Welcome

Gethsemane
LUTHERAN
Church & Preschool

October 25, 2026
22nd 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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+ PRELUDE +

+ WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS +

+ OPENING HYMN +

657 A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD



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+ INVOCATION +

(The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.)

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.

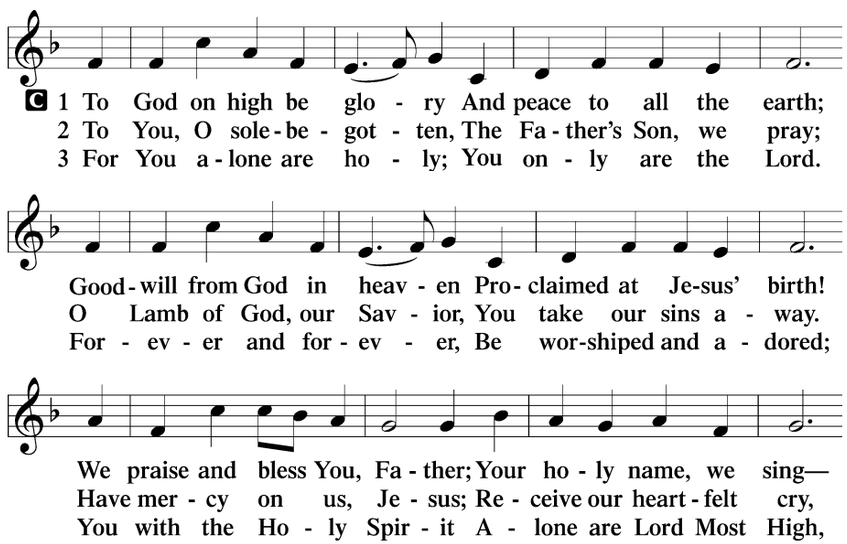
C **Amen.**

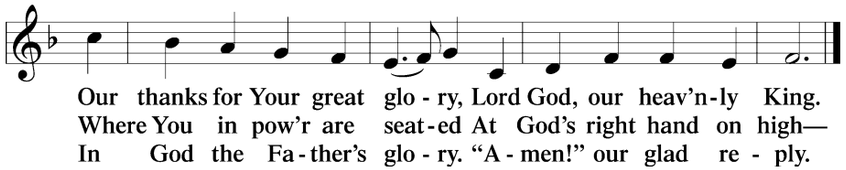
+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

KYRIE LSB 204



GLORIA IN EXCELSIS LSB 204





Text: Stephen P. Starke

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Revelation 14:6-7

6Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an
eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every
nation and tribe and language and people. 7And he said with a
loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of
his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and
earth, the sea and the springs of water."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 46; antiphon: v.7

1God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
2Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,
3though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble at its swelling.
4There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
5God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;
God will help her when morning dawns.
6The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.
7The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.
8Come, behold the works of the Lord,
how he has brought desolations on the earth.
9He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the chariots with fire.
10"Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!"
11The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

EPISTLE Romans 3:19-28

[19]Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. [20]For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

[21]But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— [22]the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: [23]for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, [24]and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, [25]whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. [26]It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

[27]Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. [28]For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA AND VERSE



HOLY GOSPEL John 8:31-36

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

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

[31]So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, [32]and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." [33]They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?"

[34]Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. [35]The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. [36]So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

℗ This is the Gospel of the Lord.

℃ **Praise to You, O Christ.**

MESSAGE

+ HYMN OF RESPONSE +

“JESUS PAID IT ALL” THE HYMNAL 210

I hear the Savior say
"Thy strength indeed is small
Child of weakness, watch and pray
Find in Me thine all in all"

Jesus paid it all
All to Him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed it white as snow

Lord, now indeed I find
Thy power and Thine alone
Can change the leper's spots
And melt the heart of stone

Jesus paid it all
All to Him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed it white as snow

And when before the throne
I stand in Him complete
"Jesus died, my soul to save"
My lips shall still repeat

Jesus paid it all
All to Him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed it white as snow

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APOSTLES’ CREED

OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

LORD’S PRAYER

BENEDICTION LSB 166

℗ 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.**

+ CLOSING HYMN +

"GOD OF OUR FATHERS" THE HYMNAL 573

God of our fathers, whose almighty hand
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
Our grateful songs before Thy throne arise.

Thy love divine hath led us in the past,
In this free land by Thee our lot is cast;
Be Thou our ruler, guardian, guide and stay,
Thy Word our law, Thy paths our chosen way.

From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,
Be Thy strong arm our ever sure defense;
Thy true religion in our hearts increase,
Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

Refresh Thy people on their toilsome way,
Lead us from night to never-ending day;
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
And glory, laud, and praise be ever Thine.

+ POSTLUDE +

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What's Happening @ Gethsemane

Flowers for October 25th:

By JayJay Kettler in remembrance of son Cody.

By Mary Ann and Fred Caton in remembrance of Shawn Underwood.

T-Shirt and Yard Sign Fundraiser!

See flyer in the Narthex, emailed newsletter or come stop by the office! All orders due by November 1st!



Decorate a Turkey Feather

Gethsemane is putting together our giant turkey in the Life Center and would love your help! Pick up a white feather in the Narthex to decorate. Bring back by November 3rd. We cannot wait to see how big the turkey will be this year!

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.

All Saints Sunday

As we prepare to observe All Saints Sunday, we invite you to share the names of loved ones who have passed away in the past year so we may remember them during the service. Please contact Pastor James or Schawna to have your loved one included in this special remembrance.

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