LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

"Creator, Redeemer, and Firstborn" — Colossians 1:15
10:00 AM, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2025



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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.
- The 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 There is a phrase familiar to both preschoolers and powerbrokers. When they see that someone else has something they want, they declare, "That's mine!" seizing either toys or territory for themselves. This phrase is not unfamiliar to our God either. But where humans are motivated by selfishness, the Lord acts out of love. He claims you as His own because He loves you and He wants you to be with Him for eternity. You are His treasured possession! He will never leave you behind like a toddler may accidentally abandon her teddy bear, or neglect you like a king would treat those who supported his rival. When the Lord says, "You are Mine," you have His pledge of enduring faithfulness, today and unto eternity!

DIVINE SERVICE SETTING 3

Confession and Absolution

Prelude and Ringing of the Bell Welcome and Opening Prayer

Please stand.

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Thee!

Invocation and Opening Sentences

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20], Psalm 118:24; Psalm 22:27; Isaiah 43:1

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: This is the day that the LORD has made;

People: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, **People:** and all the families of the nations shall worship before You.

Leader: Now thus says the LORD, "Fear not, for I have redeemed you;

People: I have called you by name, you are Mine."

Confession and Absolution

Colossians 1:13-14

Leader: The Lord has delivered us from the domain of darkness

People: and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have

redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Leader: Almighty God and King,

People: we confess that we have broken trust with You. We have doubted Your

goodness, neglected Your ways, and sought to satisfy our sinful nature. We do not think, speak, or act like Your treasured possession. We bring before You our faults and failures, honestly and humbly recognizing that we deserve to be cast out of Your kingdom. Have mercy, O Lord, for the sake of Jesus Christ. Spare us from Your wrath, deliver us from death and darkness, and cleanse us from sin, that we serve You in righteousness, innocence, and blessedness now and

always. Amen.

Pastor: On His cross, Jesus Christ, your Savior, was crowned with shame and given unto

death for You. His blood pays the price Your sins deserve. Now crowned with glory, the risen and reigning Christ lives to declare sins forgiven. Therefore, as an ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the \maltese Son

and of the Holv Spirit.

People: Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

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

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you. We share the peace of Christ with those around us.

Service of the Word





Gloria in Excelsis ~ Glory to God in the Highest

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

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Leader: Glory be to God on High,

ALL: and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee.

we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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. Lord

Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, You reign among us by the preaching of Your cross. Forgive Your people their offenses that we, being governed by Your bountiful goodness, may enter at last into Your eternal paradise; for You live and reign with the

Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen. Sit





Old Testament Reading

Malachi 3:13-18

The Lord makes His claim on His treasured possession, declaring "they shall be Mine."

Reader:

"Your words have been hard against me, says the LORD. But you say, 'How have we spoken against you?' You have said, 'It is vain to serve God. What is the profit of our keeping his charge or of walking as in mourning before the LORD of hosts? And now we call the arrogant blessed. Evildoers not only prosper but they put God to the test and they escape."

Then those who feared the LORD spoke with one another. The LORD paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who feared the LORD and esteemed his name. "They shall be mine, says the LORD of hosts, in the day when I make up my treasured possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him. Then once more you shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve him."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm Psalm 46; antiphon: v. 7

Leader: God is our refuge and strength, **People:** a very present help in trouble.

Leader: Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,

People: though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,

Leader: though its waters roar and foam,

People: though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

Leader: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,

People: the holy habitation of the Most High.

Leader: God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;

People: God will help her when morning dawns.
Leader: The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;
People: he utters his voice, the earth melts.

Leader: The LORD of hosts is with us;

People: the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Leader: Come, behold the works of the LORD,

People: how he has brought desolations on the earth.
Leader: He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
People: he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;

he burns the chariots with fire.
"Be still, and know that I am God.

Leader: "Be still, and know that I am God.

People: I will be exalted among the nations.

I will be exalted in the earth!"

Leader: The LORD of hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Epistle Reading

Colossians 1:13-20

By His blood, the Christ who holds all things together also holds us in His kingdom.

Reader:

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Please stand in reverence to the Gospel.

Alleluia



Holy Gospel

Luke 23:27-43

Upon the cross, Jesus is enthroned as King and speaks of forgiveness and paradise.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-third chapter.



Pastor:

And there followed [Jesus] a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. But turning to them Jesus said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For behold, the days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us,' and to the hills, 'Cover us.' For if they do these things

when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments. And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Pastor:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Apostle's Creed

ALL: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

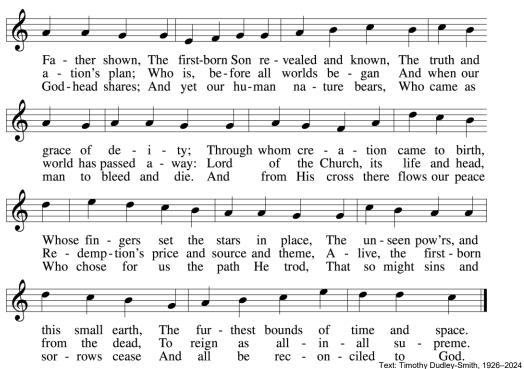
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen.

Please be seated.





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Sermon

"Creator, Redeemer, and Firstborn"

Colossians 1:15

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 Create in Me printed music found in LSB on p. 192

ALL: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.

Amen. Psalm 51:10-12

Prayer of the Church

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

Pastor: As those delivered to the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ, let us confidently approach

His throne of grace with our prayers and intercessions, in the name of the Father and of

the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: King of all creation, the whole earth is full of Your glory, and we are awed by Your

creative majesty. Deepen our appreciation of Your care and keeping and dedicate us

as faithful stewards of Your earthly gifts. For the sake of Your kingdom,

People: love us and lead us, O King.

Pastor: King of love, You devote Yourself to Your people and never fail to keep Your

commitments. Bless those who have committed themselves to one another in Christian marriage that their relationships might be reflections of Your heart. For the sake of Your

kingdom,

People: touch us and teach us, O King.

Pastor: King of kindness and grace, who attends to our hurts of body and soul, show

compassion to all who are facing sorrow, sickness, or adversity, embracing them in

Your tender care, [especially . . .]. For the sake of Your kingdom,

People: hear us and heal us, O King.

Pastor: King of Your church, You uphold all those who serve in Your name. Grant holy

satisfaction to those who volunteer their time and offer their gifts to our congregation. Raise up others to serve and prevent us from stealing Your glory for ourselves. For the

sake of Your kingdom,

People: prepare us and protect us, O King.

Pastor: King of justice, You rule Your world with wisdom and faithfulness. Give those chosen

as our earthly authorities patience, perspective, and a heart that pursues Your will, that

we might be led into peaceable prosperity. For the sake of Your kingdom,

People: defend us and direct us, O King.

Pastor: King of all kings, You have authority over all things. Allow us to see Your authority as a

blessing, that we might recognize Your preeminence in our lives and rest in Your merciful rule, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and

the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Service of the Sacrament



Pastor:

It is truly worthy, proper, and beneficial that we would give thanks to You in every time and place, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, by whom all things were created, and to whom all powers and dominion owe honor and obedience. Yet, it was Christ who humbled Himself, suffered in our place, and by the blood of His cross, made peace between God and humanity. He rose as the firstborn from the dead and was crowned with eternal glory. We eagerly anticipate the consummation of His redeeming work, as He gathers believers of every tribe and tongue, together with angels and archangels, to bless and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy

printed music found in LSB on p. 195

ALL:

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;

heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

Sabaoth (SAH-bay-oath) is Hebrew for "heavenly hosts." Hosanna is a Hebrew word of praise meaning "save us now."

Lord's Prayer The first section is spoken by the pastor.

Matthew 6:9-13

Pastor: 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.



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 given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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."

Pax Domini John 20:19

Pastor:

The peace of the Lord be with you always.



Agnus Dei

Lamb of God

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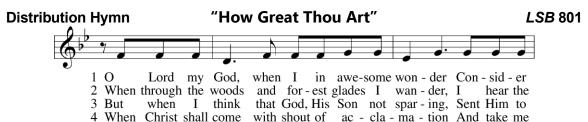
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

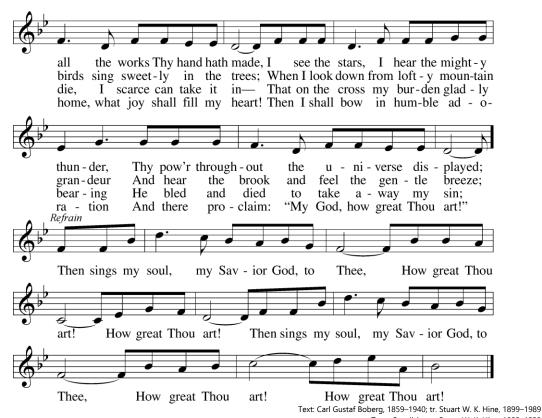
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

John 1:29

Distribution Please be seated. If you are communing, please come forward at the bidding of the ushers.





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Please stand.

Nunc Dimittis

Song of Simeon

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ALL: Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,

a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

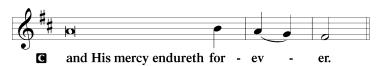
Luke 2:29-32



Psalm 107:1



A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



Pastor:

Lord Jesus Christ, we praise You for remembering us in Your kingdom, setting a place for us at Your Table, and bringing us into a life that lasts forever. As those forgiven by Your grace and sealed as Your treasured possession, bless us with firm faith and a holy purpose, that on this side of paradise we would dedicate ourselves to announcing Your righteous rule as witnesses of Your glory and servants of Your kingdom, where you live and reign with the Father and the Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Salutation and Benedicamus



2 Timothy 4:22

[Psalm 103:1]

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

Pastor: To God—the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—be all honor and glory in His holy church,

forever and ever.

People: Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ shall come again!

Pastor: Lift up your heads and open your eyes,

People: for He is coming!
Pastor: Who is coming?
People: The King of glory!
Pastor: Who is this King of glory?

People: The Lord of hosts; He is the King of glory!

Pastor: Blessings on Him who comes as King, **People: who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Pastor: The almighty and merciful God—the Father, the

■ Son, and the Holy Spirit—bless and

preserve you, and lead you into everlasting life.



Closing Song

"Hymn of Heaven"

By B. Johnson, B. Johnson, C. Davenport, P. Wickham

How I long to breathe the air of Heaven, Where pain is gone and mercy fills the streets; To look upon the one who bled to save me, And walk with Him for all eternity.

Chorus 1

There will be a day when all will bow before Him. There will be a day when death will be no more. Standing face to face with He who died and rose again. Holy, holy is the Lord.

And ev'ry prayer, we prayed in desperation; The songs of faith we sang through doubt and fear. In the end, we'll see that it was worth it When He returns to wipe away our tears. *Chorus 1*

And on that day we join the resurrection, And stand beside the heroes of the faith. With one voice, a thousand generations Sing worthy is the Lamb who was slain. Forever He shall reign. *Chorus 1*

Chorus 2

So let it be today we shout the hymn of Heaven.
With angels and the Saints we raise a mighty roar.
Glory to our God who gave us life beyond the grave.
Holy, holy is the Lord. Holy, holy is the Lord.

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Silent Prayer

Postlude

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Our mission is to teach, love, and connect...teach all ages about Jesus, love one another as God loves us, and connect with others in a hurting world.

Readings for next Sunday, 11/30: Isaiah 2:1–5 Psalm 122 Romans 13:8–14 Matthew 24:36–44