



St. Paul Lutheran Church, ELCA Pontiac, IL

*The people of St. Paul
gather to worship,
reach out and serve the Lord.*

**26th Sunday after Pentecost
November 18, 2018**

Introduction

November begins with All Saints Day and ends in or near Advent, when we anticipate Christ's coming again. So the readings today tell of the final resurrection and the end time. In the turmoil of hope, fear, and disbelief that these predictions provoke in us, Hebrews sounds a note of confident trust. Christ makes a way for us where there is no way, and we walk it confidently, our hearts and bodies washed in baptismal water, trusting the one who has promised. The more we see the last day approaching, the more important it is to meet together to provoke one another to love.

Presiding Minister: Pastor Wayne Shelksohn
Worship Steward: Pat Lund
Musician: Sandy Erickson
Lector: Tracy Leach
Psalms: Kaylee Delheimer
Acolyte: Kaylee Delheimer
Ushers: Marian Brown & Maurine Gentes
Greeters: Jocelyn Miller & Rose Mary Erickson
Prayers: Pat Lund
Communion Prep: Jean Harrison
Communion Asst: Anita Klein
Guest Ambassador: Jill Rapp
Hospitality: Ginger Bauknecht & Gail Thorson
Counters: Jake Dixon & Marvin Miller
Sunday School: Carrie Delheimer

Today the Women of the ELCA will lead portions of the Thankoffering Service and Thankoffering boxes will be collected. These boxes are provided for the women of the church to use at home when we are feeling especially thankful or blessed. There are extra boxes available if you need one. Just ask one of the ushers and they will give you one.

Holy Communion Instructions

We believe that Jesus is truly present in the bread and wine and offers to us the forgiveness of sin and new life in the community through this sacrament. All who believe in the presence of Christ in, with, and under the elements of bread and wine are welcome to the table. Those who do not commune may come forward with their arms crossed over their chests to receive a blessing. Communion today will be by intinction. You may dip your wafer into either the darker colored liquid--the wine, or the lighter colored grape juice.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome (Pastor Wayne)

Prepare for Worship

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM – (Tonya Wilcox) (on screen)

Greeting (Pastor Wayne) (on screen)

Prayer of the Day (Ginger Bauknecht) (on screen)

CHILDREN DISMISSED

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

First Reading–Exodus 17: 1-7 (Tracy Leach) (on screen)

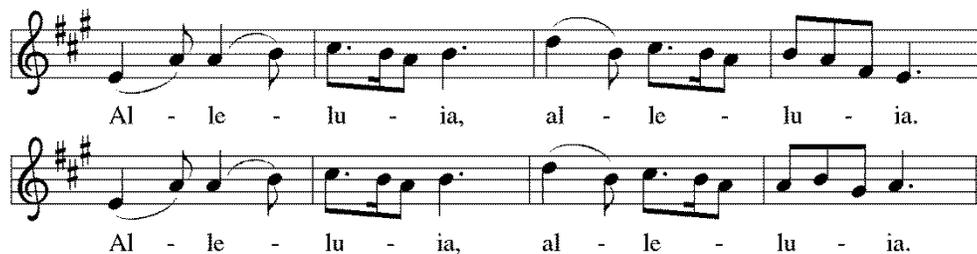
Psalm 104 (Anita Klein) (on screen)

Second Reading–Titus 3: 4-7 (Carrie Delheimer) (on screen)

Please rise as you are able for the reading of the Holy Gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

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Celtic Alleluia



The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Celtic Alleluia. Both staves are in the treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written below each staff, with hyphens indicating syllable placement under the notes.

Verses may be sung by a leader. Then the alleluia is repeated.

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Gospel–John 4: 5-26 (Sara Solberg) (on screen)

Message

Bishop Elizabeth Eaton

My Lord, What a Morning

Refrain

My Lord, what a morn-ing; my Lord, what a morn-ing; oh,

my Lord, what a morn-ing, when the stars be-gin to fall.

1 You will hear the trum-pet sound,
 2 You will hear the sin-ner cry, to wake the na-tions un-der - ground,
 3 You will hear the Chris-tian shout,

Refrain

look-ing to my God's right hand, when the stars be-gin to fall.

Text: African American spiritual
 Music: BURLEIGH, African American spiritual

NICENE CREED (on screen) (Pastor Wayne)

Prayers of Intercession (Jeanne Rapp) **(on screen)**

Sharing the Peace (on screen)

Offering—



As we continue with our offering, please sign the attendance book located at the end of each pew. Guests and visitors, please include your address and phone number.

Presentation of the Gifts

Please rise, as you are able, while the gifts are brought forward.

Offering Hymn

Create in Me A Clean Heart

ELW 185



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.
Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me
with your free Spir - it. Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,
and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

Offering Prayer (Jean Harrison) **(on screen)**

Great Thanksgiving (on screen)

Preface (on screen)

Holy, Holy, Holy

Santo, santo, santo

San - to, san - to, san - to, mi co - ra - zón te_a - do - ra.
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you.

Mi co - ra - zón te sa - be de - cir: San - to_e - res Se - ñor.
My heart is glad to say the words: You are ho - ly, God.

Text: Argentine traditional
Music: ARGENTINE SANTO, Argentine traditional

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer (on screen)

Invitation to Communion (on screen)

Refrain/Estribillo

To - ma, oh Dios, mi vo - lun - tad, y haz - la tu - ya, na -
 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord,



da más; to - ma, sí, mi co - ra - zón
 to thee; take my mo - ments and my days;



y tu tro - no en él ten - drás. ten - drás.
 let them flow in cease - less praise. less praise.



1 Que mi vi - da en - te - ra es - té
 1 Take my hands and let them move
 2 Take my sil - ver and my gold,
 3 Take my voice and let me sing
 4 Take my will and make it thine;



con - sa - gra - da a ti, Se - ñor;
 at the im - pulse of thy love;
 not a mite would I with - hold;
 al - ways, on - ly for my King;
 it shall be no lon - ger mine;



que a mis ma - nos pue - da guiar el im -
 take my feet and let them be swift and
 take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry
 take my lips and let them be filled with
 take my heart, it is thine own; it shall

Refrain/Estribillo

pul - so de tu a - mor.
 beau - ti - ful for thee.
 pow'r as thou shalt choose.
 mes - sag - es from thee.
 be thy roy - al throne.



1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the
 2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your . . mer - cy to all those in
 3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be



Lord! We are called to be light for the king - dom, to
 fear! We are called to be hope for the hope - less so
 one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each oth - er as



live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God.
 ha - tred and blind - ness . . . will be . . . no more.
 sis - ters and broth - ers . . . u - nit - ed in love.



We are called to act with jus - tice, we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

Prayer After Communion (Mildred Girard) (on screen)

SENT FOR WORK AND WITNESS

Announcements

Blessing (on screen)

Dismissal (on screen)

Postlude

THIS WEEK'S CHURCH CALENDAR

Today 9:00 a.m.: Adult Sunday School
 9:00 a.m. Confirmation Class
 10:00 a.m.: Worship – "Thankoffering Service"

11/22/18 Thanksgiving – Office Closed
11/23/18 3:15 p.m. Boys and Girls Club

Next Sunday 9:00 a.m.: Adult Sunday School
 9:00 a.m. Confirmation Class
 10:00 a.m.: Worship – "Cookies for College Students & Military"



St. Paul Memorial Christmas Tree

Christmas is considered a time of joy and good cheer. But when you have experienced the loss of a loved one, Christmas also carries with it the challenge of grieving in the midst of all the celebrations. Each year, St. Paul's gathering space is blessed with a beautiful Memorial Christmas Tree. The purpose of the tree is to include the memory of our loved ones and church friends during the Advent and Christmas seasons. This year marks the 35th anniversary of the Memorial Tree.

Personalized angels are handmade and provided for each St. Paul saint who was a member, and everyone is invited to place an ornament of their choosing in memory of a nonmember. The tree will be up for the first Sunday in Advent. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Lou Bevers.



ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS!!

In need of our prayer and care:

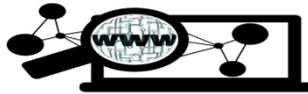


Myrna Dixon
Amber White
David Sutton
Carol
Anne Johnson
Bereaved families of:

Jerry Erickson
Trent Olson
Jerry
Jackie



For the months of November and December we will be collecting cereal.



Remember that our website for St. Paul (www.stpaulpontiac.org) contains sermon videos, copies of the newsletters and bulletins. If you miss a Sunday, check it out!

Bulletin Update

In response to suggestions concerning the new format to the bulletin, we will be offering a small number of fully formatted ones for those who may have difficulty viewing the monitors. Please ask an usher for one if you are in need. The Worship and Music Team appreciates your input!



Cookies for College Students & Military

On Sunday November 25th we will box up cookies for our college students and those who server our country and then present them during worship. If you would like to donate cookies to this project please sign up on the kiosk. Please give names of those from our congregation that are students or military to Anita Klein or Jean Harrison, we don't want to miss this opportunity!



January 2019 Worship Services!

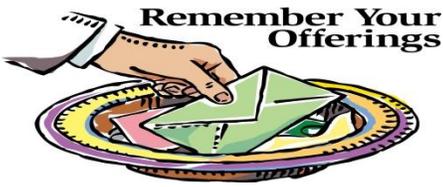
During the month of January, Pastor Wayne will not be with us; therefore the Worship and Music Team is organizing worship. We would like you to prayerfully consider sharing your gifts and talents in order for us to continue to provide meaningful and dynamic worship during Pastor's absence. Here is a tentative schedule for January.

- January 6 – Lessons and Carols (will need readers)
- January 13 – Faith Stories – recognizing those baptized in 2018 – hymn sing (we invite anyone interested in sharing a short faith story)
- January 20 – guest pastor with Holy Communion
- January 27 – Youth Sunday and or Make a Joyful Noise Sunday (we invite youth and anyone willing to share their musical talents)

Please see Sandy Erickson, Blayne Dixon, or John and Julie Mehlberg if you are interested in helping! Thank you for sharing your God given gifts and talents!

Worship Servers for November 25, 2018

Presiding Minister: Pastor Wayne Shelksohn
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Offering Information

The average weekly offering needed to meet our 2018 Mission Proposal is \$2,776.00.

Offering for Sunday, 11/4/18 - \$1,533.00

Offering for Sunday, 11/11/18 - \$2,743.00



Anyone who has pictures that can be shared on Facebook, please text or email Jake or Blayne Dixon. Please use the church directory for their numbers and email! Thanks for sharing! Let's get "social!"

Bulletin Changes To Come!

As good stewards of God's creation, the worship and music team is attempting to decrease the amount of paper that we utilize for the bulletin. We are trying to use the monitors for the spoken liturgy as one way of "shrinking" the number of pages. We will use the larger size paper until it is depleted, but in the future we will be experimenting in decreasing both the number of pages and the size of the bulletin. Please be patient as we try new things. We want to continue to provide meaningful and dynamic worship through the Word, Sacraments, and song in order to bring people closer to God. If you have any helpful suggestions or questions, please see Pastor, Julie and John Mehlberg, or Sandy Erickson. Thank you again for your patience!

ELCA GOOD GIFTS

ADVENT TREE ORNAMENTS

Have you ever selected a gift for someone in need from a Christmas tree in a store of shopping mall? Now you can do the same thing right here at St. Paul to support ELCA Good Gifts! Take a "honeybee" ornament and make your donation as a way to honor friends and loved ones with gifts that will make a difference in the world. We encourage you to pray about this opportunity and take the ornament home as a reminder of your gift. Please write your \$20 check to St. Paul with a memo "ELCA Good Gifts."

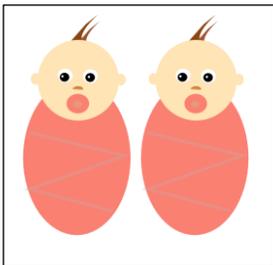
**THANK YOU FOR SHARING THE LOVE OF JESUS DURING THIS
ADVENT SEASON!**



Confirmation Class students - We will be leaving after services on Sunday, November 25th to go to the Altitude Trampoline Park in Bloomington, IL. Anyone 18 years and older must fill out a waiver to jump, and those 17 years and younger must have a parent or guardian accompany them and fill out a waiver. You must bring a valid form of identification and the parent or guardian signing for the younger children must also offer some form of identification. The price for 1.5 hours will be \$22.00 and this price will include special socks which are required to jump.



While it has always been the desire of St. Paul to celebrate and support the congregation as members celebrate marriage or the arrival of a new baby, the council also recognizes the need for change as we continue to grow and welcome new members. In order to be a more inclusive community of believers, the council has decided that wedding and baby showers are best handled privately by an individual in the congregation rather than having church-sponsored showers. If an individual would like to use our facility to host a private shower, he or she should contact the administrative assistant to confirm a date on the church calendar and complete a facility-use sheet.



We would like to congratulate Wendy and John Boch on the birth of their twin boys, on November 4th, James Frederick (Jack) and Owen Christopher. Also a big congratulation to Grandma Pat Lund! We wish God's blessings on this family.

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