



**Salvation belongs
to our God who sits
on the throne,
and to the Lamb!**

Revelation 7:10

All Saints' Sunday

November 5, 2023 • 10:30AM

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “Arioso”

Georg Handel

The Ten Commandments *Please stand.*

The Lord is God, our God, and has brought us out of bondage to sin and death, commanding us to observe our conduct before him and our neighbor.

¹You shall have no other gods before me.

**²You shall not take the name
of the Lord your God in vain;
for the Lord will not hold guiltless
those who take his name in vain.**

**³Remember the Sabbath day
to keep it holy.**

**⁴Honor your father
and your mother,
that your days may be long
in the land which the Lord
your God is giving you.**

⁵You shall not kill.

⁶You shall not commit adultery.

⁷You shall not steal.

**⁸You shall not bear false witness
against your neighbor.**

**⁹You shall not covet
your neighbor's house.**

**¹⁰You shall not covet your neighbor's wife,
his workers, his livestock,
or anything that is your neighbor's.**

Confession and Absolution



*With grateful hearts
we remember our loved ones
who have gone before us
to the Church Triumphant
since last All Saints Sunday.*

Polly Euart Webb
Ruby Oaks Heilig
Judy Katherine Bernhardt
Lola Leab Floss
Carrie Goodman Reavis
Linda Boger Lyerly
Louise Safrit Cornelison
Charles Ray “Chuck” Hess
Robert Haynes “Whitey” Shirley

*Precious in the sight of the LORD,
is the death of his saints.*

— Psalm 116:15 —

Greeting and Kyrie Eleison

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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.



Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.



Christ, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.

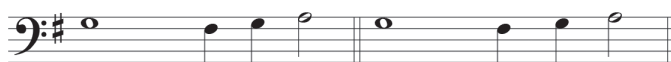


Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

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Leader:

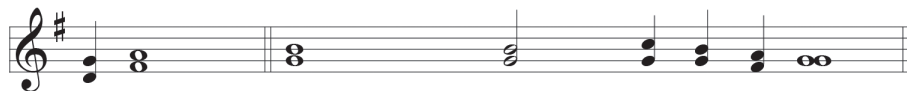


Glory be to God on high!

Congregation:



And on earth peace, good will toward all. We praise you, we bless you,



we worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory,



O Lord God, heaven - ly King, God the Father Al - mighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God,
 Son of the Father: You take away the sin of the world, have mercy
 on us. You take away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.
 You sit at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy on us.
 For you are holy; you on - ly are the Lord; You only, O Christ, with the
 Ho - ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

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Leader: The Lord be with you. *Congregation:* And with your spirit

Almighty God, you have knit together your people in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son, Christ, our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys which you have prepared for those who love you—through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, forever one God.

Please be seated.

A - men.

First Lesson: Revelation 7:2–17

²I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, ³saying, “Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.”

⁴And I heard the number of the sealed, 144,000, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel: ⁵12,000 from the tribe of Judah were sealed, 12,000 from the tribe of Reuben, 12,000 from the tribe of Gad, ⁶12,000 from the tribe of Asher, 12,000 from the tribe of Naphtali, 12,000 from the tribe of Manasseh, ⁷12,000 from the tribe of Simeon, 12,000 from the tribe of Levi, 12,000 from the tribe of Issachar, ⁸12,000 from the tribe of Zebulun, 12,000 from the tribe of Joseph, 12,000 from the tribe of Benjamin were sealed.

⁹After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” ¹¹And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying, “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, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?”

¹⁴I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. ¹⁶They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be

their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

The word of the Lord.

Psalm 149

- ¹Hallelujah! Sing to the LORD | a new song;
sing his praise in the congregation | of the faithful.
- ²**Let Israel rejoice | in his Maker;
let the children of Zion be joyful | in their King.**
- ³Let them praise his name | in the dance;
let them sing praise to him with tim- | brel and harp.
- ⁴**For the LORD takes pleasure | in his people
and adorns the | poor with victory.**
- ⁵Let the faithful re- | joice in triumph;
let them be joyful | on their beds.
- ⁶**Let the praises of God be | in their throat
and a two edged sword | in their hand;**
- ⁷To wreak vengeance | on the nations
and punishment | on the peoples;
- ⁸**To bind their | kings in chains
and their nobles with | links of iron;**
- ⁹To inflict on them the judg- | ment decreed;
this is glory for all his faithful people. | Hallelujah!

Second Lesson: 1 John 3:1–3

- ¹See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him.
- ²Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

The word of the Lord.

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Anthem: “Sing With All the Saints in Glory”

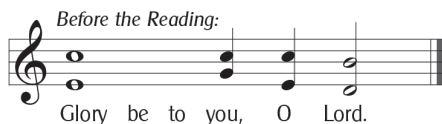
Adult Choir

Gospel Acclamation *Please stand for the Gospel.*

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The Holy Gospel is written in the fifth chapter of Matthew.



Gospel: Matthew 5:1–12

¹Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: ³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. ⁵Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. ⁶Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. ⁷Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. ⁸Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. ⁹Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. ¹⁰Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹Blessed are you when others 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 so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

The Gospel of the Lord.



Apostles Creed

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I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen

Children's Chat

Sermon: "The Church's Only Hope"

Hymn: Hymn: "For All the Saints" vv 5–8

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Prayers of the Church

Following each prayer: Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen

Preface and Sanctus

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Leader *Congregation*

The Lord be with you. And with your spir - it

Leader

Lift up your hearts.

Congregation

We lift them to the Lord.

Leader

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Congregation

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God—through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, our Lord and Savior, who ascending above the heavens and sitting at your right hand, poured out the Holy Spirit upon the chosen disciples as he had promised, causing the whole earth to rejoice.

Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you, and saying:



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na
 in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est

The Lord's Prayer

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

Our Father, who art in heaven,

¹hallowed be thy name,

²thy kingdom come,

³thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

⁴Give us this day our daily bread;

⁵and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

⁶and lead us not into temptation,

⁷but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus, on the night in which he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples saying: Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you; do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying: Take, and drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Agnus Dei

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O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin
of the world, have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world,
grant us peace. A - - - - - men.

Distribution of Communion

Remain seated after the distribution.

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May the body and precious blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in true faith to everlasting life.

Thanksgiving

We thank and praise you, almighty and loving Father, for feeding us with the body and blood of your beloved son, Jesus Christ. Having received this holy Sacrament with our mouths, may our faith in you apprehend and enjoy your grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ and his Church, and everlasting life. Send your Holy Spirit to remind us of these promises throughout the week, and keep us in the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Nunc Dimittis

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Lord, now let your servant de- | part in | peace,
ac- | cording to | your | word.
For my eyes have | seen your sal- | vation,
which you have prepared before the | face of | all | people:
A light to | lighten the | Gentiles
and the | glory of your | people | Israel.
Glory | be to the | Father,
and to the | Son, and to the | Holy | Spirit,
As it | was in the be- | ginning,
is now, and ever shall be, | world without | end. | A- | men

Benedicamus

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Leader: *Congregation:*

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

Leader: *Congregation:*

Bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "Song for All Saints"

Mary McDonald

*We remain seated, worshiping silently during the postlude,
standing at the end of the postlude to face the processional cross,
now at the rear of the sanctuary.*

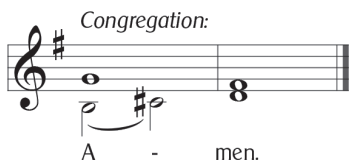
Benediction

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The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift his countenance upon you, and give you peace.



*The flower on the rail
is placed by Linda Shirley
in memory of Haynes Shirley
on his 81st birthday today,
and in memory of his father,
Robert Shirley, Sr.,
who was also born in November.*

Recent Prayer Needs

- Cindy Alligood – Recovering at home
- Carolyn Cress – Novant/Rowan Hospital, room 262
- Johnny Jenkins (property brother) – Health concerns
- Michelle Linker – Recovering at home from surgery
- Mike Morris – Health concerns
- April Simmons – Health concerns

Please see the monthly Epistle for a complete list of prayer needs for members, homebound, family, and friends.

Pictorial Directory Update—If you did not sit for a photo session in the spring, you may schedule one now. Universal Church Directories will be at St. James Catholic Church in Concord, on November 17th and 18th. For an appointment, call Mark Cantey at 704-579-9678. If you wish to submit one of your own photos instead, there is a fee of \$15. We should have the pictorial directories by the new year.

Binns-Counts Christmas—Toys and gifts for children will be collected until **Sunday, November 19th**. If you do not want to shop, you may give an offering instead and note on the envelope Binns-Counts.

Help Girl Scout troop 743 (the St. Paul's Troop) honor local heros. Please sponsor a wreath today to be placed on a veterans grave at the Salisbury National Cemetery Annex. Each wreath is \$17. All money needs to be to Nicole Amos by November 27th, or scan the QR code to donate.



Newsletter correction—Please note that the correct date for the **Friendship Club** to meet in November is on **Tuesday, the 21st**.

Sunday, November 5, All Saints Sunday

- Breakfast before Sunday School, 8:30am
- Kid's Christmas practice during Sunday School, 9:30am
- Concert rehearsals, in the sanctuary, 1pm–5pm (see next page)
- Autumn Care Worship, 2pm
- Kathy Ketchie Circle, 4pm
- Men's Choir practice, 4pm
- Handbell Choir practice, 5pm
- Vespers at the Parsonage—fellowship at 6pm; prayer at 6:30pm

Monday, November 6

- Afterschool program for Faith Academy, 1pm–3pm
- Hama Lingle Circle, 7pm

Tuesday, November 7

- Extension Club, 1pm
- Adult Confirmation Class, 6pm
- Grace Ridenhour Circle, 6:30pm
- Girl Scouts, 6:45pm

Wednesday, November 8

- Adult Choir practice, 6:30pm
- Youth Confirmation class, 7:30pm

Thursday, November 9

- Bible study, 10am and 6pm

Sunday, November 12

- Kid's Christmas practice during Sunday School, 9:30am
- Annual Congregational Meeting, 10:30am
- Concert rehearsals, in the sanctuary, 1pm–5pm (see next page)
- Worship & Music Committee, 2pm
- Men's Choir practice, 4pm
- Handbell Choir practice, 5pm
- Vespers at the Parsonage—fellowship at 6pm; prayer at 6:30pm

Rehearsals for the Christmas Concert are Sunday afternoons in the sanctuary starting today. (The concert will be at 4pm, on Saturday, December 23rd.) Rehearsal schedule is as follows:

1:00–1:45 pm–A Cappella Group (Mary, Did You Know?)

1:45–2:15 pm–Trio (A Little Night Caroling)

2:15–3:15 pm–Solos/Duet (God with Us; Somewhere in Your Silent Night; Light of the World; Christmas Eve in Bethlehem)

3:15–4:00 pm–Mixed Ensemble (Make Room)

4:00–5:00 pm–Youth Group (Oh, What a Glorious Night)

November Blood Drive—The final blood drive for 2023 at St. Paul's will be **Monday, November 13th, from 1:30pm – 6:00pm** in the fellowship hall. The church has been successful in reaching it's goal of 35 units at each of the first three drives of the year, and hopes to meet that goal in November.

Because of all the major disasters in 2023, blood supplies have been at a low level. Even though one unit of blood can help up to three recipients, supplies continue to dwindle.

If you gave blood at our August drive, you will be receiving an appointment for the November drive during the last week of October. If you have not given blood recently, or have never been a donor, please consider helping the church reach its goal in November. Contact person is Alice Davis, 704-855-4930 or pherford1@yahoo.com.

Stewardship

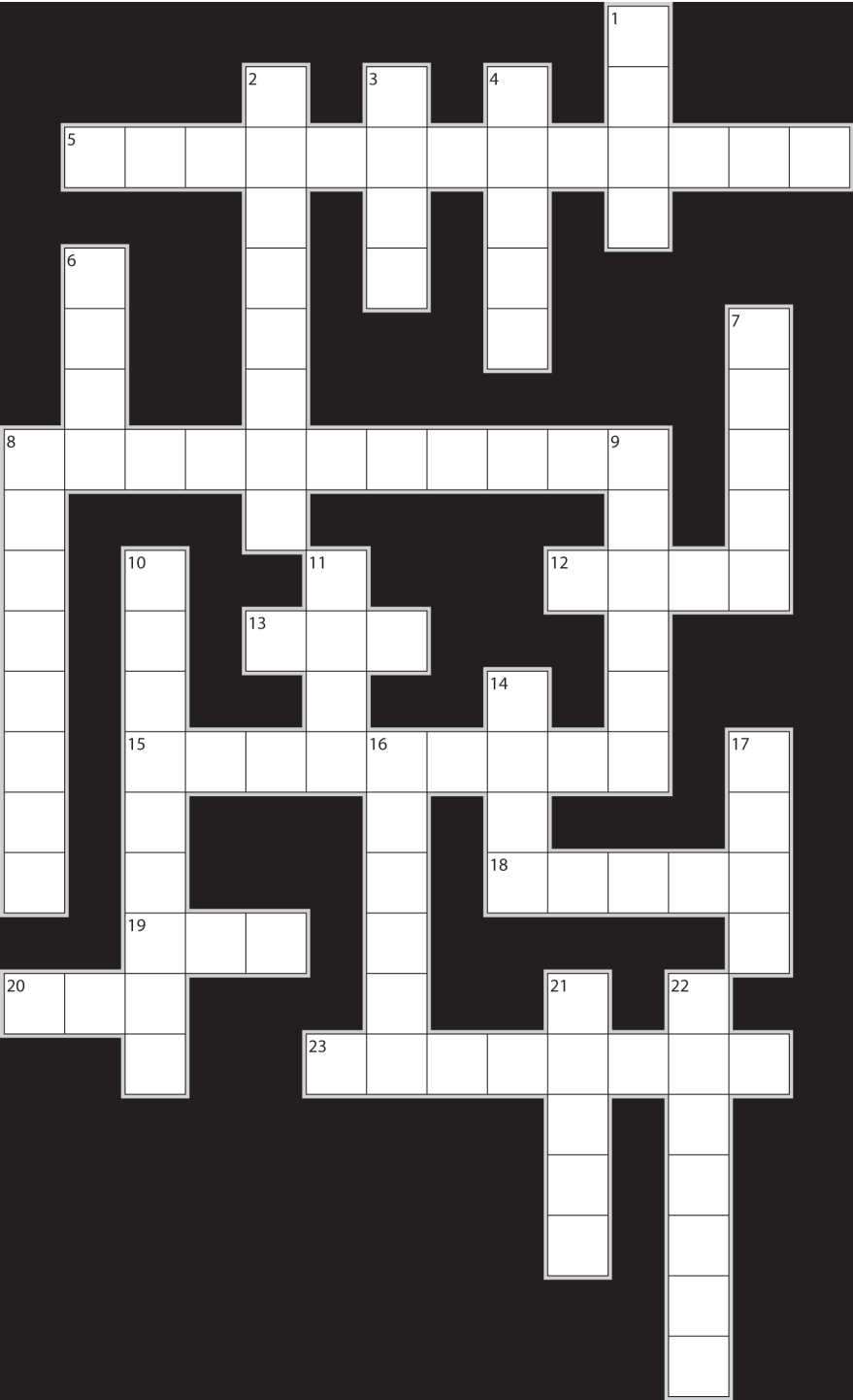
General Fund Offering (10/29)..... \$12,041

Other Offering (10/29) \$1,646

Sunday School Attendance (10/29) 73

Worship Attendance (10/29)177

Children's Mission (4th quarter–Lutheran Military Veterans)
\$202 last Sunday; quarter so far: \$652



All Saints' Sunday

Find the answers in today's four Scripture lessons.

It may help with the Psalm if you use the English Standard Version instead of the old Psalter in the bulletin.

ACROSS

5. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for this.
8. They will be called sons of God.
12. Praise him!
13. When he appears, we will be like him.
15. Where were God's servants sealed?
18. The 144,000 were from every...
19. How many edges have the swords of the godly?
20. We will become like God when we _____ him.
23. The last tribe listed

DOWN

1. The children of Zion are to rejoice in him.
2. John says we are this to God.
3. What did the angel in the rising sun carry?
4. The first tribe listed
6. We must be purified because God is...
7. The ones coming out of the great tribulation had washed their robes in this.
8. He who hopes in God _____ himself.
9. The godly hold these in their hands.
10. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be...
11. We are called children of God because of his...
14. Christians are this to the earth.
16. The Lord adorns them with salvation.
17. Blessed are they, for they will inherit the earth.
21. Israel is to be glad in him.
22. Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the...



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Next Sunday's Lessons: Amos 5:18-24; Psalm 70; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

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