

Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service
Wednesday, November 22 @ 7:00 PM

Holy Communion celebrated.
Join us to give thanks to God for His constant goodness!



Annual Voters' Assembly Meeting

Sunday, November 19, 2023 9:30am – 10:00am

Please join us between Sunday morning worship services on November 19th. As a family of God we will elect officers for the next 3 years, consider the annual 2024 budget, and get updates on changes taking place in your church.

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Sunday Worship Services: 8:30AM & 10AM

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2023

Welcome to our Guests!

We're glad you're here! Whether this is your first time at St. Paul, or you're a "regular," we hope you see that our welcome mat is out for you. If you're a guest with us for the first time, we hope you'll find today's experience helpful to you, and you are invited back any Sunday at 8:30 AM or 10:00 AM. Please fill out a white "Communication Card" found in front of you in the pew rack, and place it in the offering plate later. And about the offering ... don't feel obligated to participate in giving because we – and God – are really glad you are here as our guest!

Ushers are standing by to assist you in locating a seat, directing you to restrooms, coat racks, and to our nursery.

Nursery is available for children ages 3 and under. An usher will be happy to direct you to our Nursery where parents may care for infants, and rambunctious toddlers will find a place to be ... themselves.

Kids' Church Families please join in the 10AM Worship Service, and kids will be excused to leave for Kids' Church, then return to parents at the end of the service.

Kids' Activities to keep little ones busy during the worship service – There are cloth bags filled with crayons and coloring booklets, and other quiet things to keep kids' attention. They are in the back of the worship center hanging on a small coat rack.

IN TODAY'S WORSHIP The days of this old world are quickly running out. In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells us a story about remaining alert. We remain alert in prayer and hope while this world seems to be coming apart at the seams. Hang on! Your deliverance isn't far off. Hope in Christ. He will always keep His promises to you!

WE WELCOME TODAY Pastor Eric Van Syoc who is our guest speaker. He has served as pastor of St. Thomas Lutheran Church in Rocky River for many years, and he is now recently retired. We are glad to have him share with us a sermon message entitled, "H.O.P.E. – How Our People Endure" based on today's Gospel reading.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP O Lord, in these last days we lift our eyes to Your Son, Jesus Christ, from whom our help comes. Turn us from distress and fear of what is coming on our world to stand confidently in the Word of Christ, which will never pass away. Strengthen my faith today as I hear Your Word, and then live it. Amen.

Altar Flowers given to the glory of God by Ron & Tina Muska celebrating their 36th wedding anniversary.

Help your new neighbor celebrate the Harvest Season with a beautiful Thanksgiving themed gift basket. You can give it to your new neighbor. It's in the narthex. All you need to do is write down the address on an entry form in the narthex. Do it today!

Greeting Card Making! Tap into your artistic skills you didn't know you had in you. Learn to stamp, cut, and paste to make beautiful greeting cards on **Wednesday, November 15th @ 6:30pm at St. Paul.** We always make some for the shut-ins of the congregation. Please join us. We always have a lot of fun! No experience necessary. Just a heart for serving. Contact Sue Werner at 517-304-4611 if you have any questions.

This Week For The Lord	Looking Ahead One Week
11/12 Worship 8:30 AM Holy Communion / Kid's Church 10 AM 11/13 Elder's Meeting 6:30 AM 11/14 BEING Challenge Small Group 10 AM Altar Guild 6:30 PM BEING Challenge Small Group – College Packing 7 PM 11/15 Greeting Card Making 6:30 PM 11/16 Men's "Brotherhood, Bibles, & Brew" 7 PM ESP Brewing Co. 8055 Leavitt Rd, Amherst	11/19 Holy Communion 8:30 AM Voter's Meeting 9:30 AM Worship / Kid's Church 10 AM 11/21 Seasoned Saints 10 AM Women's Ministry 7 PM 11/22 Thanksgiving Eve Service 7 PM 11/23-24 Church Office Closed

Serving in God's House:

- Guest Pastor** Rev. Eric Van Syoc
- Elders** David Bender (E) Ron Fisher, John Schick (L)
- Readers** Jan Beko-Nathan (E) Laurie Beran (L)
- Acolytes** Gwen Krupp
- Greeters** Nancy Beran, Ruth Williams (E) Chuck & Fran Draga (L)
- Altar Guild** Lynn Jiovanazzo, Judy Starbuck
- Head Usher** Ron Fisher
- Ushers** Harold Gibson, Jeffrey Krupp, Steve Warnock (E) Laurie Beran, Deby Lasko (L)

Prayer Requests this Week: ***“The Lord is Near to all who Call on HIM.”*** Psalm 148:18

- Pray for Don Lamoreaux who is recovering from surgery.
- Please pray for Edna Klenz who is very sore after a fall, and for healing in her lungs.
- Pray for Elija to receive a kidney for transplant.
- Pray for Marilyn Novak, sister-in-law of Barb Spieker, who fell and broke her ankle.
- Pray for Jeff Howells who had a brain bleed and is in the hospital.
- Pray for Geri Deidrick and Ed as Geri begins a treatment of chemotherapy to follow up surgery removing cancer.
- Pray for Lori Gingrich, sister of Lynn Jiovanazzo and Terri Gerber, who is now home doing rehab therapy and she will start chemo soon.
- Pray for Kuno Josupeit as he is home recovering and pray that his immune system can fight off an infection.
- Pray for Ron Klein that he keeps getting stronger.
- Please pray for Paxton Roby as she has cancer; Bill Przbilowicz (neighbor of Don & Diane Lamoreaux) who has bone cancer; Priscilla Harden’s sister in California who has cancer; Pat who has a brain tumor; Heather, a young mother of 3, who has cancer; Nelson Paquette (cousin of Laurie Beran) who has pancreatic cancer; Sherry (Kevin Starbuck’s mother-in-law); Chris (sister-in-law of Virginia Warnock); and pray for Pat Kidder.
- Pray for those who have on-going chronic illnesses or shut-in: Charles Waryu, Don Lamoreaux and Don Gramer, Ruth Murdy, Jack & Marilyn Green, Dorothy Barckert, Dale Mack, Phyllis Darakis, Will & Lydia Rice, John Harden, Andy Lasko.
- Pray for those celebrating birthdays this week: John Funderburg, Cory Timbs, Emma Jenkins, Ken Vilagi, Matt Mlinarik, Justin Fisher, John Eibon.

PLEASE PARDON THE DUST A contractor is working several weeks in the worship sanctuary to install our new Audio/ Video/ Live-Stream system. This may cause some dust and some disruption through the process. We hope all goes as planned and brings a big improvement to both in-person and live-stream worship.

The Redeemer Crisis Center (Iglesia Cristiana Hispana), Cleveland, Ohio

(ENG) is asking for your help with their bag packing events for the upcoming holiday season. The Thanksgiving bag packing will take place November 15, 16 & 17, from 7:00-9:00 PM. The Christmas bag packing event will take place December 13, 14 & 15, from 7:00-9:00 PM. Register with Diane Zellmer at: 216-219-3325. Prayerfully consider giving your time and use your abilities to assist where the need is great. Thank you!

Pastor Paul will return to the church office on Monday, November 13th.