



"SURELY THE DAY
IS COMING;
IT WILL BURN
LIKE A FURNACE."



MALACHI 4:1, NIV

**Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
November 16, 2025**

Evangelical Lutheran Worship – Setting 1

All are welcome...and we do mean ALL. No matter who you are, what you look like, where you are from, or who you love. We are all children of God and loved by God. And just as God loves all of us, we are called to love one another as well.

Call to Worship (Chimes)

Welcome & Announcements – Visitors are asked to fill out a “Welcome” card from the pew racks and give it to the Assisting Minister during the prelude.

Prayers – You may add to the prayers today by filling out an ivory prayer card found in the pew racks. Prayer cards are collected during the prelude.

Prelude

How Firm a Foundation

- Rippon

***PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE**

*The congregation responds by reading the words in **bold print**.*

***Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper. **Amen.**

Trusting in God’s mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Please kneel as you are able.

Merciful and loving God, **we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.**

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of ☩ Jesus, your sins are forgiven! **Amen.**

***Opening Hymn:**

How Firm a Foundation

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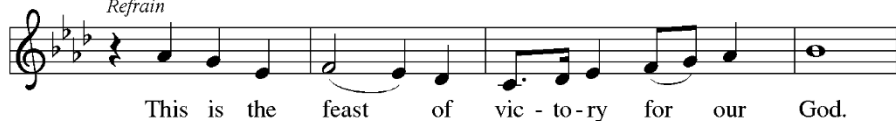
*Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

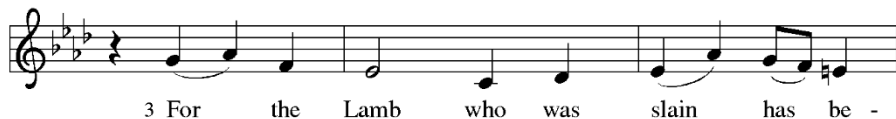
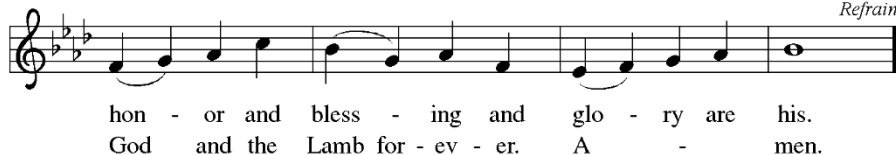
And also with you.

*Hymn of Praise

Refrain



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*Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. O God, the protector of all who trust in you, **without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

First Lesson – Malachi 4:1-2a

The First Lesson is from the 4th chapter of Malachi.

¹ 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.

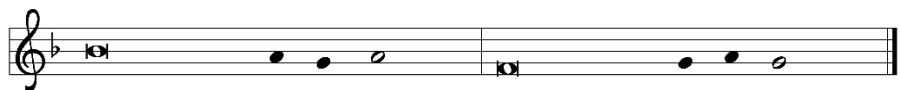
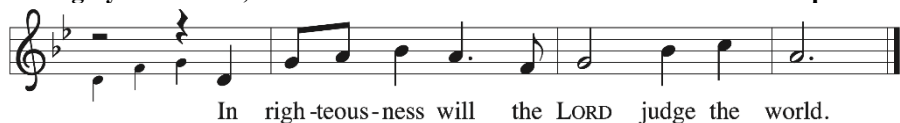
The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm – Psalm 98

Responsive Singing

The congregation will please join in singing the refrain at the beginning after it is sung by the cantor, as marked between verses and the verses in bold print.



¹ Sing a new song to the Lord, who has done | marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have | won the victory.

² **O 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, re- | joice, and sing. R**

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 ¹king, the Lord.

⁷ Let the sea roar, and ¹all that fills it,
the world and those who ¹dwell therein.

⁸ **Let the rivers ¹clap their hands,**
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, who comes
to ¹judge the earth.

⁹ The Lord will judge the ¹world with righteousness
and the peo- ¹ples with equity. **R**

Second Lesson – 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

The Second Lesson is from the 3rd chapter of Second Thessalonians.

⁶ Now we command you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from every brother or sister living irresponsibly and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷ For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not irresponsible 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. ⁹ This 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. ¹¹ For we hear that some of you are living irresponsibly, 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.

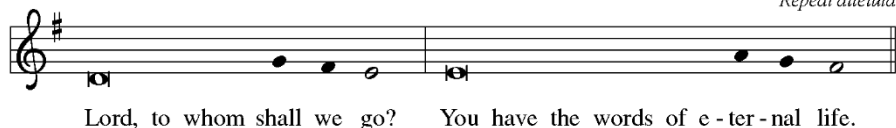
The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Acclamation**



Repeat alleluia



***Gospel – Luke 21:5-19**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 21st chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵ 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.”

⁷ They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” ⁸ And 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; ¹¹ there 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. ¹⁴ So 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. ¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷ You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ By your endurance you will gain your souls.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Children’s Sermon

Sermon

Pastor Rob Eller

Hymn of the Day: *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

ELW 597

***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.**

Prayers of the People (please sit)

After each prayer, please offer the words:

Hear us, O God,

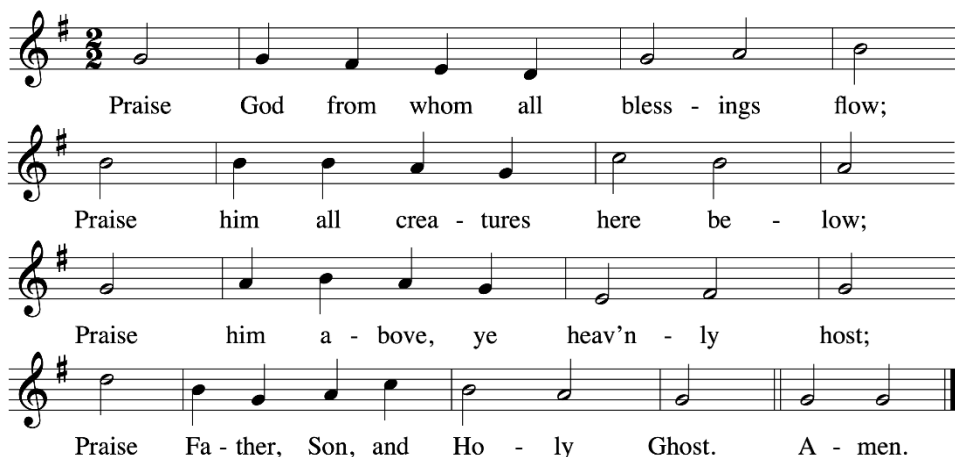
Your mercy is great.

*Thank you for placing your offering in the **Offering Box** before the service began. Your continued financial support of this congregation helps us to do God's work in the community and the world.*

Offering Song

Doxology

ELW 884



Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow;
 Praise him all crea - tures here be - low;
 Praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host;
 Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Offertory Prayer (please sit)

Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who

richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***Great Thanksgiving (Please Stand)**



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

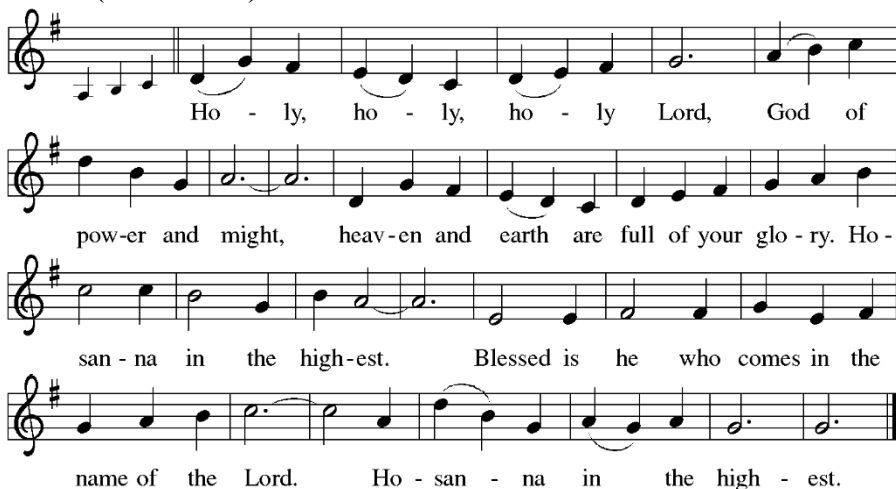
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise . . .
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Sanctus (Please Stand)**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of

pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the

name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

***Eucharistic prayer (Please Stand)**

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;

broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

...we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.
Amen.

***Lord's Prayer (Please Stand)**

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

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.**

***Invitation to Communion (Please Stand)**

Jesus welcomes everyone to this meal. Come and eat.
Thanks be to God.

Communion Song

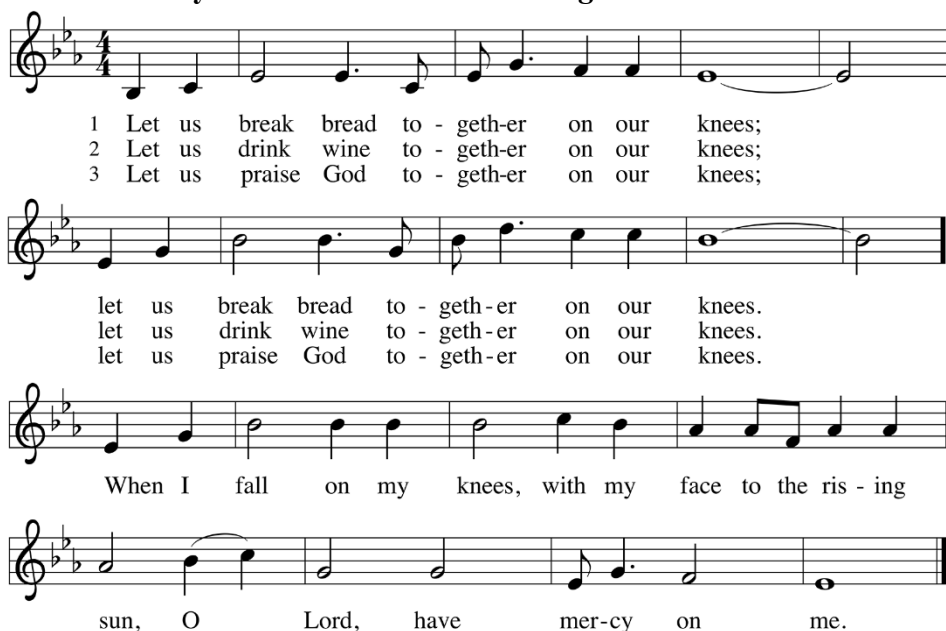




mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Hymn *Let Us Break Bread Together*

ELW 471



1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees;
2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees;
3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees;
let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees.
let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees.
let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees.
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing
sun, O Lord, have mer-cy on me.

Communion Distribution *(Your choice of WHITE wine or PURPLE grape juice)*

The body of Christ given for you.

The blood of Christ shed for you.

*Blessing

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

***Prayer after Communion**

Let us pray. O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

***Benediction**

The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, ✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

***Sending Hymn:**

When Peace Like a River

ELW 785

***Dismissal**

While our worship here has ended, let us continue through our service to others. So go in peace to love and serve the Lord,
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Jesus Lover of My Soul

- Young

Today's Worship Leaders and Assistants – November 16, 2025

Presiding Pastor: Rev. Robert M. Eller | Assisting Minister: Wayne York

Greeters: John and Barb Sandy | Cantor: Wayne York

Lector: Wayne York | Usher: Tom Yanders

Communion Assistants: John and Barb Sandy

Worship Coordinator: Ruth Patrick | Organist: John Foust

MEVO: Zach Baer

Next Sunday's Worship Leaders and Assistants – November 23, 2025

Presiding Pastor: Rev. Robert M. Eller | Assisting Minister: Barb Rupe

Greeters: Neil Rupe and Chuck Moore

Lector: Tom Yanders | Usher: Neil Rupe

Communion Assistants: Ward and Linda Holdsworth

Worship Coordinator: Ruth Patrick | Organist: Cindy Smith

MEVO: Zach Baer



WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Communion: Please fill out a communion card and hand it to the usher during communion. If you are unable to come forward, Pastor Rob will bring it back to your seat. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice (the communion cups with purple) are available.

Annual Meeting: After worship on November 30 will be our annual congregational meeting to vote on the budget for 2026.

Mid-Day Prayer Break: Do you have a lot on your mind? Come see Pastor Rob for the Mid-Day Prayer Break every Wednesday from 11:00am - 1:00pm. Pastor Rob is outside in front of the church for conversation, prayer, healing, and Holy Communion.

Thanksgiving Boxes: Service Committee is collecting the following items for Thanksgiving boxes we will give to 10 families in need at NP schools (Except for those items crossed off):

Noodles	Canned Veggies	Pasta Sauce	Peanut Butter
Boxed Potatoes	Canned Yams	Mac & Cheese	Jelly/Jam
Stuffing	Soups	Cereals	Canned Pumpkin

Deadline is **TODAY, Sunday, November 16**. Please place items in the wood box near the coat rack in the lobby.

Operation Christmas Child: Shoeboxes with Samaritan's Purse brochures tucked inside are available in the lobby. Bring back your filled shoebox gifts by **TODAY, Sunday, November 16** and the Service Committee will deliver them. If possible, please **include \$10 for postage** (*make checks payable to Emmanuel Lutheran Church*).

Share-A-Christmas: Gift Tags are on the lobby Christmas. You can choose a **BOY** or **GIRL** tag with the age range you desire. All gifts **must** be under the tree at Emmanuel by **Sunday, December 7**, so the Service Committee can deliver them the next day.

Blessing Bags: The Kidz Bible School class is making new blessing bags. We are in need of the following items (travel size only please):

Toothbrushes	Shampoo	Lotion	Wet Wipes
Toothpaste	Soap	Hand Sanitizer	Socks
Deodorant	Combs	Tissues	Granola bars

The kids will be assembling the bags on **Sunday, December 7**.

Sunday School: Adults and children are invited to attend Sunday School every Sunday at 8:30am! Kidz Bible School is open to kids age 3 and up. See Heidi Torch and Judy Swinehart with questions. The Adult Class is currently studying the book of Matthew. See Don Brandt with questions.

Choir Rehearsals: Bell choir rehearses on Tuesday evenings at 6:00pm and chancel choir rehearses Sunday mornings at 9:00am. All are welcome to join both!

Pastoral Visits: If you or anyone you know would like a visit from Pastor Rob, please call the church office or Pastor Rob to make arrangements.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Monday November 17

* AA Meeting – 12:00pm

Tuesday November 18

* Pastor's Group – 11:00am

* Free Legal Clinic – 4:45pm

* Stamp Club – 6:00pm

* Bell Choir – 6:00pm

Wednesday November 19

* Mid-day Prayer Break –
11:00am-1:00pm

Thursday November 20

Friday November 21

Saturday November 22

Sunday November 23

* Kids and Adult Sunday
School – 8:30am

* Choir Rehearsal – 9:00am

* Sunday worship – 9:30am

Attendance 11/9: 43

November Benevolence:
ELCA World Hunger

Readings for Next

Sunday

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Luke 1:68-79

Colossians 1:11-20

Luke 23:33-43

CHURCH COUNCIL

Neil Rupe – President

Ken Lab – Treasurer

Tricia Self

Ward Holdsworth – VP

Wayne York – Secretary

Heidi Torch

Altar Flowers Are Given to the Glory of God...

In honor of our grandson Mitchell's 18th birthday
by Rob and Karen Sterling

Church Family and Friends in Need of Prayer...

Assisted Living/Nursing Home:

Kay Frantz, Larry Humbert, Peggy Immel, Jean Ridgway

Homebound:

Betty Hattery

Other Members:

Sam Bates, Kathy Beatty, Shirley Brug, Sally Dorn, Ed Fishel,
Dean Fisher, John Frank, Kay Frantz, Dorthy Glass, Diana Gray,
Linda Holdsworth, Dick Hugh, Charles John, Mary Jane John,
Dorothy Kaufman, **Marge Kearns**, Breanne Mathias, Susan Miller,
Marsha Mills, Chuck Moore, Ruth Patrick, Chris Smith, Cindy Smith,
Marilyn Swaldo, **Rachel Yanders**, Shirley Yoder,
Sandi Hannenkrat-Wemple

Friends and Family:

Ed Fishel, Leslee Metcalf, Gene Rosenberry

Names in **BOLD** listed above were prayed for at the altar last Sunday



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