

# ST. PAUL'S

For The Glory of God & The Joy of All Peoples

# ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

On the Lord's Day Morning Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost November 16, 2025, at 10:30



To all who are weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire hope; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and yearn for fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to whoever will come—this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The sounding of the bells calls us to quiet our hearts before worship. Welcome

Prelude

Blessing and Honor and Glory and Power

O QUANTA QUALIA

Worship is a dialogue. God speaks to us in the Call to Worship and we respond in prayer and praise. Call to Worship

From Psalm 113

Minister: Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD,

praise the name of the LORD! Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore!

People: From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of

the LORD is to be praised!

Minister: The LORD is high above all nations, and his glory above the

heavens! Who is like the LORD our God, who is seated on high, who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?

People: He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy

from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people. He gives the barren woman a

home, making her the joyous mother of children.

Minister: Praise the LORD!

+ congregation standing

z congregation kneeling



† Hymn of Praise

Hymn A • Trinity Hymnal #339

For Your Gift of God the Spirit

Alt. Tune: HYFRYDOL

† Prayer of Adoration

Unison:

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

† Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 16:9-12

Pew Bible, page 159

Minister: The Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

\* Prayer of Confession

Unison:

Almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, in your holy presence we confess our sin. You are the God of all comfort who comforts us in all our afflictions, but we have sought comfort elsewhere. You command us to cast all our cares upon you because you care for us, but we have doubted your love and your power to protect us. You promise to turn our sorrow into joy, but we have questioned your good purpose. You command us to live by faith and listen to your voice, but we have lived more in fear and listened more to other voices.

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"Through [Christ] let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name" (Hebrews 13:15).

"Devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture" (I Timothy 4:13).

You call us to bring our needs before you in prayer, but we have been prayerless. Forgive us for our sin and give us grace to trust you. We believe, Lord, but help our unbelief, in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Please take a moment to silently confess your sin.

#### <sup>n</sup> Assurance of Pardon

From Psalm 103

Minister: The LORD does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

Unison: Thanks be to God!

<sup>¤</sup> Pastoral Prayer

RENEWING OUR FAITH

† Hymn of Proclamation Hymn B

Speak, O Lord Words and Music by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

† Affirmation of Faith

The Westminster Confession of Faith

Of the Communion of Saints

Chapter 26

Unison:

All saints—who are united to Jesus Christ their head by his Spirit and by faith—have fellowship with him in his graces, sufferings, death, resurrection, and glory. And, being united to one another in love, they participate in each other's gifts and graces and are obligated to perform those public and private duties which lead to their mutual good, both inwardly and outwardly.

This prayer may include elements of adoration, confession, thanksgiving, and supplication. Special attention is given to the needs, sorrows, and joys of our local congregation. As a shepherd of the flock, the pastor prays that God would be glorified and enjoyed in our midst.

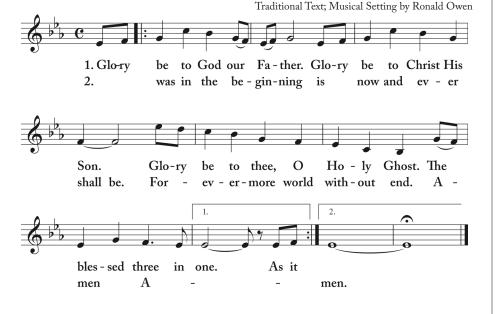
It is the duty of professing saints to maintain a holy fellowship and communion in the worship of God and in performing such other spiritual services as help them to edify one another. It is their duty also to come to the aid of one another in material things according to their various abilities and necessities. As God affords opportunity, this communion is to be extended to all those in every place who call on the name of the Lord Jesus.

The communion which the saints have with Christ does not make them in any way partakers of the substance of his Godhead, or in any respect equal with Christ. To affirm either is irreverent and blasphemous. Nor does their fellowship with one another as saints take away or infringe upon any person's title to or right to, his own goods and possessions.

Glory Be to God I

Unison: Thanks be to God!

† Gloria



Children are welcome for our entire service. Following the Gloria, a specifically designed time for children aged four through first grade is also provided. Those interested can meet at the back of the Fellowship Hall.

#### † New Testament Lesson

Acts 20:1-16
Pew Bible, page 929

Minister: The Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Prayer for Illumination

Proclamation of God's Word

Rev. Justin Borger

TO THE END OF THE EARTH: On the Way to Jerusalem



† Hymn of Response

Hymn C

Fill Us With Your Fullness, God

Words by Justin Borger

Giving to God and Choral Offertory

May the Mind of Christ My Savior

Words by Kate B. Wilkinson Music by Dan Sharp

May the mind of Christ my Savior live in me from day to day, By his love and pow'r controlling all I do and say.

May the word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour So that all may see I triumph only through his pow'r.

May the peace of God my Father rule my life in everything. That I may be calm to comfort sick and sorrowing.

May the love of Jesus fill me as the waters fill the sea, Him exalting self abasing this is victory.

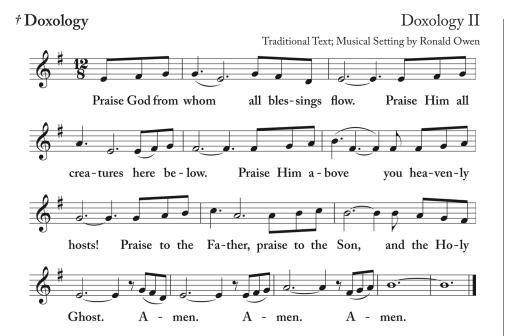
May his beauty rest upon me as I seek the lost to win And may they forget the channel, seeing only him.

"But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also" (2 Corinthians 8:7).

It is the duty of all who hear God's word preached to listen carefully, prayerfully, and to

receive the truth with humility.

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† Prayer of Dedication

† Benediction

† Sending Forth Hymn

Come Away to the Skies MIDDLEBURY

Hymn D • Trinity Hymnal #723 (Verses 1, 4, and 5)

Minister: Go in peace to love and serve the risen Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder
ALL SAINTS OLD

Please take a moment to greet those around you.

In this Prayer of Dedication, the minister asks God to use the gifts of his people for the advancement of his kingdom and the praise of his glory.

# For Your Gift of God the Spirit

You were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance. Eph. 1:13, 14





# Speak, O Lord

Words and Music by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend





# Fill Us With Your Fullness, God



# Come Away to the Skies

Arise, come, my darling; my beautiful one, come with me. Song of Sol. 2:13



TO THE END OF THE EARTH
On the Way to Jerusalem
Acts 20:1-16   Rev. Justin Borger

Big Idea: On his final journey to Jerusalem (to deliver the collection for the poor among the saints), Paul continues his pattern of consolidating far-flung churches that he had previously planted. With the resurrection of Eutychus"on the first day of the week" (20:7), Luke records this travel narrative in a way that recalls the story of Jesus' journey, death, and resurrection in his gospel. Luke also highlights the importance of teamwork and the centrality of the ordinary means of grace in the continuing life and expanding mission of the church.

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### DAILY BIBLE READING PLAN

Use this plan for your daily Bible reading.

• Sunday, November 16	Amos 5 • Luke 1:1-38
• Monday, Novemer 17	Amos 6 • Luke 1:39-80
• Tuesday, November 18	Amos 7 • Luke 2
• Wednesday, November 19	Amos 8 • Luke 3
• Thursday, November 20	Amos 9 • Luke 4
• Friday, November 21	Obadiah 1 • Luke 5
• Saturday, November 22	Jonah 1 • Luke 6
• Sunday, November 23	Joah 2 • Luke 7

# WEEKLY SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Use these questions to reflect more deeply on this week's sermon.

- 1. What was the purpose of Paul's final journey to Jerusalem according to Acts 24:17? Why was he hurrying to get to Jerusalem "if possible, on the day of Pentecost" (Acts 20:16)?
- 2. How does the story of Paul's final journey to Jerusalem recall and remind us of Jesus' journey, death, and resurrection in Luke's gospel?
- 3. Why is it significant that in Acts 20:4-5 Luke names seven of Paul's traveling companions along with the geographical regions from which they came? (Compare with 2 Corinthians 8:16-24.)
- 4. How does Luke emphasize the central importance of the ordinary means of grace in Acts 20:7-12?

### MONTHLY SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION

Devote time to memorizing this passage of Scripture throughout the month.

"In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35).

#### ABOUT WORSHIP

In his encounter with the woman of Samaria, Jesus explained that "God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth" (John 4:24). The reason Jesus says true worshipers must worship in this way is because God himself "is spirit." Here we discover the simple yet profound principle that true worship is a response to God as he has personally revealed himself. Thus, conformity to God's character is the key to true worship. "Great is the LORD," as the psalmist puts it, "and greatly to be praised" (Psalm 48:1)! In worship, we seek to reflect this divine reality, declaring with our lips and demonstrating with our lives that God is supremely precious and therefore worthy of all glory and honor and praise.

#### THE SHAPE OF WORSHIP



Entering God's Presence—We gather in response to God's call to worship, joyfully offering praise to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. With reverence and awe, we confess our sins and receive God's forgiveness, which is declared in Jesus' name.



**Renewing Our Faith**—Worship continues with a focus on God's Word. Our faith is renewed as we publicly confess the truth of God, join our hearts and voices in prayers and hymns of praise to God, and hear the good news of God powerfully proclaimed.



Responding in Thanks—As hearing becomes doing, we respond to the proclamation of God's Word. Songs of praise continue to be raised and the gifts and offerings of God's people are collected. On Communion Sundays we are invited to celebrate the Lord's Supper. With God's blessing upon us, we are sent into the world to love and serve the risen Lord Jesus Christ!

# Why Do We Worship in This Way?

In this section, we answer a question about worship each week.

Question: Why do we gather for public worship on Sunday?

Answer: We gather on Sunday to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord, which took place "on the first day of the week" (Matthew 28:1, Mark 16:2, Luke 24:1, John 20:1 [compare John 20:19]).

## WELCOME, VISITORS!

We are delighted you have joined us for worship. Our hope is that you find our worship service glorifying to God and personally refreshing.

We would love to connect with you. Please stop by our Welcome Kiosk in the Narthex after the service so that we may greet you in person and provide you a *Welcome Bag*. To connect with us, please use the QR code below to fill out a *Connect Card*.



#### Our Vision

To see the invisible kingdom of heaven made visible, for the glory of God and the joy of all peoples.

#### Our Mission

To grow in grace and give away our lives in the following seven major ministry areas:

Worship that exalts God in Christ and promotes unity in the Spirit

Discipleship that is rooted in the Scriptures and centered in the gospel

Community that is characterized by discipleship and care for one another

Local Missions that promotes the common good and evangelizes the lost

Global Missions that participates in church planting and spreading the gospel
to the ends of the earth

Children's Ministry that partners with parents to build children up in the faith through loving care and Reformed biblical teaching

Youth Ministry that promotes maturity, joy, and identity in Christ

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