Classic Worship

Sunday, November 8, 2026

8:00am

Order of Worship

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, October 25, 2026 – 8:00 a.m.

Prelude **Lana Middendorf, Organist**

Welcome

Please stand.

Opening Hymn

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

I know that my Redeemer lives; What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead; He lives, my ever-living head.

He lives triumphant from the grave; He lives eternally to save;
He lives all-glorious in the sky; He lives exalted there on high.

He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to plead for me above;
He lives my hungry soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.

He lives to grant me rich supply; He lives to guide me with His eye;
He lives to comfort me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's complaint.

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Invocation

Pastor: In the Name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Confession and Absolution

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

All: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

All: 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.

Pastor: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, Who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

Hymn of Praise

"The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns"

The King shall come when morning dawns And light triumphant breaks,
When beauty gilds the eastern hills And life to joy awakes.

Not as of old a little child, To bear and fight and die,
But crowned with glory like the sun That lights the morning sky.

Women & Children:

Oh, brighter than the rising morn When Christ, victorious, rose
And left the lonesome place of death Despite the rage of foes.

Men: Oh, brighter than that glorious morn Shall dawn upon our race
The day when Christ in splendor comes And we shall see His face.

All: The King shall come when morning dawns And light and beauty brings.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your people pray: Come quickly, King of kings!

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Prayer of the Day

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

Pastor: 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.
All: Amen.

First Lesson — 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.
Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

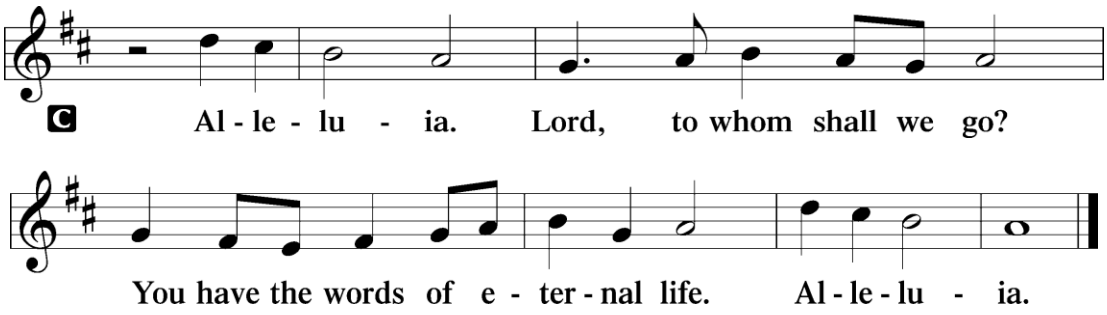
Second Lesson — 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18

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. [15] For 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. [16] For 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. [17] Then 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. [18] Therefore
encourage one another with these words.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Holy Gospel.



The Holy Gospel Matthew 25: 1-13

PASTOR: THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW THE TWENTY–FIFTH CHAPTER.

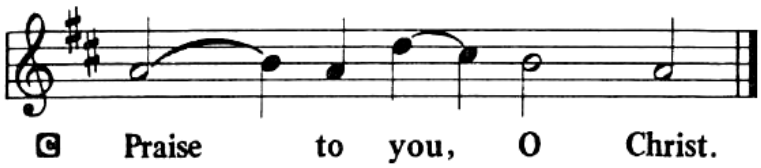


The Reading of the Holy Gospel

[1] "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and
went to meet the bridegroom. [2] Five of them were foolish, and five were wise.
[3] For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, [4] but the wise
took flasks of oil with their lamps. [5] As the bridegroom was delayed, they all
became drowsy and slept. [6] But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the
bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' [7] Then all those virgins rose and trimmed
their lamps. [8] And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our
lamps are going out.' [9] But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be

enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' [10] And 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. [11] Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, Lord, lord, open to us.' [12] But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' [13] Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord!



Children's Message

Sermon Hymn

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

Let all mortal flesh keep silence And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly-minded, For with blessing in His hand
Christ our God to earth descending Comes our homage to demand.

King of kings yet born of Mary, As of old on earth He stood,
Lord of lords in human vesture, In the body and the blood,
He will give to all the faithful His own self for heav'nly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven Spreads its vanguard on the way
As the Light of Light, descending From the realms of endless day,
Comes the pow'rs of hell to vanquish As the darkness clears away.

At His feet the six-winged seraph, Cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the presence As with ceaseless voice they cry:
"Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, Lord Most High!"

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The Sermon Rev. Mark Siegert

"Comfort One Another"

Apostles Creed

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.

Offering

Musical Offering

Prayers Of The Church

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

After each petition the prayer concludes:

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,
All: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
All: 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 for ever and ever. Amen.

The Benediction

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

All: Amen.

Closing Hymn

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

He lives to silence all my fears; He lives to wipe away my tears;
He lives to calm my troubled heart; He lives all blessings to impart.

He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend; He lives and loves me to the end;
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing; He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.

He lives and grants me daily breath; He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare; He lives to bring me safely there.

He lives, all glory to His name! He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives: I know that my Redeemer lives!

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