



St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church
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26th Sunday after Pentecost

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.

GATHERING Welcome/Announcements

As God's children we are

**Inviting People to Journey with Christ's Family
in Spreading God's Love and Mercy**

You are invited to practice God's Love and Mercy by turning to those around you, greeting one another with a sign of Christ's peace, saying, "Peace be with you," or something similar.

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who calls us into an everlasting hope,
who guides us to springs of the water of life,
who enlightens us with the spirit of wisdom
Amen.

One with the communion of saints in all times and places,
let us confess our sin against God and one another.
O God, our merciful redeemer,

**we confess the ways we live only for ourselves.
We fail to see you in our neighbor's face.**

nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. ²Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.”

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 16

- ¹Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;
I have said to the LORD, “You are my Lord, my good above all other.”
- ²**All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,
upon those who are noble among the people.**
- ³But those who run after other gods
shall have their troubles multiplied.
- ⁴**I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,
never take their names upon my lips.**
- ⁵O LORD, you are my portion and my cup;
it is you who uphold my lot.
- ⁶**My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;
indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**
- ⁷I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me night after night.
- ⁸**I have set the LORD always before me;
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**
- ⁹My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;
my body also shall rest in hope.
- ¹⁰**For you will not abandon me to the grave,
nor let your holy one see the pit.**
- ¹¹You will show me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

A reading from Hebrews 10:11-14 [15-18] 19-25

¹¹Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. ¹²But when Christ had

offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, “he sat down at the right hand of God,” ¹³and since then has been waiting “until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.” ¹⁴For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. [¹⁵And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying,

¹⁶“This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds,”

¹⁷he also adds,

“I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”

¹⁸Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.]

¹⁹Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

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The holy gospel according to Mark 13:1-8

Glory to you, O Lord

¹As [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” ²Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.”

³When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴“Tell us, when will this be,

and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” ⁵Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. ⁶Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. ⁷When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. ⁸For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

*Hymn

“Bring Peace to Earth Again”
(Tune: The Lord’s My Shepherd)

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*Apostles’ Creed

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

Prayers of Intercession

(Lord, in your mercy, **hear our Prayer**)

Offering / Noisy Offering

*Offertory

“Give Thanks”

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*Offertory Prayer

**Creator God,
you made everything, and you provide for every need.
The bread we break and the wine we pour come from you.
As we eat and drink with thanksgiving,
fill us with your love;
let that love flow through us to others;
and join us to the saints before us
in a holy and boundless communion;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Amen.

*Great Thanksgiving

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“Holy, Holy, Holy”

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*Words of Institution

*The Lord’s Prayer

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Distribution

Everyone who believes in Jesus is welcome at Christ’s table.

“Lamb of God”

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Prayer after Communion

**Sovereign God,
in this meal you give us a foretaste
Keep us faithful to you,
that we, with all your saints,
may at length celebrate
the marriage feast of the Lamb,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

SENDING

Benediction

Sending Hymn

“Soon and Very Soon”

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Dismissal

Led on by the saints before us,
go in peace to serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THOSE SERVING TODAY

Ministers: All God's People *Pastor:* Brad Lindberg *Organist:* Nalani Bever

Greeters: Barb and John Ornes *Reader:* Larry Ballwahn

Communion Server: Arlis Ballwahn *Altar Committee:* Barb Bever

Ushers: Leonard Arndt, Greg Bever, Steve Brandau, Jerry Von Haden

IN THE MILITARY

Jacob Picha, Matt Zirk, Todd Nofsinger, Dylan Dougherty, Robert Cale

IN OUR PRAYERS

Katie Wallace, Shirley Meranti, Ron Clark, Carol Osteboe, Mildred Radke, Lorayne Denter, Marjorie Muhr, Ed Bauer, Jerry Eckelberg, Helen and Evan Summerfield, Linda Bauer, Linda Finnigan

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Calendar for November 18 – November 25

Today	Birthday/Anniversary Fellowship	11:30 AM
Wed., Nov. 21	Thanksgiving Eve Service Immanuel Methodist, Norwalk	7:00 PM
Thurs., Nov. 22	Thanksgiving Day Community Meal @ Wilton Legion	11:00 AM
Sun., Nov. 25	Sunday School	9:00 AM
	Worship Service	10:15 AM
	Church Decorating	11:30AM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thanks to Pastor Lindberg for leading us in worship today.

The Thanksgiving Community meal, which is served at the Wilton Legion on Thanksgiving Day, is open to one and all. Serving begins at 11:00 AM and continues until the food supply is exhausted!

Please place your “Thank Offering” in the collection plate. If you need an envelope, they are located on the table in the narthex. We will continue to collect for the next couple of weeks, so don’t fret, there’s still time!!

We will decorate the church and put the manger scene outside next week after worship. If there is an interest in having a simple meal of bar-be-ques and chips, let Nalani know and she will make the arrangements.

Thank you to all who donated a shoe box to Operation Christmas Child. Not only did you bring joy to a child who may never have received a gift at Christmas, but you made it possible for the child to learn about the Greatest Gift of All, Jesus Christ.

Here at home, members of our community are gathering funds to be used for the purchase of Christmas gifts to children and families in need. Winter coats and other clothing items may be included in the gifts. If you would like to make a donation, please contact Lorrie Bever @435-6992 or drop your donation off at the Wilton Food Pantry on Tuesdays, 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM.