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November 10th, 2024
Twenty-Fifth Sunday after 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.

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday of Pentecost

November 10, 2024

Introduction

Widows are visible everywhere in today's readings. Jesus denounces those scribes who pray impressive prayers but devour widows' houses. He commends the poor widow who in his view gave far more than the major donors. Jesus doesn't see her simply as an object of compassion or charity. She, like the widow of Zarephath who shares her last bit of food with Elijah, does something of great importance.

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.

GATHERING SONG***For the Fruit of All Creation*****ELW # 679**

1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional

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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;



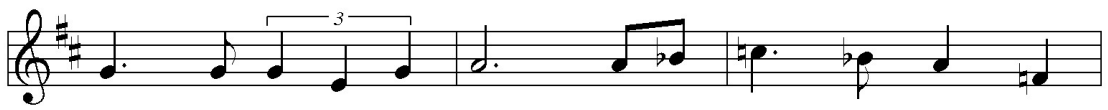
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



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.

☒ **O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: 1 KINGS 17:8-16

This chapter begins the story of Elijah. God sends a drought on Israel because of the sins of King Ahab. This passage depicts God's saving acts not only on behalf of Elijah, but also on behalf of those who are associated with the prophet, even a foreigner, the widow of Zarephath.

⁸ The word of the LORD came to [Elijah,] saying, ⁹ "Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you." ¹⁰ So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink." ¹¹ As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." ¹² But she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal

in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.”¹³ Elijah said to her, “Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son.”¹⁴ For thus says the LORD the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the LORD sends rain on the earth.”¹⁵ She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days.¹⁶ The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

A Word of God, word of life.

G **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 146

¹ Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

² **I will praise the LORD as long as I live;**

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

³ Put not your trust in rulers,

in mortals in whom there is no help.

⁴ **When they breathe their last, they return to earth,
and in that day their thoughts perish.**

⁵ Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,
whose hope is in the LORD their God;

⁶ **who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;
who keeps promises forever;**

⁷ who gives justice to those who are oppressed,

and food to those who hunger. The LORD sets the captive free.

⁸ **The LORD opens the eyes of the blind;
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
the LORD loves the righteous.**

⁹ The LORD cares for the stranger;

the LORD sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.

¹⁰ **The LORD shall reign forever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

SECOND READING: HEBREWS 9:24-28

The letter to the Hebrews describes Christ as a high priest who offers himself as a sacrifice for our sin. Christ does not die again and again each year. He died once, is alive with God, and will reveal himself on the last day.

²⁴ Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ²⁵ Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; ²⁶ for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷ And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, ²⁸ so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him .

A Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

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.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff contains the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?' with a square symbol at the beginning. The second staff contains the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.' The third staff contains the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The music consists of eighth and quarter notes, with some notes beamed together.

GOSPEL: MARK 12:38-44

After engaging in a series of public arguments with religious leaders in the temple, Jesus contrasts the proud and oppressive ways of those leaders with the sacrificial humility and poverty of the widow.

³⁸ As [Jesus] taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, ³⁹ and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! ⁴⁰ They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

⁴¹ He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴² A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³ Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴ For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

P The gospel of the Lord. **G** Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Borning Cry

ELW #732



1 “I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I’ll be there when you are old.
2 “When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
3 “In the mid-dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



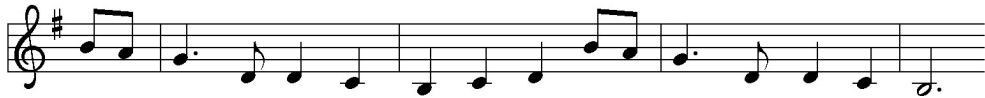
I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold.
you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.
I’ll be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I’ve be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell.”
I’ll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun.”
I’ll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise.”



4 “I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I’ll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to see your life un - fold.”

HOLY BAPTISM – KAYLEE LOUISE FALTIN

- P** In baptism our gracious heavenly Father liberates us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, which is the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Natalie and Cody,

called by the Holy Spirit, and trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire **Kaylee,** to be baptized into Christ?

R We do.

- P** As you bring **Kaylee** to receive baptism, we celebrate the gift she is from God, we surround her with our love in the confidence that she is loved by God. And we make commitments to each other so that as she grows she will see and experience God’s presence and call to her whole life.

As parents and as the ones who will be her central models of faith, you are also entrusted with responsibilities:

Will you continue to gather with disciples growing in Christ,
will you allow **Kaylee** to be present in worship,
will you allow her to receive communion,
will you involve her in Sunday School and Youth programs
so that **Kaylee** can hear the words of faith;
and then experience them as God shapes her heart to be one of
the places where Christ's grace is known in this world.

Do you promise to help **Kaylee** grow in living faith in Christ?

R We do.

P Barb, as **Kaylee's** baptismal sponsor—

Do you also promise to support Cody and Natalie in their stewardship as Kaylee's parents. Will you support them in their love for **Kaylee**. Will you remember **Kaylee** in prayer, and show her from your own life a love of God and discipleship to Christ?

R I will.

P Then with all the people of God here today
I ask you then to profess your faith in Christ Jesus,
reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

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.**

P **Kaylee Louise**
I baptize you in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit!

G **Kaylee Louise you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Amen!**

P Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit
you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin,
and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain **Kaylee** with the gift of your Holy Spirit:
the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the
spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord,
the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

P Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works
and glorify your Father in heaven.

P The peace of the Lord be with you always!

G **And also with you!**

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

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.

A Renew your church, O God. Make us servants to one another for the sake of the gospel. Instill a heart for service and a passion for justice throughout the Church – from Pastors and Bishops and Deacons, to Church Council Members and Committee leaders, to the quiet volunteers whose service holds congregations together.

Merciful God,

G **receive our prayer.**

P *[Here will be included a prayer for our nation and society following the*

November 5th elections – not written on the Monday prior to elections, but in the days following.] Merciful God,

G **receive our prayer.**

A Renew the nations, O God. This week we call to heart all those who have served their neighbors as Veterans. We give you thanks for their willingness to use their lives to protect their community and to protect the vulnerable throughout the world. We remember those who cannot return home – those who gave their lives in service. We ask your comfort to be with their parents, their siblings, their partners, and their children. We also ask you to heal veterans from the unseen wounds of war. Tend to their

trauma and soothe burdened consciences. Guide leaders of the world to resolve conflicts and pursue peace. Merciful God,

☞ receive our prayer.

P Renew your people, O God. Protect those in our communities who are vulnerable or ill. Accompany persons who are unemployed or underemployed, children who are in foster care, and those who live alone. Watch over and uphold them. Merciful God,

☞ receive our prayer.

A Renew this congregation, O God. Give us clarity in our mission and boldness in our witness. Bless our ministries that attend to basic needs of any who lack

sufficient resources, that all may live with dignity. Merciful God,

☞ receive our prayer.

P Happy are those whose help was in you. We give thanks for all your faithful ones who praised you as their God all their life long. As we eagerly wait for you, inspire us by their lives of service. Merciful God,

☞ receive our prayer.

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

☞ Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P 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.**

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

P God all mighty, God most merciful † bless you, keep you,
and give you peace

C *Amen, Amen, Amen (sung)*

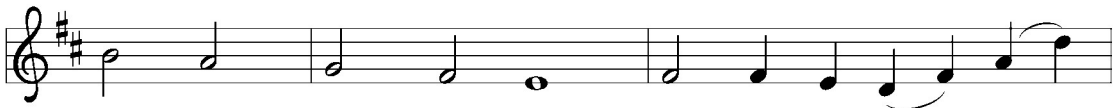
SENDING HYMN

Jesus Shall Reign

ELW # 434



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners
5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
throng to crown his head; his name like sweet per -
love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
hon - ors to our king; an - gels de - scend with



shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Follow Jesus. **C** *Thanks be to God!*

POSTLUDE

Blue Plate Special

Gather . . . Eat . . . Support Ministry . . .

Walk in the tradition of supporting the Pre-Release ministry over the years, and enjoy a meticulously-prepared Meatloaf *Blue plate Special*.

Join the crew following service today.



Gatherings this Week:

Sunday, Nov 10th	10:00	Worship—Kaylee Faltin Baptism!!
Mon, Nov 11th	9:15	Offering Counters
	1:00	Human Concerns Cmt
	7:00	Property & Finance
Tue, Nov 12th	5:30	Worship & Music Cmt
	6:30	Education Cmt
Wed, Nov 13th	7:30	Men's Square—Text Study
	12:00	Women's Bible Study
Sunday, Nov 17th	10:00	Worship
		Executive Committee Meeting
		following worship

SERVING NOVEMBER 10TH

Usher: Nancy Traner
Greeter: Amy Ford
Reader: Awaiting Volunteer
Altar Guild: Carol Anderson, Gloria Johnson
Fellowship: Emilio & Sandra Vanni
Offer. Coll.: Luana Brown
Counters: Clarice Flanagan, Bob Dickenson
Pianist/Organist: Madeleine Folkerts
Cantor: Ellen Forslund
Pastor: Eric Finsand

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