

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 8, 2026

C = Congregation L = Leader ELW = Red Hymnal

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.

C: Amen.

L: Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: Compassionate God,

C: we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ, Amen.

L: Hear this good news: We have peace with God through ✝ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

C: Amen.

GATHERING SONG *Let Streams of Living Justice,* ELW 710



GREETING

L: 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.

KYRIE

Leader: In peace, in peace let us pray to the Lord. *(to Refrain)*



Leader: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. *(to Refrain)*

Leader: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. *(to Refrain)*

Leader: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. *(to Refrain)*

Leader: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: 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

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song

FIRST READING **Amos 5:18-24**

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: Word of God, Word of Life:

C: Thanks, be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL **Matthew 25:1-13**

L: The Holy Gospel, according to John, 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."

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON Reverend Bethany Ketchem

SONG OF THE DAY *Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers,* ELW 244



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers...

Each petition ends with:

C: hear our prayer.

L: ... we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.

C: Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

PEACE

L: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

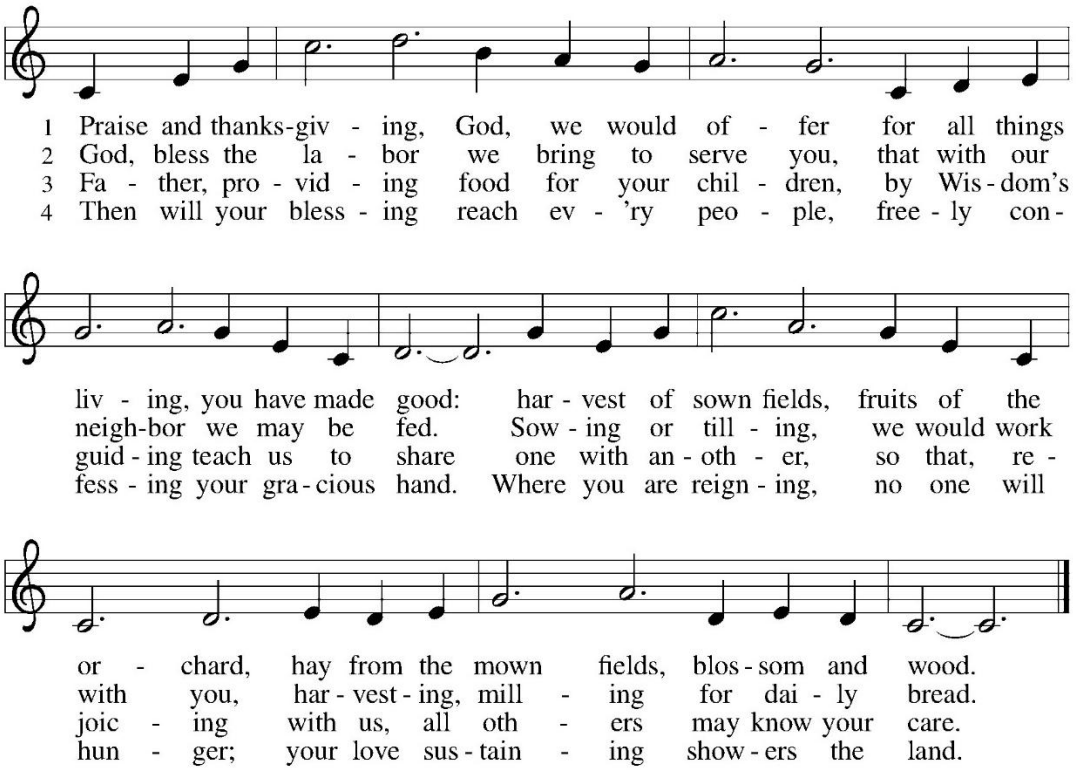
C: And also with you.

OFFERING *Sanctus,* music by Greg Gilpin

Holy, Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Choir



OFFERING RESPONSE *Praise and Thanksgiving*, ELW 689



OFFERING PRAYER

L: 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.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

BLESSING

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

C. Amen

SENDING SONG *Blessed Assurance*, ELW 638



DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Encourage one another.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be an Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at St. Pascal on November 24th. 1757 Conway Street, Saint Paul, MN 55106, 7:00 – 8:30 pm.

Gift Cards - Twice this month! The holiday season is upon us and time to start thinking about gift giving. Let us help you with your shopping! Gift cards will be available to purchase and special order twice this month and in December. Sunday, November 15, you will be able to purchase and place orders for your holiday shopping. Special orders will be taken on November 15 and December 6. Gift cards are always a popular gift, and it's great to purchase them from Our Redeemer since a percentage of the sale comes back to the church. Please visit the table in the Narthex on November 15!

A Day of Holy Closure & Celebration
From: Arlington Hills Lutheran Church:
In gratitude to God for the blessings we have shared, we cordially invite you to join us as we celebrated 117 years of faith, family and honor the legacy of our congregation.
Church doors open: 9:00 am, Service of Holy Closure: 10:00am: Invite your family and friends to share in this special service featuring guest clergy and special music. Guest Preacher Bishop Justin Grimm. 1115 Greenbrier Street, St Paul MN

In case you need more craft fair events, Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church's Craft Show & Bake Sale is on November 28th, 9:00am-3:00pm. 1669 Arcae St. N.

Prayers & Praises of the People:

- Prayers for Sherry and Jeff Pasket for their continued care.
- Prayers for Sharon Peterson as she continues to recover.
- Prayers for Kathi Kirchoff: prayers for her continued treatment.
- Prayers for healing for Judy Koza.

Participants in Today's Service	
Pastor	Rev. Bethany Ketchem
Worship & Music Director	Jeremy Mattson
Director of Choir and Handbells	Alex Carlson
Soundboard & Livestream	Beth Renfors
Lector	Lana Larsen

Lessons for next week, November 15th:
Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18 and Matthew 25:14-30
Next week's lector: Darleen Klemm

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