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Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost	November 16, 2025
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Welcome to God's house! Please allow us to keep in touch with you by signing the register in the foyer/narthex. Thank you!

Altar Flowers are placed today in Thanksgiving to God for his gift of government and those who benefit us in both civilian and military service.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated each week. Those Christians who truly believe that they receive the true body and blood of Christ Jesus our Savior, in, with and under the bread and wine are invited to partake in the Lord's Supper.

The Apostle Paul's words in 1 Corinthians 11:27-29 set forth, *"Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself."*

If you are concerned about having a proper understanding of the Lord's Supper, we urge you to speak with pastor. Questions and answers that may aid your understanding of and preparation for Holy Communion are on pages 329-330 in the pew hymnal.

Non-alcoholic white wine is located in the center of the individual cup trays for those who cannot tolerate alcohol.

† PREPARATION †

HYMN *“Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray” LSB #663*

Stand

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Job 19:25a; Psalm 107:2a; Exodus 15:13; Psalm 118:24*

Pastor: For I know that my Redeemer lives.

People: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so.

Pastor: You have led in Your steadfast love the people whom You have redeemed;

People: You have guided them by Your strength to Your holy abode.

Pastor: This is the day that the Lord has made;

People: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Colossians 1:13–14*

Pastor: The Lord has delivered us from the domain of darkness

People: and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Pastor: Almighty God and Father,

People: we confess, as Your people, our sinful human nature and the thoughts, words, and actions that are evil in Your sight. We need Your rescue. We need Your righteousness. We need a Redeemer. Mercifully draw near to us, O Lord. For the sake of Jesus Christ and His cross, rescue us from our troubles and cover our sin with true righteousness. Redeem our lives, that our days and deeds would be directed in Your peace. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son, Jesus, to die for you, and for His sake forgives You all Your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word made flesh and by His authority, I therefore forgive You all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

† WORD †

INTROIT *Psalm 55:1–2, 16–18, 22*

Pastor: Give ear to my prayer, O God,

People: and hide not Yourself from my plea for mercy!

Pastor: Attend to me, and answer me;

People: I am restless in my complaint and I moan,

Pastor: But I call to God,

People: and the Lord will save me.

Pastor: Evening and morning and at noon I utter my complaint and moan,

People: and He hears my voice.

Pastor: He redeems my soul in safety from the battle that I wage,

People: for many are arrayed against me.

Pastor: Cast your burden on the Lord, and He will sustain you;

People: He will never permit the righteous to be moved.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

KYRIE

Pastor: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies” LSB #873

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

**People: O Lord, almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may live and abide forever in Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.**

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Malachi 4:1–6*

¹ “For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ² But for you who fear 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 law of my servant Moses, the statutes and just decrees that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel.

⁵ “Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes. ⁶ And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *2 Thessalonians 3:(1–5) 6–13*

⁶Now we command you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from any brother who is walking in idleness and not in accord with the tradition that you received from us. ⁷For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you. ⁹It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate. ¹⁰For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. ¹¹For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. ¹²Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.

¹³As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

VERSE *Luke 21:28b*

Pastor: Alleluia! Straighten up and raise your heads,

People: **because your redemption is drawing near. Alleluia!**

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 21:5–28*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-first chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

(The Gospel is read.)

⁵While some were speaking of the temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, [Jesus] said, ⁶“As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.” ⁷And they asked him, “Teacher, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?” ⁸And he said, “See that you are not led astray. For many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is at hand!’ Do not go after them. ⁹And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not be at once.”

¹⁰Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. ¹¹There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. ¹²But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name's sake. ¹³This will be your opportunity to bear witness. ¹⁴Settle it therefore in your minds not to meditate beforehand how to answer, ¹⁵for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all for my name's sake. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your lives.

²⁰"But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has come near. ²¹Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, and let those who are inside the city depart, and let not those who are out in the country enter it, ²²for these are days of vengeance, to fulfill all that is written. ²³Alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! For there will be great distress upon the earth and wrath against this people. ²⁴They will fall by the edge of the sword and be led captive among all nations, and Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

²⁵"And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, ²⁶people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

CREED Nicene Creed

People: I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,

the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life † of the world to come. Amen.

CATECHISM *The Seventh Petition*

Pastor: The Seventh Petition of the Lord's Prayer:

People: **But deliver us from evil.**

Pastor: What does this mean?

People: **We pray in this petition, in summary, that our Father in heaven would rescue us from every evil of body and soul, possessions and reputation, and finally, when our last hour comes, give us a blessed end, and graciously take us from this valley of sorrow to Himself in heaven.**

Sit

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY *"The Day Is Surely Drawing Near" LSB #508*

SERMON

MEDITATION

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Redeemed in the Lord, we go to our God with our thanks, praise, and petitions, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Before Your throne, O Lord, we have an advocate: Jesus Christ, the Righteous. Grant to us the perfect peace of knowing He pleads for us and for our world.

People: **Hear us and be near us, O Lord.**

Pastor: Your Word, O Lord, is firmly fixed in the heavens. Teach us to turn to Your Word, trusting that by it You deliver us from danger and surround us with salvation.

People: **Hear us and be near us, O Lord.**

Pastor: You are faithful, O Lord, yet we are prone to wander. Pursue the weak, the worried, and the worldly, and bring them home to Your heart of love.

People: **Hear us and be near us, O Lord.**

Pastor: In times of trial, O Lord, You promise Your unfailing presence. Strengthen the sick and suffering, [*especially . . .*]. Supply them with support of both body and soul.

People: **Hear us and be near us, O Lord.**

Pastor: Your blessings abound, O Lord, yet we often fear scarcity and covet what others have. Give us contentment with the daily bread that comes from Your fatherly hand.

People: Hear us and be near us, O Lord.

Pastor: Insufficient are our prayers, O Lord, and so we rest in the intercession of the Spirit, the supplication of Your risen Son, and Your fatherly goodness, trusting that near to us, You see our truest needs and You will grant to us those petitions that are beneficial to our faith in Christ and our vocations in which You call us. We place these prayers into Your hands in the name of our Redeemer, Jesus.

People: Amen.

OFFERTORY *"Create in Me" LSB #956*

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence;
And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation;
And uphold me with Thy free spirit.
Amen.**

**Offering boxes are on each side of the doors exiting the sanctuary*

† SACRAMENT †

PREFACE *2 Timothy 4:22*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly worthy, proper, and beneficial that we would give thanks to You in every time and place, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who bought our redemption through His sinless obedience and innocent suffering and death. Shedding blood more priceless than gold, Christ won for us pardon and peace, and now lives and rules at Your right hand, that He might intercede for those He has purchased from sin, death, and Satan's power. As we eagerly await His returning, gather our hearts and voices with all the redeemed, that along with angels and archangels we may bless and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS *p. 161 in LSB*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the
highest.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord God of all creation, for You have displayed Your power and Your provision in the merciful sending of Your Son, Jesus Christ. We praise You that He wore our flesh and bore our sins, and that He invites us to His Table to share in the fruits of His victory. Gather us in faith to receive the true body and blood of our Savior, Jesus, as those in need of His redemption. Give us hearts that overflow with gratitude and yearn for the nearness of our Redeemer, who died, who is risen, and who is coming again, through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20;
1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST *1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9-13*

**People: 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.**

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI *p. 163 in LSB*

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“The Clouds of Judgment Gather” LSB #513

“Glorious Day” John Wilbur Chapman, Mark Hall, Michael Bleecker

**One day when heaven was filled with His praises,
One day when sin was as black as could be.
Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin,
Dwelt among men my example is He.
Word became flesh and the light shined among us,
His glory revealed**

Chorus

**Living He loved me, dying he saved me,
Buried He carried my sins far away.
Rising He justified freely forever
One day He’s coming, oh glorious day, oh glorious day**

**One day they led him up Calvary’s mountain.
One day they nailed Him to die on a tree.
Suffering anguish despised and rejected,
Bearing our sins my Redeemer is He.
Hands that healed nations, stretched out on a tree,**

That took the nails for me

Chorus

**Living He loved me, dying he saved me,
Buried He carried my sins far away.
Rising He justified freely forever
One day He's coming, oh glorious day, oh glorious day**

**One day the grave could conceal him no longer.
One day the stone rolled away from the door.
Then he arose over death he had conquered.
Now has ascended my Lord ever more.
Death could not hold Him, the grave could not keep Him,
from rising again**

Chorus

**Living He loved me, dying he saved me,
Buried He carried my sins far away.
Rising He justified freely forever
One day He's coming, Oh glorious day,
Oh glorious da-ay, Oh glorious da-ay**

Bridge

**One day the trumpet will sound for His coming!
One day the skies with his glory will shine!
Wonderful day my beloved one bringing my Savior!
Jesus is mine.....**

Chorus

**Living he loved me, dying he saved me,
Buried he carried, my sins far away.
Rising he justified, freely forever
One day He's coming, Oh glorious day!, oh glorious da-ay!!,
Oh glorious da-ay!!, Oh glorious day.**

“How Wide the Love of Christ” LSB #535

Stand

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE *(p. 164 in hymnal)*

Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-‘ry-one what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.
Lord Jesus Christ, as You have enlivened our hearts through Your Holy
Supper, keep us ever alert and awake, ready to meet You and rejoice in Your
drawing near. By Your grace, allow us to stand in Your truth and lift our heads
in firm faith, that free from fear, we would witness to Your redeeming love for
us and for the world, for You live and reign with the Father and the Spirit, one
God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: 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.

People: **Amen.**

HYMN *“Herald, Sound the Note of Judgment” LSB #511*

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This Week at Grace

Today 9:00 a.m. Worship
Coffee & Youth Biscuits
10:45 a.m. Voters Assembly

Monday 6:00 p.m. Bible Study

Wednesday 1:00 p.m. Bible Study
6:00 p.m. Potluck Fellowship
6:45 p.m. Prayer & Praise

For the week November 16 – 22, 2025

Birthdays

11/16 Donald Greene
11/20 Gwen Armstrong
11/21 Henry Stegall

Baptismal Anniversary

11/18 Michael Thalheim
Victoria Thalheim
11/20 Gwen Armstrong

In the palm of God's Hands...

BATTLING CANCER: Alyssa Rogers, Beau Bourgeois, Charlene Shroyer, Helen Duplantis, Michael Hamilton, Mike Moss, Nileen Nemeth and Tommy Hebert.

RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Lynn Cinnater and Tom Kinsella.

CHRONIC CONDITIONS & ELDERLY: Bob Dieterian, Charles Calloway, Connie Oswalt, DeAnn Barrios, Donna Bass, Donna Von Burgsdorff, Frank Alessio, Harla Lemmerman, James Hillman, Jackie Webb, Jaxon Greene, Jeanne Norman, Jim Lemmerman, John Partain, John Wegner, Josephine Hebert, Kim Cape, Marilyn Beach, Mike Wallace, Nancy Kuffel, Richard LaCour and Toni St. Amant.

MOURNING A LOSS: The family of Laura Robson.

NEW & EXPECTING MOTHERS: Karoline and Khyler Anthony, Lei'Lyn Hebert and Arthur and Nikki and baby Boudreaux. 

SERVING IN OUR ARMED FORCES & THEIR FAMILY: Haize Shroyer, Jason Reid-O'Neill, Jaxx Dardar, Julia Shroyer, Kyle Turcott, Lei'Lyn Hebert and Noah Scheufens.

COLLEGE STUDENTS: Alyssah Kinsella, Jonathan Dahl, Nicholas Scott, Niyah Shroyer, Victoria (Shroyer) Alcantara and Victoria Thalheim.



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