

November 8, 2026

24th Sunday after Pentecost

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Welcome to Worship

Welcome to all God's guests, including those who call themselves "members" of this church named Ascension Lutheran Church more than 65 years ago.

A special welcome to guests who are here for the first time or who call yourselves “visitors” among the people of this community.

It is at God's invitation, through worship, the Holy Spirit calls each of us to come to a place of **community**, **communion** and **commitment**.

Each of us brings a different lens to worship, and yet, in a worshiping community, these differences become celebrations of diversity.

Children are always welcome in worship services;

Please silence your cellphone at this time

Confession and Forgiveness

Please stand in body or spirit.

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

All **Amen.**

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,

All **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.

P Inherit the riches of God's grace.
☩ Jesus, the good shepherd,
feeds you with his mercy.
You are forgiven. Blessed are you.

All **Amen.**

Opening Song

The Heart Of Worship

Words and Music by
Matt Redman



Greeting

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

All **And also with you.**

Prayer for This Day

P O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son.

All **Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

You may be Seated

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.

A Reading from Amos, the 5th Chapter

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

Amos 5:18-24

WA The word of the Lord

All **Thanks be to God!**

A Responsive Reading of Psalm 70

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.

Psalm 70

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 Thesslonians, the 4th Chapter

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.

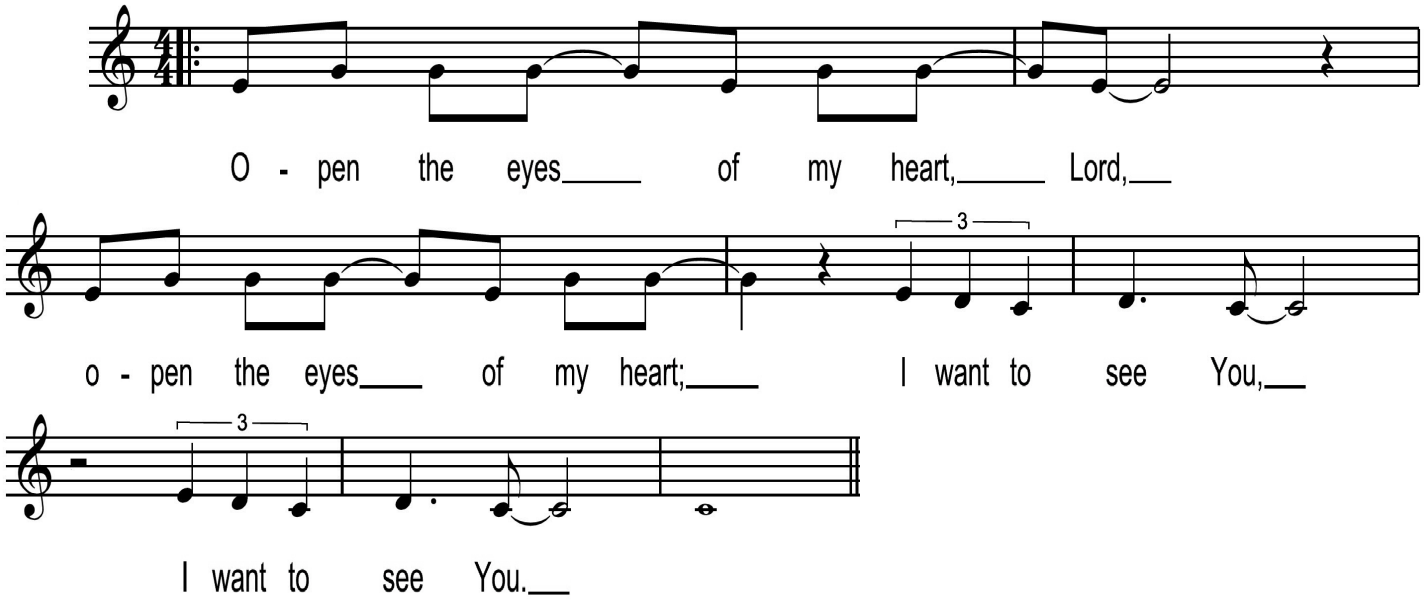
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

WA The word of the Lord

All **Thanks be to God!**

Gospel Acclamation

Please stand in body or spirit.



Gospel Reading

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

P The Holy Gospel according to St Matthew, the 25th chapter.

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[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."

Matthew 25:1-13

P The Gospel of our Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

You may be seated

Children's Sermon

Pr. Gordon Young

Noisy Offering

*Each week our congregation is **led by children** to collect pocket change and small bills.Through this offering, we are reminded that together, the smallest of offerings can change lives and make "hope & love" tangible.*
The children have chosen Lutheran World Response to receive this monetary blessing for this season.

Sermon **Pr. Gordon Young**

Hymn of the Day

Please stand in body or spirit.

I Will Offer Up My Life

Words and Music by
Matt Redman




to so lov - ing a King? Sav - ior, what can be said, what can be sung
as a praise of Your name for the things You have done?
Oh, my words could not tell, not e - ven in part
of the debt of love that is owed by this thank - ful heart.
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Apostles' Creed

P Let us join together with the saints across the ages confessing our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

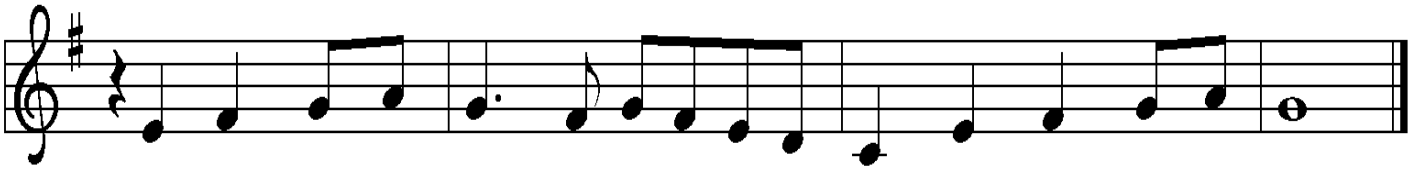
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of 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 the People

You may be Seated

WA United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.



(each prayer petition ends with)

L: God, in your mercy, ***All:*** **Hear our prayer.**

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Please stand in body or spirit.

P Jesus Christ become peace with you.

All **And also with you.**

You may be Seated

Offertory



Offertory Prayer

P Let us pray:

Eternal God,our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you.

All **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.

Holy Communion

P The Lord be with you

All **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

P And with our hearts and voices raised we remember...

Remember Me

Words and Music by
Gerrit Gustafson and Martin Nystrom




night You were be - trayed You held the cup; Af - ter
giv - ing thanks, You lift - ed it up. "This is My
blood, poured out for you, and as you drink it, re - mem - ber
Me; This is My blood, poured out for you, and as you
drink it, re - mem - ber Me." So, we
thank You for the wine and for the bread; For we
see the life You gave and the blood You shed. And we re -
mem - ber Your won - drous love, You gave Your
bod - y, You shed Your blood; And we re - mem - ber Your won - drous
love, You gave Your bod - y, You shed Your blood.

The Lord's Prayer

Please stand in body or spirit.

P Make us bold, O merciful God, to address you as our Abba as we pray:

All

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.

The Invitation

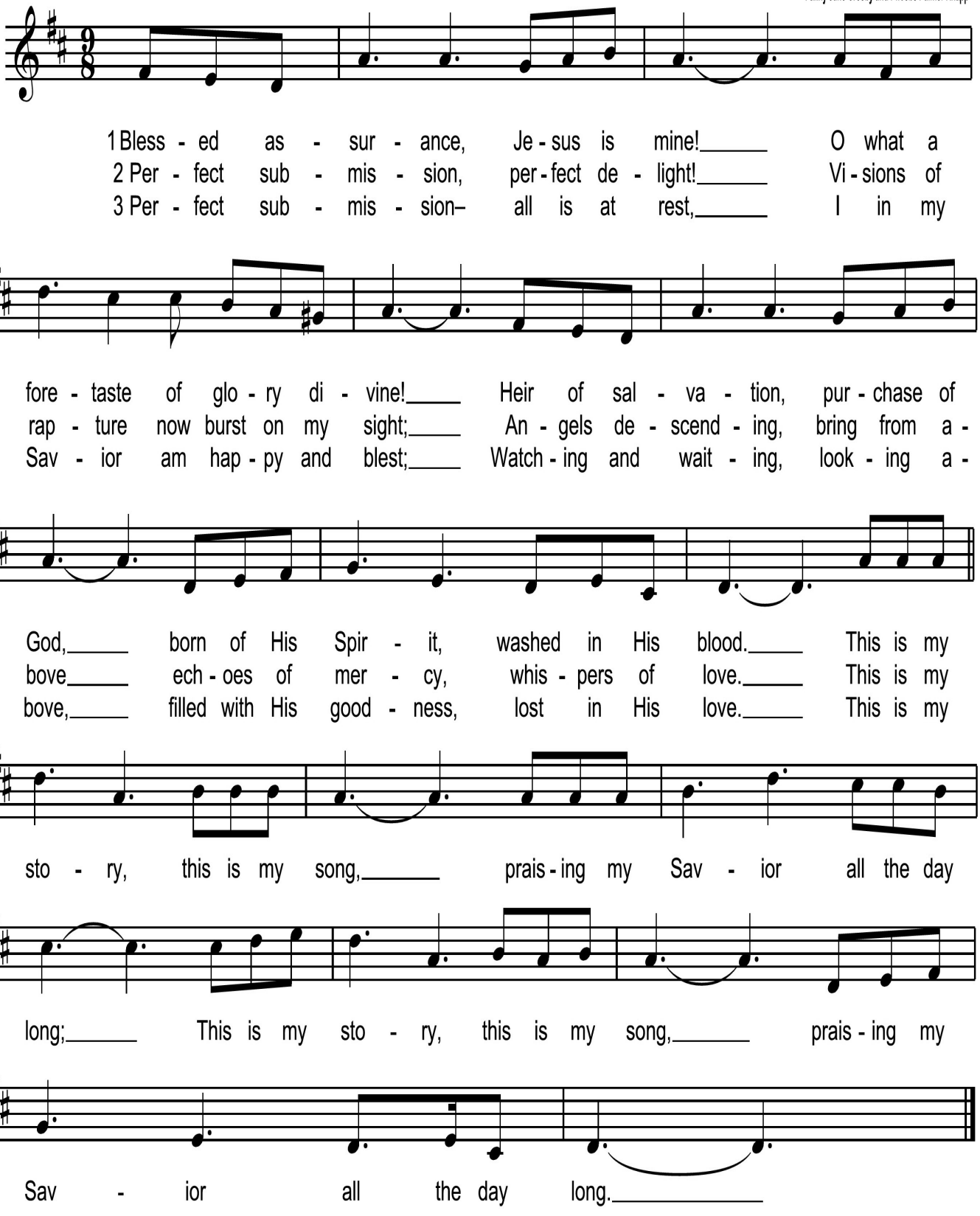
P In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in.
Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

Note: the communion cups on the periphery of the tray contain red wine while the cups in the center contain white grape juice.

Gluten Free wafers available –ask the communion attendant

Blessed Assurance

Words and Music by
Fanny Jane Crosby and Phoebe Palmer Knapp



More Love More Power

Words and Music by
Jude Del Hierro



Post Communion Blessing & Prayer

Please stand in body or spirit.

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

All **Amen**

P Holy God,
we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal.

All **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**

Stewardship of Life & Ministry Announcements

Benediction

Please stand in body or spirit.

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

All **Amen**

Sending

Soon and Very Soon



1 Soon and ver - y soon we are goin' to see the King,
2 No more cry - in' there,
3 No more dy - in' there,
4 Soon and ver - y soon



Dismissal

WA Rejoice always, pray without ceasing,
give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

1 Thessolonians 5:16

Go in peace. Live in love as Christ loved us.

All **Thanks be to God.**



Readings for next week
November 15th
Pent 25

First Reading:	Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
Psalm:	Psalm 90:1-12
Second Reading:	1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11
Gospel:	Matthew 25:14-30

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