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LUTHERAN CHURCH  
GATHERING IN COMMUNITY  
GROWING IN OUR SAVIOR  
GOING OUT TO SHARE HIS LOVE

NOVEMBER 9, 2025  
10:00AM



**WELCOME!**

# Opening Hymn    LSB 940 Holy God, We Praise Thy Name    sts. 1–3

1 Ho - ly God, we praise Thy name; Lord of all, we  
 2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn An - gel choirs a -  
 3 Lo, the a - pos - tles' ho - ly train Join Thy sa - cred  
 bow be - fore Thee. All on earth Thy scep - ter claim,  
 bove are rais - ing; Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,  
 name to hal - low; Proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,  
 All in heav'n a - bove a - dore Thee. In - fi - nite Thy  
 In un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, Fill the heav'ns with  
 And the white - robed mar - tyrs fol - low, And from morn to  
 vast do - main, Ev - er - last - ing is Thy reign.  
 sweet ac - cord: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!  
 set of sun Through the Church the song goes on.

Text: Latin, c. 4th cent.; German version Katholisches Gesangbuch, 1774, Vienna; tr. Clarence A. Walworth, 1820–1900, alt.  
 Tune: Katholisches Gesangbuch, 1774, Vienna  
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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

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

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

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

**P** Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C Amen.**

## **Collect of the Day**

**P** Let us pray.

Living God, Your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy and pity. Grant us the fullness of Your grace to lay hold of Your promises and live forever in Your presence; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C Amen.**

## **Worship Songs**

### **Sharing in the Peace**

*(People may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).)*

### **Old Testament Reading**

Exodus 3:1–15

<sup>1</sup>Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. <sup>2</sup>And the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. <sup>3</sup>And Moses said, "I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned." <sup>4</sup>When the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." <sup>5</sup>Then he said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." <sup>6</sup>And he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

<sup>7</sup>Then the LORD said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, <sup>8</sup>and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. <sup>9</sup>And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. <sup>10</sup>Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the

children of Israel, out of Egypt.” <sup>11</sup>But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?” <sup>12</sup>He said, “But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain.”

<sup>13</sup>Then Moses said to God, “If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” <sup>14</sup>God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” And he said, “Say this to the people of Israel, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’” <sup>15</sup>God also said to Moses, “Say this to the people of Israel, ‘The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.’ This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations.”

A. This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

## 2 Thessalonians 2:1–8, 13–17

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we ask you, brothers, <sup>2</sup>not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by a spirit or a spoken word, or a letter seeming to be from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come.

<sup>3</sup>Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, <sup>4</sup>who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God. <sup>5</sup>Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? <sup>6</sup>And you know what is restraining him now so that he may be revealed in his time. <sup>7</sup>For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work. Only he who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way. <sup>8</sup>And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming. . . .

<sup>13</sup>But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth. <sup>14</sup>To this he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>15</sup>So then, brothers, stand firm and hold to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by our spoken word or by our letter.

<sup>16</sup>Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, <sup>17</sup>comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

A. This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## Holy Gospel

Luke 20:27–40

<sup>27</sup>There came to [Jesus] some Sadducees, those who deny that there is a resurrection, <sup>28</sup>and they asked him a question, saying, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, having a wife but no children, the man must take the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. <sup>29</sup>Now there were seven brothers. The first took a wife, and died without children. <sup>30</sup>And the second <sup>31</sup>and the third took her, and likewise all seven left no children and died. <sup>32</sup>Afterward the woman also died. <sup>33</sup>In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had her as wife."

<sup>34</sup>And Jesus said to them, "The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage, <sup>35</sup>but those who are considered worthy to attain to that age and to the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage, <sup>36</sup>for they cannot die anymore, because they are equal to angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection. <sup>37</sup>But that the dead are raised, even Moses showed, in the passage about the bush, where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. <sup>38</sup>Now he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for all live to him." <sup>39</sup>Then some of the scribes answered, "Teacher, you have spoken well." <sup>40</sup>For they no longer dared to ask him any question.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Apostles' Creed

**C** 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.**

**Sermon**

Vicar Johniel

**Prayers of the Church**

**Offering** All the Way My Savior Leads Me

Tune: Oscar Ahnfelt, arr. Mary McDonald

## Offertory

**Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (LSB 805)**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

## **Service of the Sacrament +**

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

P Dear Lord, at Your gracious invitation, we come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let us find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of our souls, and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### **Lord's Prayer**

### **The Words of Our Lord**

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

### **Pax Domini**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

### **Distribution**

### **Communion Hymns:**

LSB 522 Lord God, to Thee We Give All Praise,

Brown 155 Take Time to Be Holy,

Brown 402 He Lifted Me;

### **Post-Communion Collect**

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, we thank and praise You for feeding us the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send your Holy Spirit that, having with our mouths received the holy Sacrament, we may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

## Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and grant you peace. **Amen.**

## Closing Hymn - 817 Earth and All Stars *sts. 1, ref, 2-4*



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|-------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|
| 1 Earth and all stars!  | Loud rush - ing plan - ets!   | Sing to the |
| 2 Hail, wind, and rain! | Loud blow - ing snow - storm! | Sing to the |
| 3 Trum - pet and pipes! | Loud clash - ing cym - bals!  | Sing to the |
| 4 En - gines and steel! | Loud pound - ing ham - mers!  | Sing to the |

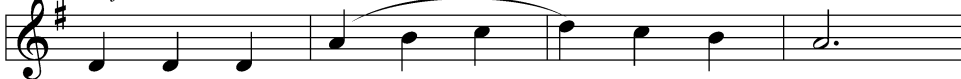


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|------|-------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| Lord | a new song! | Oh, vic - to - ry!      | Loud shout - ing |
| Lord | a new song! | Flow - ers and trees!   | Loud rus - tling |
| Lord | a new song! | Harp, lute, and lyre!   | Loud hum - ming  |
| Lord | a new song! | Lime - stone and beams! | Loud build - ing |



|             |             |      |             |
|-------------|-------------|------|-------------|
| ar - my!    | Sing to the | Lord | a new song! |
| dry leaves! | Sing to the | Lord | a new song! |
| cel - los!  | Sing to the | Lord | a new song! |
| work - ers! | Sing to the | Lord | a new song! |

### *Refrain*



He has done mar - vel - ous things.



I too will praise Him with a new song!

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Tune: David N. Johnson, 1922-87

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## Dismissal

P Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C **Thanks be to God!**

## **Announcements**

**Preparing for Holy Communion:** The Bible teaches us that we need to examine ourselves before coming to the Lord's Supper (1 Cor 11: (I Cor11:23-31). Please examine yourself with these four questions.

1. Are you sorry for your sins? (I John 1:8)
2. Do you believe that Jesus is your Savior who forgives all your sins? (I Timothy 1:15)
3. Are you determined to live a holy life? (Ephesians 2:10)
4. Do you believe that Christ's Body and Blood are present in, with, and under the bread and wine in the Lord's Supper, thus you receive all four elements? (Matthew 26:26-28)

**Operation Christmas Child.** Shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child will be packed with gifts this coming Thursday, November 13th, 6:30-8 p.m. in the school gym. Come and join school families to pack and pray over the boxes.

**A Voters Assembly** is scheduled for Sunday, November 23rd, immediately after the worship service. The single topic of business is to vote on a recommendation from the School Board and approved by the Council and Elders to expand Our Savior's Christian School by adding a high school beginning with 9th grade in September, 2026. Please pray for discernment for this important step. John Richardson, school principal, will provide more information about this recommendation in a presentation today following the worship service. Please stay.

**A Spaghetti Supper and Bake Sale** will be held this coming Saturday, November 15th, 4-6 p.m. in our school cafeteria. All proceeds will be used to support Night To Shine. Please contact Nicole Carlson (518/577-2472) if you can assist with the Spaghetti Supper and Cheryl Pangburn (518/369-3385) if you can assist and/or bring in baked goods for the Bake Sale. Baked goods may be brought to the school during school hours this Friday or brought in on Saturday, 1-4.

**Night To Shine**, a prom for people with disabilities, will be held at Our Savior's on February 13, 2026. This is a unique opportunity to let Jesus' love shine through us to our honored guests and their parent and caregivers. Our guest list is filled, but there is a need for volunteers, particularly for buddies to accompany the guests. Volunteers are also needed to help with decorations, set up and take down, making corsages and assisting in the respite room. You may register as a NTS volunteer through our church website ([oslalbany.org](http://oslalbany.org)).

## **November Clean-Up and Decorating:**

**Please mark your calendars for Saturday, November 29th, 2025!**

Our Savior's will, once again, be transformed inside and out to prepare for Advent and Christmas! We welcome all who are willing and able as there are plenty of jobs to accomplish. Here is what the day will look like, God willing:

**8:30am - 11:30am** - outside crews will tackle raking, bagging, leaf blowing and any other remaining outdoor task, for example, flower bed clean-up. The goal will be to remove leaves from both the church and school grounds.

**1pm - 3:30pm** - Decorating begins! The popular adage "the more the merrier" definitely applies here! Our main projects will include setting up and decorating the Christmas trees, setting up nativity displays, putting up lights and greening up the narthex, breezeway and fellowship room.

A sign up sheet is in the narthex waiting for you to put your name on it, now, 😊🎄 Yes, YOU! And one more detail before you go sign-up... we are providing a food/snacking table complete with hearty to lighter choices along with hot and cold beverages throughout the morning and afternoon. Feel free to bring something to share or just come and see what delicious nibbles await you.

Praise God for this beautiful season of preparation in our hearts, homes and church. Come Immanuel, we pray. May you and yours be blessed this December by His Word, His Spirit and the fellowship of His believers. **SEE YOU THERE!**

### **PRAYER NEEDS**

Healing: Christine Baird, Barbara Bruso, Lynn Currier, Fred Dignon, Kathy Hawley, Phyllis Lubiniecki, Barbara MacGowan, Patty Marshall, Jennifer Noble, George Swint, Eric Unright, Al & Helen Walck, Joan & Walter Weis, Lori & Peter Whitehouse, Dave Wolcott, Tim Zuelsdorf

-Homebound: Inge Glidden

-in Assisted Living: Christine Baird, Hazel Gutkoska, Marga Hildenbrandt, Lois O'Brien

**-Prayer for Gretchen DiCocco**, who teaches the fourth graders at Our Savior's Christian School. May God give Gretchen wisdom to direct her students to follow Jesus as the Way, the Truth and the Life and then to share that transforming Truth with others.

**-Prayer for Capital City Rescue Mission and Schenectady City Mission** as they minister to the many in our area who are faced with food insecurity and housing problems. May God's love fill those refuges of safety and provision.

**Vicar Mark Chaffee's** office hours are 9 a.m.-noon, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. You may also reach him by cell phone: 518/763-1085 or via email: [mark.chaffee@oursaviors.com](mailto:mark.chaffee@oursaviors.com) **Pastor Patrick Singh** is serving as part time vacancy pastor at Our Savior's, providing pastoral care and leadership in cooperation with Vicar Mark. You may contact Pastor Singh by email ([patrick204642003@yahoo.com](mailto:patrick204642003@yahoo.com)) or by cell phone (917/254-2597) if you wish to talk or schedule a time to meet with him.

**This Mornings Servers:**

**Worship Leaders:** Pam Reynolds & Heather Baird

**Readers:** Andrew & Arin Cross

**Communion Servers:** Travis & Melissa Coon

**Pray-ers:** Sharon Swint & Toni Cramer

**Ushers:** Ken Pleat, Brian Dollard, Ike Wallace

**TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Proper 28C) (16 November 2025)**

Malachi 4:1-6

2 Thessalonians 3:(1-5) 6-13

Luke 21:5-28 (29-36)

***God's Plan of Redemption Trumps Earthly Destruction and Violence***

There are signs of the Lord's coming all around: the cross that marks His Church, the violence and death of the sinful world, and the shaking of the natural order. *"There will be great distress upon the earth"* (Luke 21:23), but the faithful know that *"the kingdom of God is near"* (Luke 21:31). Therefore, *"straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near"* (Luke 21:28). Be awake and alert, and heed the words of Christ, which *"will not pass away"* (Luke 21:33). For you, *"the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings"* (Mal. 4:2). He sends His preachers of repentance in the spirit and power of Elijah *"before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes"* (Mal. 4:5), in order to *"direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ"* (2 Thess. 3:5). Although you are often faithless, *"the Lord is faithful,"* and by the preaching of His Word *"he will establish you and guard you against the evil one"* (2 Thess. 3:3). Therefore, *"do not grow weary in doing good"* (2 Thess. 3:13). In the midst of calamity, believe upon the Lord, Jesus Christ.

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*"Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
and his courts with praise!  
Give thanks to him; bless his name!" (Psalm 100:4)*

