Welcome to

Gethsemane
LUTHERAN
Church & Preschool

November 8, 2026
24th Sunday
After Pentecost

The vision of Gethsemane Lutheran Church is to:
GROW UP in His Word,
GROW OUT in his Ministry,
GROW TOGETHER in His Love.

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+ PRESERVICE MUSIC +

+ WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS +

+ OPENING SONG +

"Angus Dei"

Alleluia, alleluia
For the lord God almighty reigns
Alleluia, alleluia
For the lord God almighty reigns
Alleluia

Holy, holy are you Lord, God almighty
Worthy is the lamb,
Worthy is the lamb.
You are holy, holy are you Lord, God almighty
Worthy is the lamb,
Worthy is the lamb.
Alleluia.

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You are holy, holy are you Lord, God almighty
Worthy is the lamb,
Worthy is the lamb.
Amen.

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+ INVOCATION +

P In the name of the Father and of the ✢ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

<u>Salutation and Collect of the Day</u>

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray…

C **Amen.**

<u>Baptism of Maria Angela Goode</u>

P We begin in the name of the Father and of the Son T and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P It is with joy and gratitude that we welcome Marie this morning for baptism! Baptism is talked about a lot in the Bible, so we know it is important.
In the book of Matthew, Jesus says, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you…

C **And surely I will be with you always, to the very end of the age."**

P In the book of Mark, Jesus promises,

C **"Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved."**

P And in the book of Acts and in 1 Peter we find,

C **"This promise is for you and your children," and "Baptism now saves you."**

P The Bible also teaches that we are all born full of sin and are in need of forgiveness.

C **We would be lost forever unless we are saved from sin, death, and the devil.**

P But God the Father…

Sign of the Cross

P Receive the sign of the holy cross both on your forehead and on your heart. This marks you as someone who is redeemed, saved by Christ who died on the cross.

P In the Bible… He said to them,

C **"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it."**

P And he took the children in his arms, put his hands on them and blessed them. This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C **Praise Jesus! Alleluia!**

P Just as Jesus blessed those children, right now we are going to ask for Jesus to bless Marie as she joins the family of God by praying together the Lord's prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

Confession of Faith

P We shall all, together, faithfully confess in testimony of the forgiveness of sin and the birth and life of faith which God our Father gives us in and through the waters of Holy Baptism.

P Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?

C **In the name of Jesus I do renounce them!**

P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

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

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son?

C **Yes, I believe 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.**

P Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

C **Yes, 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.**

Baptism

Baptismal Candle

P Receive this light, and live your life in the light of Christ. Be ready for the day that He will come again to take us all home to be with Him in heaven.

C **Alleluia!**

Prayer

P Jesus, we praise you for this gift of Baptism and we ask you to bless **Marie** now that she has become Your child. Give her a faith that keeps growing. Bless her with Your love,

mercy, and life, and keep her living in the grace given to each of them today through baptism.

C **God, please bless her sponsor and all of us with Your grace and mercy. May we be examples of Christ to her, loving her always and teaching her to obey everything You have commanded. Help us, Your family of faith, to be a constant presence of Your love and grace to her and her parents now and always. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

Elder: Through Baptism God has added **Marie** *to His own people, to declare the wonderful deeds of our Savior Jesus, who has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light!*

C **We welcome you into the Lord's family! We receive you as a sister in Christ, children of our same Heavenly Father, to serve with us in His kingdom!**

P **Marie** the Lord Jesus bless you in all your ways from now until forever.

C **Amen. Alleluia! Amen.**

Service of the Word

The Old Testament Reading — Amos 5:18-24

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD! Why would you have the day
of the LORD? It is darkness, and not light,
19 as if a man fled from a lion, and a bear met him, or went into the house
and leaned his hand against the wall, and a serpent bit him.
20 Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light, and gloom with no
brightness in it?
21 "I hate, I despise your feasts, 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 peace offerings of your fattened animals, I will
not look upon them.
23 Take away from me the noise of your songs; to the melody of your harps
I will not listen.
24 But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-
flowing stream."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The Epistle Reading — 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

13 But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who
are asleep, 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 fallen asleep. 15 For this we declare
to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the
coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. 16 For the
Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the
voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the
dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be
caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and
so we will always be with the Lord. 18 Therefore encourage one another with
these words.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading — Matthew 25:1-13

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

1 [Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their
lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of them were foolish, and
five were wise. 3 For 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, they all became drowsy and slept. 6 But at midnight there was
a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' 7 Then all those

virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. [8]And the foolish said to the wise,
‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ [9]But the wise
answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go
rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ [10]And while they were going to
buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to
the marriage feast, and the door was shut. [11]Afterward the other virgins
came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ [12]But he answered, ‘Truly, I say
to you, I do not know you.’ [13]Watch therefore, for you know neither the day
nor the hour.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Message

Song of Response

“He Knows My Name”

Solo:

I have a Maker
He formed my heart
Before even time began
My life was in His hand

He knows my name
He knows my every thought
He sees each tear that falls
And hears me when I call
He hears me when I call

Congregation:

I have a Father
He calls me His own
He'll never leave me
No matter where I go

He knows my name
He knows my every thought
He sees each tear that falls
And hears me when I call
He hears me when I call

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Offering

Prayers of the Church

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.

C **Amen.**

+ CLOSING SONG +

“How Great Is Our God”

The splendor of the King
Clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice
All the earth rejoice
He wraps Himself in light
And darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice
And trembles at His voice

How great is our God
Sing with me
How great is our God
And all will see how great
How great is our God

Age to age He stands
And time is in His hands

Beginning and the End
Beginning and the End
The Godhead three in one
Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb
The Lion and the Lamb

How great is our God
Sing with me
How great is our God
And all will see how great
How great is our God

Name above all names
Worthy of all praise
My heart will sing
How great is our God

How great is our God
Sing with me
How great is our God
And all will see how great
How great is our God

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What's Happening @ Gethsemane

Flowers for Sunday:

By Kendra Williams in remembrance of her mother Gladys on her birthday, November 9th.



November 9th from 10 to 1 pm. For those of retirement age for fellowship and games, followed by devotion and potluck meal at noon. RSVP to Maria Keeling.

Sunday Morning Bible Classes @ 10:15 a.m.
Stay for coffee and cookies after the 9 a.m. worship service then join a Bible class!

Women's Bible Study: "Bless These Lips" – Led by Maria Keeling – Meets in the Library

"Luther's Small Catechism" – Led by Pastor James Jennings – Meets in the Life Center

Tuesday Morning Bible Class @ 10 a.m.
Join our midweek bible study with Pastor James as we continue to take a "Bird's Eye" view of the Bible.

Family Night Dinner
Join us for dinner on Wednesdays, from now through November 18th at 5:30pm in the Life Center for a home-cooked meal.



Dinner Price: (Cash only)
Adults - $5
Children (ages 5 to 11) - $2
Under 5 eat FREE!

Fall Congregational Meeting
Will be held November 15th after Bible Study.

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