Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

November 8, 2026
9 am



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Our Mission is to make Christ known.

We welcome all guests this morning.
We are very pleased to have you worship with us!
All are welcome to receive communion.

Sunday School for all ages 10:15-11:15. Everyone is welcome!
Grab some refreshments and join us!

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE It Is Well With My Soul arr. Thygerson

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of Almighty God, the Father, and of the ✢ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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 us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✢ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

GATHERING HYMN Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise ELW 834

INVOCATION

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

C: And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE Now the Feast and Celebration ELW 167

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

P: 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.**

Every Good and Perfect Gift (Martin) WOV

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.
*The Word of the Lord…**Thanks Be to God.***

PSALM: 70 (Read Responsively)

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.

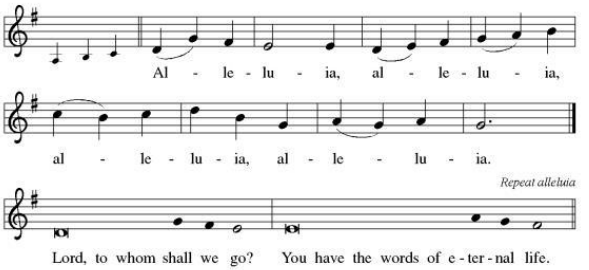
4 **Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great is the LORD!"**

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. *The Word of the Lord…**Thanks Be to God.***

*** GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ~ *please stand if able***



P: 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 the Lord, **Praise to you O Christ.***

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE MESSAGE **Rev. Dr. H. Lee Brumback II**

HYMN Blessed Assurance **ELW 638**

APOSTLES CREED (inside back cover of hymnal)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH Response: God, in your mercy**…Hear our prayer.**

PEACE

RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERING PRAYER

C: 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.

GREAT THANKSGIVING
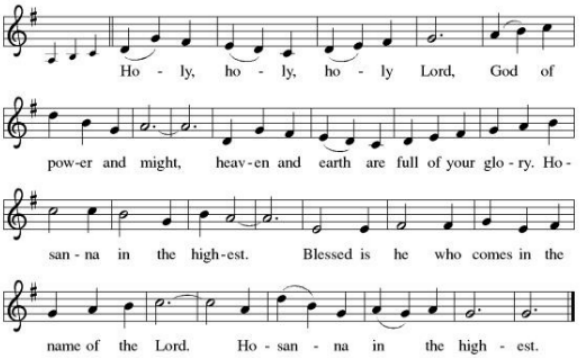
P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them unto the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: It is right to give God our thanks and praise. P: It is indeed right….

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**



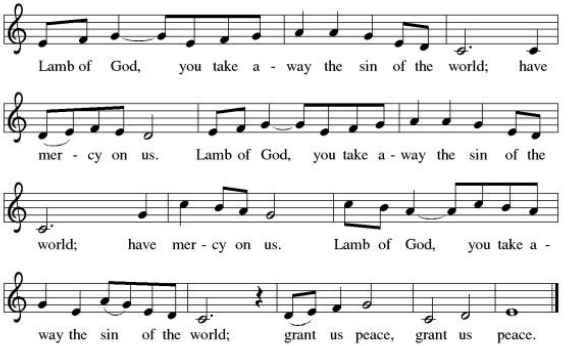
EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: On 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 again.

LORD'S PRAYER

THE FRACTION AND INVITATION

LAMB OF GOD



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We practice "open communion" at St. John. ALL are invited to come forward as ushered to receive this life-giving sacrament. Those not receiving communion are invited to receive a blessing. As you are given the bread and wine an appropriate response is "Amen." Please be respectful of this meditative time within our worship.

COMMUNION HYMNS Come, We That Love the Lord ELW 625
Let Justice Flow Like Streams ELW 717

COMMUNION BLESSING

P: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: 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

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. **Amen**

SENDING HYMN **May the God of Hope**

May the God of hope go with us ev'ry day,
to a world in need with news of joy and peace.

May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to ev'ry land and race.

Praying, let us work for peace; singing, share our joy with all;
working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call.

DISMISSAL

P: **"**Go in peace. Be Kind. Serve the Lord." **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE **All Creatures of Our God and King** **arr. Purifoy**