



THE MESSENGER

St. Paul Lutheran Church

The Second Petition of The Lord's Prayer Your kingdom come.



What does this mean?

In fact, God's kingdom comes on its own without our prayer, but we ask in this prayer that it may also come to us.

How does this come about?

Whenever our heavenly Father gives us his Holy Spirit, so that through the Holy Spirit's grace we believe God's holy word and live godly lives here in time and hereafter in eternity.

The first thing Luther tells us is that we do not bring in God's kingdom. God's kingdom comes to us by Grace, that free, overwhelming, overflowing, lavish, super abundant amount of love that God has for humanity even though we do not deserve it; nor can we earn it, but God through Christ gives it anyway. Prayer then moves from seeking to bargain with this God or trying to manipulate this Holy God and becomes again standing before this loving father as loving children ready to receive the gifts this triune God will give. The first gift given is a Name a Holy Name that becomes our name. But in this second Petition, God gives us this Kingdom—this inheritance is the place we live into and the life that becomes us. And how does the loving parent God do this?

God does this by the Holy Spirit's work in our lives. "Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in us the fire of your love." Remember a few months back as we looked at the Third article of Apostles Creed? The Holy Spirit goes to work in us to call us through the Gospel, enlighten us with the gift of grace, sanctify us (*make us holy*), and keep us in the true faith. Where does this happen in our hearing of not just any word, but in God's Holy Word? And when does that happen? It happens right now with "every breath we take", with every prayer we make, with every Sunday service that we hear God's Holy word. God's Kingdom comes to us and as we join our prayer to the saints of every age, God's kingdom comes.

Welcome to the kingdom in your humanity that cannot earn the kingdom nor deserve it, but God in that eternal overwhelming, overflowing, superabundant lavish amount of grace, just keeps on welcoming us into that Kingdom of Grace.

Pastor Wayne



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

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

November Birthdays

November 2- James Frederick Boch

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November 3 – Sara Gschwendtner

November 5 – Alec Bristow

November 11 – Kodi Davis

November 12 – Pat Lund

November 18 – Jill Rapp

November 20 – Darlene Miller

November 27 – Katie Dixon

November 28 – Natalie Hendershott

November 30 – Doug Schneeman

November Anniversaries

November 7 – Tyler & Jessica Mills (2015)

November 23 – Scott & Jennifer Bauknecht (1996)

November 23 – Tom & Kathy Rygh (1996)

Rebecca Circle

The Rebecca Circle will meet on Thursday, November 17th, at 1:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. The hostess will be Jean Harrison. Marian Brown will lead the lesson. Devotions will be given by Marian Brown. Lucy Kehinde will give the offering meditation. All women of our congregation are invited and welcome to attend this meeting.

LEO for 2022

LEO (Let's Eat Out) gathers St. Paul members and friends on the third Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. to enjoy dinner. All are welcome to attend!

November 16—LaMex Restaurant

December 21 —LOBO's Tap

Bibles & Bagels

The Bibles & Bagels group will meet on Thursday, November 10th at Edinger's Filling Station at 9:30 a.m. Any woman who would like to participate in an informal Bible study is welcome to attend this meeting.

Sunday Pastoral Schedule

November 6—Pastor Wayne Shelksohn

November 13—Pastor Wayne Shelksohn

November 20—Pastor Wayne Shelksohn

November 27—SAM Marcia Buchs

THANKOFFERING SERVICE

Sunday, November 13

Women ^{of the} ELCA 

Health & Wellness Sunday

Health & Wellness Sunday is the third Sunday of each month. Mary Leach or one of our parish nurses will be on hand before and after worship on these Sundays to check blood pressures and blood sugars, and to help you form questions for your health professional if needed.

Please sign up for St. Paul's Texting Service!

If you would like to receive text messages with reminders and special announcements, please sign up for the St. Paul Texting Service by completing the following:

1. Send a text to 81010
2. Text the message: @stpaul210



Gratitude Wall

"I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds!"
Psalm 9:1

During the month of November, we invite everyone to bring in tangible items to hang on our St. Paul Gratitude Wall! Items should represent something you are grateful for— photos of loved ones, pets, sunsets and more! If the item is too large, too heavy, or too precious to hang, please set it on the table by the Gratitude Wall. Post-it notes will also be available for messages.

#stpaulpontiacgratitudeday - November 20

On November 20, you are invited to share something you are grateful to God for on your social media account(s). When posting, use the hashtag **#stpaulpontiacgratitudeday**.

Let's fill people's newsfeed with grateful and positive posts that give God the glory!

Communion by Intinction

We will return to communion by intinction on November 28, the first Sunday in Advent. You will dip your bread into either the wine or grape juice during communion.

30 Bible Verses for a *Grateful Heart*

DAY 1: PSALM 118: 24

DAY 2: JAMES 1:17

DAY 3: ISAIAH 26: 3

DAY 4: PHILIPPIANS 4: 6

DAY 5: JOHN 15: 10-11

DAY 6: COLOSSIANS 3: 16

DAY 7: ROMANS 5: 20

DAY 8 1 PETER 5: 5

DAY 9: MATTHEW 6: 12

DAY 10: EPHESIANS 2: 8-9

DAY 11: EXODUS 16: 8

DAY 12: PSALM 145: 2-3

DAY 13: PSALM 150: 1-6

DAY 14: PSALM 16: 7

DAY 15: PSALM 28: 7

DAY 16: PSALM 26: 3

DAY 17: 1 THESSALONIANS 5: 16-18

DAY 18: 1 CORINTHIANS 1: 9

DAY 19: 1 SAMUEL 16: 7

DAY 20: JOHN 2: 11

DAY 21: PSALM 104: 10-11

DAY 22: MATTHEW 6: 8

DAY 23: ACTS 2: 46

DAY 24: EPHESIANS 2: 5

DAY 25: JAMES 2: 13

DAY 26: PSALM 148: 1

DAY 27: PSALM 106: 1

DAY 28: ACTS 16: 25

DAY 29: LAMENTATIONS 3: 22-23

DAY 30: PSALM 100: 2



Advent Family Lunch

Sunday, December 4

Join your church family for lunch and Advent activities immediately after worship on Sunday, December 4. More information is coming soon.

Children's Christmas Program

The Children's Christmas Program will be during the service on Sunday, December 18 with a birthday party for Jesus immediately following worship. If your child would like to participate, please let Sara Solberg or Betsy Westergreen know by November 20.

St. Paul Trunk or Treat 2022



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Thanks to all who participated
in Trunk or Treat!