

CHURCH CALENDAR

TODAY (Nov 18) SUNDAY SCHOOL.....8:00 am
WORSHIP (Adult Bible study follows worship).....9:00 am
MON (Nov 19) Choir.....6:00 pm
WED (NOV 21) Thanksgiving Eve Worship.....6:30 pm
NEXT SUNDAY (Nov 25) SUNDAY SCHOOL.....8:00 am
WORSHIP (Adult Bible study follows worship).....9:00 am

BIRTHDAYS: "Happy Birthday!" to the following members
celebrating birthdays this week: **Nov 21st**- Frank Roesler;
Nov 24th - Ricky Buman.

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

November 11 Plate Offerings: \$2,032.00
Weekly Electronic Offerings: 159.50
Total Offerings this past week = \$2,191.50
OFFERINGS RECEIVED YTD (45 wks) \$99,843.50
TOTAL OFFERINGS NEEDED YTD = \$103,230.00
YTD DEFICIT = (\$3,386.29)
AMOUNT NEEDED EACH WEEK: \$2,294.00
TOTAL FOR SPECIAL PROJECTS = \$5,253.00



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CHRISTMAS 2018 OUTREACH EFFORT

Congregations in the WELS are attempting to invite 1,000,000 people to worship in the Christmas Season. Forms are for this purpose are available on the bulletin board in the entryway that you can use to share the mailing

address of a family member, relative, acquaintance or neighbor (please submit addresses by Sun, Nov 25). Pastor Finn will then use them to mail out Christmas invitations from our church with all needed information about special times for worship in December.

FLOWERS IN CHANCEL TODAY

- † Warren & Joanne Mueller place flowers on the altar in loving memory of Warren's sister, Norma, whom the Lord called to Himself in glory this past Tuesday at the age of 72 years.
- † The family of Winnie Laabs family brings flowers in the chancel in thanksgiving & recognition of the birthday of their dearly departed Gilbert (Nov.22).



We Are Saints Triumphant!

THIRD SUNDAY OF END TIME
November 18, 2018

St. Paul Lutheran Church
N926 Dale Avenue † Dale, Wisconsin
Pastor William A. Finn





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IN WORSHIP TODAY

Like last Sunday, today's worship anticipates the end of all things and the great day of judgment, but the added view today on the Third Sunday of End Time is of the triumph of God's holy ones (saints) in heaven. The readings also equip us for the distress of the end times by their careful description of what is coming, so that we not only have it all straight, but that we're ready and able to persevere through this distress and even shine like stars (Dan.1:3) as we live out our faith and share our faith in Jesus Christ.

WELCOME GUESTS—We're so glad you could join us today! Our restrooms and childcare area may be found downstairs just beyond the fellowship hall. There is also a television screen in that area showing the service live for parents and elderly. Listening devices for the hearing impaired are available by request from the ushers today. If you have any questions during the service, an usher can help you, or feel free to ask the person next to you.

BELLS & WELCOME BY PASTOR

OPENING HYMN: #551:1,2,4,5,6 "For All the Saints"

(Printed on next page)

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[1] For all the saints who from their la - bors rest,



All who their faith be - fore the world con - fessed,



Your name, O Je - sus, be for - e - ver blest.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

[2] You were their rock, their fortress, and their might;
You, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight
And in the darkness drear their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

[4] Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle; they in glory shine,
Yet all are one within your grand design.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

[5] And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph-song,
And hearts are brave again and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

[6] The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon, to faithful warriors comes their rest.
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



C: A - men.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord have mercy on me, a sinner.

LORD, HAVE MERCY
Kyrie

C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy
on - us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: A - - men.

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord!

SING: GLORY BE TO GOD, *GLORIA in EXCELSIS*

C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.
We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,

we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,
God the Fa-ther 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 on-ly 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.

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And al - so with you.



THE PRAYER OF THE DAY: (*Spoken together*) “Almighty God and Savior, you have set the final day and hour when we shall be delivered from this world of sin and death. Keep us ever watchful for the coming of your Son that we may sit with him and all your holy ones at the marriage feast in heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.” (*Amen, spoken*)

THE LESSONS

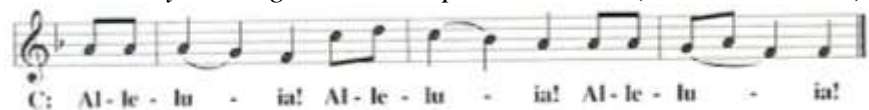
OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: DANIEL 12:1-3 *God's care of the faithful in this present evil age and our triumphant outcome in heaven impels us to labor on with all our might leading as many as possible to Christ.*

“At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people—everyone whose name is found written in the book—will be delivered. ²Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt. ³Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.”

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 118 (*See insert*)

SECOND LESSON: 1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18 Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. ¹⁴For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. ¹⁵According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

VERSE OF THE DAY: Alleluia. *"They are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple."* Alleluia. (**Revelation 7:15**)



THE GOSPEL LESSON: MARK 13:24-27



MARK 13:24-27 *Jesus speaks of his coming and the day all visible creation will collapse around us as we rise with the angels through the clouds into eternal bliss-- What grace beyond compare and what glory belongs to his saints triumphant!* “But in those days, following that distress, “the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; ²⁵the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.’ ²⁶“At that time people will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷And he will send his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens.



THE APOSTLES' CREED, page 19 in the front of the hymnal.

HYMN OF THE DAY: #147 "Like the Golden Sun Ascending"

SERMON TODAY: Based on Daniel 12:1-3 (*First Lesson*)

"You Have Friends in High Places"

1.) There will be trouble ahead. 2.) There is also Triumph!

AFTER SERMON SING "Create in Me," on page 20.

THE OFFERING, PRAYER OF THE CHURCH & THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN: #550 "Behold a Host Arrayed in White"

CLOSING PRAYER, followed by...



THE BLESSING



CLOSING HYMN: #727 "There Is a Higher Throne"
(Printed on insert)



CLOSING HYMN: #727 "There Is a Higher Throne"

1 There is a high - er throne than all this
 2 And there we'll find our home, our life be -
 world has known, Where faith - ful ones from ev - 'ry tongue
 fore the throne. We'll hon - or him in per - fect song
 will one day come. Be - fore the Son we'll stand,
 where we be - long. He'll wipe each tear - stained eye
 made fault - less through the Lamb; Be - liev - ing
 as thirst and hun - ger die. The Lamb be -
 hearts find prom - ised grace; sal - va - tion comes.
 comes our Shep - herd - King; we'll reign with him.

Refrain
 Hear heav - en's voic - es sing; their thund - 'rous
 an - them rings. Through em - 'rald courts and sap - phire skies
 their prais - es rise. All glo - ry, wis - dom, pow'r,
 strength, thanks, and hon - or are to God our King who
 reigns on high for - ev - er - more.

PSALM 118

Refrain
 This is the day the Lord has made, let us re -
 joice and be glad! This is the day the
 Lord has made, let us re - joice and be glad!

Psalm tone

Pastor The LORD is my strength and my song;*
 he has become my salvation.

People The LORD'S right hand is lifted high;*
 the LORD'S right hand has done mighty things!

Pastor I will not die but live,*
 and will proclaim what the LORD has done.

Refrain

Pastor I will give you thanks, for you answered me;*
 you have become my salvation.

People The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone;*
 the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

Pastor This is the day the LORD has made;*
 let us rejoice and be glad in it.

ALL Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
 and to the Holy Spirit,
 as it was in the beginning,*
 is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Refrain