



Our Saviour
Lutheran Church

Order of Worship
November 16, 2025



PRELUDE – Will You Come and Follow Me – *Scottish tune Kelvingrove,
setting by P.F. Tillen*

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father,
and of the (+) Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Most merciful God,

We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the (+) Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN – Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty – ELW 533 v. 1-2

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me en - ter there,
2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so un - to me;
3 Here thy praise is glad - ly chant-ed, here thy seed is du - ly sown;
4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick-en, let me keep thy gift di - vine;
5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done in - deed;



where my soul in joy - ful du - ty waits for God who an - swers prayer.
where we find thee and a - dore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.
let my soul, where it is plant-ed, bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone,
how - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick-en, may thy word still o'er me shine
may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee while thou dost thy peo - ple feed.



Oh, how bless-ed is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace!
To my heart, oh, en - ter thou, let it be thy tem - ple now!
so that all I hear may be fruit - ful un - to life in me.
as my guid-ing star through life, as my com-fort in all strife.
Here of life the foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

TEMPLE TALK – Generosity Leaders

FIRST READING: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

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. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not irresponsible when we were with you, 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. This was not because we do not have that right but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living irresponsibly, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Here ends the reading. Word of God, word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98 (*Read responsively by half verse.*)

O sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things.
His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.

The LORD has made known his victory;
he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.
All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.

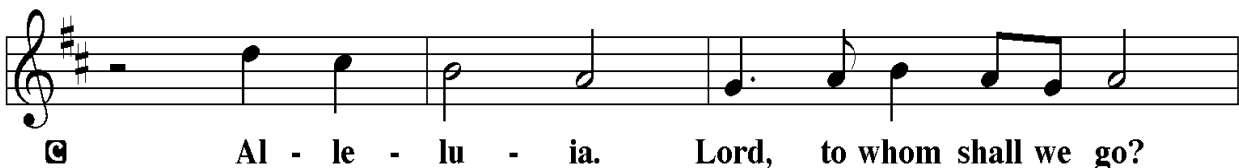
Let the sea roar and all that fills it,
the world and those who live in it.

Let the floods clap their hands;
let the hills sing together for joy

at the presence of the LORD, for he is coming to judge the earth.
He will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eighth chapter.

All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

THE GOSPEL READING: Mark 8:34-38

He called the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, O Christ!**

THE SERMON – SONGS OF FAITH: Will You Come and Follow Me

– *Pastor Frank Waugh*

HYMN OF THE DAY – Will You Come and Follow Me – ELW 798 v. 1-4
[Congregation sings verses 1, 2 and 4; Choir sings verse 3]

Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you care for cruel and
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"
 grow in you and you in me.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy,

All: **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: **And also with you.**

OFFERING – Blest Be the Tie That Binds – *arr. by Lowell Mason*

OFFERING CANTICLE



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Blessed are you,

O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

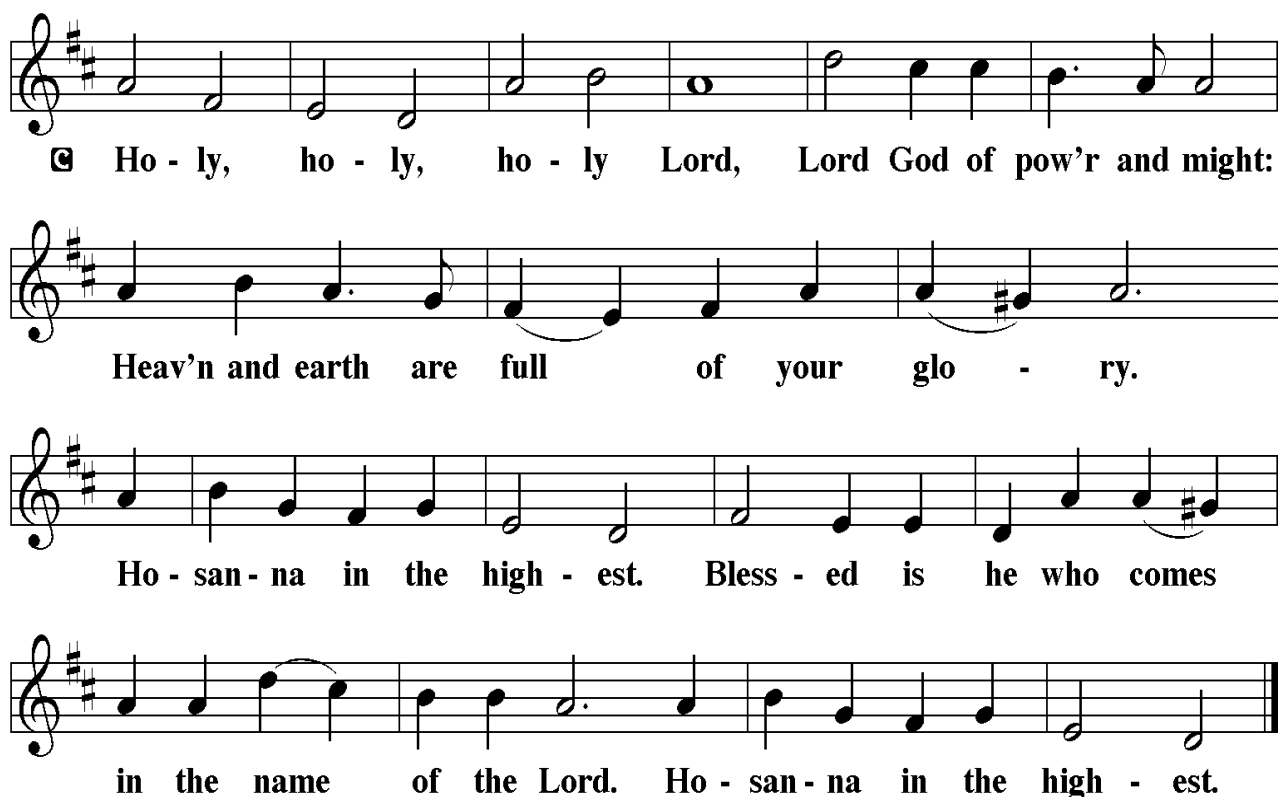
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE PREFACE

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who rose beyond the bounds of death and poured out your Spirit of life and power upon the chosen disciples. At this the whole earth exults in boundless joy. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

THE SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER AND 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.**

HOLY COMMUNION

We believe and teach that the Real Presence of Christ is present in, under and through the bread and wine as means of grace, offering forgiveness of sins and new life to believers in Christ. Baptized followers of Jesus are welcome to partake of the sacrament regardless of denominational affiliation. Small children and unbaptized adults are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. We ask older children and adults seeking the blessing to cross hands to shoulders to indicate a desire for blessing.

COMMUNION HYMN



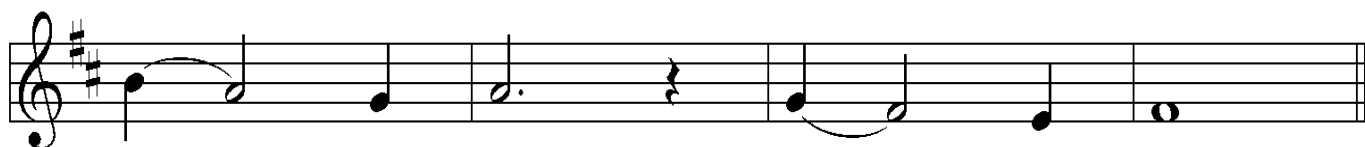
☪ Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



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



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION MUSIC – O Worship the King/Praise to the Lord, the Almighty/To God Be the Glory – *Johann Michael Haydn, Emeuerten Gesangbuch, and William H. Doane*

POST-COMMUNION

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

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, (+) Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN – Let Justice Flow Like Streams – ELW #717

Let Justice Flow like Streams

The musical score is written for a choir or congregation, featuring a treble and bass staff. The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides harmonic support. The lyrics are written below the notes.

1 Let jus - tice flow like streams of spar-ling wa - ter, pure,
2 Let righ - teous - ness roll on as oth - ers' cares we heed,
3 So may God's plumb line, straight, de - fine our mea - sure true,

en - a - bling growth, re - fresh - ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans-ing, sure.
an - ev - er - flow - ing stream of faith trans-lat - ed in - to deed.
and jus - tice, right, and peace per-vade this world our whole life through.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers for this week are being donated by Alicia and Ed Hill, in celebration of the upcoming holiday season.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY!

Join us in shaping our future! Please plan to participate in Our Saviour's Annual Congregational Meeting, held in the sanctuary this morning immediately following the worship service. The agenda includes the election of church council members and the approval of our 2026 spending plan.

All confirmed members of Our Saviour who have communed and made a gift of record to the church within the last two years are eligible to vote during the annual meeting. Pictures and bios of the nominees for Congregational Council are posted on the hallway bulletin board.

BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER

Help send a kid to camp! Make sure to visit the bake sale today after the service to stock up on sweet treats.

HOLIDAY BAKING MADE EASY!

Do your holiday baking with us! Order forms are available today for 6 varieties of cookies by the dozen, fudge, and ready-to-bake scones. Place your order by Nov. 30 for Dec. 7 delivery. All proceeds support our OSLC summer youth programs.

GIVING

God is generous and so he calls us to be as well. What we do with what God has given us shows the world where our hearts are and helps proclaim the gospel. We want to glorify God with every area of our lives, and that includes what we do with our finances. Thank you for continuing to support the mission and ministries of Our Saviour Lutheran Church through your generosity and the gifts listed below:

- Chuck and Dawn Hall – General Fund – In memory of John Strohmenger
- Carolyn Gordon – General Fund – In memory of Peggy Smith
- Juanita Balogh – General Fund – In memory of Marie Steensen

WOMEN OF THE ELCA

Deborah Circle will meet on Tuesday, November 18, at 7pm in the library. The fall Bible study by the Rev. Dr. Christa von Zychlin explores "Money, Stewardship and Generosity." Session three, "Generosity: There's a Wideness in God's Mercy," focuses on God's abundant generosity and considers how we can reflect that generosity in our lives. You are welcome to come and join the conversation.

FOOTBALL SUNDAY FUN

Show support for your favorite team on Sunday, November 23, by wearing their jersey, colors, or hat. Post-service snacks will be football-themed. Sponsored by avid Packer and Viking fans!

SAVE THE DATE

Matthew 25 and our very own Preschool will once again provide an evening full of food and entertainment. This yearly fundraiser is on December 14 starting at 5:30pm in Fellowship Hall. Watch for more information and ways to sign up and/or donate.

CONNECTORS YOUNG ADULT GROUP

Connectors, the OSLC gathering for young adults, will meet on December 3 at 6pm at Brixx Pizza. Come have some pizza and connect with others! Please RSVP to Emma Smith by email (eesmithghs@gmail.com) if you are able to make it so we can get a table reserved for the group.

BRIDGE SMALL GROUP

The Wednesday night adult small group The Bridge began a new course on November 5, a 30-day Bible reading challenge called "God Speaks." The course is designed to equip and encourage the small group to engage in Bible reading as a daily spiritual formation practice.

All adults at Our Saviour are invited to join The Bridge on Wednesdays at 6pm in the Parlor as we strengthen the foundation of our faith.

BLESSING OF THE QUILTS

Another year, another beautiful Blessing of the Quilts! On Sunday, November 9, a total of 68 quilts were blessed. The Sew Special team lovingly created these quilts — both machine-sewn and hand-tied — which will be sent to western North Carolina for distribution to those in need. A heartfelt thank you to all the dedicated ladies who spent countless hours bringing these quilts to life. Your time, talent, and compassion will bring warmth and comfort to many!

HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

OSLC is supporting the Holiday Food Drive of the Sandhills Coalition as it works to serve the food insecure within our area. From boxes of stuffing to cans of cranberry sauce, items to create holiday meals are being collected through December 17. Lists of special items needed are available in the front hallway where food may also be dropped off. Share your holiday spirit with those who need help.

JOIN US FOR RESTORATION - WEDNESDAYS AT NOON

Restoration is an Our Saviour small group that meets Wednesdays at noon at the church.

OUR SAVIOUR PRAYER LIST

Please send your prayer requests to the OSLC prayer team at prayer@oursaviournonline.org or visit the prayer page on our website. [Note: Prayer requests will stay active for 2 weeks unless renewed.]

This week, we are in prayer for:

Tiffaney Flack, Jan Liverman, Ed Carey, Jeff Masar, Scott Carey, John Pfisterer, and Richard Barnes.

JOIN US FOR DINNER AT OUR SAVIOUR - WEDNESDAY NIGHTS BEFORE ADULT SMALL GROUP

Dinner meets from 5:15-6pm before Adult Small Group, THE BRIDGE, at 6pm, and Handbell Rehearsal at 7pm.

MATTHEW 25 SCHEDULE

Drivers

11/18 Steve Marks

11/25 Bill Mitchell

Panera Pickup

Sunday

11/16 Carter

11/23 Benson

11/30 Loeser

Friday

11/21 Carter

11/28 Peebles

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Pastor Frank Waugh, Officiating Minister
Linda Strohmenger, Organist
Kathy MacNeil, Lay Reader

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Today

9 am – 12:30 pm: Send a Kid to Camp Bake Sale

11:30 am—Annual Congregational Meeting

Monday, November 17

4:30 pm—Matthew 25

Tuesday, November 18

9 am—Matthew 25

9 am—Quilters Guild

6 pm—OS Preschool Board

7 pm—Deborah Circle

Wednesday, November 19

9 am—Preschool Chapel

9 am to noon – Quilters Guild Workshop

Noon—Restoration: Adult Small Group/Practicing the Way

5:15 pm—Wednesday Evening Dinner

6 pm—The Bridge: Adult Small Group

“God Speaks” Bible reading course

7 pm—Handbell Rehearsal

Thursday, November 20

10 am—Preschool Crafting, Classrooms 1 & 2

6 pm—Congregational Council

ATTENDANCE FOR NOVEMBER

Nov. 2: 147

Nov. 9: 122

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