INVITATION TO COMMUNION
There is a place for you at the banquet. Come and feast at Jesus' table.
SIT
COMMUNION
COMMUNION SONG.....ELW p. 191 *"Lamb of God"*
DISTRIBUTION HYMN.....Hymn #638 *"Blessed Assurance"*
STAND
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
Let us pray. Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet.
Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way.
Amen.
SENDING OF COMMUNION
Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist those who set forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are sick, homebound, and imprisoned. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.
BLESSING
May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad! The blessing of God, Sovereign, ☩ Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always.
Amen.
SENDING SONG.....Hymn #815 "*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*"
DISMISSAL
We are God's People.
Followers of Jesus Christ.
Gifted by the Spirit.
Go Pray. Go Love. Go Serve.
Thanks be to God.
POSTLUDE

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The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God.
Please sign up to sponsor altar flowers.

"29For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away." *Matthew 25:29*

THIS WEEKEND'S WORSHIP LEADERS
INTERIM PASTOR: *Pastor Kathy Brown*
SOUND/VIDEO: *Art Kotenko*
ASSISTING MINISTER: *Patti Mason*
PIANO/ORGAN: *Deb Black*
SACRISTY HELP: *Pat Gallo & Kay Manderfeld*

SATURDAY
READER: *Mark Zanin*
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: *Edie Iverson, Todd Woller*
USHERS: *Bob VanBendegom, Dale Brandes, and/or Sandy Benson*
HOSPITALITY: *The VanBendegoms and/or The Zanins*

SUNDAY
READER: *Beth Kerscher*
ADULT CHOIR: *Dr. Richard Sjoerdsma, Director*
KIDS CONNECTION: *Beth Kerscher*
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: *Kay Manderfeld, Julie Schmit & Steve Hartfield*
GREETERS: *Kay & Dave Manderfeld*
USHERS: *Gary Rice, Ralph Tollas, Carole Scotese, Dave Raszkiewicz, Dan Neururer, Larry Boyd and/or Doug Derginer*
HOSPITALITY: *Judy Reynolds, Ralph Tollas, Christine Johnson*

St. Mary's Lutheran Church
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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Saturday, Nov. 18 at 5:00pm & Sunday, Nov. 19 at 9:00am
WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Greetings and Blessings to you!
- *Please respect the beauty of reverence and quiet reflection as we prepare for worship.*
- *Turn off phones or silence them.*
- *Please know that St. Mary's Lutheran Church celebrates Holy Communion for ALL! This is Christ's table and His invitation. You do not need to be a Lutheran, or a member of our church to participate. Also, if you wish to come up for only a blessing, please tell us when you approach, and we will bless you! If you are unable to come up for communion, tell the usher that you would like to receive communion at your seat, and someone will bring it to you.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS
PRELUDE
STAND
CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS
Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
in whose image we are made,
who claims us and calls us beloved.
Amen.

Holy One,
we confess that we are not awake for you.
We are not faithful in using your gifts.
We forget the least of our siblings.
We do not see your beautiful image in one another.
We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community.
Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor,
open our hands to serve your creation.
Amen.
Beloved, we are God's children,
and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us.
Through ☩ Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome,
in Jesus you are called to rejoice!
Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world.
Amen.
GATHERING SONG.....Hymn #689 *"Praise and Thanksgiving"*
GREETING
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.
CANTICLE OF PRAISE.....ELW p. 187 *"This is the Feast"*
PRAYER OF THE DAY
Let us pray.
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.
SIT
WORD *Pew Bible Page*
First Reading: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18 (pgs. 765-766)
Zephaniah (like the prophet Amos in last week's first reading) presents the day of the Lord as one of judgment and wrath. Descriptions of the last day in the New Testament include details taken from Old Testament accounts of the day of the Lord.
Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

Pew Bible Page

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 (pgs. 960-961)

Though we do not know and cannot calculate the day of Christ's return, we live faithfully in the here and now as we anticipate the day when we will be given eternal salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

STAND

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION.....ELW pg. 188 *"Alleluia"*

Pew Bible Page

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14-30 (pg. 807)

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus tells a parable about his second coming, indicating that it is not sufficient merely to maintain things as they are. Those who await his return should make good use of the gifts that God has provided them.

The gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SIT

KIDS CONNECTION (SUN)

SERMON

STAND

HYMN OF THE DAY.....Hymn #714 *"O God of Mercy, God of Light"*

APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith using the words of 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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Receive our prayers, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy;
through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

SIT

ADULT CHOIR ***"For the Beauty of the Earth" - arr.*** *CHOPLIN*

Text can be found in ELW #879.

STAND

OFFERING.....Hymn #685 *"Take My Life, That I May Be" (vs. 1, 5, 6)*

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

PREFACE

ACCLAMATION AND AMEN.....*ELW p. 190 "Holy, Holy, Holy"*

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:
Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign.
You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory.

We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age:
the promise to Israel, the rescue from Egypt,
the gift of the promised land, the words of the prophets;
and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son,
who proclaimed the good news in word and deed
and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that we who share in Christ's body and blood
may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place,
and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest
until he comes as victorious Lord of all.
Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**