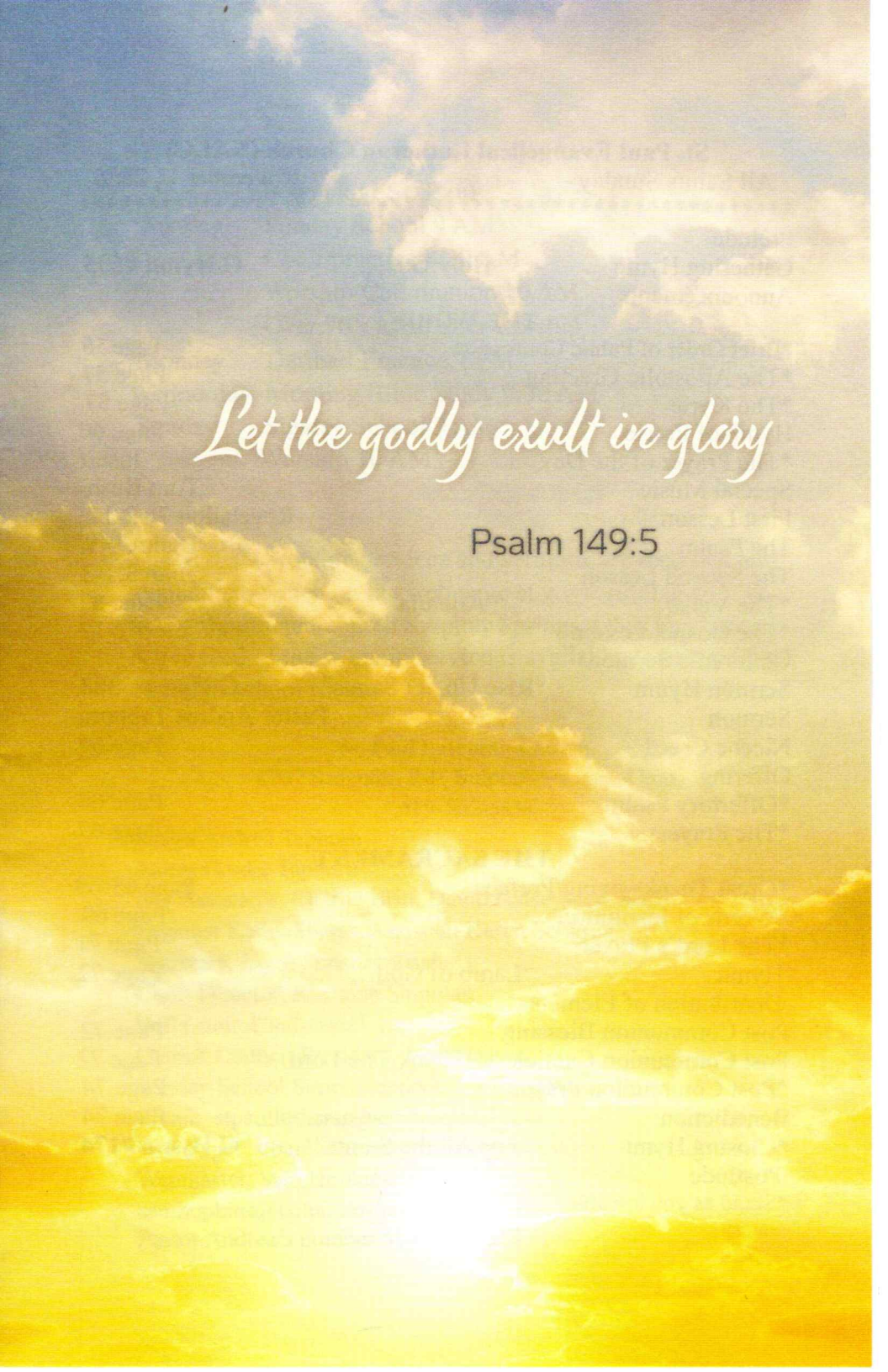

Let the godly exult in glory
Psalm 149:5

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church (NALC)

All Saints Sunday November 1 , 2026

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Postlude

*Stand as you are able

Welcome to St. Paul Lutheran Church. We are glad to have you worship with us today.

Our prayers include those in nursing homes and home bound: Mary Ann McCallister, Helen Lyons, Susie Leonhardt, Edna Armstrong, John Barnhart, Servicemen: Andrew Gendron.

Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Rusty & Michelle Breyley in memory of parents and grandparents.

Church Council will meet next Sunday after worship.

Thank you to everyone for the prayers, cards, texts and visits while I've been healing with my new knee. David was very appreciative of the gift cards form God Squad, Bell Choir and meal from the Feichtner family. He didn't have to cook! We are so blessed to have such a loving and caring church family.
in friendship and love,

Bev & David Robertson

Samaritan's Purse shoeboxes are in the vestibules. Bring them to the church by November 15.

Women of the Church are collecting Cream of Mushroom soup. They can be placed in a box in the east entrance The goal is to collect 600 cans..

Attention Shoppers!
St. Paul Helping Hands is need of volunteers to go Christmas shopping for 15 residents of the Luther Home of Mercy. A sign-up sheet has been posted in the east vestibule. Each shopper will be provided with a wish list for their resident. Thrivent has provided $250 for this project. Additional funds from St. Paul Helping Hands and a private donation will allow us to spend $60 on each resident. Shoppers will meet at the Bucyrus Walmart on Sunday, November 15 at 3pm. HO! HO! HO!

Today is All Saints Sunday. We remember St. Paul members who have passed away this past year.

All Saints Sunday
November 1, 2026

St. Paul Members Who Have Entered Life Triumphant

Geneva Cleland	April 6, 2026
Joyce Durigg	April 25, 2026
Ruth Knappenberger	April 30, 2026
Mark Teynor	September 6, 2026
James McKeehen	September 13, 2026

Giving for The Lord's Ministry
October 25, 2026

Bell Choir	25.00
Benevolence	70.00
Current	4,439.75
Feed Crawford County	255.00
Filling Home	45.00
Lutheran Home of Mercy	15.00
Missionary	55.00
NALC Seminary	75.00
NALC Disaster Relief	45.00
Orphans and Old Folks Home	10.00
Special Projects	135.00
Women of the Church	25.00
Total	$ 5,195.75

Attendance 106 Communion 91

Anyone wanting to donate to the NALC Disaster Response may mark your envelopes accordingly. Donations aid tornadoes and other natural disaster victims.

Looking to connect with Pastor Andrea? You're always welcome to stop by during office hours: **Tuesday & Wednesdays 9:00 AM-Noon.** If another time works better for you, feel to call the church office or reach out directly to Pastor Andrea (614) 256-4318 to set up an appointment. She'd love to hear from you!

This Week at St. Paul

Sunday	Sunday School 9 AM
	Choir practice 8:30 AM
	Worship/Communion 10 AM
	Over 70's Meal after worship
Monday	Dartball Practice 7 PM
Wednesday	Morning Bible Study 9:30 AM
Sunday	Sunday School 9 AM
	Worship 10 AM

The St. Paul worship services and sermons are recorded and available to watch on the web page at www.sulphur.com or St. Paul Lutheran church Sulphur Springs, Ohio YouTube. A live feed of the worship service is available downstairs in The high school room.

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All Saints' Day

There's the empty chair, the empty pew. Today we remember those who have died in the faith in the past year. In some congregations, a bell sounds as each name is read.

Poet John Donne wrote, "Never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee." Scant comfort. Consider, rather, Paul, who teaches of our God, "who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God" (2 Corinthians 1:4).

God comforts us; we comfort others. Remember the shortest verse in the Bible? "Jesus wept" (John 11:35). His dear friend Lazarus had died. We all have lost loved ones. Jesus wept with those who were weeping. He went to comfort Mary and Martha, Lazarus's sisters. Yet in a moment, He would raise Lazarus from the dead! Christ has that power. Jesus comes to comfort us in our sorrow as well. He knows our grief, but He Himself left the grave and will one day restore us and everyone who has died in the faith to life eternal. That's comfort indeed!

Dear Lord Jesus, You comfort us with the sure hope of the blessed resurrection. Help me in my grief and enable me to comfort others who suffer in the same way. Amen.

PORTALS of PRAYER

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About the Cover: "Let the godly exult in glory." All the saints bask in the glory of the Lord. He enlivens them eternally. They sing of all that Christ accomplished when He died on the cross, rose from the dead, and ascended into heaven. So, on this All Saints' Day, let us join them in this eternal anthem, praising our Savior. He has made us among the godly not because of our works, but because of His forgiving work for us and all the saints of the Lord.

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The Word of God



All Saints Sunday ***November 1, 2026***

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you have knit together your people in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son, Christ, our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys which you have prepared for those who love you; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading: Revelation 7:[2-8] 9-17

[2]I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, 3saying, "Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads." 4And I heard the number of the sealed, 144,000, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel: 512,000 from the tribe of Judah were sealed, 12,000 from the tribe of Reuben, 12,000 from the tribe of Gad, 612,000 from the tribe of Asher, 12,000 from the tribe of Naphtali, 12,000 from the tribe of Manasseh, 712,000 from the tribe of Simeon, 12,000 from the tribe of Levi, 12,000 from the tribe of Issachar, 812,000 from the tribe of Zebulun, 12,000 from the tribe of Joseph, 12,000 from the tribe of Benjamin were sealed.] 9After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, 10and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" 11And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders

and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, [12]saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." [13]Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" [14]I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. [15]"Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. [16]They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. [17]For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Psalm 149

[1]Hallelujah! Sing to the LORD | a new song;*
sing his praise in the congregation | of the faithful.
[2]Let Israel rejoice | in his Maker;*
let the children of Zion be joyful | in their King.
[3]Let them praise his name | in the dance;*
let them sing praise to him with tim- | brel and harp.
[4]For the LORD takes pleasure | in his people*
and adorns the | poor with victory.
[5]Let the faithful re- | joice in triumph;*
let them be joyful | on their beds.
[6]Let the praises of God be | in their throat*
and a two edged sword | in their hand;
[7]To wreak vengeance | on the nations*
and punishment | on the peoples;
[8]To bind their | kings in chains*
and their nobles with | links of iron;
[9]To inflict on them the judg- | ment decreed;*
this is glory for all his faithful people. | Hallelujah!

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3

[1]See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. [2]Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. [3]And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

[1]Seeing the crowds, {Jesus} went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. [2]And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: [3]"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. [4]Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. [5]Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. [6]Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. [7]Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. [8]Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. [9]Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. [10]Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. [11]Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. [12]Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

For Faithfulness
Lord of heaven and earth, keep your church attentive and faithful that she may be ready for that day when your redemptive work is complete and all things will be made new in Christ. Bless those who are merciful, patient, long-suffering, and giving. Lord in your mercy…
C. Hear our prayer.

For All Saints Day
Eternal God, we give you thanks for all who lived and died believing in your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Thank you for the memories we share of loved ones whose lives have touched our own; memories that are precious gifts from your most gracious hand. Give us grace to trust your Word and your promise of eternal life together with those who have gone before us… encouraged by the witness of their lives of faith. Lord in your mercy,…
C. Hear our prayer.

For an End to violence
God of peace, war and violence threatens to destroy the peace and well-being that you desire for your people. Strengthen and sustain those who seek to bring an end to violence and war and those who live in war torn areas. Open our eyes to the ways in which we participate in violence or oppressive situations. Open our mouths to speak words of peace, love and justice when necessary. Lord in your mercy…
C. Hear our prayer.

For Those Who Struggle
Merciful One, look with compassion on your children who are still learning about your never-ending power, love, and mercy. Bring strength and peace to those who need it most. Help us to understand and accept your eternal healing power. Lord in your mercy…
C. Hear our prayer.

Lessons for Next Week: Amos 5:18-24; Psalm 70; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

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