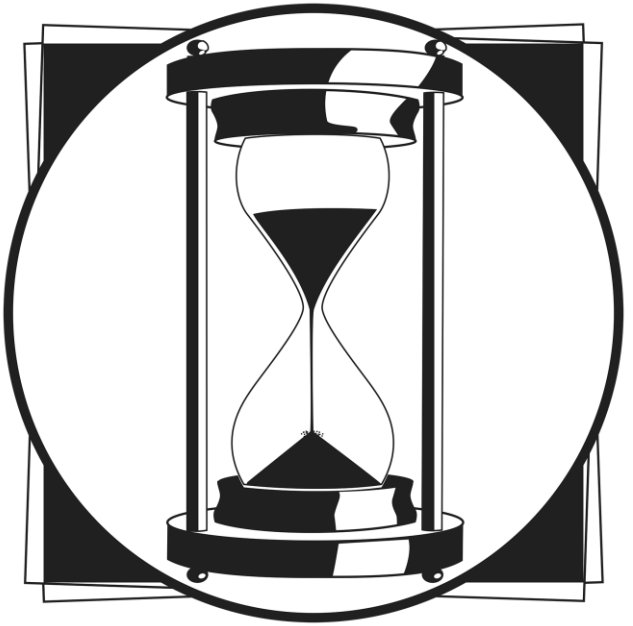
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:30 AM, ***SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2026***



OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH and SCHOOL

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We warmly welcome you in the name of Jesus!

We are always glad to have you worship with us.
If you do not have a regular church home,
we invite you to make our church home yours.

† Our worship services are on Sunday mornings at 8:30 and 11:00 AM. We also invite and encourage you to join us in Sunday School and Bible Study at 9:45 AM.

† Assisted hearing devices, children's bulletins, and large print service folders are available -- please ask an usher for one.

† While we encourage children to be present in worship, the upstairs cry room opposite the elevator is available for you.

† Our worship services can now be viewed on the church's Facebook page (live or after the service), as well as on our YouTube channel. *The Lutheran Hour* can be heard on Sundays at 9:00 AM at KAWZ (102.7FM).

Prayer before worship:
O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

AS WE GATHER The prophet Zephaniah calls for silence as the day of the Lord draws near. The Lord has prepared the sacrifice and invited His guests to witness what happens next (Zephaniah 1:7). The people believe that the Lord is apathetic and indifferent (v. 12), which has given them license to do as they please. The day is coming when the people will realize how wrong they are. Paul has a similar warning for the Thessalonians and anyone who believes that everything is fine just the way it is, especially those who act in the darkness (1 Thessalonians 5:2–4). Finally, Jesus describes the day of the Lord with the parable of the talents (Matthew 25:14–30). In the end, the Lord will reveal the ways we have misjudged His character. Until then, He points us to the place where His most crucial character trait is revealed. It is the sacrifice of the only One worthy of hearing those words, "Well done, good and faithful servant," so that you might be invited to enter into the joy of your Master.

DIVINE SERVICE SETTING 5

This Chorale Service follows the tradition of Luther's German Mass (1526), in which parts of the liturgy for Holy Communion are replaced with hymns (metrical paraphrases).

Confession and Absolution

Prelude and Ringing of the Bell

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn **O Worship the King** ***LSB* 804**



5 Frail children of dust
and feeble as frail,
In Thee do we trust,
nor find Thee to fail.
Thy mercies, how tender,
how firm to the end,
Our maker, defender,
redeemer, and friend!

6 O measureless Might,
ineffable Love,
While angels delight
to hymn Thee above,
Thy humbler creation,

though feeble their lays,
With true adoration
shall sing to Thy praise.

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Invocation and Opening Sentences

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20], Psalm 143:1

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.
Leader: Hear my prayer, O LORD;
People: give ear to my pleas for mercy!

Confession and Absolution

Leader: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. *[Hebrews 10:22]*
Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
People: who made heaven and earth. *Psalm 124:8*
Leader: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
People: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin. *Psalm 32:5*
Leader: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. Yet, for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, You have had mercy on us. Now strengthen us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
Pastor: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. *John 1:12; Philippians 1:6*
People: Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

Matthew 5:22-24; Ephesians 4:1-3

*The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, **"Peace be with you,"** as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace*.

Service of the Word

Kyrie ~ Lord, Have Mercy [tune: ST. ANNE]

Have mercy on Your people, Lord.
Have mercy, Christ, our King;
Renew us by Your mercy, Lord;
Accept the prayers we bring.

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Gloria in Excelsis ~ Glory to God in the Highest [tune: MENDELSSOHN]

"Glory be to God on high!"
This is now our joyful cry.
Peace to all who live on earth,
Grace and favor for new birth.
You we praise and glorify,
Worship You, O Lord most high.
Gracious Father, heav'nly King,
To Your name alone we sing:
Praise the glory of Your name,
Now and evermore the same!

Jesus Christ, the Father's Son,
Sole-begotten, holy One,
Born on earth from realms on high,
Born true man for us to die,
Lamb of God, You take away
This world's sin: Grant peace we pray.
With the Spirit, You alone
Are most high, O God the Son,
And the Father, God above.
Praise we now Your glorious love.

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*
Leader: Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
People: Amen.

Please be seated.

Anthem—Hosanna Choir **"Promised Land"** by N. Sleeth

Old Testament Reading **Zephaniah 1:7–16**

The day of the Lord is near and coming quickly.

Reader: Be silent before the Lord GOD!
For the day of the LORD is near;
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice
and consecrated his guests.
And on the day of the LORD's sacrifice—
"I will punish the officials and the king's sons
and all who array themselves in foreign attire.
On that day I will punish
everyone who leaps over the threshold,
and those who fill their master's house
with violence and fraud.
"On that day," declares the LORD,
"a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate,
a wail from the Second Quarter,
a loud crash from the hills.
Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar!
For all the traders are no more;
all who weigh out silver are cut off.
At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the men
who are complacent,
those who say in their hearts,
'The LORD will not do good,
nor will he do ill.'
Their goods 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 mighty man cries aloud there.
A day of wrath is that day,
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.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 90:1–12; antiphon: v. 17

Leader: Lord, you have been our dwelling place
People: in all generations.
Leader: Before the mountains were brought forth,
People: or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

Leader: You return man to dust
People: and say, "Return, O children of man!"
Leader: For a thousand years in your sight
People: are but as yesterday when it is past,
or as a watch in the night.

Leader: You sweep them away as with a flood;
People: they are like a dream,
like grass that is renewed in the morning:
Leader: in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;
People: in the evening it fades and withers.

Leader: For we are brought to an end by your anger;
People: by your wrath we are dismayed.
Leader: You have set our iniquities before you,
People: our secret sins in the light of your presence.

Leader: For all our days pass away under your wrath;
People: we bring our years to an end like a sigh.
Leader: The years of our life are seventy,
People: or even by reason of strength eighty;
Leader: yet their span is but toil and trouble;
People: they are soon gone, and we fly away.
Leader: Who considers the power of your anger,
People: and your wrath according to the fear of you?

Leader: So teach us to number our days
People: that we may get a heart of wisdom.

Epistle Reading — 1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

The Lord has not destined us for wrath but to obtain salvation.

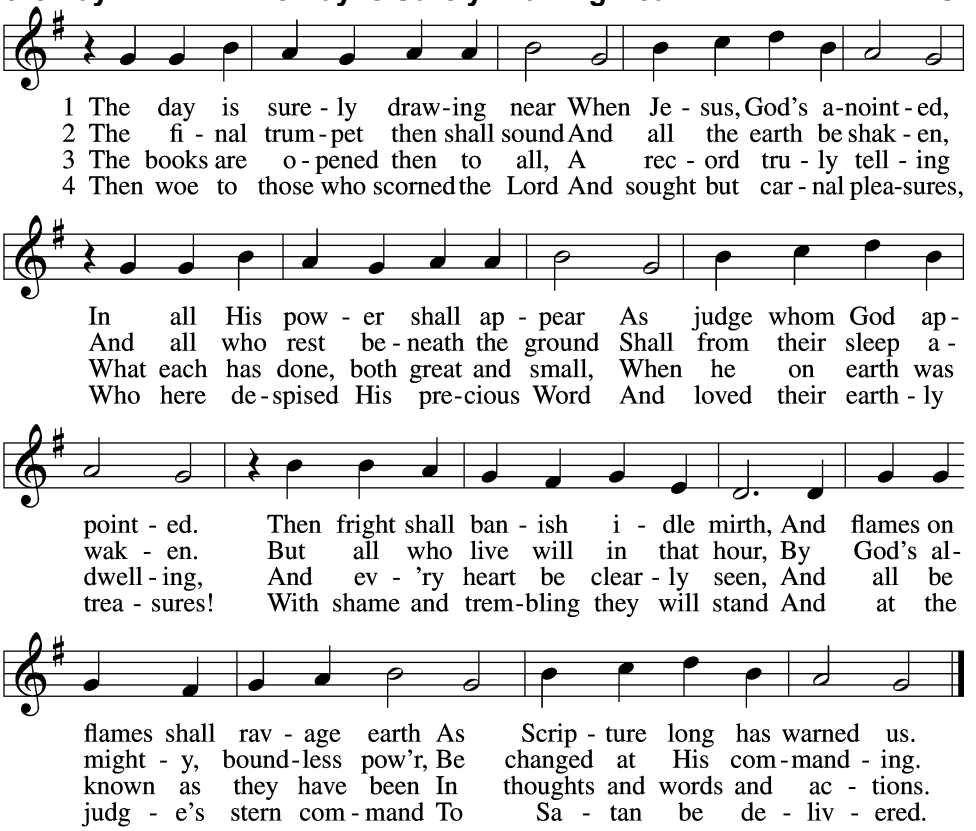
Reader: Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep

awake and be sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn of the Day **The Day Is Surely Drawing Near** ***LSB* 508**



5 My Savior paid the debt I owe
And for my sin was smitten;
Within the Book of Life I know
My name has now been written.
I will not doubt, for I am free,
And Satan cannot threaten me;
There is no condemnation!

6 May Christ our intercessor be
And through His blood and merit
Read from His book that we are free
With all who life inherit.
Then we shall see Him face to face,
With all His saints in that blest place
Which He has purchased for us.

7 O Jesus Christ, do not delay,
But hasten our salvation;
We often tremble on our way
In fear and tribulation.
O hear and grant our fervent plea:
Come, mighty judge, and set us free
From death and ev'ry evil.

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Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.

Holy Gospel — Matthew 25:14–30

The day of the Lord will be like a man who entrusts his servants with his property.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

Pastor: [Jesus said:] "For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed and gather where I scattered no seed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that

place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Sermon **Matthew 25:14–30**

Stand.

Creedal Hymn **In God We Believe** [tune: ST. DENIO]

In God we believe: the Creator whose pow'r
In mercy has brought us for worship this hour.
He graciously grants us our years and our days
And blesses with kindness our work and our ways.

In Jesus, the Savior, our hope is secured.
True God and true man once the cross He endured
To grant our lives wholeness, forgiveness of sin.
With hearts freed from guilt, we know true peace within.

God's Spirit at work in our lives we confess;
With power and truth the Church now He does bless.
As saints, God's forgiven, one day we shall then
Be living in glory forever. Amen.

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Prayer of the Church *[1 Timothy 2:1-4]*

After each petition:

Pastor: Hear our prayer, O Lord,

People: give ear to our pleas for mercy.

The prayers conclude:

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Please be seated.

Offering *During this time, we invite you to sign and pass the Friendship Book. All communicants are invited to read and prayerfully consider the following.*

We believe that...

† *Holy Communion is a Sacrament since it was instituted by Christ Himself.*

† *We are truly worthy and well prepared to partake of Holy Communion when we repent of our sins and have faith in these words, "Given and shed for you for the remission of sins."*

† *We receive the bread and wine <u>and</u> the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ when, as repentant, true believers we partake of Holy Communion.*

Our Savior Lutheran Church practices close communion.
What does this mean?

Confirmed members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod are welcome to commune with us. If you are not a confirmed member of our church or one of our sister congregations, we encourage you to speak to the pastor about preparing to participate in communion at Our Savior.

† *Children and those not communing are welcome to come forward for a blessing (indicated by folded hands), or to remain seated for individual prayer. When the wine is offered, communicants have the choice of an individual cup or the common cup. Individual cups containing DARK WINE are alcohol-free for those with medical need only, please.*

Please stand.

Offertory Hymn **Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful** ***LSB* 955**

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,
And fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,
That we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gather the hopes and the dreams of all;
Unite them with the prayers we offer now.
Grace our table with Your presence, and give us
A foretaste of the feast to come.

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Service of the Sacrament

Preface *2 Timothy 4:22, [Colossians 3:1], [Psalm 136]*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them to the Lord.
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we may give heed to the testament of Your Son in true faith and, above all, firmly take to heart the words with which Christ gives to us His body and blood for our forgiveness. Grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of His salvation. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
People: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

People: 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.

Pastor: In the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, at His command, and with His own words, we receive His testament:

The Words of Our Lord

Matt. 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24, Luke 22:19-20, 1 Cor. 11:23-25

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✢ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

Pastor: In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✢ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Sanctus ~ Holy, Holy, Holy

[tune: REGENT SQUARE]

Holy, holy Lord, most holy,
Lord of hosts and God of might.
Heav'n and earth---filled with Your glory.
Hail! Hosanna! Our delight!
Blest is He, our coming Lord-King,
In the Lord's name---praise we sing.

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Pax Domini

John 20:19

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
People: Amen.

Agnus Dei

[tune: REGENT SQUARE]

Christ, the Lamb of God, have mercy,
You now take our sins away.
Christ, the Lamb of God, have mercy,
All the world's sin, take away.
Christ, the Lamb of God, have mercy,
For Your peace we humbly pray.

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Distribution *Please be seated. If you are communing, please follow the directions of the ushers.*

Distribution Hymn **I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light** ***LSB* 411**



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Stand

Post-Communion Hymn Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace *LSB* 937

1 Lord, bid Your servant go in peace,
Your word is now fulfilled.
These eyes have seen salvation's dawn,
This child so long foretold.

2 This is the Savior of the world,
The Gentiles' promised light,
God's glory dwelling in our midst,
The joy of Israel.

△ **3 With saints of old, with saints to come,**
To You we lift our voice;
To Father, Son, and Spirit blest
Be honor, love, and praise.

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Post-Communion Collect

Pastor: Let us pray.

Pastor: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Benedicamus and Benediction

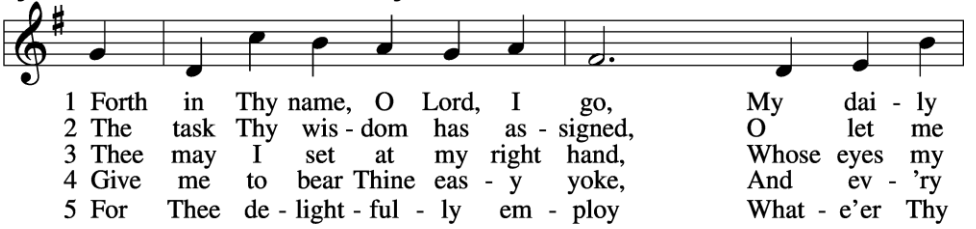
Pastor: Let us bless the Lord. *[Psalm 103:1]*

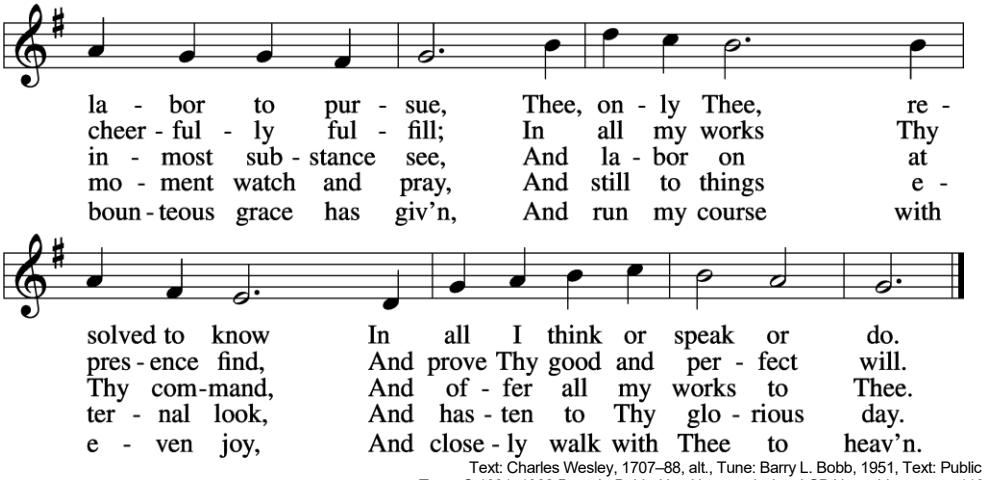
People: Thanks be to God.

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. *Numbers 6:24-26*

People: Amen.

Closing Hymn Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I Go *LSB* 854





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Silent Prayer

Postlude

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Readings for next Sunday, 11/22
Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24
Psalm 95:1–7a
1 Corinthians 15:20–28
Matthew 25:31–46