St. Luke Lutheran Church

"Energized by God's Love"
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Evangelical Lutheran Worship **Setting III**
25th Sunday after Pentecost **November 15, 2026**



Dear Members & Guests - Welcome to Worship!
God has greatly blessed us with your presence today.
Thank you for responding to his invitation.

If you have a prayer request, please send it by email or voicemail to Letty in the church office.

SERVING US THIS MORNING

Ministers: All of the Members of this Congregation!

Pastor: The Rev. Daniel Tisdel **Office Manager:** Letty Lucero
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Children's Message: Grant Hannon
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Altar Guild: Debbie Ryan, Wenchan Ma, Shirley Loo, Denise Tsang & Tim Tsang
Greeters: Doriann Shreve
Worship Team: Andy Wadsworth, Beth Stauter, Wil & Deb Mandac
Background Worship: Beth Stauter
Organist: Beth Stauter
Choir Director: Chris Frye **Bell Choir Director:** Wil Mandac
Tech Team: Andy Wadsworth, Alan Martinez, Ethan ElAmir, Ethan Tan, Jordan Mandac, Madeleine Gan, Scarlett Marquez, Tim Ambrose, Tim and Denise Tsang
Prayer Chain Coordinator: Marlene Custer

Hearing Assistance devices are available in the Library/AV Room.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC **Beth Stauter**

PRELUDE ***"WE GATHER TOGETHER"*** **Beth Stauter**
(Arr. By Lani Smith)

WELCOME **Pastor Dan Tisdel**

GATHERING
HYMN ***"WE PRAISE YOU, O GOD"*** **ELW #870**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

[P] Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our dwelling place for all generations, whose compassion never slumbers.
[C] Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

[P] Holy God,
[C] 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.

[P] Inherit the riches of God's grace. ☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy. You are forgiven. Blessed are you.
[C] Amen.

INVOCATION *(music found on page 138)*

[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.

KYRIE

[A] In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
[C] Lord, have mercy.
[A] For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
[C] Lord, have mercy.
[A] 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.
[C] Lord, have mercy.
[A] For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

[C] Lord, have mercy.
[A] Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
[C] Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE *"The Feast of Victory"* – ***(Congregation sings all verses and refrain)***
(music located in hymnal on pg. 140)

Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.
vs. 1 Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.
Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.
vs. 2 Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.
Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.
vs. 3 Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.
Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.
vs. 4 For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.
Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY
[A] Let us pray…
[C] Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE WITH GRANT HANNON

GOD ENCOUNTERS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

1st Reading – Zephaniah 1:7,12-18
Zephaniah (like the prophet Amos in last week's first reading) presents the day of the LORD as one of judgment and wrath. Descriptions of the last day in the New Testament include details taken from Old Testament accounts of the day of the LORD.

Be silent before the Lord GOD, for the day of the LORD is at hand! The LORD has prepared a sacrifice; he has consecrated his guests.

At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who settle like dregs in wine, those who say in their hearts, "The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm."

Their wealth shall be plundered and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them.

The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter; the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out like dust and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the LORD's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed, for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

Psalm 90:1-8[9-11] 12

OT => Old Testament windows (right) side of sanctuary

NT => New Testament windows (left) side of sanctuary

[OT] Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another.

[NT] Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, from age to age you are God.

[OT] You turn us back to the dust and say, "Turn back, O children of earth."

[NT] For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past and like a watch in the night;

[OT] you sweep them away like a dream, they fade away suddenly like the grass:

[NT] in the morning it is green and flourishes; in the evening it is dried up and withered.

[OT] For we are consumed by your anger; we are afraid because of your wrath.

[NT] Our iniquities you have set before you, and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

[OT] When you are angry, all our days are gone; we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

[NT] The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength even eighty; yet *the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly and we are gone.*

[OT] Who regards the power of your wrath? Who rightly fears your indignation?

[C] So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

CHOIR ANTHEM ***"LET THE WORD OF CHRIST"*** **St. Luke Choir**

(By Becky Slate Mayo)

2nd Reading – 1 Thessalonians 5-1-11

Though we do not know and cannot calculate the day of Christ's return, we live faithfully in the here and now as we anticipate the day when we will be given eternal salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So, then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober, for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober and put on the breastplate of faith and love and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(music found on page 142)*
Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

[P] This is the Holy Gospel according to Matthew ...
[C] Glory to you, O Lord. (spoken)

Gospel – Matthew 25:14-30 **Read by Pastor Dan Tisdel**
Jesus tells a parable about his second coming, indicating that it is not sufficient merely to maintain things as they are. Those who await his return should make good use of the gifts that God has provided them.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] “For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. At once the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and

gathering where you did not scatter, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' "

[P] This is the Gospel of the Lord.
[C] Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE "BEING TRUSTWORTHY" Pastor Dan Tisdel

HYMN OF THE DAY *"LORD OF LIGHT"* ELW #688

GATHERING OUR TITHES, OFFERINGS AND PLEDGES
Prayer requests collected in the offering plates will be brought forward for the Prayers of the People.

OFFERING MUSIC Beth Stauter

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS
[A] Let us pray...
[C] Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED
[C] I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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.
(*universal)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
[P & A] God, in your mercy
[C] Hear our prayer.

PEACE OF CHRIST

TRANSITIONAL PRAYER

[A] Let us pray…
[C] Oh God, each time I worship and take communion, I want to recommit my life, my heart, my thoughts, my everything to You. Fill me today with Your powerful Spirit and help me grow closer to you and to my neighbor. Amen.

MEAL **Sung by Pastor Dan Tisdel**
The Great Thanksgiving
[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 . . .

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY *(music found on page 144)*
Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of pow'r and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosana. Hosana. Hosana in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosana in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND BLESSING

THE LORD'S PRAYER
[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.

"LAMB OF GOD" *(music found on page 146)*

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION SONG ***"GREAT ARE YOU LORD"*** **Led by Andy Wadsworth**
(By David Leonard, Jason Ingram, Leslie Jordan)

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION - THE EUCHARIST (be seated)
Our Lord Jesus is the host of his table. He invites all to come to him. Everyone is welcome to commune with communion fellowship cups or by intinction with bread and your choice of wine or grape juice. If you are not communing, please come up to receive a blessing of the day.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING
[P] 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING HYMN ***"O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST"*** **ELW #632**

BENEDICTION
[P] The holy Trinity, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God, today and always.
[C] Amen.

THE DISMISSAL
[A] Our worship continues; our service is just begun. Go in peace to love and serve The Lord.

[C] THANKS BE TO GOD!

POSTLUDE: ***"OUR REFUGE AND STRENGTH"*** **Beth Stauter**
(By Donald F. Callender)