

Welcome to

ST. PAUL UCC

November 2, 2025

Totenfest



All are welcome here!



St. Paul UCC

Sunday, November 2, 2025 ~ 9:00 am
Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost



Totenfest

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Visiting Clergy	Rev. Dr. Chance Beeler
Director of Music	Dr. Tristan Frampton
Organist	Cynthia Johnson
Liturgist	Dick Erdmann

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Song of Remembrance
by Gilbert M. Martin

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We come together in Christ's peace:

All: To thank God for the gift of life.

One: To remember because we have loved.

All: To sing our alleluias of hope.

One: To celebrate the promise of life eternal.

All: Because we are God's people in life and in death.

*INVOCATION (Unison)

Eternal God, companion of all who seek you, and seeker of all who turn away from you, draw near to us that we may draw near to you and grant us the grace to love and to serve you that we may find in your will our true freedom; through Jesus Christ, the way the truth, and the life. Amen

*PASSING THE PEACE



*OPENING HYMN

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For All the Saints

Heb. 12:1

William W. How, 1864; alt.

1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who to the
 2 You were their rock, their ref - uge, and their might: you, Christ, the
 3 Still may your peo - ple, faith - ful, true, and bold, live as the
 4 Ringed by this cloud of wit - ness - es di - vine, we fee - bly
 5 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long, steals on the

world their stead-fast faith con - fessed, your name, O Je - sus,
 hope that put their fears to flight; 'mid gloom and doubt, you
 saints who no - bly fought of old, and share with them a
 strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; yet in your love our
 ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, then hearts are brave a -

be for - ev - er blessed.
 were their one true light.
 glo - rious crown of gold. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 faith - ful lives en - twine.
 gain, and faith grows strong.

This traditional All Saints' Day hymn originally consisted of eleven stanzas written for the Sarum Hymnal (1869) and set to a tune by that name, Sarum. It has grown in popularity since it was later paired with the enduring Sine Nomine in The English Hymnal (1906).

Tune: SINE NOMINE 10.10.10.4.
 Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

***PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE**

Holy God, too often we seem determined to turn away from you. You, however, continually call us to repentance—to turn—back to you and your way. We pray for fortitude to remain on the path set by Jesus and embody the ministry of Christ in the world. Deliver us from the insignificant concerns that distract us and empower us to do the work you have called us to do. Most of all, grant us grace to be the people you have made us to be. Amen

Moment of Silence

***WORDS OF GRACE**

Humble servants of the most High God, feel the touch of mercy, feel wrapped in divine grace, and know that the Lord our God forgives those who truly seek the sacred presence of the Lord Jesus Christ in their lives; who yearn to walk in his footsteps, and live as his servant people. Receive this Good News in the holy name of Jesus. Amen

ANTHEM

Jesus, Lover of My Soul
by Carl J. Nygard, Jr.
Sanctuary Choir

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 5:1-12

MESSAGE

Blessed

Rev. Dr. Chance Beeler

TOTENFEST

Reading of the Names

All: We give you thanks for all these whom we have loved, cared for, worked with and befriended. We feel the gaps they leave in our lives. Yet we know that we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. We remember Jesus' promise, "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, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die." This is your promise and this is our hope. Amen.



PASTORAL AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.
Amen**

MISSION MOMENT

Sandy Wagner

REFLECTION ON GIVING

Let us present with joy our offerings of commitment and support for the work of Christ's church.

RECEIVING OF THE GIFTS & OFFERTORY MUSIC

Life Will Go On

By Richard Kerr & John Bettis
Bill Guthrie, soloist

***DOXOLOGY** (Tune: *Old Hundreth*)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ in whom God's grace we know
Praise Spirit, with us evermore
One God, triune, whom we adore. Amen**

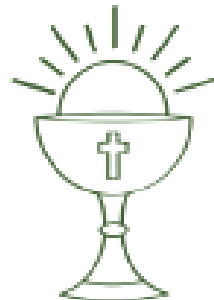
Prayer of Dedication

Holy One, bless these offerings, prosper the work of our hands, and the gifts we bring. We dedicate them to your kingdom forever and ever. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

The invitation is simple: come and eat of the feast.
Not a meal to nourish the body, but to feed the soul.
We receive the bread and wine connected to the ages:
to the saint of old who felt unworthy,
to the seeker eager to know God,
to the teenager who wonders what it's all about,
to the child who eats with unburdened faith.
Woven into this time, the hopes and tears of generations.
There is great joy here.
No one is turned away for God is the host!



PRAYER

One: God is in this place.

Many: And in our hearts.

One: Open yourself to the nudging God.

Many: We feel the breath of the Spirit.

One: Remember God made flesh.

Many: Jesus, who taught us a new way.



Tender, transforming God, you have invited us to gather at this table, to taste the feast, the same abundant promises offered to our ancestors in faith.

Time and time again you've offered your grace,

Even as we have stepped away,

You continue to call us to be your people.

You have never left us.

We praise you for second, third, and fourth chances.

You are ever-patient, always faithful.

We give thanks for this time of celebration.

For the One this meal remembers.

For the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

With those who have gone before us,

Whose hands touched the bread,

Whose lips embraced the cup,

We worship you.

We glorify you. Amen

One: This is the mystery of our faith:

Many: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

BREAKING BREAD AND POURING WINE

Gathered with his friends, Jesus took bread, broke it and said:

"This is my body, broken for you. Take and eat."

And pouring the wine:

"This is my blood, spilled out for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

God of all, send your Spirit to this place

so that those gathered here, in this sacred moment,

may know your presence.

As we eat the bread and drink of the cup,

make us one with the saints,

and with our sisters, siblings and brothers in faith around the world.

Be with us God, not only here but in every moment of our lives.
Help us
To know you,
To be guided by the Holy Spirit,
And to live Christ.
Now and forever.
Amen.

CALL TO THE FEAST

This is the feast prepared for you.
No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey,
you are welcome at this table.

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Creative, connecting God, you have sent your Spirit and made us the
body of Christ; From child-like faith to youthful energy,
from middle-aged mindfulness, to elder's wisdom...
We thank you for this time, this remembrance. Amen**

***CLOSING HYMN** *I Was There To Hear Your Borning Cry* (See pages 8 & 9)

***COMMISSIONING**

You are the humble servants of Christ; go forth and serve well. Speak the truth
of the Gospel that Jesus gave his life for the sins of the world, so that people
might be reconciled to the divine Spirit of God, and that we know true freedom
through the saving grace of Jesus Christ. Let it be so. Amen.

***BENEDICTION**

Increase our faith.

Boldly!

Help us to love.

Boldly!

Encourage us to act.

Boldly!

In the name of Jesus Christ we pray.

Amen.

POSTLUDE *Vater unser im Himmelreich (Our Lord in Heaven)*
by Dietrich Buxtehude

I Was There to Hear Your Born-ing Cry

John Ylvisaker, 1985; alt

Unison

1 I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be
 2 When you found the won - der of the Word, I was
 3 In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too
 4 I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be

there when you are old. I re - joiced the day you
 there to cheer you on; You were raised to praise the
 old, no long - er young, I'll be there to guide you
 there when you are old. I re - joiced the day you

were bap - tized, to see your life un - fold.
 liv - ing God, to whom you now be - long.
 through the night, com - plete what I've be - gun.
 were bap - tized, to see your life un - fold. *St. 4, end*

I was there when you were but a child, with a
 Should you find some-one to share your time and you
 When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you

Am D G G/B C

faith to suit you well; I'll be there in case you
 join your hearts as one, I'll be there to make your
 shut your wea - ry eyes, I'll be there as I have

G A7 D *to beginning*

wan - der off and find where de - mons dwell.
 vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun.
 al - ways been with just one more sur - prise.

Tune: BORNING CRY 9.7.9.6.D.
 John Ylvisaker, 1985

For the families with loved ones remembered today, you are welcome to come forward and take a rose.

Today's bulletin, music
 and flowers are in loving
 memory of Lynn Bradley
 by Luci Bradley

Today's altar flowers are by
 Cynthia Johnson in loving memory
 of her sister, Jeri Sue Johnson,
 and her parents,
 Mr. and Mrs. Jack Johnson.

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James Bevirt
Judith Winter
Betty Rieso
Sam Sivewright
Carol Jean Poos
Shirley Boeschen
Rev. Jerry Bennett
Lynn Bradley
Edna Mae Schwarz
Clarence "Jack" Snyder
Sue Kuether
Jon D. White
Cheryl Cooper
Nancy Davis
Doug Bush
Donna Wooden



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Helen Whicher
Irene Hargas
Donna Kelly

Judith Beisiegel
Terry Collins

Venita "Jane" Rogers
Robert Mueller



For Your Prayers

Carol Hotz & Fred Hotz
 Tim Ritter
 Tim Ritter Jr., son of Sandy &
 Tim Ritter
 Lou Ann Niemann
 Ralph Eckart, brother in-law of
 Marlene Mueller

Mike Llamas, brother in law of
 Mimi Llamas
 Jennifer Wick, daughter of
 Stephenie Bauza
 Gene Buxton
 Al Stahl
 Audrey Krummrich

Luci Bradley
 The loved ones of Terry
 Collins
 The loved ones of Venita
 "Jane" Rogers
 The loved ones of Robert
 Mueller, father of Marlene
 Mueller



Please call the church for prayer requests: 618-233-3303 stpaulucc.org

Weekly Offerings		10/25/2025
Operating	\$	2,890.00
Building Fund	\$	35.00
	\$	2,925.00
Giving YTD	\$	289,342.09
Weekly Budget	\$	6,942.65
Budget to Date	\$	291,591.37
Total Budget	\$	361,017.89

SUNDAY WORSHIP LEADERS!

November 9 - Rev. Joan Mier

November 16 - Rev. Joan Mier

November 23 - Rev. Joan Mier

November 30 - Rev. Carole Barner

December 7 - Rev. Dr. Chance Beeler

Weekly Attendance - 9AM Service

October 19, 2025	93	+ Online Participants
October 20, 2024	74	+ Online Participants



Flowers, Music and Bulletin sponsorships are a lovely way to honor the memory, birthday or achievement of your loved one. To sign up, you can call the church office. Cost is \$35.00.

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