St. Mary's Lutheran Church

Sunday, November 8, 2026 - 9:00am

Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost - Youth Led Worship Service

Please respect the beauty of reverence and quiet reflection as we prepare for worship. Turn off phones or silence them. And, please know that St. Mary's Lutheran Church celebrates Holy Communion for ALL! Christ is present and you are welcome! Young children are welcome to receive communion or a blessing. We offer gluten-free and regular wafers, grape juice and wine options. If you are unable to come forward, please remain seated and tell the ushers you'd like communion in your seat and it will be brought to you. The ushers will direct all during communion.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

PRELUDE: *St. Mary's Jubilate! Handbells*
"Rejoice and Ring Praises!" by Robert B. Allen

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our dwelling place for all generations,
whose compassion never slumbers.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.

Holy God,

we confess that we have trusted in our preparation
instead of your invitation.
We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved.
We trust the voice of our shame and fear,
which keeps us from entering fully
into relationship with you and others.
We are not awake to the coming of your reign.
Rouse us and rescue us,
that we may enter into your joy.
Amen.

Inherit the riches of God's grace.
☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.
You are forgiven.
Blessed are you.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (see yellow sheet)

WORSHIP SONG: *"Gratitude" (pg. 2)*

SCRIPTURE READINGS (see yellow insert)

- First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

- **PSALM 70** (read responsively)
- SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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KIDS CONNECTION

- GOSPEL READING: Matthew 25:1-13

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew the 25th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW #851 *"When In Our Music God is Glorified"*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God, in your mercy.

Receive our prayer.

Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.

Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE

OFFERING SONG: *St. Mary's Jubilate! Handbells*
"Keep Your Lamps" arr. by Michael J. Glasgow

OFFERING PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION & LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION SONG: *"Oceans" (pg. 3)*

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING

SENDING SONG: *"My Light House" (pg. 4)*

DISMISSAL "Go in Peace, Share the good news!"

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE: *"My Lighthouse" reprise*

GRATITUDE by Brandon Lake

Verse 1
All my words fall short
I got nothing new
How could I express
All my gratitude

Verse 2
I could sing these songs
As I often do
But every song must end
And You never do

Chorus
So I throw up my hands
And praise You again and again
'Cause all that I have is a hallelujah hallelujah
And I know it's not much
But I've nothing else fit for a king
Except for a heart singing hallelujah
Hallelujah

Verse 3
I've got one response
I've got just one move
With my arms stretched wide
I will worship You

Bridge
Come on my soul
Oh don't you get shy on me
Lift up your song
'Cause you've got a lion inside of those lungs
Get up and praise the Lord

Benjamin Hastings, Brandon Lake, Dante Bowe
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OCEANS (Where Feet May Fail) by Joel Houston, Matt Crocker, Salomon Ligthelm

Verse 1
You call me out upon the waters
The great unknown where feet may fail
And there I find You in the mystery
In oceans deep my faith will stand

Chorus 1
And I will call upon Your name
And keep my eyes above the waves
When oceans rise
My soul will rest in Your embrace
For I am Yours and You are mine

Verse 2
Your grace abounds in deepest waters
Your sov'reign hand will be my guide
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me
You've never failed and You won't start now

Interlude 1
Oh and You are mine oh

Bridge
Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders
Let me walk upon the waters
Wherever You would call me
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander
And my faith will be made stronger
In the presence of my Saviour

Interlude 2
Yeah yeah yeah yeah
Oh Jesus yeah my God

Chorus 2
I will call upon Your name
Keep my eyes above the waves
My soul will rest in Your embrace
I am Yours and You are mine

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MY LIGHTHOUSE by Chris Llewellyn, Gareth Gilkeson

Verse 1
In my wrestling and in my doubts
In my failures You won't walk out
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh
You are the peace in my troubled sea

Verse 2
In the silence You won't let go
In the questions Your truth will hold
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh
You are the peace in my troubled sea

Chorus
My Lighthouse my Lighthouse
Shining in the darkness
I will follow You oh
My Lighthouse my Lighthouse
I will trust the promise
You will carry me safe to shore
Safe to shore safe to shore safe to shore

Verse 3
I won't fear what tomorrow brings
With each morning I'll rise and sing
My God's love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh
You are the peace in my troubled sea

Bridge
Fire before us
You're the brightest
You will lead us
Through the storms (hey)
(REPEAT 3X)

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