



The Weekly Epistle

All Saints' Sunday
November 3, 2024



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Take This Sheet Home With You!

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All Are Welcome! At St. Paul we welcome all to worship and share in God's love, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, ability, age, economic status, background, life situation, or wherever you are in your faith journey.

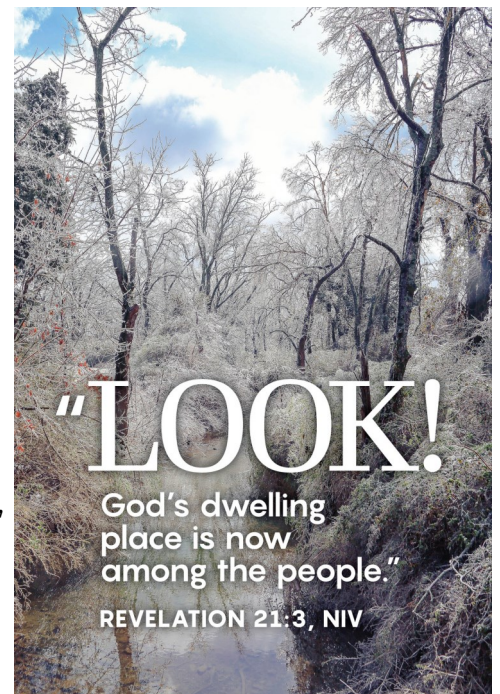
All who Believe and are Baptized (from any church) are invited to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion here.

A Word from Pastor Tony

Today, on All Saints Sunday, we gather to remember the faithful who have gone before us, now resting in the presence of our Lord. The tradition of honoring saints dates back to the early church, originally commemorating martyrs. By the Middle Ages, the observance expanded to include all believers who had died in faith. All Souls' Day (November 2) was later added as a time to pray for all departed Christians. In our Lutheran tradition, we focus on celebrating the grace of Christ that grants all believers the hope of eternal life.

August Hermann Francke, a key figure in the Pietist movement at Halle, reminds us, "The saints glorify God in heaven through the joy of their salvation, and on earth by their faithfulness in following Christ." As we reflect on this, we are reminded to live in faithful devotion, encouraged by those who have already entered eternal rest with our Savior. May this day inspire us to live faithfully in Christ, knowing we too share in the Gospel promise of eternal life.

Yours in Christ, +Pastor Tony



Our Hymns Today

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| ◆ Processional Hymn: | <i>Rise, O Children of Salvation</i> | Green #182 |
| ◆ Psalm | 24 | Green, p.225 |
| ◆ Hymn of the Day: | <i>For All the Saints</i> | Green #174 |
| ◆ Communion Hymn: | <i>Oh, What Their Joy</i> | Green #337 |
| ◆ Closing Hymn: | <i>For All Your Saints, O Lord</i> | Green #176 |

The First Reading

Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death for ever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation. (NRSV)

The Second Reading

Revelation 21:1-6a

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.' And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. (NRSV)

The Gospel

John 11:32-44

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?' Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.' (NRSV)

Communion Today

- ◆ **Communion today** is at the rail. Proceed down aisle filling in from outside toward center. Return to your pew down the side aisle on your side of the Church.
- ◆ **Grape juice & gluten free wafers are available**, just ask for them at the rail.



Online Offering

You can give a secure online offering with a debit/credit card or checking account. Scan or visit:

stpaulmorgantown.org/giving **Thank you!**

All Saints'

We remember those who have died in the past year

Walter Werkmeister

Paul Smith

David Werkmeister

Carman Peters

Milan Roh

Boyd Holtan

Tim Donaldson

Wayne Michael

Howard Hummel

Susan Olcott

Mike Kirkpatrick

Olen Rembold

Selma Nelson

Joan Marie Cushing

Betty Kramer

Jared Schreiman

Melba Meyer

Doug Burmeister

Ryan Lincicome



Thanksgiving Food Baskets

Members and friends of St. Paul helping local families in need

Our Goal – 30 Baskets or more for Rock Forge Food Pantry

Ways you can help:

1. Donate money
2. Donate time
3. Donate purchased goods

Here are the items we need for each basket:

<u>Item:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
Instant potatoes	1 box
Dressing	2 boxes or 1 large bag
Dinner Rolls	1 dozen
Noodles	1 large bag
Green beans	2 cans
Carrots	2 cans
Corn	2 cans
Applesauce	1 small jar
Gravy	1 or 2 small jars
Cranberry Sauce	1 small can
Tomato soup	1 can
Tuna	2 small cans
Vegetable soup	1 can
Mac and Cheese	2 boxes
Dessert (cake mix and frosting, or cookie mix)	

We will use donated cash to purchase dry milk and gift cards for turkeys. Please bring donated items to the church by **Sunday, November 17th**.

Please use the envelopes in the pews for donations. On checks, write "food baskets" in the memo line.

We will shop on Nov. 22nd or 23rd, assemble the baskets on Sunday, Nov. 24th, and deliver on Monday, Nov. 25th. **Please let us know if you are able to assist with shopping or delivery.** Contact the church office with questions.



Given by the Setley family in honor of Stephanie's birthday

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Tamara Riegel, Administrator

Church Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday 9AM —Noon

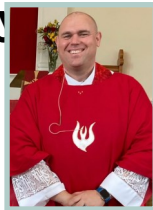
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The Rev. Tony Setley Pastor



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Lector: **Sylvia McEwuen**

Usher: **Larry Springer**

Counters: **Jerry Bouquot & Lindsey Naumann**

Broadcaster: **Mary Boroff**

Serving November 10th:

Assisting Minister: **Mary Haas**

Lector: **Tamara Riegel**

Usher: **Dave Custer**

Counters: **Carol Henry & Steve Woodruff**

Broadcaster: **Mike & Jen Peters**

Officers Of The Congregation

President: Bill Graham

Vice President: Lillian Stevens

Treasurer: Joanne Seasholtz

Secretary: Lindsey Naumann



This Week's Schedule

Sunday November 3

Choir (choir loft) 9:00 AM

Adult Bible Study (lounge)

Sunday School (classroom)

Worship 10:00 AM

Nave

Tuesday November 5

Bible Study 10:00 AM

Lounge

Thursday November 7

Prayerful Walkers 9:00 AM

Parking Lot

Friday November 8

Piecemakers 10:00 AM

Fellowship Hall

Sunday November 10

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Sunday School (classroom)

Worship 10:00 AM

Nave



Meeting of the Congregation

To approve the 2025 budget and
the revised Administrative Assistant job
description

After worship on November 17th