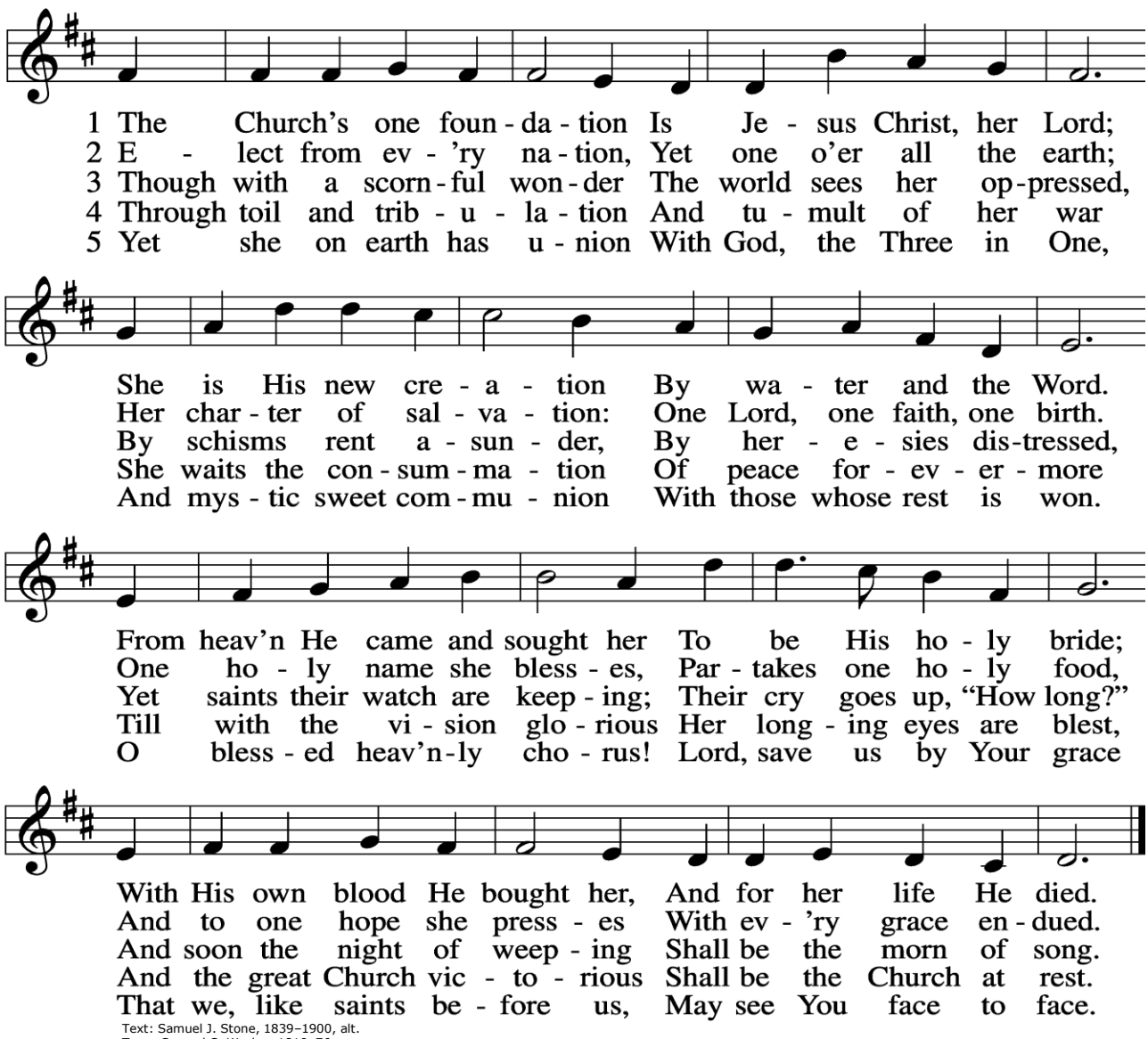
Our Savior's Lutheran Church and Christian School

November 15, 2026



WELCOME!

Opening Hymn Lutheran Service Book 644 The Church's One Foundation



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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.

Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; 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).)

Contemporary Worship Songs

Old Testament Reading *Zephaniah 1:7–16*

7 Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is near;
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice and consecrated his guests.
8 And on the day of the LORD's sacrifice—
"I will punish the officials and the king's sons
and all who array themselves in foreign attire.
9 On that day I will punish everyone who leaps over the threshold,
and those who fill their master's house with violence and fraud.
10 "On that day," declares the LORD, "a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate,
a wail from the Second Quarter, a loud crash from the hills.
11 Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar! For all the traders are no more;
all who weigh out silver are cut off.

12 At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the men who are complacent, those who say in their hearts,
'The LORD will not do good, nor will he do ill.'
13 Their goods 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."
14 The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter; the mighty man cries aloud there.
15 A day of wrath is that day, 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, 16 a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle *1 Thessalonians 5:1–11*

1Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything
written to you. 2For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a
thief in the night. 3While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden
destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they
will not escape. 4But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a
thief. 5For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the
darkness. 6So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. 7For
those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. 8But since we
belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a
helmet the hope of salvation. 9For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation
through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we
might live with him. 11Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as
you are doing.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel *Matthew 25:14–30*

14[Jesus said:] "For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and
entrusted to them his property. 15To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one,
to each according to his ability. Then he went away. 16He who had received the five talents
went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. 17So also he who had the
two talents made two talents more. 18But he who had received the one talent went and dug
in the ground and hid his master's money.

19Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them.
20And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more,
saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.' 21His
master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a
little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' 22And he also who had the
two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have
made two talents more.' 23His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant.
You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your
master.' 24He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew
you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered
no seed, 25so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what
is yours.' 26But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I
reap where I have not sowed and gather where I scattered no seed? 27Then you ought to
have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what
was my own with interest. 28So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten
talents.

[29]For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. [30]And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

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

Prayer of the Church

Offering

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

Service of the Sacrament

Prayer of Thanksgiving *LSB 178*
P 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.

℃ **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

Pax Domini

℗ The peace of the Lord be with you always.

℃ **Amen.**

Distribution

Communion Hymns:

Brown Hymnal 152, Take My Life and Let It Be
Brown Hymnal 184, Let Us Break Bread Together
Brown Hymnal 299, More Love to Thee

Post-Communion Collect

℗ 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.

℃ **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: Brown Hymnal 497, When the Roll is Called Up Yonder

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.

Last Call for Library Clean-Out! We are updating our library space (across from the LaunchPad) and we need your help to find the books a new home! Please feel free to browse the library and take home as many books as you'd like! Also, if you know of an individual or organization that might be interested in taking ALL remaining books, reach out to Melissa at melissa.warrender@oursaviors.com.

JOIN US FOR CHRISTMAS DECORATING! Our Savior's Church, once again, will be transformed to prepare for the 2026 Advent and Christmas season. Please plan to join us Saturday, November 28th from 1 to 3:30pm. Together we will enjoy a lively time of fellowship as we work together to check-off our decorating to-do list! Many hands are needed and the more the merrier! Our main focus will be tree decorating, setting up nativities, draping garlands, hanging wreaths and stringing lights. A food table will be provided complete with hearty to lighter choices along with hot and cold beverages. Feel free to bring something to share or come see what delicious nibbles await you.
Praise God for this beautiful season of preparation in our hearts, homes, and church. Come Emmanuel, we pray. May you and yours be blessed this season by His Word, His presence and the fellowship of His believers. Please contact us if you are able to attend and/or have questions. Thank you! Lori – 518-703–9855 or Brian -518-888-2930

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 Song Leader: Heather Baird
Communion: Jeremy & Jen Noble
Greeters: Sandy Gansle
Prayers: Brian & Lori Dollard
Reader: Cathy Kilpatrick
Ushers: Ken Pleat, Terri Zuelsdorf

LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR (22 November 2026)
Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24, 1 Corinthians 15:20–28, Matthew 25:31–46
By the Cross of Christ, We Enter the Kingdom of Our God and Father

When the crucified and risen Lord Jesus comes to judge the living and the dead, "he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats" (Matt. 25:32). "To those on his right," who have been crucified and raised with Him through repentance and faith in His Gospel, He will grant the blessed kingdom of His Father (Matt. 25:34). Having been justified by His grace, they live unto righteousness in Him (Matt. 25:35–40). But "those on his left," who trust in themselves and despise their neighbor, will depart "into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels" (Matt. 25:41). Until that day, the Lord searches for His sheep "as a shepherd seeks out his flock" (Ezek. 34:11–12). Through His preaching of repentance, He disciplines the proud sheep and goats, "the fat and the strong," but through the preaching of forgiveness He rescues the lost, binds up the injured, strengthens the weak and feeds "the lean sheep" (Ezek. 34:16, 20). In this way, He destroys the power of death in the children of Adam by His cross, so that "in Christ shall all be made alive" by His resurrection (1 Cor. 15:20–26)

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