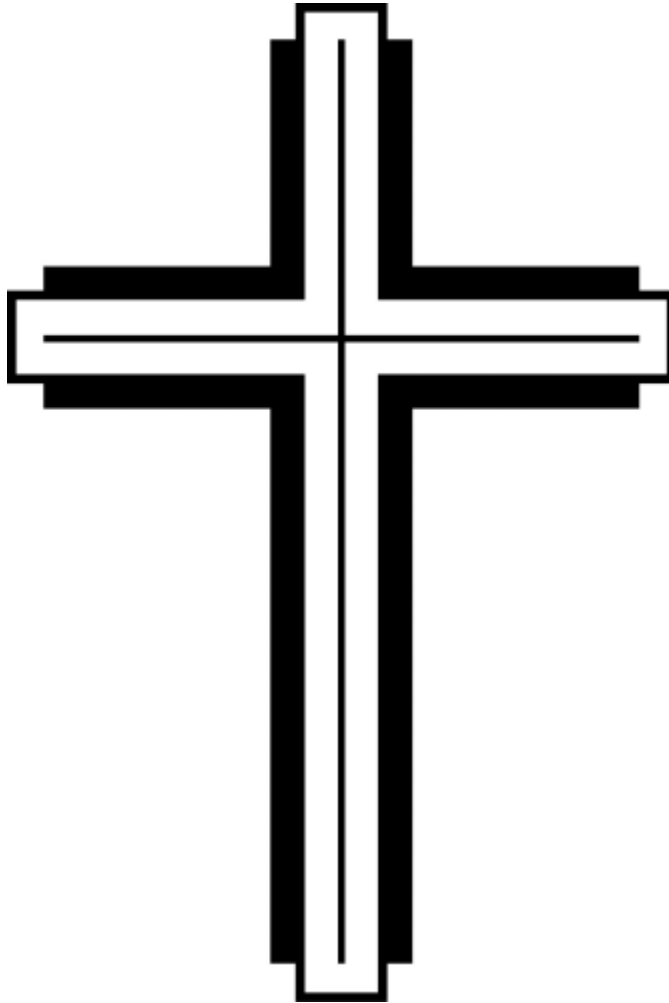


**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2023 ~ 7:00 PM**  
**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2023 ~ 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM**  
**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**



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## WE WELCOME YOU IN THE NAME OF JESUS

For your convenience personal hearing assistance units are available. Large Print Bulletins, Newsletters, and Portals of Prayers are also available. Please ask an usher for assistance.

As you are entering the sanctuary, you are entering the house of God. Prepare yourselves for worship by silently meditating on God's love. Please refrain from loud conversation before the service that would distract those for whom a preparatory meditation is important.

To those who may be visiting us today, your presence here today is a delight to us! With joy we welcome you in the name of Jesus. Please complete the guest card found in the pew pocket and turn it in to an elder or usher.

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### Welcome

Hymn      **O Worship the King**

**LSB 804**

*(Stand)*

### Invocation

*(The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.)*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**G** **Amen.**

### Confession and Absolution

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**G** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*(A moment of silence for self-examination)*

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**G** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

Kyrie

DS3, LSB 186

**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Hymn of Praise: Glory to God, We Give You Thanks and Praise

LSB 946

1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;  
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,  
△ 3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,  
Of heav'n - ly joy and earth - ly peace we sing.  
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.  
At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:  
We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,  
O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,  
Who with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,  
Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.  
Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.  
With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**G** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G** **Amen.**

*(Sit)*

## Psalm

*Psalm 90:1–12*

**P** Lord, you have been our dwelling place  
in all generations.

**G** **Before the mountains were brought forth,  
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,  
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

**P** You return man to dust  
and say, "Return, O children of man!"

**G** **For a thousand years in your sight  
are but as yesterday when it is past,  
or as a watch in the night.**

**P** You sweep them away as with a flood;  
they are like a dream,  
like grass that is renewed in the morning:

**G** **in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;  
in the evening it fades and withers.**

**P** For we are brought to an end by your anger;  
by your wrath we are dismayed.

**C** You have set our iniquities before you,  
our secret sins in the light of your presence.

**P** For all our days pass away under your wrath;  
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

**C** The years of our life are seventy,  
or even by reason of strength eighty;  
yet their span is but toil and trouble;  
they are soon gone, and we fly away.

**P** Who considers the power of your anger,  
and your wrath according to the fear of you?

**C** So teach us to number our days  
that we may get a heart of wisdom.

## Old Testament Reading

*Zephaniah 1:7–16*

Be silent before the Lord GOD!

For the day of the LORD is near;  
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice  
and consecrated his guests.

And on the day of the LORD's sacrifice—  
"I will punish the officials and the king's sons  
and all who array themselves in foreign attire.

On that day I will punish  
everyone who leaps over the threshold,  
and those who fill their master's house  
with violence and fraud.

"On that day," declares the LORD,  
"a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate,  
a wail from the Second Quarter,  
a loud crash from the hills.

Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar!  
For all the traders are no more;  
all who weigh out silver are cut off.

At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,  
and I will punish the men  
who are complacent,  
those who say in their hearts,  
'The LORD will not do good,  
nor will he do ill.'  
Their goods shall be plundered,  
and their houses laid waste.  
Though they build houses,  
they shall not inhabit them;  
though they plant vineyards,  
they shall not drink wine from them."  
The great day of the LORD is near,  
near and hastening fast;  
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter;  
the mighty man cries aloud there.  
A day of wrath is that day,  
a day of distress and anguish,  
a day of ruin and devastation,  
a day of darkness and gloom,  
a day of clouds and thick darkness,  
a day of trumpet blast and battle cry  
against the fortified cities  
and against the lofty battlements.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle Reading

*1 Thessalonians 5:1–11*

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you

are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*(Stand)*

**Alleluia and Verse**

*DS1, LSB 156*

**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
 words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**Holy Gospel**

*Matthew 25:14–30*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] “For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them,

and he made five talents more. So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed and gather where I scattered no seed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

(Sit)

(Sunday) **Children's Message**



**Sermon**

*(Stand)*

**Apostles' Creed**

*(Hymnal – Inside Back Cover)*

**☩ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

**Prayers of the Church**

*(Following each petition, congregation responds "**hear our prayer**")*

**Presentation of our Offerings to the Lord**

*(As our offerings are brought forward, we sing the Offertory)*

**Offertory Hymn****Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful**

LSB 955

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.

**Prayer****P** Let us pray.

O Lord God, heavenly Father, by the blessed light of Your divine Word You have led us to the knowledge of Your Son. Grant us the grace of Your Holy Spirit that we may ever walk in the light of Your truth and, rejoicing with sure confidence in Christ, our Savior, be brought unto everlasting salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.****Lord's Prayer***(Hymnal – Inside Back Cover)***P** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

**C** **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 trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

*(Thursday)* **Luther's Evening Prayer**

**☩ I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

*(Sunday)* **Luther's Morning Prayer**

**☩ I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

**Benedicamus**

**℟** Let us bless the Lord.

**☩ Thanks be to God.**

## Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**G** **Amen.**

*(Sit)*

**Hymn      O God, Our Help in Ages Past**

**LSB 733**

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## SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICE TODAY

**Preacher:** Rev. Zachary M. DeArmond

**Guest Organist:** Sue Graf

**Lay Readers:** (7:00 PM)

(8:00 AM) Julianne Boerner

(10:30 AM) Athena Malone

**Elders:** (7:00 PM) Chuck Boie, Jeff Driessen & Lee Roloff

(8:00 AM) Dennis Kutz

(10:30 AM) Rick Krause

**Ushers:** (7:00 PM) Team 7 – Driessen Team

(8:00 AM) Team 5 – Diener Team

(10:30 AM) Team 6 – Dwyer Team

**Acolytes:** (8:00 AM) Cameron Herried

(10:30 AM) Addy Best

**Greeters:** (8:00 AM) Karen Diener

(10:30 AM) Bob & Carol Kunz

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