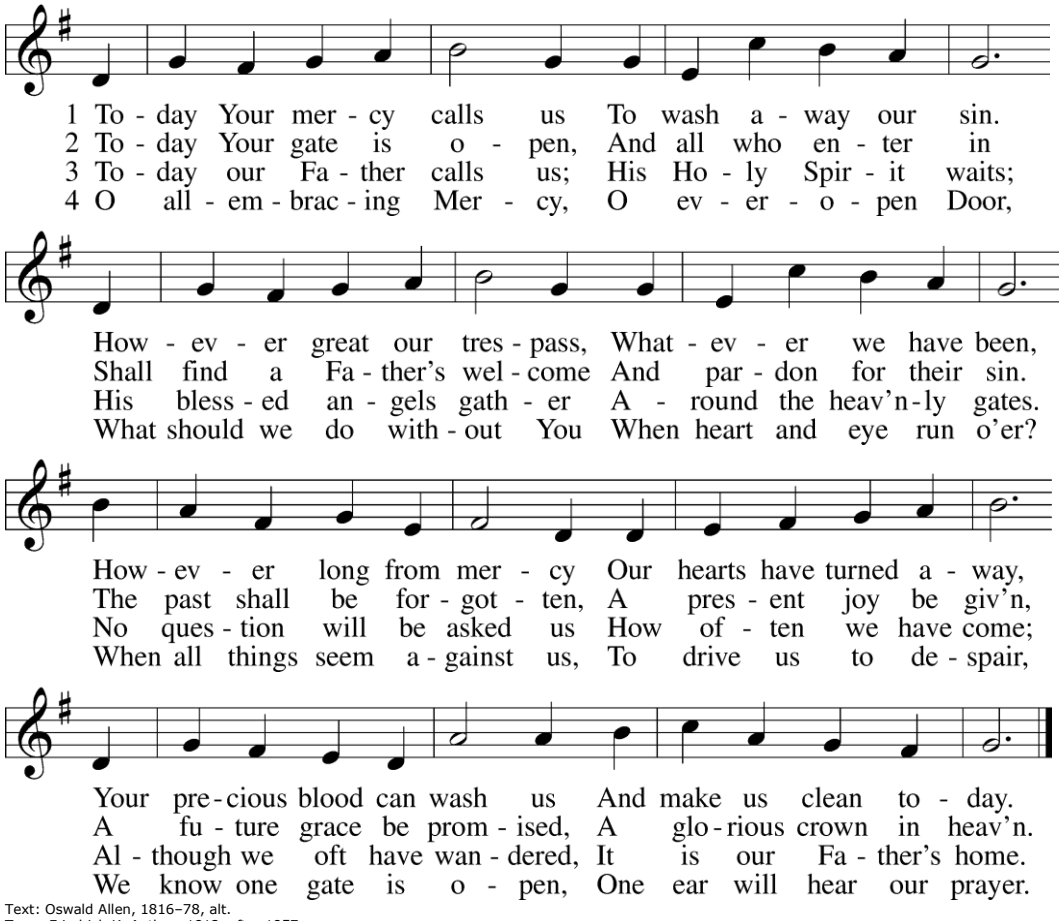
Our Savior's Lutheran Church and Christian School

November 8, 2026
10:00AM



Welcome!

Opening Hymn Lutheran Service Book 915, Today Your Mercy Calls Us



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Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✢ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C Who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

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

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✣ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Kyrie *LSB 152*

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.
C Lord, have mercy.

A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
C Lord, have mercy.

A 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.
C Lord, have mercy.

A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
C Lord, have mercy.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
C Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis *LSB 154*

A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.
C Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father: We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect of the Day

P 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.

C **Amen.**

Sharing of 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).)

Song of Hope I Will Rise

Old Testament Reading *Amos 5:18–24*

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD!
Why would you have the day of the LORD?
It is darkness, and not light,
19 as if a man fled from a lion, and a bear met him, or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall, and a serpent bit him.
20 Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light, and gloom with no brightness in it?
21 "I hate, I despise your feasts,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them;
and the peace offerings of your fattened animals,
I will not look upon them.
23 Take away from me the noise of your songs;
to the melody of your harps I will not listen.
24 But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle *1 Thessalonians 4:13–18*

13 But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. 15 For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. 16 For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel,

and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. 17Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. 18Therefore encourage one another with these words.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel *Matthew 25:1–13*

1[Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. 3For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, 4but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. 5As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. 6But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' 7Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. 8And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' 9But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' 10And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. 11Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' 12But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' 13Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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 Pastor Mark Chaffee

Song of Expectation - "Come Jesus Come"

Prayer of the Church

Offering He Will Come and Save You By Bob Fitts and Gary Sadler, Arr. by Richard Kingsmore

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

Service of the Sacrament

Prayer of Thanksgiving *LSB 178*

℗ Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament.

Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

ℂ **Amen.**

The Words of Our Lord

℗ 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."

Proclamation of Christ

℗ As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

ℂ **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

℗ O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Hear us as we pray and as He taught us.

The Lord's Prayer

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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

Distribution

Communion Hymns:

No Longer Slaves
Lutheran Service Book 651, I Love Your Kingdom Lord
Lutheran Service Book 686, Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing
Lutheran Service Book 722, Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

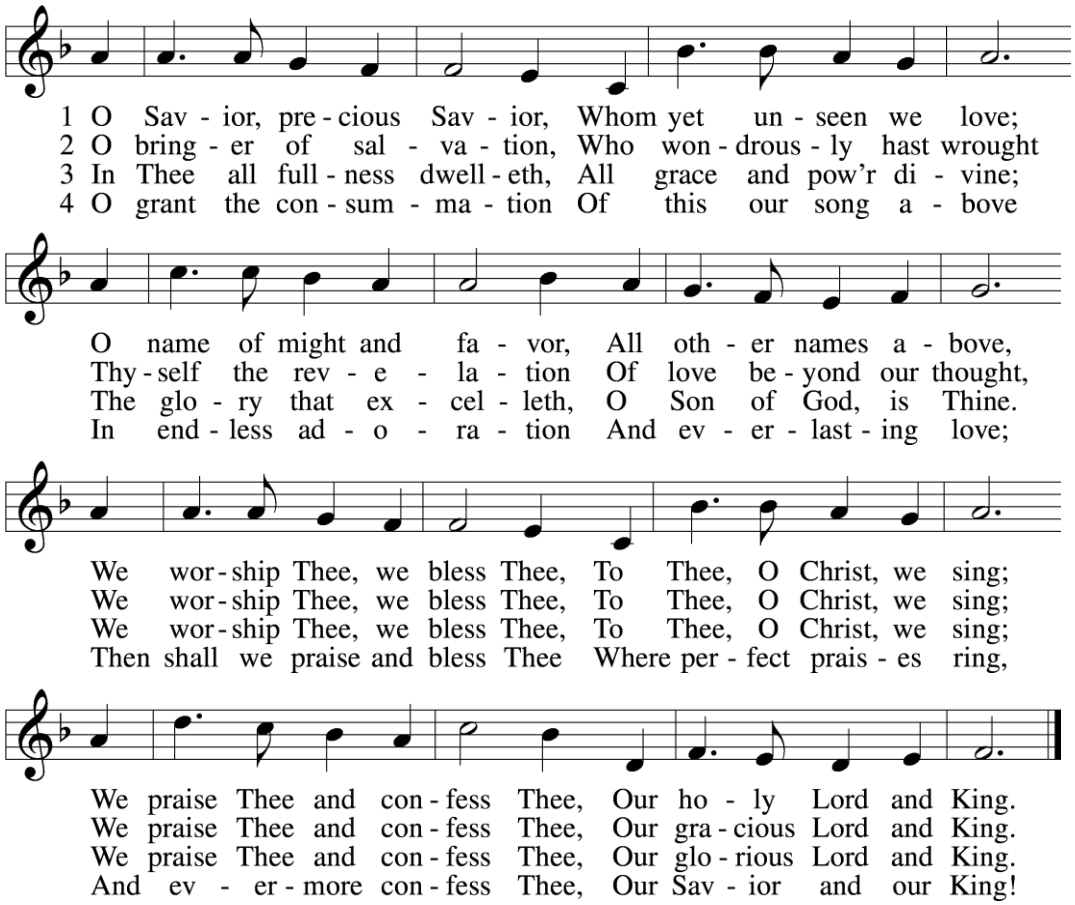
C **Amen.**

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.

C **Amen.**

Closing Hymn: Lutheran Service Book 527 O Savior Precious Savior



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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)

Gather in Gratitude-Thanksgiving Eve Service: Please join us on Wednesday, November 25th, at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Room for a time of Thanksgiving Eve worship and desserts to follow. If you are able, please bring a dessert to share. We look forward to giving thanks for the many ways that Our Savior has blessed us.

Library Clean-Out Exciting things continue to happen as we update our spaces! We are preparing to create a fresh "flex" space in the current church library room (across from the Launch Pad). You can help us by taking home some (or all) of the books in the library. There are excellent titles covering faith, family relationships, Bible commentary, etc. Please feel free to browse the library and take home anything you'd like. Books will be available until November 15th.

Coat Donations Needed for Conifer Park: Conifer Park has an **immediate need for men's and women's coats**, and we have an opportunity to help! If you have coats to donate, please bring them to church on Sunday and place them in the **cloak closet**, or drop them off at the church office during the week. We will continue collecting coats throughout November and December. **Please note:** This coat collection is in addition to our regular clothing donations for Conifer Park residents on the second Sunday of each month.

Nominations for Church Council and Elders are now being received. We will be voting on three positions on Church Council: Financial Officer (currently held by Jeremy Noble who is open to serving another three years) and two Member-at-Large positions (currently held by Arin Cross who is willing to serve again and by Heather Baird who has served two consecutive three year terms and is ineligible to be nominated at this time. Contact Greg Schoonmaker (gregschoon@juno.com or 518/862-5141) if you have names to submit for those Council positions. Contact Brian Dollard (brianjdollard2@gmail.com or 518/888-2930) if you have names to submit for Elder nominees (including the names of our two current Elders - Brian Dollard and Tom Aery).

PRAYER NEEDS
Healing: Barb Bruso, Toni Cramer, Fred Dignon, Kathy Hawley, Ned Johnson, Barbara MacGowan, Patty Marshall, Jennifer Noble, Jim Ryan, Eric Unright, Joan Weis, Dave Wolcott, Tim Zuelsdorf
Homebound: Inge Glidden, Joan & Walter Weis
in **Assisted Living:** Marga Hildenbrandt, Helen Walck

SERVERS
Organist: Mrs. Pam Reynolds
Contemporary Worship Leader: Murielle Smith
Choir Director: Heather Baird
Communion: Jeremy & Jen Noble
Greeters: Mary Ballou & Sue Pleat
Prayers: Sharon Swint & Toni Cramer
Reader: Greg Schoonmaker
Ushers: Matt Hans, Clarence Ballou

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (15 November 2026)

Zephaniah 1:7–16
1 Thessalonians 5:1–11
Matthew 25:14–30

God's Gift of Forgiveness Engenders Our Forgiveness of Others

The Day of the Lord is *"near and hastening fast,"* and it will be *"a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation"* (Zeph. 1:14, 15). The Lord will search out and punish *"the men who are complacent"* concerning His Word, *"who fill their master's house with violence and fraud"* (Zeph. 1:9, 12). Then all their works and efforts will be for nothing: *"Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them"* (Zeph. 1:13). But those who fear, love and trust in the Lord are *"good and faithful"* stewards of His property (Matt. 25:21). They live by faith in His free gift of forgiveness, and they multiply His goods in the loving forgiveness of their neighbor, and *"the master of those servants"* settles His accounts with them by the gracious reckoning of His Gospel (Matt. 25:19). Likewise, *"God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ"* (1 Thess. 5:9). Therefore, let us also *"put on the breastplate of faith and love"* in our dealings with one another (1 Thess. 5:8).

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