SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH, 2026

24TH Sunday after Pentecost



Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Virginia, MN

Pastor Liz Cheney



PRELUDE ***Jen Fredrickson, Pianist***

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN ***Come, We That Love the Lord*** **ELW# 625**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

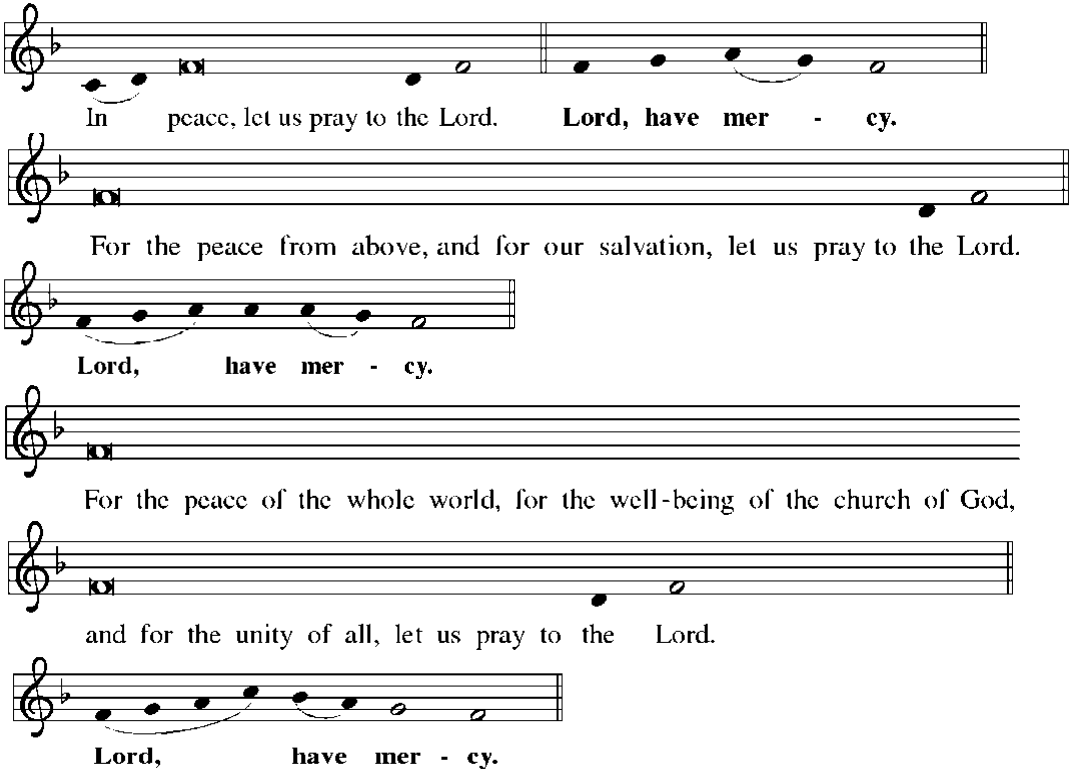
Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our dwelling place for all generations, whose compassion never slumbers. **Amen.**

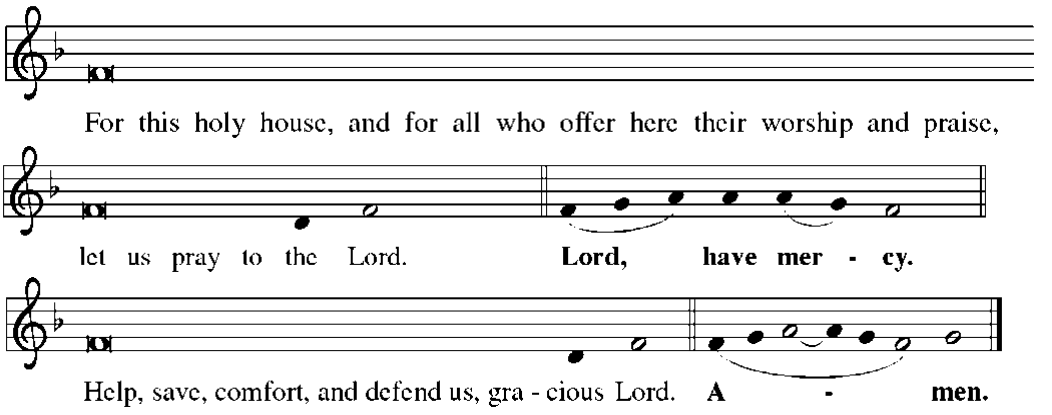
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,
we confess that we have trusted in our preparation instead of your invitation.
We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved.
We trust the voice of our shame and fear, which keeps us from entering fully into relationship with you and others.
We are not awake to the coming of your reign.
Rouse us and rescue us, that we may enter into your joy. Amen.
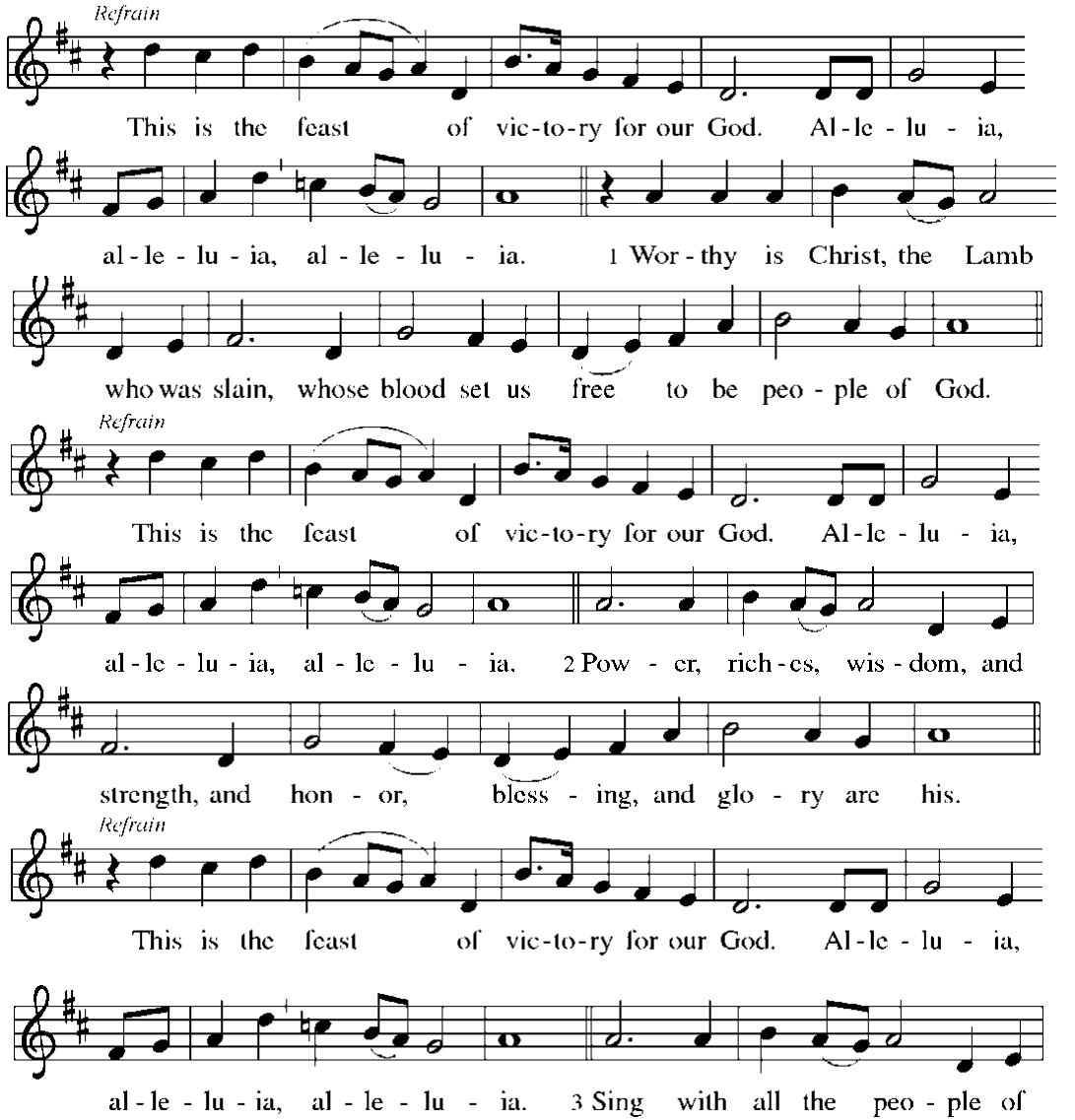
Inherit the riches of God's grace.
☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.
You are forgiven. Blessed are you. **Amen.**
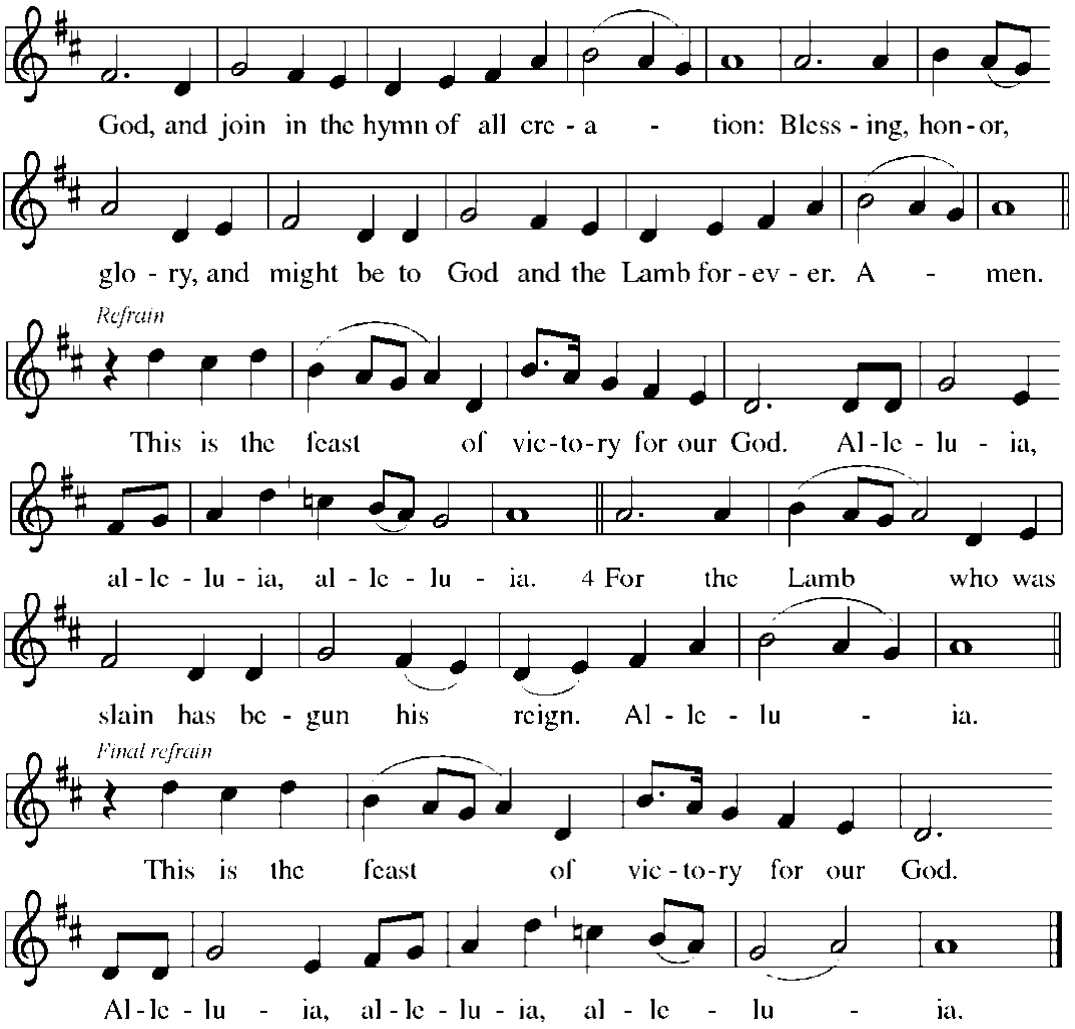
KYRIE





THIS IS THE FEAST





PRAYER OF THE DAY O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: Amos 5:18-24 ***Lector, Anna De Foe***

In the days of 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. He said liturgy is no substitute for obedience. The LORD demands justice and righteousness in the community.

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD!
Why do you want the day of the LORD? It is darkness, not light,
19 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.

20 Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?
21 I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
22 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.
23 Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
24 But let justice roll down like water
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

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

PSALM Psalm 70. ***Please respond with verses in bold print.***

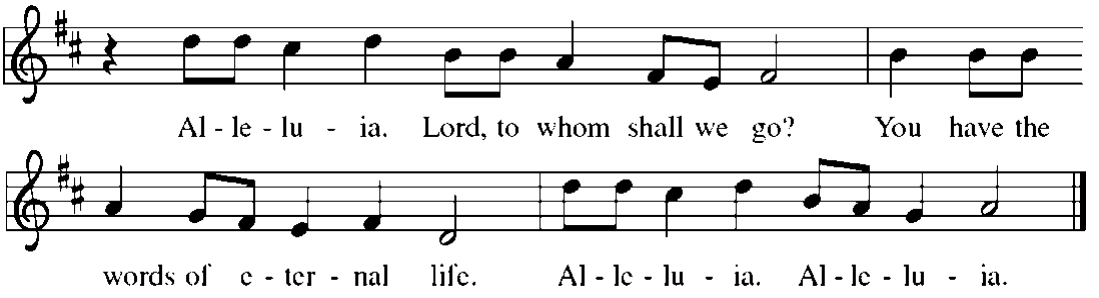
1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me;
O LORD, make haste to help me.
2 **Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confounded;**
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.
3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me
turn back because of their shame.
4 **Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;**
let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great is the LORD!"
5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God.
You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, do not tarry.

SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18. *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.*

13 We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. 15 For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. 16 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. 17 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. 18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Matthew 25:1-13. The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

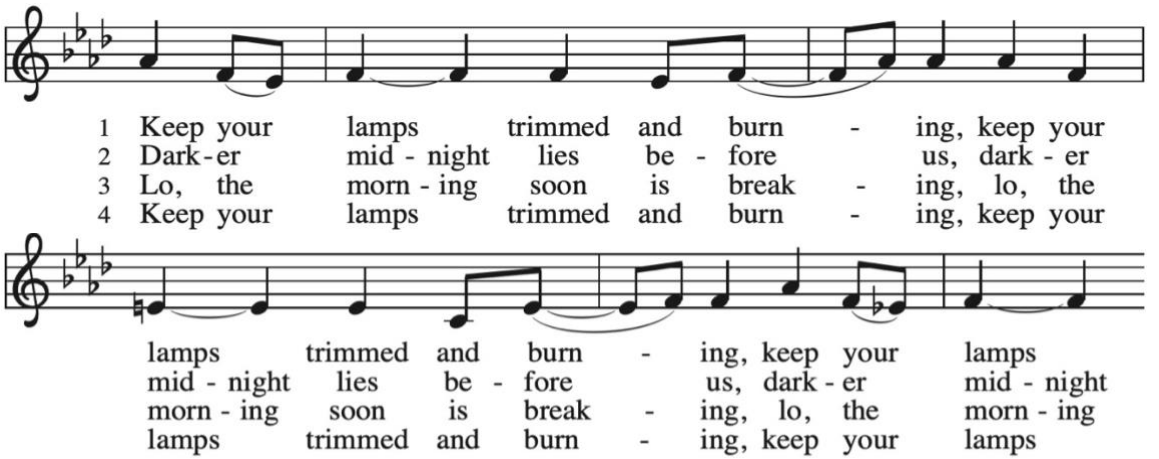
Jesus tells a parable about his own second coming, emphasizing the need for readiness at all times.

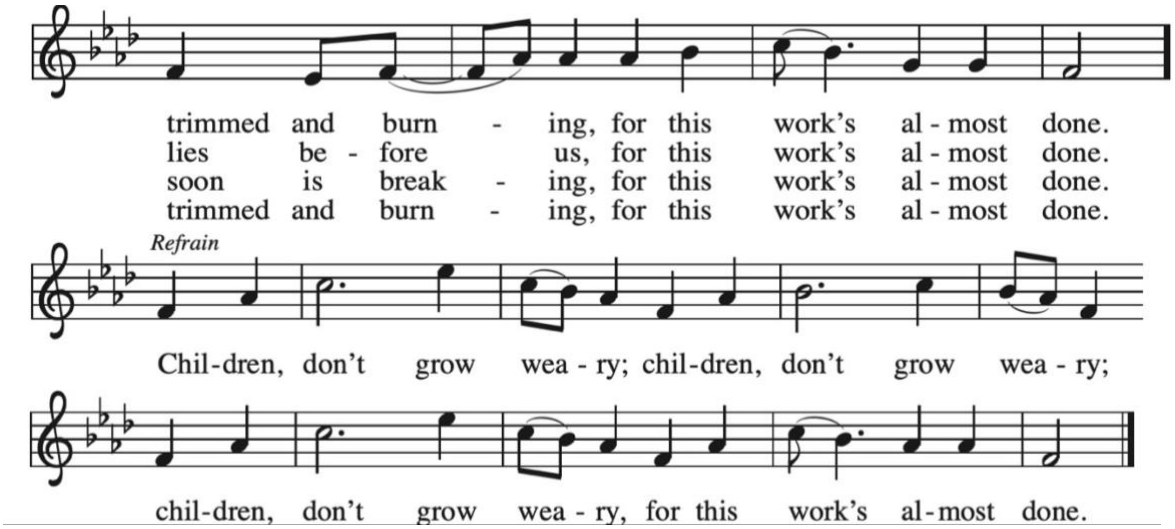
[Jesus said to the disciples:] [1] "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. [2] Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. [3] When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, [4] but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. [5] As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. [6] But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' [7] Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. [8] The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' [9] 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.' [10] 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. [11] Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' [12] But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' [13] Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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

SERMON ***Pastor Liz Cheney***

HYMN OF THE DAY ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning*** **ACS# 949**





APOSTLES CREED **pg. 105**

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 United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.
Response after each petition: *(Pastor) "God, in your mercy,"* ***(Congregation) "hear our prayer."***
Concluding prayer: Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved. **Amen.**

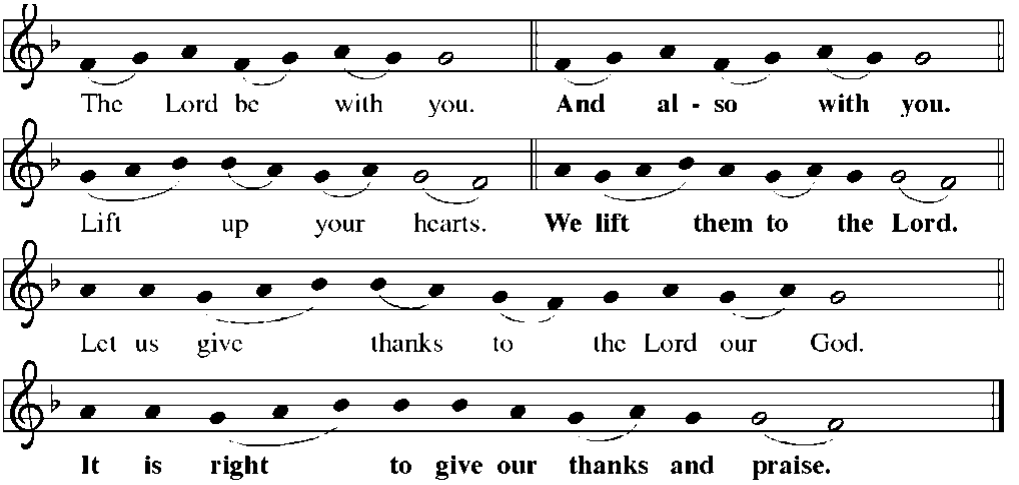
OFFERING Thank you for your continued financial support of OSLC! Whether you join us in person or online, the ministry & missions of Our Savior's depend on faithful giving. You can give the following ways:

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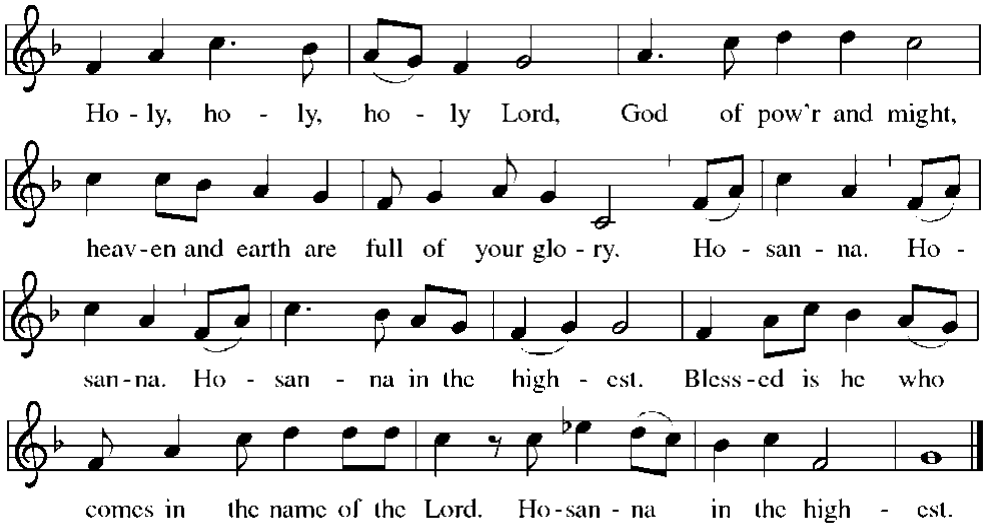
OFFERING PRAYER **Eternal God, our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

OFFERING HYMN ***Cradle Song*** ***Frank Bridge***
Beth Getman, Viola; Anna De Foe, Piano
Music: Frank Bridge, 1879-1941. London, Goodwin & Tabb, 1911. Frank Bridge. Public Domain.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



PASTOR CONCLUDES . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



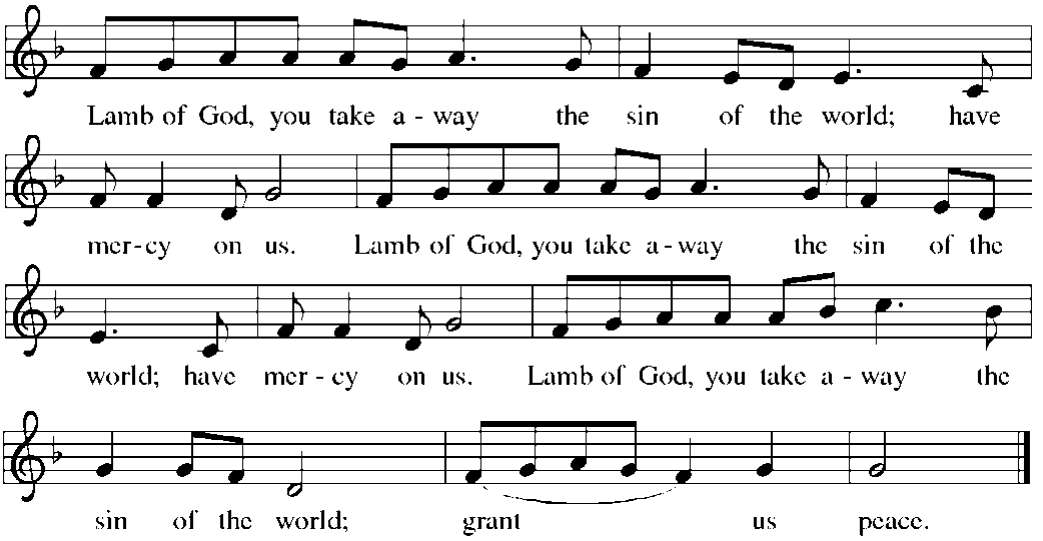
WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray. **pg. 191**

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in. Come, receive what Christ has prepared.



Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup **ELW# 492**
What Feast of Love **ELW# 487**

TABLE BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
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.

BLESSING
The holy Trinity, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God, today and always. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN ***Arise, My Soul, Arise!*** **ELW# 827**

DISMISSAL Go in peace. Encourage one another. **Thanks be to God.**
POSTLUDE ***Jen Fredrickson, Pianist***

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WE HOLD IN OUR PRAYERS

Please pray for people in need of comfort, hope, healing, safe transition, and for those serving away from home: Ralph M., Scooby, Pr. Dorothy, Butch, Tom, Gordy, Paul, Jean, Fred, Megan, Ellen, Steven, Gary, Chuck, Ron, Nadia, Mary, Ruth, Hudson, Wilson, Logan, Nel, Jim, Kyle, Cliff, Ryan, Alexandra W, Leslie, Shannon, Dale, Adeline, Sue, Jim, Wendy, Fred, Harry, Larry, Caleb, Jake, Laurie, Mike, Tedd, Matthew, Rick & Betsy, Gordon, Ross, Anna, Archer, Sharon, Mary, Debbie, Leanne, Addy, Deb, Kyle, Gerilyn, Wally, Ralph, Sue.

Call the church office or Pastor if you have a prayer need: we can send it to the prayer chain if you desire. If you are in need of any pastoral care or if you or someone you know would like a visit, please call Pastor Liz Cheney at 218-780-8907 or the church office at 218-741-6207.

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OFFICE ADMIN HOURS: COLLEEN IS ON VACATION NOV. 9-13. THE OFFICE WILL BE OPEN TUES, WED, THURS. 9AM -12PM THIS WEEK.

CLOSED MONDAYS & HOLIDAYS. OPEN TUES.– FRIDAY, 9AM-5PM

PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS Pastor Liz is here Tues.–Thurs. & does visits etc., Mon. & Fri. Call @ 218-780-8907 or email at *lizcheney44@gmail.com*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIFT ADULT BIBLE STUDY Youth will be **meeting here the next 2 Wednesdays @6pm**. You are invited to the LIFT **Adult Bible Study** during Youth programming: Dinner is at 6pm, a short Worship to follow, then the Study (6:45). OSLC hosted this week and will host two more weeks: **11/11, 11/18.**

BOOK STUDY & BIBLE STUDIES **The Book Study group** is currently studying a wonderful classic titled, *"Falling Upward,"* and will meet **Nov. 19th @ 12pm** in the Fireside Room. **WELCA Bible Study** will meet next on **Tues., Nov. 17th @ 1pm** in the Fireside Room. Fun-Duh-Mentals Bible Study will have their new meeting time in the next bulletin.

DECORATING Join us after worship **Sunday, Nov. 22nd** for *Hanging of the Greens* for Advent & Christmas!

HOLIDAY WREATHS On sale now **to Nov. 22nd, $25 ea**. The sign-up sheet is in the narthex and you can leave payment in the office. **Pick-up is Dec. 6th ~** Supports the **Youth National Gathering trip.** Please make **checks out to "OSLC FF"** (Faith Formation)- thank you!

THANKSGIVING BASKETS An OSLC tradition~ We supply food to make 10 baskets (a full holiday meal) for families of Head Start! Sign-up sheets to buy an item or two are on the table in the narthex **(by Nov. 22).**

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP Our Savior's Lutheran is joining 6 other churches to provide this Ecumenical Service, **Mon., Nov.23rd at 6pm** with Coffee & Pie to follow at Sts. John & Paul Episcopal Church, 231. 3rd St S. If you are able, bring a nonperishable food item to donate.

LUTEFISK DINNER This annual event is held **at Gethsemane Lutheran** and takes place **Dec. 1st, 3-7pm.** There will be a silent auction to **support youth**; if you want to donate items, bring to Gethsemane by Nov. 25th. Youth will help serve and clean-up.

ADVENT WORSHIP The first Advent is at **Messiah Lutheran, Wed. Dec. 2nd, Soup Dinner @ 6, Worship 6:30.** The 2nd Advent Worship will be **@ OSLC Wed., Dec. 9th,** Soup Dinner @ 6, Worship 6:30, and the 3rd Advent Worship will be at **Gethsemane Lutheran on Wed., Dec. 16th,** Soup Dinner @ 6, Worship 6:30.

CHORALAIRES CONCERT The concert is **@ OSLC Sun., Dec. 6th, 2pm.** Consider bringing Christmas Cookies (label them) the week before for the Coffee Reception. *Thank You!*

WORSHIP SPONSORSHIP **Today's Livestream is sponsored by Tom Klabechek, in loving memory of wife Jarie.** ***Thank you for your support.*** To sponsor Livestream & TV Broadcasts in honor of a person or special event- wedding anniv., birthday, graduation etc., or in memory of a loved one, you may do so in any amount. It helps maintain our sound/camera equipment.



MON. NOV. 9	TUES. NOV. 10	WED. NOV. 11	THURS. NOV. 12	FRI. NOV. 13	SAT. NOV. 14	SUN. NOV. 15
10:30AM AA **2 PM ORGAN PR.** **6PM SCOUTS** 7PM NA ***OFFICE CLOSED***	***9:30AM WELCA BOARD MTG*** 10:30AM AA **2 PM ORGAN PR.** ***(OFFICE HOURS 9AM-12PM TODAY. PLEASE CALL PASTOR IF NEEDED AFTER 12PM)***	9AM QUILTING 10:30AM AA 12-3PM C.CLOSET 3PM CHOIR 5:30PM ALANON 6PM LIFT @ OSLC ***(OFFICE HOURS 9AM-12PM TODAY)***	10:30AM AA 11AM COUNCIL 2:30PM TOPS 7PM NA ***(OFFICE HOURS 9AM-12PM TODAY)***	10:30AM AA 7PM NA ***OFFICE IS CLOSED.***	9AM-11:30AM C. BREAKFAST & C.CLOSET 10:30AM AA	9:30 AM WORSHIP 1PM AA 3PM CUB SCOUTS 7PM NA

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2026. MATTHEW 25:1-13 (NRSV)

Read Matthew 25:1-13 on biblegateway.com

Chapter25 "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Verse[2]Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. Verse[3]When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; Verse[4]but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. Verse[5]As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. Verse[6]But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Verse[7]Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. Verse[8]The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' Verse[9]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.' Verse[10]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. Verse[11]Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' Verse[12]But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Verse[13]Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

Devotion: I am writing this devotion just after Labor Day. I noticed that when I asked most people about their summer, the word “busy” was usually noted in their response. Sometimes, in our quest for re-creation, we get distracted from what is most important. Sabbath rest is often omitted from the busy schedule. Frequently in our busyness we totally miss what is most important – Jesus Christ.

As you read this devotion, Advent is just around the corner! Again, we will get distracted by many things in our attempt to mark these holy days. The preparations for the season are fun and meaningful, but let us not get distracted away from why we do these things. How may we keep our lamps lit and burning to prepare for the babe of Bethlehem?

Prayer: Dear Lord, the demands of work, family, and finances can be overwhelming and worrying. For those who have journeyed through those early years, new joys and concerns now fill our time. Wherever we are on life’s journey, may we draw our strength and guidance from you. Amen.

Rev. Dr. Meredith Bedker Musaus, ‘86 M.Div.

FREE COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

NOVEMBER 14TH

9AM-11:30AM



SIGN-UP SHEETS WILL BE IN THE NARTHEX.

Thanksgiving Baskets

Hanging of the Greens

SUNDAY, NOV. 22nd AFTER WORSHIP. JOIN US TO DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR ADVENT & CHRISTMAS!

Holiday Wreaths



The Youth are selling wreaths to support their summer National Gathering trip. They are $25 each and you can order by stopping in at the office during the week, or the sign-up sheet will be kept on the **glass cabinet in the narthex on Sundays.** Wreath pick-up day is Sunday, Dec. 6th. Make checks out to "OSLC FF"

(Faith Formation)

Join Us for an Ecumenical Community

SERVICE OF GRATITUDE

Monday November 23

6: 00 pm Service 7:00pm Coffee & Pie

At Sts. John & Paul Episcopal Church

231 3rd St S, Virginia, MN 55792

Please note: Handicap accesibility in the back

ADVENT JOINT WORSHIP 2026

WED., DEC. 2ND: MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH
6PM SOUP DINNER, 6:30PM WORSHIP

WED., DEC. 9TH: OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
6PM SOUP DINNER, 6:30PM WORSHIP

WED., DEC. 16TH: GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH
6PM SOUP DINNER, 6:30PM WORSHIP

CONFIRMANDS FROM ALL CHURCHES WILL ASSIST IN LEADING WORSHIP

COMMUNITY CLOSET PANTRY

Below are the following challenge items for the pantry. You can buy what you desire & at the store that is most convenient for you; we are just providing examples below:

THANK YOU

1. HALF GALLON MILK @ SUPER ONE $1.99 EA, VARIETY
2. ESSENTIALS BRAND CEREAL @ SUPER ONE 2/$5 OR 2/$6 VARIETY
3. CAMPBELL'S CHUNKY/HEARTY SOUP @ SUPER ONE 2/$5 VARIETY
4. CRYSTAL FARMS BLOCK/SHREDDED CHEESE @ SUPER ONE, 2/$5 VARIETY
5. ALLEGRA PASTA @ SUPER ONE 4/$5 12-16OZ VARIETY

Choralaires Christmas Concert

Friday, Dec. 4th, 6pm @ Gethsemane

Sunday, Dec. 6th, 2pm @ Our Savior's

Coffee reception to follow