Twenty-fourth Weekend after Pentecost

Saturday, November 7, 2026 - 4:00pm
Sunday, November 8, 2026 - 8:30am

Prelude

Hymn of Invocation: Holy God, We Praise Thy Name *LSB 940*

1 Holy God, we praise Thy name;
Lord of all, we bow before Thee.
All on earth Thy scepter claim,
All in heav'n above adore Thee.
Infinite Thy vast domain,
Everlasting is Thy reign.

2 Hark! The glad celestial hymn
Angel choirs above are raising;
Cherubim and seraphim,
In unceasing chorus praising,
Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord:
Holy, holy, holy Lord!

3 Lo, the apostles' holy train
Join Thy sacred name to hallow;
Prophets swell the glad refrain,
And the white-robed martyrs follow,
And from morn to set of sun
Through the Church the song goes on.

4 Thou art King of Glory, Christ;
Son of God, yet born of Mary.
For us sinners sacrificed,
As to death a Tributary,
First to break the bars of death,
Thou hast opened heav'n to faith.

5 Holy Father, holy Son,
Holy Spirit, three we name Thee;
Though in essence only one,
Undivided God we claim Thee
And, adoring, bend the knee
While we own the mystery.

Text: Latin, c. 4th cent.; German version Katholisches Gesangbuch, 1774, Vienna; tr. Clarence A. Walworth, 1820–1900, alt.
Text: Public domain

Invocation

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

C **Amen.**

Exhortation *LSB 151*

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** *1 John 1:8-9*

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

Confession of Sins *LSB 151*

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Absolution

Service of the Word

Introit: Psalm 70

P Make haste, O God, to deliver me!

C **O LORD, make haste to help me!**

P Let them be put to shame and confusion who seek my life!

C **Let them be turned back and brought to dishonor who desire my hurt!**

P Let them turn back because of their shame who say, "Aha, Aha!"

C **May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you!**

P May those who love your salvation say evermore, "God is great!"

C **But I am poor and needy; hasten to me, O God!**

P You are my help and my deliverer;

C **O LORD, do not delay!**

C **Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;**
As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

Kyrie

LSB 152





Hymn of Praise: Great God, Our Creator

OAR 233



Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, 1919–2008
Tune: Welsh
Text: © 1990 Concordia Publishing House. Used by permission: OAR Hymn License no. 110005020
Tune: Public domain

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

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.**

Our Veterans Recognized and Honored

Welcome

Saturday - Pastor Tim Eden; Sunday - Pastor Randy Bard

Children's Time (Sunday)

Pastor Tim Eden

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.**

Gradual

Revelation 7:14b; Psalm 84:5

A These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.
C **They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.**
A Blessèd are those whose strength is in you,
C **In whose heart are the highways to Zion. Amen.**

Epistle

1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

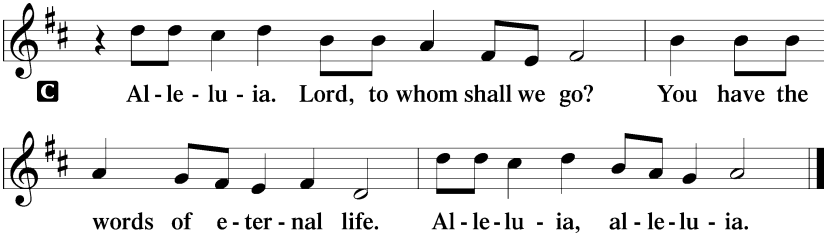
13 But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep.

15For 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. 16For 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.**

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156



Holy Gospel

Matthew 25:1–13

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

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.**

Nicene Creed

C **I believe in one God,**
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn of the Day: Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense

LSB 741 sts. 1–4



Text: Otto von Schwerin, 1616–79; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.
Tune: Johann Crüger, 1598–1662
Text and tune: Public domain

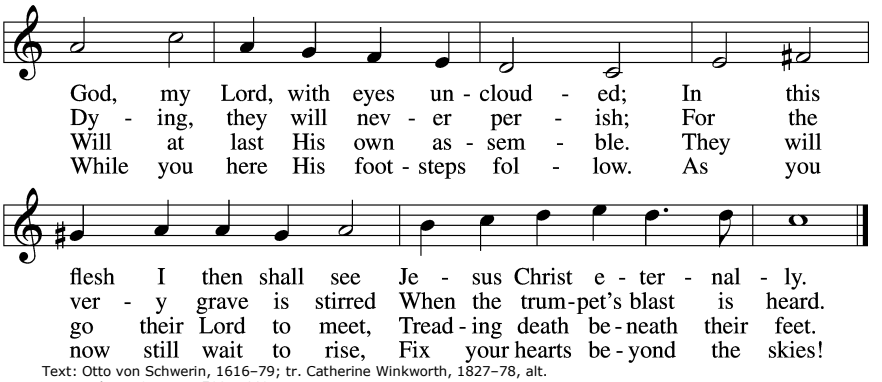
Sermon: "Encourage One Another", Part 1

Pastor Tim Eden

Hymn: Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense

LSB 741 sts. 5–8





Text: Otto von Schwerin, 1616–79; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.
Tune: Johann Crüger, 1598–1662
Text and tune: Public domain

Offering

(Members & guests please fill out the attendance card found in the pew and place it in the offering plate. E-Giving available online at www.blcbcs.org)

Prayer of the Church

Those for whom we are praying are listed in the bulletin. Each petition of the prayer will end, "Lord, in Your Mercy." ***The worshipers respond, "Hear our prayer."***

Lord's Prayer

C **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.

Benediction

Hymn to Depart: How Great Thou Art

LSB 801



Text: Carl Gustaf Boberg, 1859–1940; tr. Stuart W. K. Hine, 1899–1989
Tune: Swedish; arr. Stuart W. K. Hine, 1899–1989
Text and tune: © 1949, 1953 The Stuart Hine Trust, admin. EMI CMG and Hope Publishing Co. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110005020

Announcements

Postlude

Acknowledgments

Unless otherwise indicated, Scripture quotations are from the ESV® Bible (The Holy Bible, English Standard Version®), copyright © 2001 by Crossway, a publishing ministry of Good News Publishers. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

Created by Lutheran Service Builder © 2026 Concordia Publishing House.