

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 8, 2026

MISSION STATEMENT

To reflect God's love through caring service to our church, the community, and the world.

WELCOME STATEMENT

We welcome and encourage the full participation of all people, regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, age, ability, appearance, or anything else that threatens to divide us. We have all been claimed as God's children, and all are welcome here.

"There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus."
-Galatians 3:28

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Presiding Minister—Pastor Anne Andert
Organist/Choir Director—Cheryl Licary
AV Assistant—Grant Dusso

Assisting Minister—Rebecca Wallendal
Communion Assistants—Esther Wallendal and Jacon Wallendal
Communion Prep—Rebecca Wallendal
Lector—Esther Wallendal
Greeter—Darryl and Nancy Schutte
Ushers—Terry Amundson, Steve Christensen,
Rich Olmstead, and Darryl Schutte

INTRODUCTION

Today the prophet Amos calls for justice to roll down like waters. Paul urges us to encourage one another with the promised coming of the Lord. Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. Surrounded by the faithful of every time and place, we celebrate Christ's coming in our midst in the word of life and the feast of victory—the marriage feast of the Lamb.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Please take a moment to fill out the yellow worship card, which will be collected during the gathering hymn.

WELCOME

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Blessed by the Holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our hope, our heart, our home.

Congregation: Amen

P: We confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

A brief silence.

P: Everlasting God, the Alpha and the Omega,
the beginning and the end,

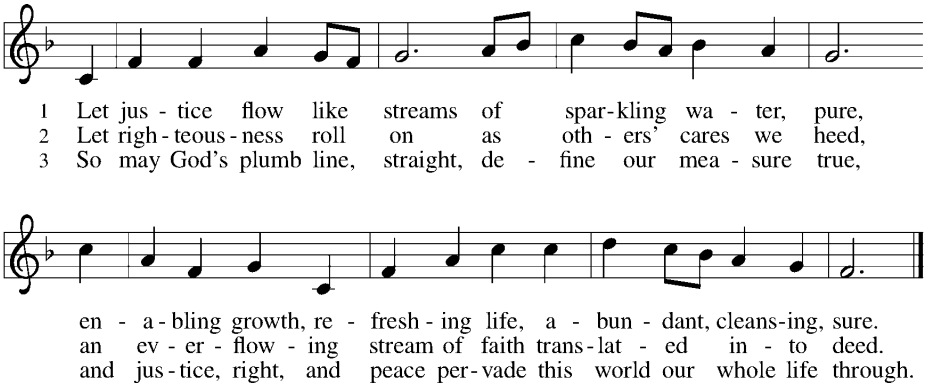
**C: we confess that we participate in systems
that perpetuate oppression and injustice.
We are often numb to the pain of the world around us,
resistant to change that costs us something,
and reluctant to love our neighbors as ourselves.
We sin against your good creation, failing to be faithful
stewards of the land, the sea, and all their creatures.
Make your home among us once more, O God,
naming us beloved and opening our hearts
to do your will. Amen.**

P: All you saints and sinners, this good news is for you:
God knows you, forgives you by the self-giving of ☩ Jesus Christ,
and frees you to love the world as you have been loved. Creation's
story will not end until mourning, crying, and pain are no more.
When everything else changes, God's love is steadfast and sure.
Nothing can ever separate you from the love of God in Christ Jesus
our Lord.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Let Justice Flow like Streams—ELW #717



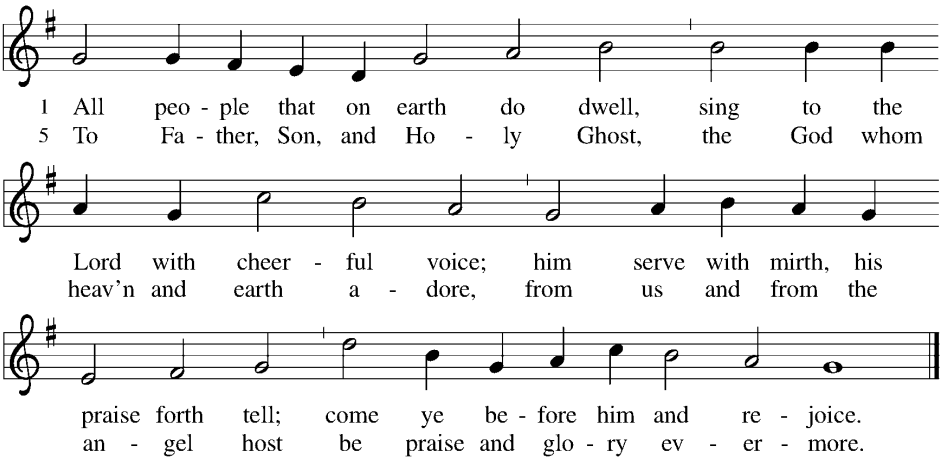
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GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray… O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

WORD_____

FIRST LESSON: Amos 5:18-24

L: A reading from Amos.

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD!
Why do you want the day of the LORD? It is darkness, not light,
19 as if someone fled from a lion and was met by a bear or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall and was bitten by a snake.
20 Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?
21 I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them,
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.
23 Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
24 But let justice roll down like water
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 70

L: We read Psalm 70 responsively:

1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me;
O LORD, make haste to help me.
2 **Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confounded;**
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and
be disgraced.
3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me
turn back because of their shame.
4 **Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;**
let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great is the LORD!"
5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God.
You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, do not tarry.

SECOND LESSON: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

L: A reading from First Thessalonians.

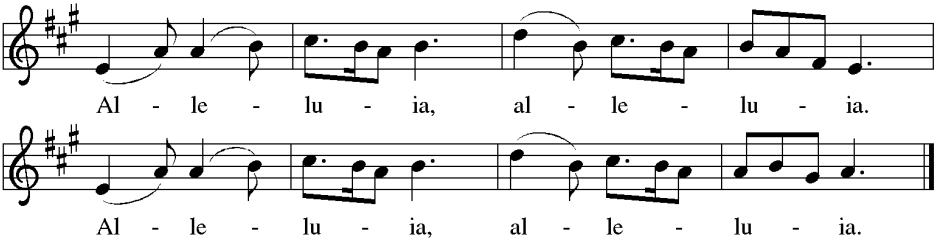
13 We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. 15 For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. 16 For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord forever. 18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.

L: The word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Celtic Alleluia—ELW #174



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GOSPEL: Matthew 25:1-13

P: The holy gospel, according to Matthew, the 25th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] [1] "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. [2] Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. [3] When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, [4] but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. [5] As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. [6] But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' [7] Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. [8] The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' [9] But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' [10] And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. [11] Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' [12] But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' [13] Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.
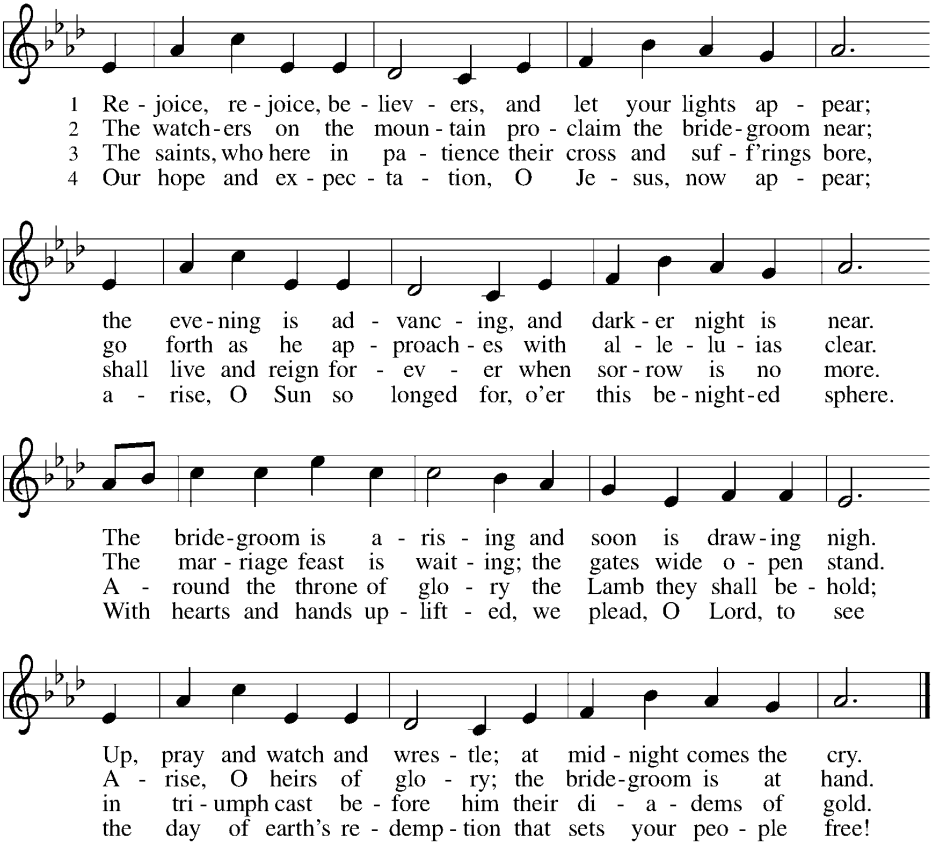
Please be seated.

SERMON *The Measure of Wisdom* Pastor Anne Andert

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Rejoice, Rejoice Believers—#ELW 244



Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660–1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823–1907
Music: HAF TRONES LAMPA FÄRDIG, Swedish folk tune

APOSTLES' CREED

P: With the whole church, we confess our faith.

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.

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray: Holy and Patient God,
You know the thoughts that arrive all at once,
the griefs that speak over one another,
the joys that wait quietly to be noticed,
and the prayers that begin before words can find them.

When our minds feel crowded and our hearts grow weary
from carrying more than they were meant to hold,
gather us again into your gentle presence.
Still the anxious currents within us.
Loosen what has become tight with worry.
Quiet the voices that insist everything must be done today,
and awaken within us the wisdom to recognize
the one faithful step before us.

Root our feet firmly upon the earth you have made.
Fill our lungs with the breath that first gave us life.
Turn our faces toward beauty,
our hands toward mercy,
our hearts toward hope,
and our souls toward the deep stillness
where Christ is already waiting.

Make us gentle with ourselves,
as you are always gentle with us.
Free us from measuring our worth by what we accomplish,
and teach us instead to rest in the everlasting truth
that we are your beloved,
held before we strive,
loved before we succeed,
and cherished long after the work of this day is done.

Grant us the courage to begin again,
the humility to rest when we must,
and the peace that passes all understanding,
until every scattered thought,
every unfinished sentence,
and every corner of our lives
finds its home in you.

Through Jesus Christ, who gathers the weary,
restores the burdened, and calls us beloved.
Amen

Prayer written by Rev. Allison Burns-LaGreca

MEAL

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

C: And also with you.

Please greet one another, as you feel comfortable, using these or similar words: ***Peace be with you.*** *After the sharing of the peace, you may be seated.*

Please be seated.

OFFERING

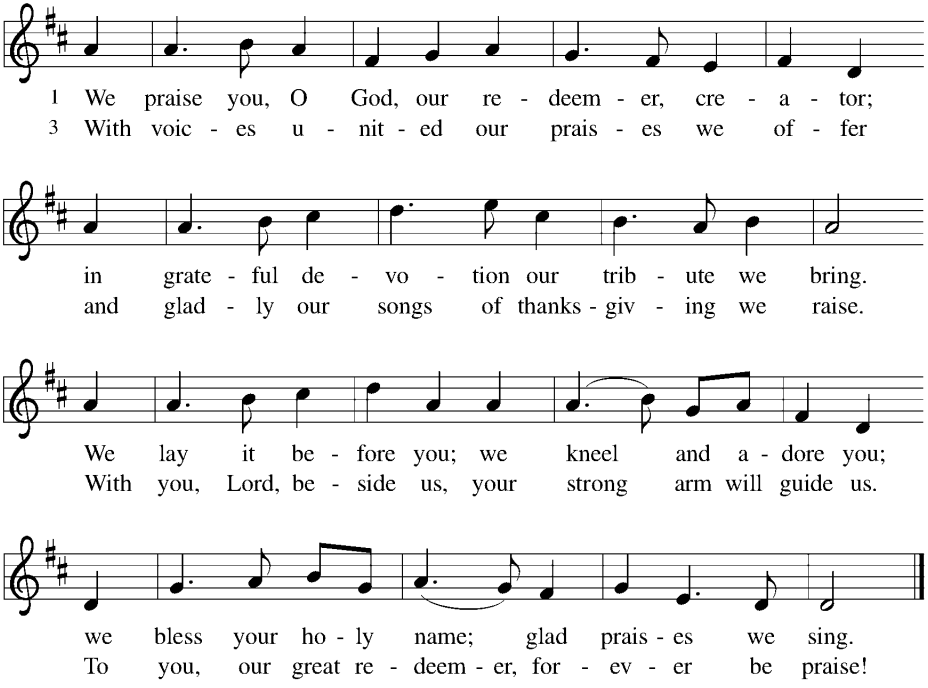
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Offering is received as ushers pass the plate down each row. As we sing the Offertory, ushers bring offering forward.

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY

We Praise You, O God—ELW #870:1-3



Text: Julia C. Cory Music: KREMSER, A. Valerius
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OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray… Eternal God,
our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

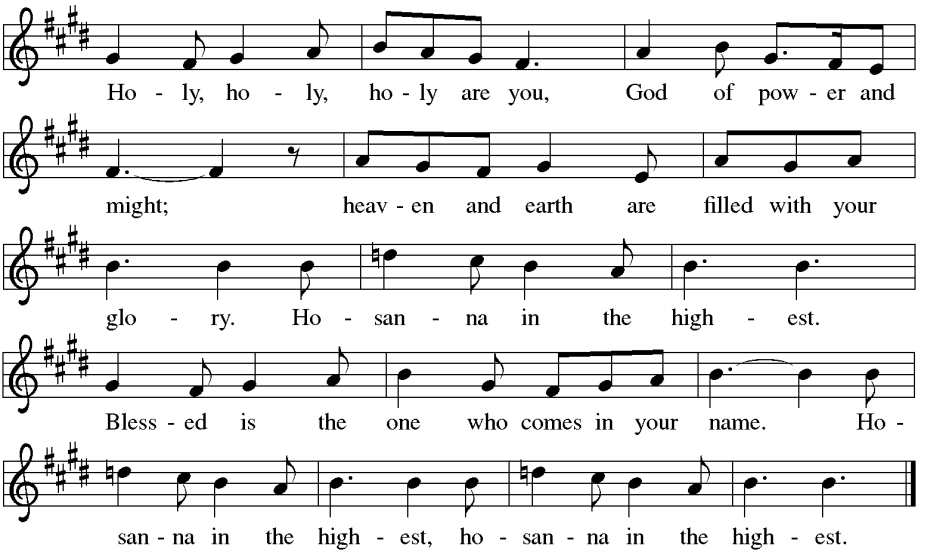
P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of
everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we us pray as Jesus taught us:

C: 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Receive who you are; Become what you've received:
The body of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All are welcome to receive Communion.
Come forward by the center aisle and return to pews by side aisle.
The bread is given first, then select either a small cup of red wine or white grape juice. Gluten free wafers are available; please ask the server. Empty cups are placed in the basket. Children may come forward for a blessing.

HOLY COMMUNION

For those joining us by livestream.

Please stand as you are able.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Let us pray… Holy God,
we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal.
You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly. Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever.

C: Amen.
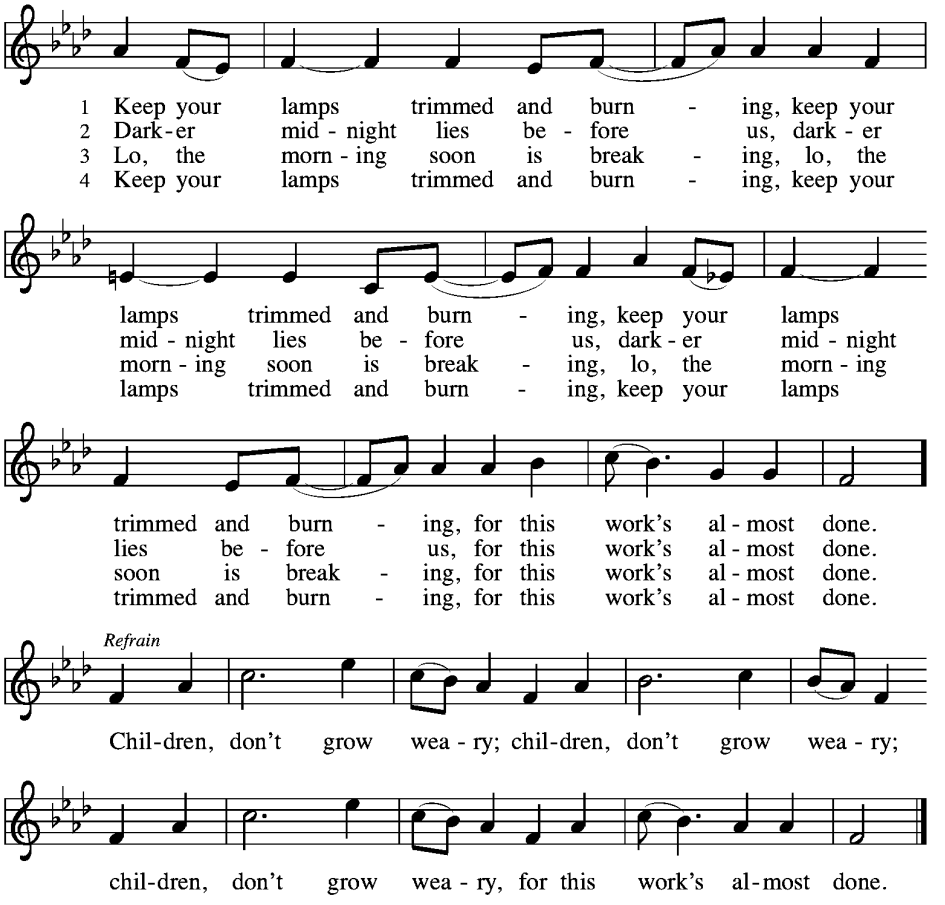
SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION ✢

SENDING HYMN

Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning—ACS #949



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual
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DISMISSAL

A: People of God, go in peace,

C: to do justice,
love kindness,
and to walk humbly with our God. *(Micah 6:8)*

POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL BUDGET MEETING
Our annual Congregational Budget Meeting will be held on **Sunday, November 15 at 10:45 am** in the sanctuary. During this meeting, we will review the proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year, discuss ministry priorities, and vote to approve the 2027 budget. All active members are encouraged to attend and participate in this important meeting. Financials are available on the podium in the narthex for your review in preparation for the meeting.

THE GENEROUS LIFE
Estimate of Giving Cards for 2027 are still available. Thank you to everyone who has turned in their Estimate of Giving Cards and Time and Talent Commitment Forms for 2027. If you have not yet submitted your intentions, there's still time.

YOUNG @ HEART
Join us for fellowship and lunch on **Thursday, November 11 from 12:00-2:00 pm.** We'll enjoy Rotisserie Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Carrots, Roll, Salad, and Dessert, followed by a special presentation entitled "Gifts" by Max Dodson All are welcome, just be sure to sign up on the sheet located on the counter in the Commons by **TODAY** so we know how much to prepare.

SPECIAL BRUNCH FOR ALL VETERANS
Join us **Sunday, November 15, at 10:45 am** as we honor our Veterans and all who are currently serving. Veterans, please stop by to pick up a special gift!

NEW MEMBER CLASS
New Member Class will be held on **Sunday, November 22** after worship, from 10:45 am–1:30 pm. We'll meet in Pastor Anne's office. New members will be received during worship on Sunday, December 6. If you are interested in discussing membership, please contact Pastor Anne at the church office: 608-362-0716.

CARITAS IS CURRENTLY IN NEED OF THE FOLLOWING:
Pasta sauce, hamburger helper, canned fruit, soup, toilet paper, bar soap, toothpaste, and toothbrushes. A blue barrel in the Commons is available for your donations. Thank you for supporting Caritas.

POINSETTIA ORDERS
Order poinsettias in honor or memory of your loved ones to beautify our Sanctuary during the Christmas season. The cost for a red or white poinsettia is $13. Envelopes are available outside the Sanctuary. Please note, all orders and payment must be received no later than Sunday, November 15.

KIDS CONNECT & YOUTH CONNECT | SUNDAYS FROM 10:15-11:00AM
Kids Connect (children pre-k through 5th grade) follows a play-based curriculum that corresponds with the church calendar.
Youth Connect, a space to explore what it means to follow Jesus in our everyday lives, for youth in grades 6-12.

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP
Invite a friend and plan to attend Thanksgiving Worship on **Wednesday, November 25 at 6:30 pm**. Following the service enjoy a slice of pie and time of fellowship. Anyone who would like to participate in the choir is invited to attend rehearsal on November 18 at 6:30 pm.

WORSHIP SERVICES ARE LIVESTREAMED
Catch Sunday services (9:30 am) on YouTube.
Links and bulletins: oursaviorsbeloitwi.org/worship.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday	November 8	8:30a	Choir
		9:30a	Worship w/Bible Presentation
		10:15a	Kids Connect
		10:15a	Youth Connect
		10:45a	Coffee Hour
		1:00p	Televised Worship (Ch. 992)
Monday	November 9	8:30a	Sewing Bee
		5:30p	Naomi Circle
Tuesday	November 10	9:00a	Staff Meeting
		6:00p	Scout Troop #608
		7:00p	Dartball
Wednesday	November 11	12:30p	P.E.O. Meeting
		2:00p	Knit Wits
		5:00p	Televised Worship (Ch. 992)
		5:30p	Personnel (Zoom)
		7:00p	Confirmation
Thursday	November 12	9:30a	Rebekah Circle
		12:00p	Young @ Heart
		6:00p	OA
Sunday	November 15	8:30a	Choir
		9:30a	Worship
		10:15a	Kids Connect/Youth Connect
		10:45a	Budget Meeting
		10:45a	Veteran's Brunch
		1:00p	Televised Worship (Ch. 992)

ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar flowers are given today by The Fjalstad Family, in loving memory of their Brother-in-Law, Ralph W. York.

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT OUR SAVIOR'S

It is a joy to have you join us for worship. Wherever you are from, wherever you are in life or on your faith journey, we are glad you are here. Please fill out a Yellow Slip for attendance and prayer requests.

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

We have large print bulletins and hearing enhancers for anyone who may need them, please see an usher for assistance.

SCRIPTURE

You may want to prepare for next week by studying the scriptures.

- Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
- Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
- 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
- Matthew 25:14-30

STAY CONNECTED

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