Sunday Worship Service – November 8, 2026
24th Sunday after Pentecost
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Words of Welcome by Pastor

Land Acknowledgement & Welcome Statement

p.94 **Confession and Forgiveness** (right hand column)

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(Silence is kept for reflection)

Gracious God, h**ave mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

#438 Gathering Hymn *"My Lord, What a Morning"*

Refrain: **My Lord, what a morning; my Lord, what a morning; Oh, my Lord, what a morning, when the stars begin to fall.**

1. You will hear the trumpet sound, to wake the nations underground, looking to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall.

Refrain

2. You will hear the sinner cry, to wake the nations underground, looking to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall.

Refrain

3. You will hear the Christian shout, to wake the nations underground, looking to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall.

Refrain

p.175 **Greeting**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

p.175 ***Kyrie***

Lord, have mercy on us; O Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy on us; O Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy on us; O Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy on us; O Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy on us; O Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy on us; O Lord, have mercy.
O Lord, have mercy.

p.176 **Canticle of Praise *"Gloria"***

Gloria, gloria, gloria, glory to God on high!
Gloria, gloria, gloria, glory to God on high!
And on earth peace to God's people. Glory to God.
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Prayer of the Day[1]

O God of justice and love, **you illumine our way through life with the words of Jesus. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

Old Testament Reading: Amos 5:18-24

In the days of this reading from Amos, people thought that the day of the LORD would be a time of great victory, but Amos announced that it would be a day of darkness, not light. Amos said liturgy is no substitute for obedience. God demands justice and righteousness in the community.

A reading from Amos, chapter 5:

[1] https://members.sundaysandseasons.com/Home/DayTexts/2026-11-08

Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord! Why do you want the day of the Lord? It is darkness, not light, as if someone fled from a lion and was met by a bear or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall and was bitten by a snake. Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it?
I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them, and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. But let justice roll down like water and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. (NRSVUE)

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 70

Be pleased, O God, to deliver me. O God, make haste to help me!
Let those be put to shame and confusion who seek my life.
Let those be turned back and brought to dishonor who desire to hurt me.
Let those who say, "Aha, Aha!" turn back because of their shame.
Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you. Let those who love your salvation say evermore, "God is great!"
But I am poor and needy; hasten to me, O God!
You are my help and my deliverer; O God, do not delay! (NRSVUE)

New Testament Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

In the New Testament reading, some of the Thessalonians are worried that dead Christians will be excluded from the resurrection to eternal life when Christ comes again. Paul reassures them with the word of hope that all Christians, living or dead, will be raised into everlasting life with Christ.

A reading from 1 Thessalonians, chapter 4:

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters and siblings, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of God, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died.

For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words. (NRSVUE)

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

p.179 **Gospel Acclamation**
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13

In the gospel reading from Matthew, Jesus tells a parable about his own second coming, emphasizing the need for readiness at all times.

The holy gospel according to Matthew, chapter 25. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day *"Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning"*

1. **Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,**
   keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
   keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
   for the time is drawing nigh.

Refrain:
Sisters, don't get weary, brothers, don't get weary,
children, don't get weary, for the time is drawing nigh.

2. **It's our faith makes us happy, it's our faith makes us happy,**
   it's our faith makes us happy, for the time is drawing nigh.
   Refrain
3. **We are climbing Jacob's ladder, we are climbing Jacob's ladder,**
   we are climbing Jacob's ladder, for the time is drawing nigh.
   Refrain
4. **Every round goes higher, higher, every round goes higher, higher,**
   every round goes higher, higher, for the time is drawing nigh.
   Refrain

p.105 **Apostles' Creed** *(inside back cover of ELWB)*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always! **And also with you!**

Offering and Offering Prayer[2]

Eternal God, our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

p.180 **Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
It is a right, good and joyful thing, always and everywhere,
to give thanks to you for the glorious resurrection of Jesus Christ,
who in dying destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life.
And so with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with your creatures on earth and all the heavenly chorus,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

p.181 **Holy, holy, holy Lord God, God of might and power; holy is the Lord.**
Holy, holy, holy Lord God, God of might and power; holy is the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna here on earth.
Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna here on earth.
Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

You are our strength, God of holiness, and Jesus Christ your Son, our Savior.
When our lives are filled with despair, Jesus is our hope;
when we are lost and cannot find our way, Jesus is our help;
when the world closes its doors and heart to us, Jesus is our refuge;
when sin and death hunger for us, Jesus is our liberator,
present with us in this life and in the one to come.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat, this is my body, given for you.

[2] Ibid

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, Jesus took the cup,
Gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the covenant in my blood,
Shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Eucharistic Prayer VII

With this bread and cup we remember Jesus,
the first-born of your new creation.
We remember his life lived for others, and his death and resurrection,
which renews the face of the earth.
We await his coming, when, with the world made perfect through
your wisdom, all our sins and sorrows will be no more.
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, holy and merciful one, holy and compassionate, send upon us
and this meal your Holy Spirit, whose breath revives us for life,
whose fire rouses us to love.
Enfold in your arms all who share this holy food.
Nurture in us the fruits of the Spirit,
that we may be a living tree, sharing your bounty with all the world.
Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Holy and generous God, receive our praise and petitions,
as Jesus received the cry of the needy, and fill us with your blessing, until,
needy no longer and bound to you in love,
we feast forever in the presence of Jesus:
through whom all glory and honor is yours,
O God, O Living One, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy church, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.
Amen.

Communion Distribution

p.182 ***Lamb of God***

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.
have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

#785 Communion Hymn *"When Peace like a River"* (v.1, 3-4)

1.**When peace like a river attendeth my way,**
when sorrows like sea billows roll,
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
it is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain: **It is well (It is well) with my soul, (with my soul,)**
It is well, it is well with my soul.

3. **He lives – oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;**
my sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! *(Refrain)*

4.**Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight,**
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;
even so it is well with my soul. *(Refrain)*

Communion Blessing

Prayer after Communion[3]

Holy God, we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal.
You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly. Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever. Amen.

Announcements

Blessing[4]

Go forth this day with hearts ablaze with God's love.
Go forth this day with lives kindled with the call to serve.
Go forth this day entering into the fullness of life,
embracing the life we have received.
In the name of + God the creator, Jesus our Healer, and the Holy Spirit, our comforter. Amen

#638 Sending Hymn *"Blessed Assurance"*

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain: **This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;**
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

2. Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. *(Refrain)*

3. Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love. *(Refrain)*

Sending

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Go in peace, to love and serve God through word and deed.
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