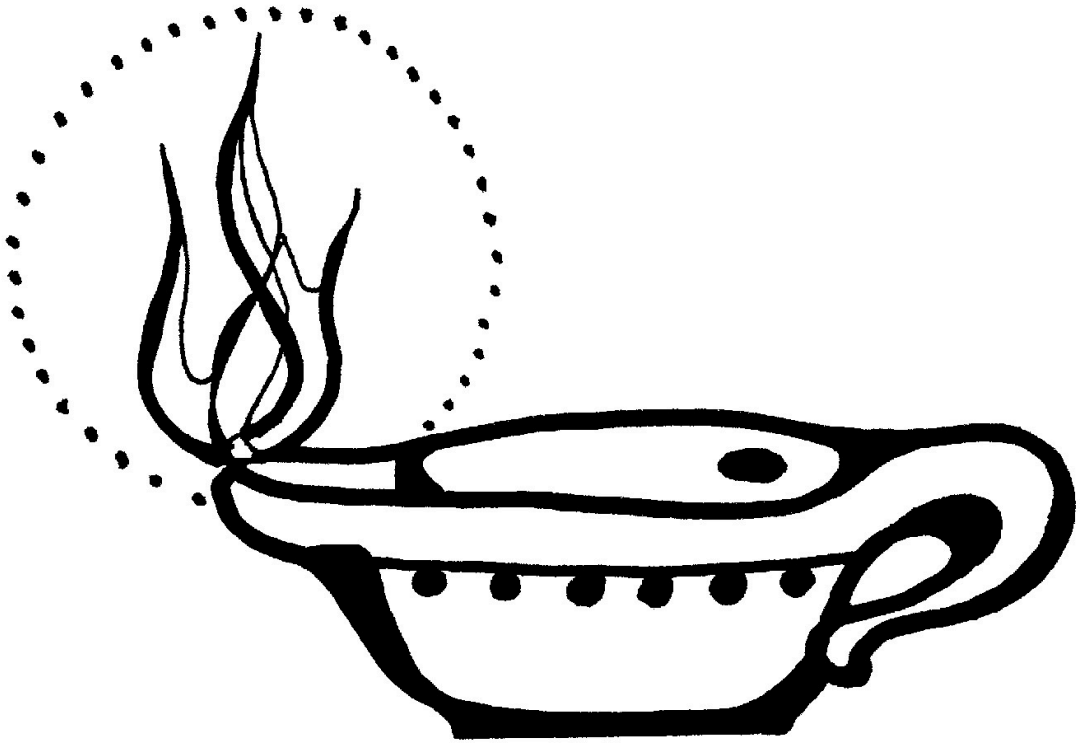
OUR SAVIOUR'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday Worship

24th Sunday after Pentecost, November 8, 2026



WELCOME

Your presence builds up the body of Christ. We welcome and affirm God's diversity, including all ethnicities, cultures, races, sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions, abilities, ages, and life experiences. You are invited to full participation in our congregation because of who you are. We lament and confess how the Christian Church has withheld Christ's love by misusing the power of institution. We commit to advocating for God's justice and mercy for all of creation, including humans. We commit to anti-racism and other ways of ending systems that cause harm. Christ is our peace and breaks down the walls that divide us. Our communion table is Christ's table. You and all people are welcome without exception.

Welcome Newcomers
We hope you are comfortable here. The right-side margin contains details about the service and readings to help you connect more fully with worship. You can find more details for newcomers on the back page of the bulletin. We are glad you are here - you are welcome in this space because of who you are.

Being Lutheran
As Lutherans, we see, hear, teach, and follow Jesus for the sake of our neighbor. Neighbor means anyone other than us, including creation. We see God in vulnerability - God meets us at the cross. In our deepest pain, God is present. Baptized into Christ, we live a new life - claimed and named forever as God's beloved. In the bread and wine of communion, we receive and share Christ with all of creation. This is because of who God is, not because of what we do (or don't do). We receive God's grace through faith - in Scripture, the living word of God, and the sacraments of baptism and communion, which transform our lives so that we love and serve God, our neighbor and all of creation. A transformed life is one centered in Christ by the Spirit, following and trusting in God alone; freed to love, liberate, and serve.

An asterisk indicates the congregation should stand in body and/or spirit. Congregation's speaking and singing parts are in bold font.

As we prepare for worship, take time to look around, to settle in, to receive the Holy Spirit's presence.

GATHER

PRELUDE *The Lily of the Valley* Bill DeVinney

WELCOME

As we confess, rise and face the baptsimal font in the back.

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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 devoutness 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 mercy.
You are forgiven.
Blessed are you.
Amen.

***GATHERING HYMN** ACS #978 God Welcomes All

Turn in the direction of the cross as it passes by.



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Music: AMEN THEMBA, South African traditional; transc. and arr. John L. Bell.
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***GREETING**

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

And also with you.

***KYRIE**



***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

FIRST READING Amos 5:18-24

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

The imagery in the book of Amos is vivid to the point of harsh. The reason is simple. It is set in a time of uneven prosperity that has dulled conscience to neighbor. What will rouse Israel from the lethargy of inaction when those who rule Israel, but not the ruled, prosper? For Amos, the matter is urgent. Our reading today issues the prophet's stark warning, not simply about what the future may hold without change but Who holds it: the God who seeks justice to flow like waters.

PSALM 70 (Pulpit Side - Regular; **Piano Side - Bold**)

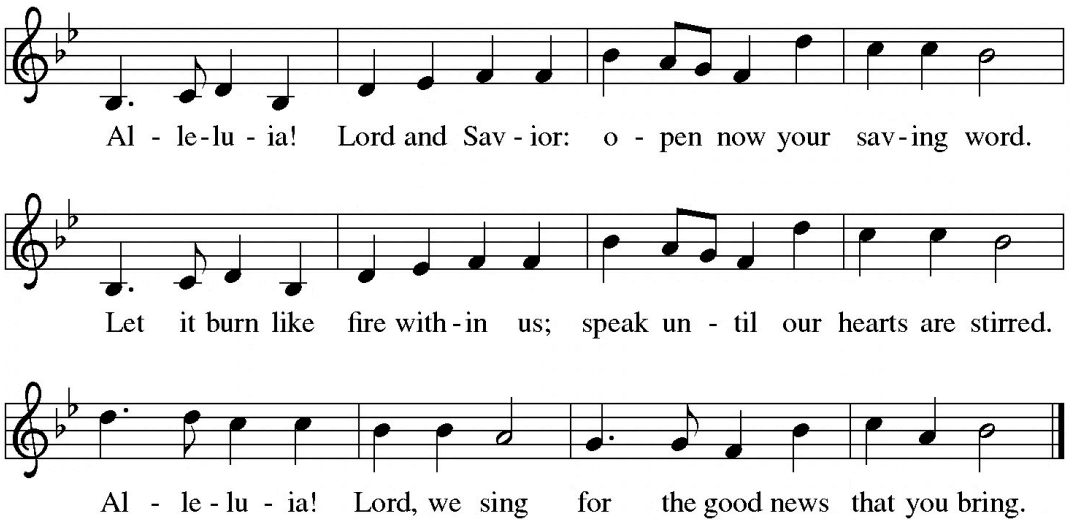
1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me;
O Lord, make haste to help me.
2 Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confounded;
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.
3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me
turn back because of their shame.
4 Let all who seek 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

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.

This is believed to be the earliest letter and writing in the New Testament. That may account for the clear belief in our reading that Christ's return is imminent. It is so imminent that Paul's words presume he and others in that era will still be alive at the time of that return. The question becomes, then and now: what does it mean when hope does not materialize as soon as expected?

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



***GOSPEL**

Listen deeply as the gospel lesson is being read

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL Matthew 25:1-13

[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 Jesus Christ. **Praise to you, O Christ**

SERMON

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

Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

A brief silence.

…God in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

***EXCHANGE OF PEACE**

OFFERING
Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning Bill DeVinney

During this time, we receive the offering of music and take time to reflect on what God has given to us. In this season of noticing and caring for God's gifts to us we will not pass the collection plate. Please use the time for reflection and prayer. You may leave a financial offering or green slip in the offering plate as you leave worship today.

***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.

MEAL

Online Offering
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Stewardship Commitment Sunday
Sunday November 15

We will gather our Statements of Intent for 2027 during worship. Following worship, we will enjoy pie together as we Just Imagine together.

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**
God be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
you have brought us this far along the way.

**In times of bitterness you did not abandon us,
but guided us into the path of love and light.
In every age you sent prophets
to make known your loving will for all humanity.
The cry of the poor has become your own cry;
our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire.
In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant
to preach good news to the afflicted,
to break bread with the outcast and despised,
and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.**

Offering prayer and communion liturgy is from "This Far By Faith," a Lutheran hymnal released in 1999 that was a collaborative project between the ELCA and the Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod to enrich worship by incorporating gifts of African American songs, words, and traditions.

In the night in which he was betrayed…

…For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

…Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen. **Amen!**

…Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen. **Amen!**

…Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Trusting in the mercy and compassion of God who is with us as Parent and Creator, we pray as Jesus taught,

**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.**

You are welcome to pray using other versions, words, or languages that may be more familiar to you. Jesus taught this form of prayer to the disciples to encourage sincere and meaningful conversation with God.

This is Christ's table. You and all are welcome here, without exception. Please follow the ushers' direction, filling in the communion rail starting on the right side. You may stand or kneel. If you prefer a blessing, cross your hands over your heart. Gluten free wafers are available. The wine is red; the grape juice is clear. Please let an usher know if you would like communion brought to your pew.

COMMUNION
Christ invites you to this table.
All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

COMMUNION HYMNS



ELW #785 When Peace Like a River
ELW #494 For the Bread

POST COMMUNION BLESSING
Live in forgiveness. Claim your wholeness. Dwell in peace. Amen.

The Post Communion Blessing is from Rev. Phyllis Zillhart, former pastor at St. Francis Lutheran Church in San Francisco, an early leader in welcome for LGBTQ+ people in the Lutheran church.

SENDING PRAYER

SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSION MOMENT Dorothy Burke

***BLESSING**

let's celebrate

Today - following worship

Celebrating five years of shared ministry with Our Saviour's and Pastor Amalia.

Come and celebrate!



***SENDING HYMN** ELW #543

Go, My Children, with My Blessing



Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919, alt.
Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958
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***DISMISSAL**
Go in peace. Encourage one another.
Thanks be to God!

SEND

Turn to follow the cross as it passes and leads us to love and service in the world.

Prayer Requests: Paul Stum; Bob Jones; Alecia Chrin; Justin Schneider; Gerry Meyer; Corky Ronstadt; Mary Neff; Lydia Slipp; Family & Friends of John Petrik (Wendi Van Beek's father); and all at home and in care facilities.

Our Extended Community: Friends and Family of Kathy Greggory upon the death of her husband Gary (friends of Ann and Bill DeVinney); Liz (friend of Mary Wildner-Bassett); Sarah (great niece of Donna Lounsbury); Becky (Daughter of Mary Wildner-Bassett); Josh, Mary Ann (friends of Chris and Theda Doak); Megan (niece of Chris and Theda Doak); Jennifer, Sally, and Ashley, Gwen, and Tyler on the passing of their daughter Elora (friends of Kathy DeVinney); Grant and Shirley (brother and sister-in- law of Theda Doak); Daniel (neighbor's son of Gloria Schmidt); Will (nephew of Chris and Theda Doak); Leaticia, Azogan, Sidibe, and Zinsou,(friends of Rachel Starner); Mary Etta (friend of Suzanne Hesh); Rita, Linda(friends of John and Judy Indermark); Nancy (friend of Cindy Bales); Marcus ahd his care team (friend of Suzanne Hesh).

Names will generally remain on the list for three weeks, unless requested for renewal. Please contact the church office for corrections, updates, and additions.

OVERVIEW OF TODAY'S SCRIPTURE:
The readings for this 24th Sunday after Pentecost explore how visions of the future are to impact faithful living in the present. Amos minces no words: the future is dark unless justice floods the present. Faced with a crisis that threatens any hope of future, the psalmist pleads for God's help now. Paul writes of the immediacy of Christ's return. Yet how do we live with faith now when hope is delayed? Jesus tells a parable that concerns wisdom and foolishness. The difference between them is revealed to hinge on preparations one makes now for what is still on the way.

THOSE SERVING THIS SUNDAY 11/08/2026

Presiding Minister	Rev. Amalia Vagts
Assisting Minister	Olga Ryan
Communion Assistants	John Indermark, Bonnie Phelps
Acolyte	Jennifer Strand
Keyboard	Dawn Hartley
Cantor	Bill DeVinney
Music	Bill DeVinney, Sophia Rankin
Usher	Kris Sanchez, Patty Sirls
Greeter	Judy Indermark
Cross Bearer	Jennifer Strand
Coffee Host	Joanna Keyl
Treats	2021 Call Committee
Tech Team	Pflibsen/Bustamante
Scripture Background	John Indermark

THOSE SERVING NEXT SUNDAY 11/15/2026

Presiding Minister	Rev. Amalia Vagts
Assisting Minister	John Indermark
Communion Assistants	Deacon Wendi Van Beek, Olga Ryan
Acolyte	Olga Ryan
Keyboard	Dawn Hartley
Cantor	Dr. Aysen Millioğullari
Music	Chancel Choir
Usher	Jennifer Strand, Hildi Williams
Greeter	Judy Indermark
Cross Bearer	Olga Ryan
Coffee Host	Sharon Reinbott
Treats	Generosity Team
Tech Team	Pflibsen/Bustamante
Scripture Background	John Indermark

Newcomers + We're glad you're here. Please fill out the green slip in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. You're welcome to share in Holy Communion.

Families + we have a small play area (pray-ground) up front. The joyful sounds and movements of children in worship are the welcome sounds of children growing in faith. Parents, thank you for doing the hard work of worshipping with children. This congregation is here to support you.

Hearing Assistance + headphones are available to assist in hearing the service. Please contact an usher to get set up with one.

Nametags + Nametags help us get to know and remember each other. Please let the ushers know if you need one made for you.

Expansive Language + As Lutherans, we teach that "God calls all creation into being and gives people language as a way of responding to God and forming community" (Principles for Worship, Principle L-1). In worship at Our Saviour's, we seek to use expansive language for God and people, sometimes changing or offering alternatives to the printed text.

Liturgy + Our sung liturgy is from Setting 10, ELW

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