Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church, Washington, IL Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 23, 2025

Welcome – Please take a moment to sign the black attendance books in the pews.

Opening Hymn: "Blessing and Honor" | Red Book #854



- 2 Let all the heav ens sound forth Je-sus' name; let all the
- 3 Ev er as cend ing the song and the joy, ev er de -
- 4 Give we the glo ry and praise to the Lamb! Take we the

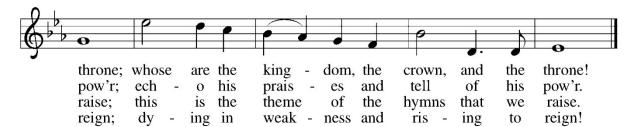


rich - es and strength ev - er - more, earth sing his glo - ry and fame. scend-ing the love from on high; robe and the harp and the palm;

be the who our Lamb O cean and moun - tain, stream, bless - ing and hon or and sing we the song the of



bat - tle has won. whose are the king - dom, the crown, and the prais - es and for - est, and flow'r ech o his tell of his glo - ry and praise— this is the theme of the hymns that we ing in Lamb who was slain, dy weak - ness and ris - ing to



Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808-1889, alt.

Music: AMERICAN HYMN, Matthias Keller, 1813-1875

Confession and Forgiveness

- L In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- L God of heaven and earth, you come in close and make us yours. Equip us by your Spirit to confess our sin, embrace your forgiveness, and seek the way you set before us in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C Amen.
- P With honesty of heart, let us confess our sin. Merciful God,
- C forgive us. Our will is handcuffed to sin, and we cannot break free. We have spoken when we should have kept quiet. We were silent when we should have said something. We acted when we knew better. We were still when we know we should have moved. For the wrong we have done, for the good we have failed to do, have mercy on us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.
- P People of God, look to the + Son, given to heal you and set you free because God loved the world so much. Take hold of life—eternal life!
- C Amen.

Greeting

- L The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C And also with you.
- L Please take a moment to share in God's peace



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Hymn: "How Great Thou Art" | Red Book 856



Text: Carl G. Boberg, 1859–1940; tr. and adapt. Stuart K. Hine, 1899–1989 Music: O STORE GUD, Swedish folk tune; adapt. Stuart K. Hine Text and music © 1953 S. K. Hine, assigned to Manna Music, Inc., 35255 Brooten Road, Pacific City OR 97135 (ASCAP). Renewed 1981. All rights reserved.

Prayer of the Day

- O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

First Reading – Jeremiah 23:1-6 | Pew Bible #625

1 Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. 2 Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. 3 Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. 4 I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall no longer fear or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord. 5 The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. 6 In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

- R The Word of the Lord
- C Thanks be to God

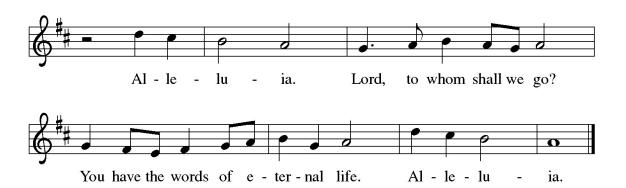
Psalm 46

- ¹ God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
- ² Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths | of the sea;
- ³ though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble | with its tumult.
- ⁴ There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.
- ⁵ God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken; God shall help it at the break of day.
- ⁶ The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth melts away.
- ⁷ The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob, is our stronghold.
- ⁸ Come now, regard the works | of the Lord, what desolations God has brought upon the earth;
- ⁹ behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world; who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.
- ¹⁰ "Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."
- ¹¹ The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Second Reading – Colossians 1:11-20 | Pew Bible #955

11 May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully 12 giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. 13 He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. 15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, 16 for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. 17 He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18 He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. 19 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, 20 and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

- R The Word of the Lord
- C Thanks be to God



Gospel Reading – Luke 22:33-43 | Pew Bible #852 C Glory to you, O Lord

33 When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. 34 [[Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. 35 And the people stood by watching, but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" 36 The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine 37 and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" 38 There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." 39 One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" 40 But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? 41 And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." 42 Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom." 43 He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

C Praise to you, O Christ

Message: "Thanksgiving" Debbie & Bob C., Lory S., Kristi L. Jason F.

Sermon Hymn: "Beautiful Savor" Red Book 838



Text: Gesangbuch, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904 Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

Apostles' Creed

C: 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.

^{*}Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.

Offering:

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Offering Prayer

P Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C Amen.

Prayers of Intercession:

- L Lifting our voices and turning toward God, let us pray for the church, the earth, and all who are in need.
- L God of Abraham and Sarah, God of all earth's families, bless your church to be a blessing and bestow your grace to a hurting world. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.
- L O God, you love the entire cosmos. Help us to love all of the creatures and life within it. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.
- C God, our help is in you. Keep the nations, their governments, and their people from all evil. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.
- C God, your promises ease our pain and sorrow. Grant comfort, healing, and joy to all who are in need. *(especially)* Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.
- O God, lead this assembly in its journey toward faith, works of love, and prayer. Let those gathered here be fed and nourished by your word. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.
- C God, we give thanks for the faithful departed who have joined your saints in light. Let their lives be guides to our own. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.
- L Into your hands, merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your steadfast love; through Christ our Lord.
- C Amen.

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

Announcements

Blessing and Dismissal

- L Now may the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit +
- C Amen
- L Go in peace, serve the Lord

Hymn: "Now Thank We All Our God" | Red Book #840



Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586–1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878 Musie: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

Postlude

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