Welcome!

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, November 8, 2026 – 8:30am

To Our Guests: We are honored that you have chosen to worship with us today! Please stop by our Welcome Desk for more information about all our ministries. Please read below for more information about worshiping with us.

We love children at Christ Our Savior. Parents are encouraged to sit in the front pews so young children can see what is happening during worship. A nursery for children, infant to 3 yrs, and a family lounge off the Advent Lobby are available for those who prefer these areas. Ask an usher for directions.

Joyful Giving Opportunities: The offering plates are located at the back of the sanctuary. You are welcome to place your offering there before and after the worship services. Or give online! Click on the QR code to the right. →

Please check in with the Friendship Pad or Online. Remove the Friendship pad from the hymn rack on the center aisle and fill out your information. Take note of the people sitting around you – welcome each other by name! Or check in online by clicking here: →

We welcome guests to Sunday School and Bible classes, from 9:45 a.m.-10:45 a.m.

Fall Sunday School	**Lead by:**	**Where:**
Pre K thru Kindergarten		Room 15
1st thru 3rd grade		Room 8
4th thru 6th grade		Room 10
7th thru 8th grade		Room 12
High School Youth		Youth Room
Adult Bible Studies		
Tech-Wise Family	Josh Kittleman	Gym
Joseph	Pastor Davenport and Pastor Werner	Rooms 1-4
Bethel: The Old Testament	Judy Mayle	Gethsemane Chapel

Blessed to Advance God's Church – "Blessed with Time"



Today we begin a stewardship emphasis titled **Blessed to Advance God's Church.** It is fitting that the theme begins with the word "blessed." As God's people, we are truly blessed. Our blessings begin with the gift of faith that God gives us through His Spirit working through His Word. By God's grace, we are transformed and given a new identity, purpose, and perspective. Our old way of living is put to death. The Apostle Paul wrote, *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold the new has come" (2 Corinthians 5:17)*. As new people in Christ, we no longer live for ourselves. Filled with God's grace and love, we use our lives and blessings to advance God's Church. We become God's instruments through whom He works.

This is the first week in our stewardship emphasis Blessed to Advance God's Church. The theme for this week is "Blessed with Time." Time is one of God's most precious gifts to us, so we do not want to squander it. The time we have is completely controlled by God *(Psalm 31:15)*. When we seek God's divine guidance through His Word and prayer, we will be enabled to accomplish the tasks God gives us. Whatever the length of time God gives us, we are to make use of it to bring Him glory. May God's Holy Spirit fill us and flow through us as we seek to be the faithful stewards God has created us to be.

Order of Worship

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC Michele Ciscon

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✢ Preparation ✢

OPENING HYMN "With the Lord Begin Your Task" *LSB 869*

1. **With the Lord begin your task; Jesus will direct it.**
   For His aid and counsel ask; Jesus will perfect it.
   Ev'ry morn with Jesus rise, And when day is ended,
   In His name then close your eyes; Be to Him commended.
2. **Let each day begin with prayer, Praise, and adoration.**
   On the Lord cast ev'ry care; He is your salvation.
   Morning, evening, and at night Jesus will be near you,
   Save you from the tempter's might, With His presence cheer you.

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3. **With your Savior at your side, Foes need not alarm you;**
In His promises confide, And no ill can harm you.
All your trust and hope repose In the mighty Master,
Who in wisdom truly knows How to stem disaster.

4. **If your task be thus begun With the Savior's blessing,**
Safely then your course will run, Toward the promise pressing.
Good will follow ev'rywhere While you here must wander;
You at last the joy will share In the mansions yonder.

5. **Thus, Lord Jesus, ev'ry task Be to You commended;**
May Your will be done, I ask, Until life is ended.
Jesus, in Your name begun Be the day's endeavor;
Grant that it may well be done To Your praise forever.

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INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Psalm 70:1

P Make haste, O God, to deliver me!

C **O LORD, make haste to help me!**

Silent reflection on God's Word and for self-examination

P Let us then confess our sins to God, who is our help and our deliverer.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We confess the ways that our worship has fallen into empty words, disconnected from the life to which You have called us. We confess that we have been inattentive in our waiting for Christ's return. Forgive us, renew us, and call us back to You, that we may wait with hope and joy, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. He does not delay! His righteousness flows like an ever-flowing stream. As a servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**
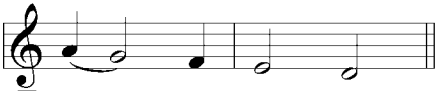
✢ Service of the Word ✢

INTROIT *Psalm 84:1, 9–12; antiphon: v. 3*
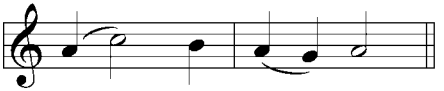
P Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young,
C **at Your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.**
P How lovely is Your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!
C **Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of Your anointed!**
P For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.
C **I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.**
P For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor.
C **No good thing does He withhold from those who walk uprightly.**
P O LORD of hosts,
C **blessèd is the one who trusts in You!**
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
P Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young,
C **at Your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.**

KYRIE *Lord, Have Mercy* *LSB 168*
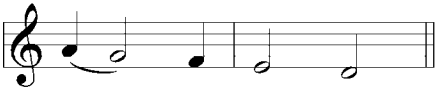
P In peace let us pray to the Lord.
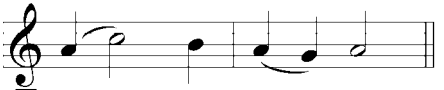


P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



P 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.
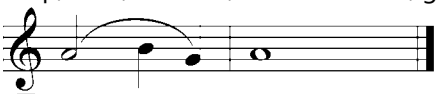


P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
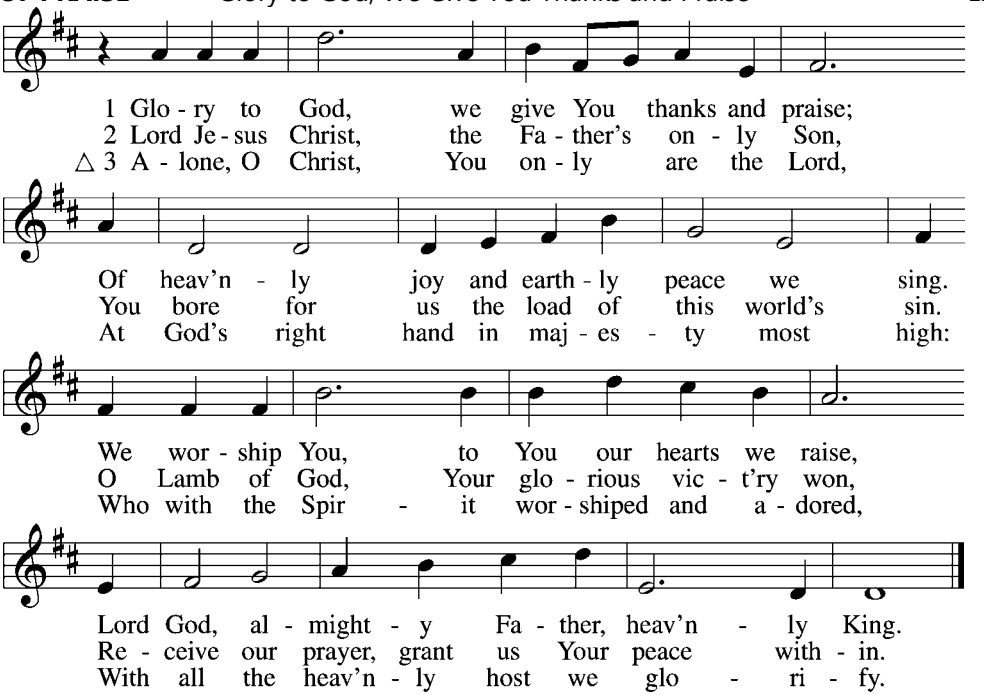


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℗ Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



℃ A - men.
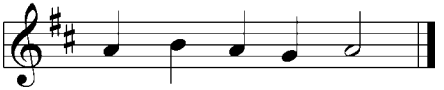
HYMN OF PRAISE "Glory to God, We Give You Thanks and Praise" *LSB 946*



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SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

℗ The Lord be with you.



℃ **And al - so with you.**

℗ Let us pray. Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

℃ **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING Ecclesiastes 3:1–8

[1]For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: [2]a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; [3]a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; [4]a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; [5]a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; [6]a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; [7]a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; [8]a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE Ephesians 5:15–17

[15]Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, [16]making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. [17]Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA AND VERSE *(sung)* *LSB 173*

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 10:38–42

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the tenth chapter.
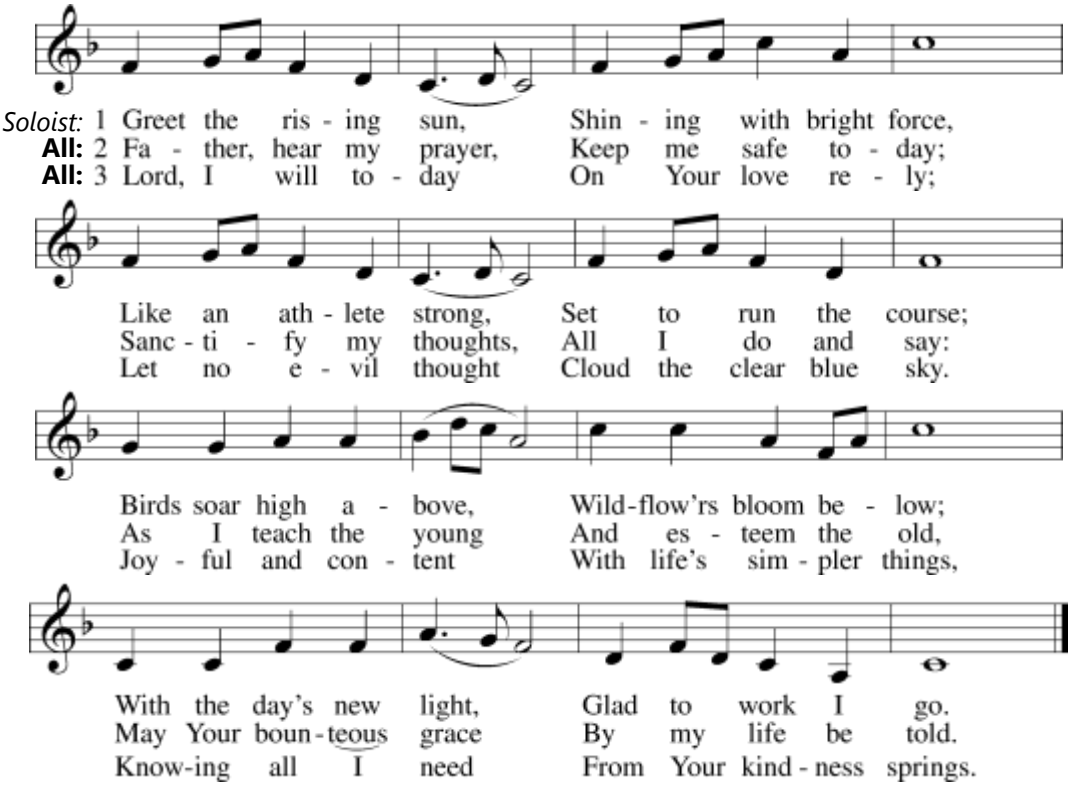
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[38]Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. [39]And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. [40]But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." [41]But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, [42]but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

SERMON HYMN "Greet the Rising Sun" *LSB 871*



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SERMON "Blessed with Time" *Luke 10:38-42*

THIS IS WHAT WE BELIEVE Apostles' Creed

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.

OFFERING *The ushers bring forward our gifts as a response to His blessings in our lives.*
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PRAYER AT OFFERING

P Bless now, O Lord, these gifts and their benefits, that they might be received as evidence of your mercies, and multiplied in effectiveness for Your kingdom. Through this and other acts of giving, train our hearts toward a greater generosity, that the habits of our stewardship lives may be ever more pleasing to You, and ever more expressive of Your holy heart and passions.

C **All that I have is Yours, Lord Jesus. All that I have is You.**

P Use then these gifts for works of love and mercy, and unto the increase of Your glory.

C **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Lord of Light, in Your Son You brought light into this world that no darkness could overcome and no one could extinguish. Bless all pastors and church workers in their work of tending to the church's lamp through the ministry of Word and Sacrament, that they be faithful in calling us to attention and pointing us to the One for whom we wait with hope. You are our help and our deliverer.

C **O Lord, do not delay.**

P God, You have honored us with the opportunity to be stewards of Your kingdom. Help us, Lord, to carry out the tasks You give us faithfully and responsibly. With our hands and feet You bring love and care to the needy; with our lips You tell others of Your life-saving Gospel; and with our minds, hearts, and checkbooks You support the work of Your Church.

C **Lord, thank You for the privilege of being Your stewards. Help us to advance Your Church.**

P Lord, we know neither the day nor the hour that Jesus will return, but You do. Keep us mindful of the ways we have fallen asleep in our waiting, that we remain alert to the ways You are active and ruling in our world, especially through the ones You have given authority to watch and protect us: our president and Congress; all law enforcement, fire protection, and medical personnel; and all who serve in the military. Guide their work of shielding Your people with mercy and justice. You are our help and our deliverer.

C **O Lord, do not delay.**

P Merciful Lord, even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest at Your altars. Look upon the faces of Your anointed and all those whose needs we bring to Your altar: all who are suffering and hurting and all who are waiting and longing. Be their sun and shield, withholding no good thing from those who walk uprightly. You are our help and our deliverer.

C **O Lord, do not delay.**

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P O Lord, trusting that You hear our prayers and will preserve Your people. This we pray through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9-13*

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray,

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.**

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24-26*

P 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.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" *LSB 733*

1. O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home:

2. Under the shadow of Thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defense is sure.

3. Before the hills in order stood
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.

4. A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

5. Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten as a dream
Dies at the op'ning day.

6. O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while troubles last
And our eternal home!

SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE

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ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

By Linda Houghton, in loving memory of Charlotte Eminger's birthday, 11/10.

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS –

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Director of Music:	Tom Schroeder
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Elder:	Nathan Troike
Acolyte:	Diane Bell
Lector:	Marie Schlosser
Altar Guild:	Ruth Dobberfuhl and Donna Puterbaugh
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