



# Our Saviour Lutheran Church

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost  
Sunday, November 19, 2023, 10:30 A.M

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-Matthew 13:51-53

## **PRELUDE**

## **WELCOME**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*Blessed be God, the one who forms us, (+) Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete. Amen.*

*Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.*

**Steadfast and faithful God, you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

*Beloved in Christ, God's justice stretches beyond all understanding. God's compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In Christ (+), you are forgiven. Amen.*

## **GATHERING SONG - Come Now is the Time for Worship**

### **THE APOSTOLIC GREETING**

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

*People:* **And also with you.**

### **THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*Pastor:* Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

### **THE FIRST READING: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18**

Be silent before the Lord God!

For the day of the Lord is at hand;  
the Lord has prepared a sacrifice,  
he has consecrated his guests.

At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,  
and I will punish the people  
who rest complacently on their dregs,  
those who say in their hearts,

'The Lord will not do good,  
nor will he do harm.'  
Their wealth 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 warrior cries aloud there.  
That day will be a day of wrath,  
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.

I will bring such distress upon people  
that they shall walk like the blind;  
because they have sinned against the Lord,  
their blood shall be poured out like dust,  
and their flesh like dung.  
Neither their silver nor their gold  
will be able to save them  
on the day of the Lord's wrath;  
in the fire of his passion  
the whole earth shall be consumed;  
for a full, a terrible end  
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

Here ends the reading. Word of God, Word of Life...  
*People: **Thanks be to God.***

**THE PSALM: Psalm 90:1-8, 12** (*Read responsively by half verse.*)

Lord, you have been our dwelling-place  
**in all generations.**

Before the mountains were brought forth,  
**or ever you had formed the earth and the world,  
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

You turn us back to dust,  
**and say, 'Turn back, you mortals.'**

For a thousand years in your sight  
are like yesterday when it is past,  
**or like a watch in the night.**

You sweep them away; they are like a dream,  
**like grass that is renewed in the morning;**

in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;  
**in the evening it fades and withers.**

For we are consumed by your anger;  
**by your wrath we are overwhelmed.**

You have set our iniquities before you,  
**our secret sins in the light of your countenance.**

So teach us to count our days  
**that we may gain a wise heart.**

**THE CHILDREN'S SERMON** - Heather Lussier

**THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – *I Love to Tell the Story* ELW #661**

*I love to tell the story of unseen things above, of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love. I love to tell the story, because I know it's true; it satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.*

*I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.*

**THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 13:51-53**

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*Pastor:* The Gospel of the Lord

*People:* **Thanks be to God!**

**THE SERMON:** Kingdom Stories  
*What's in Your Storeroom?*  
Chaplain Matt Dobyns

**THE HYMN OF THE DAY - Take My Life and Let it Be ELW 583**

**PROFESSION OF 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**

**THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**THE PEACE**

**THE OFFERING**

**THE OFFERING RESPONSE**

**THE OFFERTORY PRAYER**

God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING - ELW p. 144**

*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 our thanks and praise.**

**THE PREFACE** (*Sung by Pastor*)

## **THE SANCTUS**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

## **THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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**

Jesus invites you to this table. Come, eat and live.

## **COMMUNION SONGS**

### **Lamb of God**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
grant us peace, grant us peace.

## **THE COMMUNION PRAYER**

Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **THE BLESSING**

The God of glory, (+) Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

## **THE SENDING SONG - Blessed be Your Name**

## **THE DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. God is at work in you.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**