

Nov 20  
**2022**



**9:30**<sub>am</sub>  
Sunday

**Give Thanks!**

**Worship Service**

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## THE CHURCH IN PRAISE

### PRELUDE

(Guest pianist, Cindy Graeler)

### WELCOME, RECORD OF ATTENDANCE, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### TOTENFEST

*For All the Saints*

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### CALL TO WORSHIP

Give thanks to the Lord because he is good

**His faithful love continues forever.**

Give thanks to the greatest God of all.

**His faithful love continues forever.**

Give thanks to the most powerful Lord of all.

**His faithful love continues forever.**

Give thanks to the only one who can do great miracles.

**His faithful love continues forever.**

Give thanks to the God of heaven.

**His faithful love continues forever.**

### INVOCATION

*Come, You Thankful People, Come*

#473

*Now Thank We All Our God*

#543

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

#810

## THE CHURCH IN PRAYER

### CORPORATE PRAYER

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

## THE CHURCH IN GIVING

### OFFERTORY

*You Shall Have a Song*

Z. Randall Stroope

(Chorale)

### DOXOLOGY

## THE CHURCH IN TEACHING

### SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 17:11-19

### SERMON

Pastor Don Price

### **Becoming a Thanks Giver**

### CONSECRATION AND DEDICATION OF FAITH COMMITMENTS

Members are invited to offer faith commitments in thankfulness at this time.

## THE CHURCH IN TESTIMONY

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

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### BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

**THIS WEEK**

- Today** Book Club 8:30 a.m., Elder Listening Session 10:30 a.m.  
Children's Choir 11:00 a.m., Sunday School 11:00 a.m.,  
Cultivate Teens 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday** Quilters 9:30 a.m., Prayer and Care Team not meeting  
Praise Ringers and Chorale rehearsal 6:00 p.m.
- Wednesday** Cultivate Kids not meeting this week.
- Thursday** **Church Office Closed**
- Friday** **Church Office Closed**
- Saturday** Christmas Decorating 9:00 a.m.
- Sunday** Christmas Decorating 12:00 p.m.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Contributions for Moving and Resettlement Expenses for the Shehans**  
Support our missionaries in Mozambique through December 4, by writing a check to St. Paul's with "Shehans" in the memo. Thanks for your generosity.

**Women's Wednesday Morning Bible Study and Cultivate Kids.**  
Not meeting this Wednesday due to Thanksgiving.

**Spiritual Sisters Resumes Today**

This ladies Sunday school class will meet upstairs from the church office in Room 205, studying Hebrews.

**Christmas Decorating Saturday November 26, 9:00 a.m.  
And Sunday November 27, 12:00p.m.**

We need your help decorating the church for Christmas. Lunch will be served to all helpers that Sunday.

**Missions Team's Semi-Annual Food Drive Ends December 4**

Please place donated cans and dry goods in the container in the Welcome Center. All will be distributed to area food pantries by Operation Food Search. Checks are accepted as well with *food drive* noted in the memo.

**Cookies Needed for Cantata Sunday's Reception December 11**

Bring your favorite Christmas cookies to share either Saturday from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. or Sunday before worship.

## Intercessory Prayer List

Please call the church office to place a prayer request on our list. Prayers will remain on the list for one month unless you call and request an extension or update.

- **Carol Black**, the Schnellbachers' friend enduring chemo for blood disorder.
- **Bobbie Blackmer**, dear friend of Walter Gummersheimer in a memory care facility. Peace in her family.
- **Lee Carlson**, hospitalized for low oxygen level. For a speedy recovery.
- **Cultivate Kids**, for growth in the number of kids and families served.
- **Doug**, Pauline Indermark's cousin with major health issues. For wellness.
- **Ruth Effinger**, now residing at NHC struggling with health issues.
- **Pauline Indermark**, recently diagnosed with diabetes; for wisdom in treating it.
- **Carolyn MacLean**, endurance of her last several chemo treatments and success.
- **Nancy Mueller**, for peace and success rehabilitating from a stroke at NHC.
- **Pastor Next**, and the appointment of a **Search Team**.
- **Susan Ruhmann**, Pat's daughter-in-law with heart health issues. For doctors' wisdom in helping her condition improve.
- **Ross Rochat**, the Schnellbachers' friend with heart arrhythmia. Doctors' wisdom in his treatment.
- **Carole Stahlhut**, dealing with complications of recent knee surgery; healing.
- **Ukraine**, people affected by Russian invasion and countries taking on refugees.
- **Persecuted Believers**, our brothers and sisters who are being persecuted because of their faith.
- **Missions: First Light**, With the use of hardcore porn becoming common place and our culture's confusion surrounding sex and sexuality, more women and men are needing a safe place to process and to be discipled in biblical sexuality in a community that will walk with them. Pray for First Light to be this safe place. Pray also for additional funding as needs in this area increase.

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Craig and Ladonna Smith with Tribal Rescue Missions remind us

### November is Native American Heritage Month

They ask us to pray their *Indigenous Faith* materials will be used to advance the cause of Christ among Native Americans. They and our native American brothers and sisters face many challenges from false teachers who are attempting to spread "other gospels".

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### October Giving update in Support of the Operating Fund

October Giving:	\$55,596	Giving Year-to-Date:	\$527,567
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### General Fund Expenses:

October 2022:	\$65,525	Year-to-Date Expenses:	\$718,013
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<b>Difference</b>	(Short) - \$9,929	(Short) - \$190,446
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## Becoming a Thanks Giver

Luke 17:11-19

*<sup>11</sup> On the way to Jerusalem he was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup> And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance <sup>13</sup> and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." <sup>14</sup> When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. <sup>15</sup> Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; <sup>16</sup> and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup> Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? <sup>18</sup> Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" <sup>19</sup> And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."*

Introduction:

In this story a whole bunch of people forgot to say, "thank you".

- To Jesus!
- What can we learn from this story about being Thanks Givers?

The Story:

Becoming a Thanks Giver:

- We become Thanks Givers. When we turn our gratefulness into action.
- This action changes everything – in the workplace, in families, in church...
  - How?
    - Let it be SPECIFIC
    - Be HONEST and AUTHENTIC
    - Make It PERMANENT

# Totenfest

Totenfest is a German word that means "Feast of the Dead" or "Festival for the Dead." Throughout Christian history, the church has remembered and celebrated the lives of faithful people who have died. Totenfest is a distinctive practice that grows out of a German evangelical tradition dating back to the early 1800's and has been celebrated here at St. Paul's for over 180 years.

† Susan Turner - 5/15/2022

† Jean Buelter - 8/7/2022

† Jesse Pollmann - 6/11/2022

† Loretta Eckert - 9/20/2022

† Mary Lou Hinzpeter - 7/5/2022

† Ron Evans - 10/10/2022

*Leader:* Blessed are the dead who from now on die in Christ.

*People:* They will rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them.

*Leader:* We do not want you to be uninformed about those who have died,

*People:* So that you may not grieve as others who have no hope.

*Leader:* For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again,

*People:* Even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died.

*Leader:* For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality.

*People:* For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

*Leader:* Jesus said "In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. I go to prepare a place for you; I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,

*People:* "And everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."

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Slow down your  
regular schedule to  
experience the hope,  
beauty, and wonder  
of Jesus Christ this  
Christmas.

# Advent & Christmas Services

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH



## Advent

SUNDAYS, NOV. 27 & DEC. 4 & 18, 9:30AM

Wait expectantly to celebrate Christ's birth and his return with hopeful sermons, praise, and fellowship.



## Christmas Cantata

SUNDAY, DEC. 11, 9:30AM

Experience the overwhelming beauty of Jesus' story at this special, musical service.



## Christmas Eve

SATURDAY, DEC. 24, 5:00PM

Enjoy the wonder of a candlelight service while anticipating the morning's excitement.



## Christmas Day

SUNDAY, DEC. 25, 9:30AM

Celebrate as we remember how hope came down from heaven as a baby and will return again soon.