St. Mary's Lutheran Church

Saturday, November 14 - 4:00pm & Sunday, November 15, 2026 - 9:00am

Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

3 Chimes will sound before the prelude as an indicator that service is about to begin.

Please respect the beauty of reverence and quiet reflection as we prepare for worship. Turn off phones or silence them. And, please know that St. Mary's Lutheran Church celebrates Holy Communion for ALL! Christ is present and you are welcome! Young children are welcome to receive communion or a blessing. We offer gluten-free and regular wafers, grape juice and wine options. If you are unable to come forward, please remain seated and tell the ushers you'd like communion in your seat and it will be brought to you. The ushers will direct all during communion.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand in body or spirit.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
our dwelling place for all generations,
whose compassion never slumbers.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.

Holy God,

we confess that we have trusted in our preparation
instead of your invitation.
We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved.
We trust the voice of our shame and fear,
which keeps us from entering fully
into relationship with you and others.
We are not awake to the coming of your reign.
Rouse us and rescue us,
that we may enter into your joy.
Amen.

Inherit the riches of God's grace.
✠ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.
You are forgiven.
Blessed are you.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG Hymn #820 *"O Savior, Precious Savior"*

GREETING

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

And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE *"This is the Feast" (ELW pg. 187-188)*

PRAYER OF THE DAY (see yellow insert)

Please be seated

WORD (see yellow insert)

FIRST READING: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 90:1-8, 12 (read responsively)

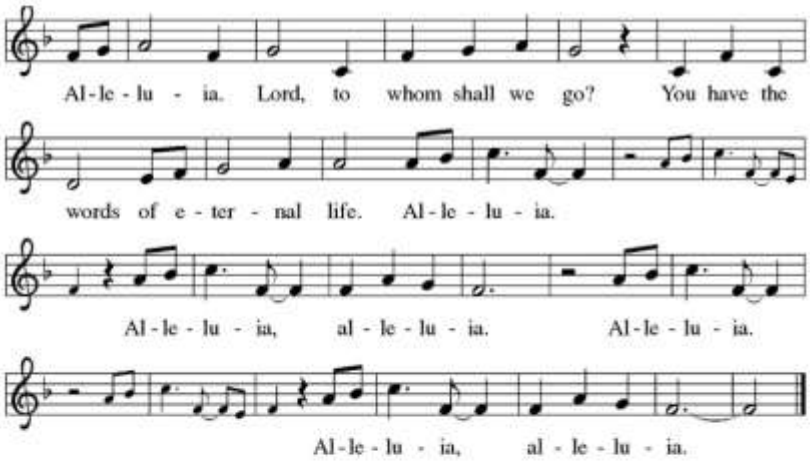
SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14-30

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew the 25th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Please stand in body or spirit.

HYMN OF THE DAY Hymn #688 *"Lord of Light", vs. 1, 3, 4*

APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

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 INTERCESSION

God, in your mercy,

Receive our prayer.

Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MUSICAL OFFERING

Adult Choir

"You Know Me, Lord" - Davild Lantz III

You know me, Lord; my very name before my birth,
my destiny upon your earth.
. . . what I will dream before I sleep, what I will say before I speak.
Search me, Lord, and know my heart. Ease my daily anxious strife.
Find in me what needs to change, and grant me everlasting life.
You know me, Lord; my ev'ry sin against your Word,
my harmful thoughts already heard.

OFFERING Hymn #893 *"Before You, Lord, We Bow", vs. 1*

OFFERING PRAYER

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. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

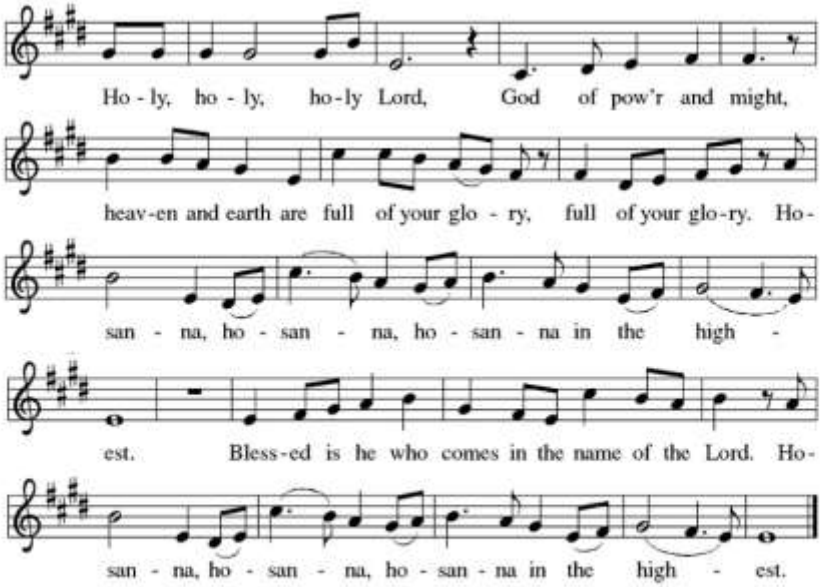
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE It is indeed right ...join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS (HOLY, HOLY, HOLY)



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.
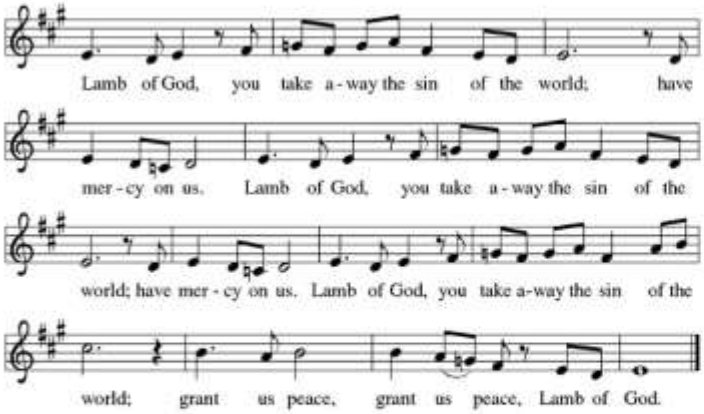
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in. Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

Please be seated

COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG



DISTRIBUTION HYMN Hymn #608 *"Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling"*

Please stand in body or spirit.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.

Amen.

BLESSING

The holy Trinity, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God, today and always.

Amen.

SENDING SONG Hymn #631 *"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"*

DISMISSAL We are God's people. **Followers of Jesus Christ.**
Gifted by the Spirit. **Go Pray. Go Love. Go Serve. Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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