

# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH MONMOUTH, IL

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# Gathered by God, We Live Our Faith With:

Compassion, Grace, Gratitude, and Joy.

# **Welcome to Worship :: November 16, 2025**

# **Today's Worship Ministers**

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# **Check Out Our Welcome Center**

**Coffee Station:** We have a variety of Coffee and Tea options in our Narthex. Feel free to enjoy your beverage throughout the worship service

**Giving Station:** Our offering Plate and Vision and Purpose Giving Jar are located under the Narthex window

**Vision and Purpose:** In November, we are collecting for the Lutheran Preschool and Day Care to help support the center receiving new games, crafts, and other activities.

**Weekly Newsletters:** Print Copies of our weekly newsletter are available under the Narthex Window. The email version will be sent out on Monday. If you wish to receive a copy by email or a hard copy by mail, please let Pastor Jamie know.

#### In Our Prayers

Ila Roseberry, Kathi Cruce, Dean Sandstrom, Emily Agema, Janet Lowe, Brian Elliott, Wes Lovdahl, Doug Moulden, Marlene Moulden, Teresa Eyler, the family and friends of Linda Ellison

#### **Decorate for Advent/Christmas**

Join us after worship on Sunday, November 23rd

As we decorate our sanctuary for Advent and

Christmas

Help put up trees, ornaments, candles, and the Nativity scene

# **Order of Service**

#### **Gathering**

Announcements, Prelude Confession/Forgiveness The Peace

Opening Hymn; ELW 870 We Praise You, O God

# The Word

Pastoral Greeting
Kyrie: ELW Setting 4, page 147
"This Is The Feast": ELW Setting 4, page 149

# Prayer of the Day

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

Malachi 4:1-5; 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 Gospel Acclamation: ELW Setting 4, page 151 Luke 21:5-19 Sermon

Hymn: ELW 550, On What Has Now Been Sown Apostles' Creed Prayers of Intercession

#### **Holy Communion**

Offering Prayer

Offering Hymn: ELW 695, As Saints of Old, v1 Great Thanksgiving: ELW Setting 4, page 152 "Holy, Holy, Holy": ELW Setting 4, page 153

Lord's Prayer

# **Sending**

Benediction

Benediction Refrain: ELW 547, Sent Forth By God's Blessing v1

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Dismissal

# Malachi 4:1-5 The day is coming

- 4 See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. 2 But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. 3 And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the Lord of hosts.
- 4 Remember the teaching of my servant Moses, the statutes and ordinances that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel.
- 5 See, I will send you the prophet Elijah before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes. 6 He will turn the hearts of parents to their children and the hearts of children to their parents, so that I will not come and strike the land with a curse.

#### 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

#### A warning against taking advantage of the grace of God

6 Now we command you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from every brother or sister living irresponsibly and not according to the tradition that they received from us. 7 For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not irresponsible when we were with you, 8 and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day so that we might not burden any of you. 9 This was not because we do not have that right but in order to give you an example to imitate. 10 For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: anyone unwilling to work should not eat. 11 For we hear that some of you are living irresponsibly, mere busybodies, not doing any work. 12 Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. 13 Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

#### Luke 21:5-19

#### the signs of when these things shall happen

- 5 When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, 6 "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."
- 7 They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" 8 And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.
- 9 "When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." 10 Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; 11 there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.
- 12 "But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. 13 This will give you an opportunity to testify. 14 So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, 15 for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. 16 You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. 17 You will be hated by all because of my name. 18 But not a hair of your head will perish. 19 By your endurance you will gain your souls.