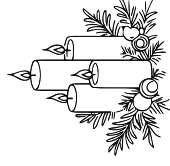


Giving Thanks in November: As a reminder, due to low attendance in recent years, we will not be having an in-person worship service on Thanksgiving Eve.

As a way of sharing our blessings, you are encouraged to bring in donations for the Cole Camp Food Pantry throughout the **month of November**. They could especially use oatmeal and cereal, but any non-perishable food items are welcome. There are boxes in the back of the Sanctuary where you can drop off your donations.

In the past, Thanksgiving Eve offerings have been designated for mission support to the synod. This helps support our shared ministry together, the synod staff who supports and cares for each of our congregations, and special projects across Missouri and Kansas. Please consider making a designated offering to the synod by the **end of the year** - either write "synod" on a Benevolence envelope or use the Thanksgiving envelope - so that we can support their hard work.

Advent Dinner: Mark your calendars for our annual Advent Dinner which will be held on Sunday, **December 6th**, right after worship. It's a potluck meal with the meat and potatoes provided, so attendees are invited to bring a side or a dessert to share. This is a great way to celebrate the Advent season together and the time will include a brief holiday program.



Food Pantry: Our community is blessed to have a Food Pantry that serves to keep our neighbors fed when they are in need. We are grateful for all who support the pantry through food and financial donations. The Cole Camp Food Pantry is in need of extra volunteers to help for a couple hours each week, or as you are able. Your must be 18 years old and not a client of the pantry. If you have questions or are interested, please contact the Food Pantry Manager, Sheila Sabala, or Pastor Stephen.

Responsive Reading

Psalms 34: 1-10, 22

¹¹ I 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.**

³ Proclaim 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.**

⁵ Look 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.**

⁷ The 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!**

⁹ Fear 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.**

²² O 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

¹¹ See 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. ² Beloved, 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. ³ And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Sermon

Pastor Stephen Zeller

please rise in body or spirit

Gospel Acclamation

"Alleluia"

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Gospel

Matthew 5: 1-12

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 5th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²And 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 the sake of righteousness, 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.**

please be seated

Sermon

Pastor Stephen Zeller

please rise in body or spirit

Hymn of the Day

"Blest Are They"

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Prayers of Intercession

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Sharing The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

please be seated

Offering

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Offertory

"Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"

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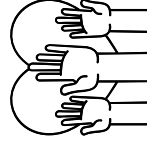
Angel Tree: Once again we are inviting members and friends of St. Paul's to support the Christmas for Kids program in Benton County as well as sharing gifts for our friends in local nursing homes and assisted care facilities. Here's how the tree will work this year:

*The Angel Tree will arrive in early November (gifts are distributed at the beginning of December so we have to start early). Each angel will list a grade level and gender along with some suggested items to purchase, but feel free to use your imagination or ask a child you know for suggestions! Gifts should be in the \$15-25 range, are NOT to be wrapped, and need to be returned to church by **November 29th**.

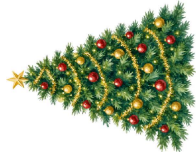
*There will be boxes on the usher's stands and near the Angel Tree if you would like to make a financial contribution towards gifts that will fill in the gaps of the Christmas for Kids program.

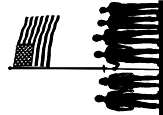
*In early December, NEW angels will be added to the Angel Tree with gifts that will be given to the residents of local care facilities or other places. Those gift bags need to be brought to church by **December 20th**. Each angel lists an assortment of items that could be purchased for each person, and that gift should be wrapped.

As always, thank you for your care and support of our area residents this Christmas season.



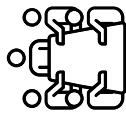
Volunteers: St. Paul's can only exist and do the ministry that we do because of your presence and participation!! As we look forward to the start of another calendar year of ministry, we need volunteers to help jump into positions of leadership and service. We invite you to prayerfully consider how you can offer your time and talents in the coming year. Would you be willing to serve for a term? If so, please talk to the nominating committee, indicate this on your communion sheet in worship, or call/email the church office. Thank you for sharing your gifts with Christ's Church.





Military: Please keep all those who have served our country past and present in your prayers, especially: Rank E3 Jensen Hamilton (grandson of Dennis Hamilton), Private Bradyn Hood (grandson of Connie Gerken), MSgt. Jason Ostberg (son-in law of Suzanne Lutjen), J. Phillips Navy Petty Officer E-4 MMN (nephew of Katy Schlesselman), Lt. Col. Ron Poe, SSG Nick Smith and Major Joseph Strathman.

Evangelism Committee: There will be an Evangelism meeting on Wednesday, **November 4th** at 7:00 pm in the Meeting Room.



Meeting: The Church Council will meet on Wednesday, **November 11th**, at 6:00 pm in the Meeting Room.

Out of Office: Pastor Stephen will be out of the office from **November 22-27**. Pastor Sandy will be leading worship on November 22nd.



St. Paul's



Little Blessings Fundraiser: Little Blessings Daycare and Preschool will host a Fundraiser dinner on Sunday, **November 15th**, from 11:30 to 1:00. Little Blessings is in need of a washer and dryer. Please join us for a dinner of meatloaf, potatoes, veggies and dessert. Free Will offering. (If anyone has some extra hamburger they can spare it would be greatly appreciated. Contact Susan Goosen or Cindy Schlesselman)

First Bibles: St. Paul's has a long-standing tradition of giving a Bible to our children who are in the second grade. These Bibles are purchased through a memorial gift that was given many years ago. One of the promises made at the service of Holy Baptism is the responsibility to "place in your child's hands the Holy Scriptures." Parents and sponsors made a promise to do just that, but we as a church made a promise to support them. On Sunday, **November 29th**, parents of second grade children will present a Bible to their child. If you have a child that age and have not received a letter, or have a child who has not received a First Bible, please let Pastor Stephen know.



Offertory Prayer

Let us pray... Eternal God our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Hear, O Lord, the prayer you taught 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.**

please be seated

HOLY COMMUNION

at the Altar

All who believe that Jesus is present in the Bread and the Wine and has the power to forgive are welcome to commune.
Red wine or white grape juice is available.

Our first table for Holy Communion this morning will be for those who do not wish to climb the stairs. Please watch for direction from the ushers.

As we commune on this day of All Saints we hear the names of loved ones who still share in this great communion feast with us.



As you come forward for communion you are invited to light a candle by the font as a prayer of home for our loved ones and for the world.

please rise in body or spirit

Post-Communion Blessing

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray....Holy God, we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal. You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly. Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever.
Amen.

Blessing

The holy Trinity, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God, today and always. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

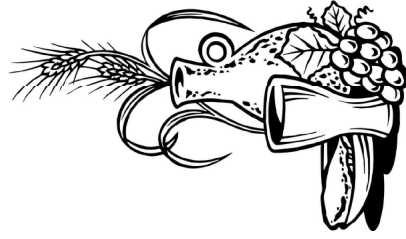
“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Encourage one another.

Thanks be to God.



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“THE GIFT OF GOD’S KINGDOM”



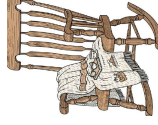
Welcome: Today, on All Saints Day, we join the great cloud of witnesses—the saints of every time and place who have gone before us marked with the cross of Christ. Whether you walk into this space today feeling strong in faith, weary and mourning, or quietly searching for grace, hear Jesus’ promise from the mountaintop: You are blessed.

We invite everyone to enjoy coffee and fellowship before worship in the Gathering Space. Please join us!



In Our Prayers: “Unspoken prayer concerns”, Vickie Fox, Todd Rusk, Suzanne Lutjen, Mary Halutzok, Kevin Tatum, Nathan Vanderlinden, Norene Ives, Jon Beckman and Kyle Luetjen.

Karen Knox (mother of Alexis Smith), Carla George, Richard Lee, Colin Kabler (brother of Alexis Smith), Tom Ferguson, Tanner Huffman, Dan Sabala, Pam Bruns (Cousin of Ruth Ann Kreisel), Pat Higgins, Kathy Harms, Kylie Simon, Hazel Karstons, Larry Haase (brother-in-law of Gene Beckman), David Mobely (brother-in-law of Randy Healan), Joyce Jones (sister of Connie Gerken), Kris Barnes (friend of Julie Cronin), Joe Campbell, Cliff Eckhoff, Joseph Fuelling (nephew of Paul Fuelling), Karen Haase (sister-in-law of Gene Beckman), Jackie Ross (sister of Randy Healan), and Adam Gumbel (son of Jim & Kim Gumbel).



Nursing Home & Homebound: Vern Dean Bohling: Anew. Shirley Cash, Judie VonHoltzen, Eugene Beckman, Florence VonHoltzen, Arlene Schlesselman & Larry & Judy Schlesselman: GSCC. Earl Bauer: Windsor Nursing Home.

Prayers: If you would like your name added or removed from the prayer list, please contact the church office at 668-3537.

