

**LET US HOLD
FAST THE CONFESSION
OF OUR HOPE
WITHOUT WAVERING,
FOR HE WHO PROMISED IS**

faithful.

HEBREWS 10:23

November 17th, 2024
The Twenty-Sixth Sunday of Pentecost
Our Savior's Lutheran Church



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*A congregation of the
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*

Welcome to Worship!

We're glad that you are here
as part of worship!

**Our Savior's Lutheran Church
welcomes all!**

We gather for worship called by
God's Spirit from many places of
compass and heart. We bring stories of
where God has met and sustained us
along the way. We bring questions and
yearnings to see God's presence more
fully in our world. We are brought

together by a God
who knows us as
Creator, and who
gathers us as only a
Good Shepherd
can—to lead us into
what it means to be
God's people here
in this place.

As God's people, we
are continually



learning what it means to be truly
encouraging and supportive to all. We
are committed to care for, to love, to
understand, and to listen to each other,
regardless of ethnicity, age, sexual
orientation, gender identity, physical
or mental ability, social or economic
status. To all we extend a heartfelt
invitation to join us on this journey, as
partners in the full life and ministry of
Christ the Servant.

The Bible reminds us to “*remember
the Sabbath day*”. We remember that
“*This is the Lord's day*”, and as we
gather to worship the God who
deserves our praise, the Lord will do
for us what the Lord does: feed us,
forgive us, help and heal us. Rejoice at
all the wonderful things God is doing.

We hope that you will feel at home!

We hope you feel Christ's welcome
in our service, and hope to see you
again soon.

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Introduction

November begins with All Saints Day and ends in or near Advent, when we anticipate Christ's coming again. It is fitting, then, that the readings today tell of the final resurrection and the end time. In the turmoil of hope, fear, and disbelief that these predictions provoke in us, Hebrews sounds a note of confident trust. Christ makes a way for us where there is no way, and we walk it confidently, our hearts and bodies washed in baptismal water, trusting the one who has promised forgiveness. The more we see the last day approaching, the more important it is to meet together to provoke one another to love.

PRELUDE—WORDS OF WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our refuge, our delight, our beginning and our end.

G Amen.

P Let us come in truth before the one who loves us
and has freed us from our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,

G **we confess that sin has taken hold of us
and we are complicit in its power.**

We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest.

Unbind us and set us free.

Lead us again to the waters of rebirth,

that we may live just and generous lives

for the good of your world

and the care of our neighbors,

following in the servant way of Jesus. Amen.

P These words are trustworthy and true:

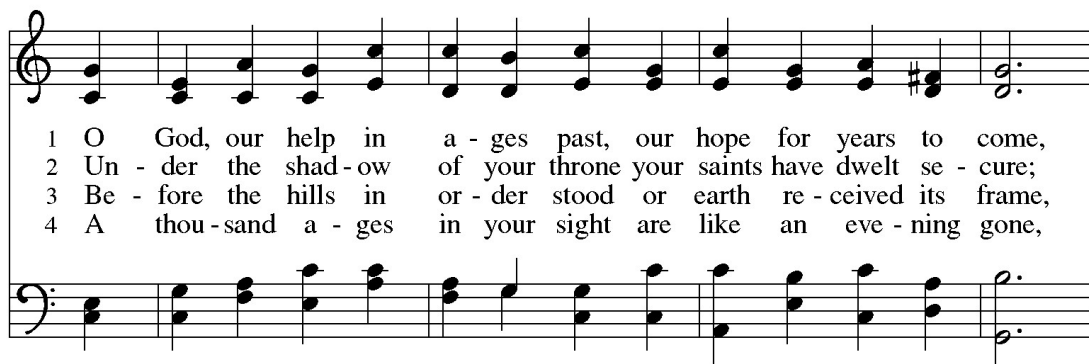
Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross, swallowing up death forever.

For his sake, you are ☩ forgiven

and God remembers your sin no more.

Let your heart be glad again, and rejoice in your salvation.

G Amen.



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
 2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
 suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
 bears all our years away;
 we fly forgotten, as a dream
 dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
 our hope for years to come,
 still be our guard while troubles last
 and our eternal home!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.
 Music: ST. ANNE, William Croft, 1678–1727

GREETING

- P** Sisters and brothers in Christ, beloved children of God:
 grace, mercy, and peace be with you all.
- G** And also with you.

KYRIE*With One Voice, Setting Five*

A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.
 Lord, have mer - cy:

A Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **C** Christ, have mer - cy.
 Christ, have mer - cy:

A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.
 Lord, have mer - cy:

HYMN OF PRAISE*With One Voice, Setting Five*

C Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;

glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we

wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

C Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



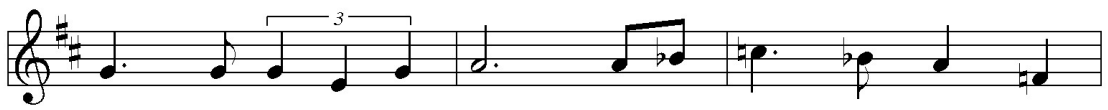
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



☩ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir- it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa- ther, A - men.



Glo- ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth,



and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God, before creation began

it was your purpose to bring us salvation and peace.

Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world,

trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done

through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CHOIR ANTHEM

Ancient Words, John Purifoy

Choir: To God alone be the glory! Thanks be to God!

FIRST READING: DANIEL 12:1-3

The book of Daniel is an example of apocalyptic literature, which is full of strange visions and symbolism. Arising during times of great persecution, apocalyptic literature is concerned with God's revelation about the end time and the coming kingdom of God, when God will vindicate the righteous who have been persecuted.

¹ "At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. ² Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³ Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever."

A Word of God, word of life.

G Thanks be to God.

PSALM 16

¹ Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;
I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

² **All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,
upon those who are noble among the people.**

³ But those who run after other gods
shall have their troubles multiplied.

⁴ **I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,
never take their names upon my lips.**

⁵ O LORD, you are my portion and my cup;
it is you who uphold my lot.

⁶ **My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;
indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

⁷ I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me night after night.

⁸ **I have set the LORD always before me;
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

⁹ My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;
my body also shall rest in hope.

¹⁰ **For you will not abandon me to the grave,
nor let your holy one see the pit.**

¹¹ You will show me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

SECOND READING: HEBREWS 10:11-14 [15-18] 19-25

Images of worship and sacrifice are used throughout Hebrews to highlight what Christ has uniquely accomplished through his death. Because we have received forgiveness through Christ's death, we live with sincere hearts by trusting in God's promises and encouraging love and good works from each other.

¹¹ Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. ¹² But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, "he sat down at the right hand of God," ¹³ and since then has been waiting "until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet." ¹⁴ For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

¹⁹ Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

A Word of God, word of life. **G** Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

With One Voice—Setting Five

G Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: MARK 13:1-8

In the last week of his life, Jesus warned his disciples concerning trials that were to come upon them and upon the world. He exhorts the listener: Do not be alarmed.

¹ As [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” ² Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.”

³ When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴ “Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” ⁵ Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. ⁶ Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. ⁷ When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. ⁸ For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.”

P The gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

When Peace Like A River

ELW #785



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my
4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.



It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

CREED

- C** I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
- I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
- I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- P** Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation.
A brief silence.
- P** O God, in the washing of baptismal water you set us free from the power of sin and death. Unite all the baptized in the covenant you have made with us, as we strive for your justice and
- peace in all the earth. Merciful God,
- C** receive our prayer.
- A** By your merciful might you sustain all creation. Stir us from complacency with the harm we inflict on the earth, and urge us to adopt sustainable ways of life that protect and restore our planet. Merciful God,
- C** receive our prayer.

P With a selfless power you protect all who take refuge in you. As nations rise against nations, defend all who are displaced or affected by war or violence. We especially remember the vulnerable ground between military powers in Gaza, Lebanon, Yemen, Ukraine, and Russia. Empower all people and nations to pursue peace. Merciful God,

G receive our prayer.

A In your presence you give fullness of joy. Care for all for whom joy feels distant. Be present with persons experiencing depression, anxiety, addiction, or any mental illness. Bring them healing and wholeness. Merciful God,

G receive our prayer.

P Through the years you have gathered your church and this community for worship, fellowship, formation, and service. Enable us to look beyond the

walls of our building to perceive where you are calling us forward.

Merciful God,

G receive our prayer.

A With thanksgiving we remember all those saints who have gone before us and who delight in your everlasting presence. As their lives inspire ours, provoke us always to love, holding fast to the confession of our hope in you. Merciful God,

G receive our prayer.

P We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

G Amen.

P The peace of Christ Jesus be with you always.

G And also with you.

The sharing of God's peace with each other.



OFFERING AND OFFERTORY



G Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles - sing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were

sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.

Gath- er the hopes and dreams of all; u- nite them with the prayers we

of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,

Lord, and give us a fore- taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

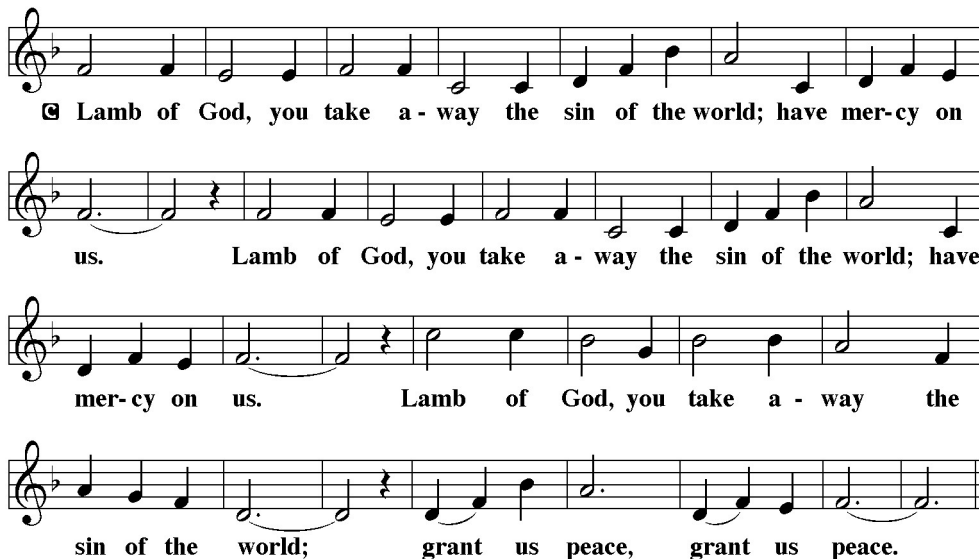
- Blessed are you, O God,
source of every gift of your creation.
By these gifts and with our lives,
help us to serve one another and all in need,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

- In the night in which He was betrayed.....

LORD'S PRAYER

- 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.

LAMB OF GOD*With One Voice—Setting Five*

☩ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

- ☩** Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal
and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others
and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING AND SENDING

- ☐** God all mighty, God most merciful ✠ bless you, keep you,
and give you peace

- ☩** *Amen, Amen, Amen (sung)*

SENDING HYMN*Soon and Very Soon**ELW # 439*

- 1 Soon and ver - y soon
2 No more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
3 No more dy - in' there,
4 Soon and ver - y soon



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 soon and ver - y soon

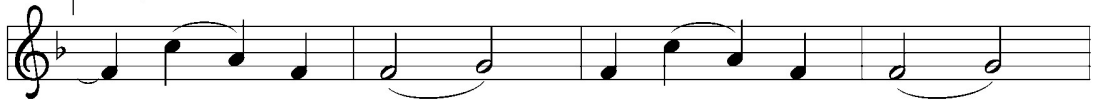


soon and ver - y soon
 no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King.
 no more dy - in' there,
 soon and ver - y soon



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!

Coda after stanza 4



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu -



jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

Text: Andraé Crouch, b. 1945

Music: VERY SOON, Andraé Crouch

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DISMISSAL

- A Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.
- B Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Gatherings this Week:

Sunday, Nov. 17th	10:00	Worship
	11:15	Executive Cmt
Mon, Nov. 18th	9:15	Offering Counters
Wed, Nov. 20th	7:30	Men's Square—Text Study
	12:00	Women's Bible Study
	1:15	Prayer Chain
	7:00	Church Council
Thur., Nov. 21st	9:30	Quilters—with German Rolls from Pastor Eric
	1:00	Ladies Let's Talk
Friday, Nov. 22nd	6:00	Game Night!!
Sunday, Nov. 24th	10:00	Worship—Christ the King Sunday
		Blessing of the Quilts
		Change for Change

SERVING NOVEMBER 17TH

Usher: Sanna Beerman
Greeter: Carole Miller
Reader: Awaiting Volunteer
Altar Guild: Carol Anderson, Gloria Johnson
Fellowship: Emilio & Sandra Vanni
Offer. Coll.: Sanna Beerman
Counters: Clarice Flanagan, Bob Dickenson
Pianist/Organist: Michelle Payton
Cantor: Ellen Forslund
Pastor: Eric Finsand

SERVING NOVEMBER 24TH

Usher: Emilio Vanni
Greeter: Lorraine Myhr
Reader: Awaiting Volunteer
Altar Guild: Carol Anderson, Gloria Johnson
Fellowship: Emilio & Sandra Vanni
Offer. Coll.: Sanna Beerman
Counters: Clarice Flanagan, Bob Dickenson
Pianist/Organist: Michelle Payton
Cantor: Ellen Forslund
Pastor: Eric Finsand