



Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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"As followers of Jesus, we serve our neighbors locally and globally."

23rd Sunday after Pentecost November 16, 2025 10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE: How Firm a Foundation arr. Robert Lau

Throughout this bulletin, the text in **bold** type is said by the congregation. The Kyrie, Gloria, Sanctus, & Agnus Dei can be found in the settings for Holy Communion located in the front section of the hymnal. Numbering for the miscellaneous service music and hymns begins on page #151 (the page labeled "Service Music" immediately following the psalms).

Please be seated or kneel if able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *Silence is kept for reflection*.

Faithful God, you have shown us the ways of your heart, yet we stray from your paths.
We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression and do not embrace the freedom

of your faithful promises. We ignore our neighbors. We exploit the earth.

We reject your abundance,

trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love.

Repair our relationships, restore what we have broken, renew our hearts, and bring us to new life.

Amen.

Hear the good news:
God the Faithful One loves you,

in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free.

Amen.

The congregation stands to sing the hymn. **HYMN #796**: How Firm a Foundation

APOSTOLIC 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.**

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

The congregation responds: Amen.

The congregation is seated.

FIRST READING: Malachi 4:1-2a (printed on back cover)

At the conclusion of the reading, the following is said:

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM 98 The psalm is spoken responsively.

- ¹ Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things, whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.
- ²O LORD, you have made known your victory, you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.
- ³ You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- ⁴ Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- ⁵ Sing to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.

- ⁶ With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the king, the LORD.
- ⁷ Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who dwell therein.
- 8 Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to judge the earth.
- ⁹ The LORD will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 (printed on back cover)

At the conclusion of the reading, the following is said:

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

The congregation stands to sing the Gospel Acclamation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 21:5-19 (printed on back cover)

Prior to the reading of the Holy Gospel, the following is said: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke. Glory to you, O Lord.

At the conclusion of the Gospel, the following is said:

The Gospel of our Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

The congregation is seated.

SERMON

Vicar Philip J. Supeck

Silence is maintained for reflection after the sermon.

The congregation stands to sing the hymn.

HYMN OF THE DAY #596: My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

APOSTLES CREED

With the whole church let us confess our faith...

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.

Please kneel or be seated.

PRAYERS

Each petition concludes: Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**.

The presiding minister concludes the prayers. The congregation responds: Amen.

Please remain seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand if you are able.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you" or similar words.

At the conclusion of the Peace, the congregation is seated.

OFFERTORY: Andante in A Major - George Frederic Handel

As the offering is presented, the congregation stands to sing the offertory hymn.

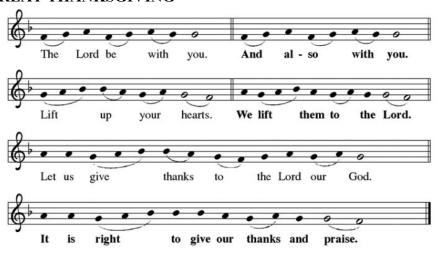
OFFERTORY HYMN #423: Shall We Gather at the River

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

Assisting Minister: Let us pray: God of healing and hope,

you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things. Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts. Nourish us with the abundance of your feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and forever. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



The presiding minister continues with the proper Preface. At the conclusion of the Preface, the congregation sings the Sanctus.

SANCTUS

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EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The congregation responds: Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

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

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.

FRACTION

There is a place for you at the table of God. Come, receive the food that does not perish, a taste of life eternal.

Blessed are all those invited to your feast.

AGNUS DEI

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COMMUNION

The congregation is seated. The ushers will dismiss the assembly for communion. All are welcome to receive communion. Lutherans teach that Christ is truly present with, in, and under the bread and wine of Holy Communion. We commune by pouring chalice. Please take an empty cup before going to the rail. (The pre-filled cups contain grape juice.) Those who wish to receive only a blessing at the rail should indicate this by crossing their arms over their chest. As the ministers distribute the elements, they say these words: The body of Christ, given for you. Amen. The blood of Christ, shed for you. Amen.

COMMUNION MUSIC: Adagio – Felix Mendelssohn

Please stand if you are able.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Assisting Minister: Let us pray: God of field and flower, wheat and grape, you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world. Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name. **Amen.**

BLESSING



HYMN #785: When Peace like a River

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: If You But Trust in God to Guide You arr. Johann Sebastian Bach

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FIRST READING: Malachi 4:1-2a

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ^{2a}But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

Psalm 98

SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, 8 and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. 9This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. 10 For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. 11For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. 12 Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. 13 Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

GOSPEL: Luke 21:5-19

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, 6"As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

⁷They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" 8And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

⁹"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." 10 Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; 11there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

12"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. 13 This will give you an opportunity to testify. 14So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; 15 for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. 17 You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. 19 By your endurance you will gain your souls."

Next Sunday's Readings: Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 46; Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43.

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