

**Family of Christ Lutheran Church  
26th Sunday after Pentecost  
November 17, 2024**

**Welcome, Announcements and Prayer Requests**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our refuge, our delight, our beginning and our end.

**Amen.**

Let us come in truth before the one who loves us and has freed us from our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy, **we confess that sin has taken hold of us and we are complicit in its power. We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest. Unbind us and set us free. Lead us again to the waters of rebirth, that we may live just and generous lives for the good of your world and the care of our neighbors, following in the servant way of Jesus. Amen.**

These words are trustworthy and true: Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross, swallowing up death forever. For his sake, you are † forgiven and God remembers your sin no more. Let your heart be glad again and rejoice in your salvation. **Amen.**

## Gathering Hymn: ELW 870

### We Praise You, O God



1 We praise you, O God, our re - deem - er, cre - a - tor;  
2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers and mo - thers;  
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer



in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.  
through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been.  
and glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.



We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;  
When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,  
With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us.



we bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.  
and with your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.  
To you, our great re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

Text: Julia C. Cory, 1882–1963

Music: KREMSER, A. Valerius, *Nederlandsch Gedenckclanck*, 1626

*Please be seated*

### 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.**

**Prayer of the Day**

**Almighty God, your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**First Reading: Daniel 12:1-3**

*The book of Daniel is an example of apocalyptic literature, which is full of strange visions and symbolism. Arising during times of great persecution, apocalyptic literature is concerned with God's revelation about the end time and the coming kingdom of God, when God will vindicate the righteous who have been persecuted.*

<sup>1</sup> “At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. <sup>2</sup> Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life and some to shame and everlasting contempt. <sup>3</sup> Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead the many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.”

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 16**

- <sup>1</sup> Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;  
I have said to the LORD, “You are my Lord, my good above all other.”
- <sup>2</sup> **All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,  
upon those who are noble among the people.**
- <sup>3</sup> But those who run after other gods  
shall have their troubles multiplied.
- <sup>4</sup> **I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,  
never take their names upon my lips.**
- <sup>5</sup> O LORD, you are my portion and my cup;  
it is you who uphold my lot.
- <sup>6</sup> **My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;  
indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**
- <sup>7</sup> I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel;  
my heart teaches me night after night.
- <sup>8</sup> **I have set the LORD always before me;  
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**
- <sup>9</sup> My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;  
my body also shall rest in hope.
- <sup>10</sup> **For you will not abandon me to the grave,  
nor let your holy one see the pit.**
- <sup>11</sup> You will show me the path of life;  
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right  
hand are pleasures forevermore.

## **Second Reading: Hebrews 10:11-25**

*Images of worship and sacrifice are used throughout Hebrews to highlight what Christ has uniquely*

*accomplished through his death. Because we have received forgiveness through Christ's death, we live with sincere hearts by trusting in God's promises and encouraging love and good works from each other.*

<sup>11</sup> Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins.

<sup>12</sup> But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, "he sat down at the right hand of God," <sup>13</sup> and since then has been waiting "until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet." <sup>14</sup> For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. <sup>15</sup> And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying,

<sup>16</sup> "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord:  
I will put my laws in their hearts,  
and I will write them on their minds,"

<sup>17</sup> and he adds,

"I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more."

<sup>18</sup> Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

<sup>19</sup> Therefore, my brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup> by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), <sup>21</sup> and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup> let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup> Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he

who has promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup> And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup> not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please rise as you are able.*

### Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

### **Gospel: Mark 13:1-8**

The Gospel according to Mark, the 13th chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*In the last week of his life, Jesus warned his disciples concerning trials that were to come upon them and upon the world. He exhorts the listener: Do not be alarmed.*

<sup>1</sup> As [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” <sup>2</sup> Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.”

<sup>3</sup> When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, <sup>4</sup> “Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” <sup>5</sup> Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. <sup>6</sup> Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. <sup>7</sup> When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. <sup>8</sup> For nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.”

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

## Hymn of the Day: ACS 1023

### God Alone Be Praised



1 O - ceans rise, the coast-land trem-bles; moun-tains melt and dry earth  
2 Na - tions rage, the em - pire fal - ters; seek - ing ref - uge, ex - iles  
3 Come and see; God's mer - cy gath - ers all that sin and grief have



crum-bles. All the world with long - ing groans. Love a -  
wan - der. Walls and weap - ons rise from fear. Through this  
shat - tered. Life from fields of death is raised. Peace, be



bides, this gra - cious prom - ise is our help, our hope and  
wil - der - ness a riv - er flows to heal and bless us  
still; let pride - ful thun - der yield to songs of joy and



so - lace. God's strong word is sol - id ground.  
ev - er. God the cru - ci - fied dwells here.  
won - der. God and God a - lone be praised.

Text: Susan R. Briehl, b. 1952, based on Psalm 46  
Music: AD LUCEM, Zebulon M. Highben, b. 1979  
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## Apostles' Creed

**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 power of 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.**

*Please be seated*

### **Prayers of the People**

Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

O God, in the washing of water you set us free from the power of sin and death. Unite all the baptized in the covenant you have made with us, as we strive for your justice and peace in all the earth. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

By your merciful might, you sustain all creation. Stir us from complacency with the harm we inflict on the earth and urge us to

adopt sustainable ways of life that protect and restore our planet. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

With a selfless power you protect all who take refuge in you. As nations rise against nations, defend all who are displaced or affected by war or violence. We pray especially for those on our prayer list and those whose names and needs we lift before you now, either silently or aloud. Empower all people and nations to pursue peace. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

In your presence you give fullness of joy. Care for all for whom joy feels distant. Be present with people experiencing depression, anxiety, addiction, or any mental illness. Bring them healing and wholeness. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Through the years you have gathered your church and this community for worship, fellowship, formation, and service. Enable us to look beyond the walls of our building to perceive where you are calling us forward. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

With thanksgiving we remember all the saints and angels who delight in your everlasting presence. As their lives inspire ours, provoke us always to love, holding fast to the confession of our hope in you. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

## Sharing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Please share a sign of Christ's peace with those around you.

## Offering Is Collected

## Offering and Elements Are Brought to the Table

## Offering Song: ELW 182

### Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful *Offering Song*



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be  
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -  
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980  
Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923  
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## Offering Prayer

Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup, **you offered yourself in love for the world, and in this meal you nourish us with your life.**

**Fill us with your abundance, that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger, trusting in your name. Amen.**

**Communion**

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 God thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

**God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord 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. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

**Invitation to Communion**

Behold, God is making all things new. Take your place in the new creation. **Amen.**

*(All are welcome at the Table. Gluten-free wafers are available. Both wine and juice are available. The juice is the innermost circle on the tray. Reminder: You commune fully even if you consume just one of the elements.)*

## Communion Hymn: ELW 785

### When Peace, like a River *It Is Well with My Soul*



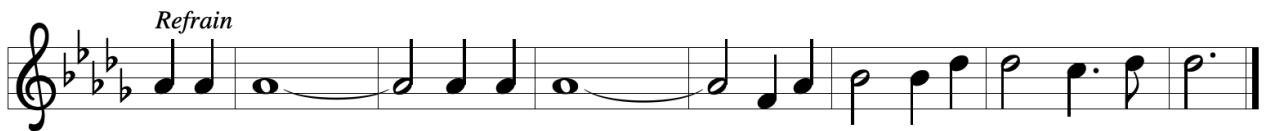
1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when  
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let  
3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my  
4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast  
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my  
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I  
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.  
help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.  
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.



It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828-1888  
Music: VILLE DU HAVRE, Philip P. Bliss, 1838-1876

### **Post-Communion Blessing**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

### **Prayer after Communion**

Faithful God, **you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink in the body and blood of your Son. Now send us out to labor with you, in service to the world you have made, and among the people you have made your home, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### **Blessing**

The Ancient One, enthroned, the Crucified One, now risen, the Indwelling One, poured out, ✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**



## Sending Hymn: ELW 632

### O God, Our Help in Ages Past



- 1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
- 2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
- 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,
- 4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.  
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

- 5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
bears all our years away;  
they fly forgotten, as a dream  
dies at the op'ning day.
- 6 O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
still be our guard while troubles last  
and our eternal home.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.

Music: ST. ANNE, William Croft, 1678–1727

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## **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Announcements:**

- **Time to Order Poinsettias:** Order forms are available in the narthex. Put the form and the payment in the offering plate. Thank you!
- **Book Club:** Nov. 21, 7 p.m. (This is the third Thursday instead of the fourth.)
- **Charlie Brown Thanksgiving Potluck and Silent Auction:** Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>, right after worship
- **Giving Tree Christmas drive info coming soon!**
- **Hanging of the Greens:** Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>. Plan to stay after worship to help decorate the church for the season. Coffee, tea, and snacks will be provided.
- **Midweek Advent Services:** Dec. 4, 11, 18. Soup and salad dinner will be from 5:30 to 6:30; short worship service immediately following dinner.

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