



A Worship Series

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
Judgment / Peace

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church | *Jordan, Minnesota*

November 16, 2025

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Welcome and thank you for joining us for worship today! In our service, we gather before our almighty and saving God to offer him our worship and praise. We also assemble to hear God’s holy and powerful word and celebrate his life-giving sacraments. Through these means, God strengthens our faith and walks us ever closer to our eternal home with him.

TODAY’S THEME

If you were making a list of things that might make society more peaceful, would you include “more judgment”? Likely not. Many people assume that judgement leads to conflict, not peace. However, a lack of judgment is a luxury many cannot afford. Our world is full of victims of abuse, violence, and oppression. In many cases this evil goes unnoticed and unpunished. A future without the hope of judgment means no peace. If there is no hope of judgment, victims would be driven either into total despair or to be consumed by the desire for revenge. A future that includes judgment, however, gives those who are wronged the peace of knowing that one day there will be perfect justice. When we are horribly wronged, what are our options? Taking matters into our own hands? Despair? Jesus provides a better option. Trust that he will keep his promise to return, bringing judgment. The effect of that promise? We have peace, knowing that every wrong will eventually be righted by the one righteous Judge.

CLOSE COMMUNION

Following the guidance of Scripture, we invite those who are members of this congregation or one of our sister WELS congregations to join us as we celebrate the Lord’s Supper this morning. Those who are members of other church bodies are asked to speak with the pastor before attending the Lord’s Supper. With this practice, it is not our intent to judge hearts, but to remain faithful to the truth of God’s Word. Thank you for respecting our practice regarding the Lord’s Supper.

Pastor.....Jeremy Glowicki
Organist.....Noah Helke

490 The Clouds of Judgment Gather

Choir sings verse 1

Stand

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Confession

CW 188

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

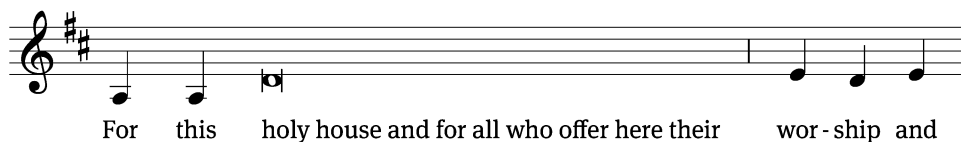
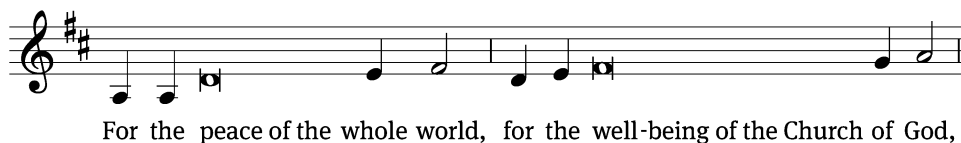
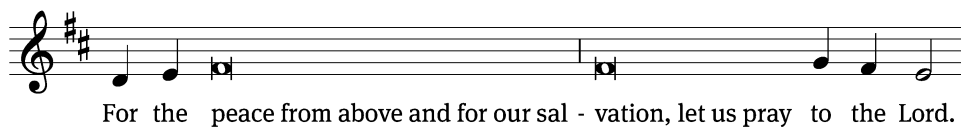
Let us confess our sins to the Lord.
**Holy God, gracious Father,
I am sinful by nature
and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.
I have not loved you with my whole heart;
I have not loved others as I should.
I deserve your punishment both now and forever.
But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins
with his innocent suffering and death.
Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

CW 190



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord.

A - men. A - men.

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Glory to God in the Highest

CW 191

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, glo-ry to

God, and peace to his peo-ple on earth,

and peace to his peo-ple on earth.

Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and

Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we

praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly

Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on

us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the

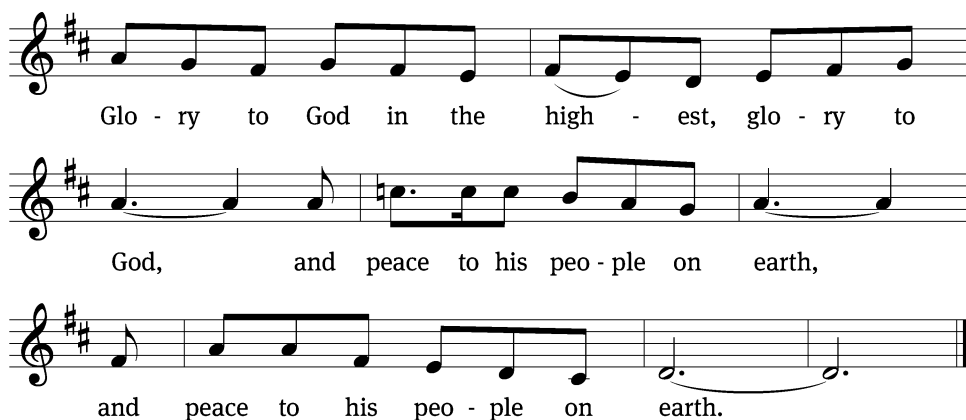
Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For

you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the

Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus

Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the

glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.



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The Word

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Lord God Almighty, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that we may always look forward to the end of this present evil age and the day of your righteous judgment. Keep us steadfast in true and living faith, and present us at last holy and blameless before you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Malachi 4:1-6

On the day of judgment, those who do evil will be laid low. But that day will mean rescue for those who revere the name of the LORD.

Look! The day is coming, burning like a blast furnace. All the arrogant and every evildoer will be stubble. The day that is coming will set them on fire, says the LORD of Armies, a day that will not leave behind a root or branch for them. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will rise, and there will be healing in its wings. You will go out and jump around like calves from the stall. You will trample the wicked. They will surely be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day when I take action, says the LORD of Armies. Remember the law of my servant Moses, which I commanded to him at Horeb to serve as statutes and judgments over all Israel. Look! I am going to send Elijah the prophet to you before the great and fearful day of the LORD comes! He will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers. Otherwise, I will come and strike the land with complete destruction.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

98A All the Ends of the Earth

Psalms 98A

Second Reading

2 Thessalonians 1:5–10

The Thessalonian Christians were suffering a persecution. To empower their perseverance, Paul assures them of the coming judgment and punishment.

This is evidence of God's righteous verdict that resulted in your being counted worthy of God's kingdom, for which you also suffer. Certainly, it is right for God to repay trouble to those who trouble you, and to give relief to you, who are troubled along with us. When the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his powerful angels, he will exercise vengeance in flaming fire on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. Such people will receive a just penalty: eternal destruction away from the presence of the Lord and from his glorious strength, on that day when he comes to be glorified among his

saints, and to be marveled at among all those who have believed, because our testimony to you was believed.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

Revelation 2:10



Refrain



Tone



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Jesus instructs us, when persecuted, to not seek vengeance. Instead, we are to stand firm and persevere, confident in the justice of coming judgment.

As some were talking about the temple, how it was decorated with beautiful stones and offerings, Jesus said, “These things that you see here—the days will come when there will not be one stone left on another—every one will be thrown down.” They asked him, “Teacher, when will these things happen? And what is the sign that these things are about to happen?” He said, “Watch out so that you are not deceived! For many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he,’ and ‘The time is near.’ Do not follow them. Whenever you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be terrified, for these things must happen first, but the end will not be right then.” Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes, famines, and plagues in various places. There will be horrifying sights and great signs from heaven. But before all these things, they will lay their hands on you and will persecute you, handing you over to synagogues and prisons, bringing you before kings and governors for my name's sake. It will turn out to be your opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare beforehand how to defend yourselves, for I will give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents, brothers, relatives, and friends. They will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all people for my name's sake. But not a hair of your head will perish. By patient endurance you will gain your lives.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

488 The Day Is Surely Drawing Near

CW 488

Sermon

Stand

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.

Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.

Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase.

Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world.

Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.

Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.

Preserve our nation in justice and honor. Guide and bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws.

Give them wisdom that they may promote justice and hinder evil.

Let your blessing rest on planting and harvest, commerce and industry, medicine and science, the arts and culture. Protect all who travel, and care for those whose work is difficult or dangerous.

Be with all who devote themselves to any useful task.

Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.

Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you, who now rest from their labors. Console those who are mourning or living with sadness.

Keep us in the true faith, and bring us at last to the joys of heaven.

Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again.
Amen.

Offering

During the offering, please fill out the Friendship Register in the pew and pass it down to those sitting next to you.

Jesus Shepherd of the Sheep

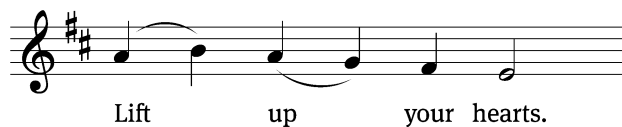
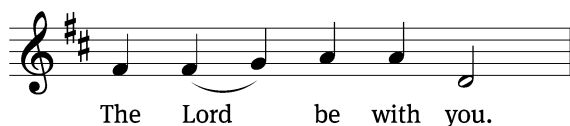
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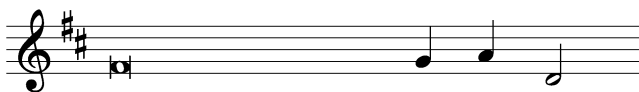
The Sacrament

Stand

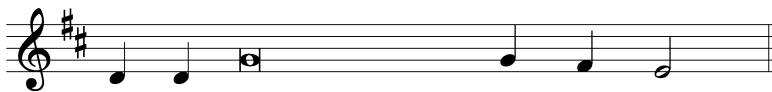
Preface

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Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

CW 200



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts,



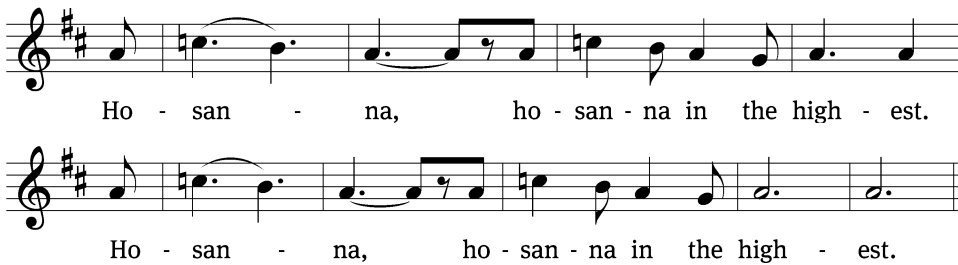
heav - en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are you, Lord God, eternal King and gracious Father. In love you made us the crown of your creation. In mercy you planned our salvation. In grace you sent your Son to redeem us from sin.

We remember and give you thanks that your eternal Son, Jesus Christ, became flesh and made his dwelling among us, that he willingly placed himself under law to redeem those under law, that he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death on a cross, that he has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood in this Sacrament. Forgive our sins, increase our faith, strengthen our fellowship, and deepen our longing for the day when Christ will welcome us to his eternal feast. Praise and thanks and honor and glory be to you, O God our Father, and to your Son and to the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

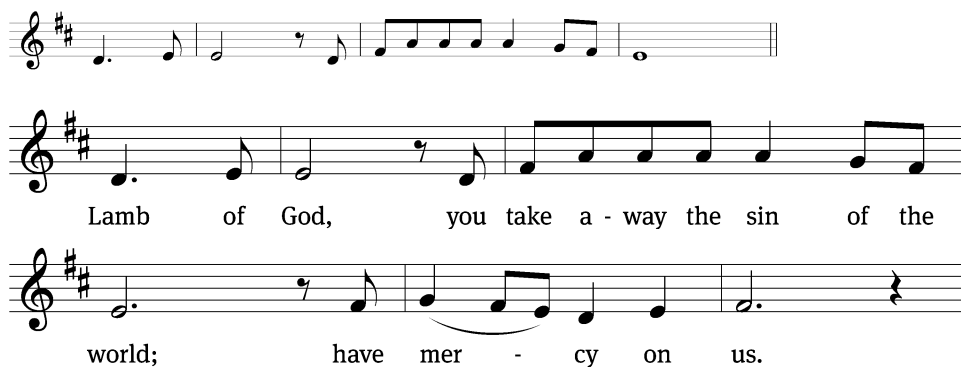
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

Words of Institution

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Amen.

Lamb of God

CW 202



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; grant us, grant us peace.

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Be seated

Distribution

671 Your Body, Given for Me, O Savior

CW 671

Stand

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving-kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

Amen.

492 A Few More Years Shall Roll

Choir sings vss. 2&4

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News & Notes

Radio Broadcast

The radio broadcast is sponsored by Gary and Ruby Smith in memory of loved ones, and in celebration of their 8th Wedding Anniversary. Thank you!

Prophecies of Advent

We begin a new study today of prophecies of Advent which will come up in the readings at worship this year. We meet in the Fellowship Hall following worship.

Lord's Supper Schedule Adjustment

This year the Children's Christmas Service falls on a Sunday on which we would normally celebrate the Lord's Supper. Please note the changes for this year. There will be Lord's Supper on the 5th Sunday in November, the 30th. During December, there will be Lord's Supper on the 14th and 28th.

Gift for A Seminary Student

Each year Woven gathers funds to help a student and his family while he is studying at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. If you would like to give to this cause, you can place your gift in the marked plexiglass box on the counter near the Fellowship Hall. You can also give through our giving app. Select "Seminary Student Support". Funds are gathered until November 30th.

Advent by Candlelight

Advent by Candlelight is on Sunday, November 30th. Doors open at 4:30 pm, dinner starts at 5 pm, followed by the program. Sign up in the binder by the Fellowship Hall and RSVP by November 23rd. Hosts, please bring a salad or dessert; the main course is provided. For questions, contact any Woven member or email spljordan.la@gmail.com.

Radio broadcast/Live Streaming Help Needed

If you are at all interested in learning how to help by recording services and setting up the live stream please speak with pastor Glowicki. We are in need of some more members to help out with this portion of our service. The process does not take an advanced technology skill set, and training is available to get you up to speed.

Seminar on Preparing for the future

Today, beginning at 11 am, Sue Bohnsack will lead a seminar to help you prepare your forever binder for those planned and unplanned situations in life. There is no cost for this seminar.

Theology on Tap

Theology on Tap meets at Mana brewing on Thursday, November 20th at 6:30 pm. We have been studying small and lesser known books of the Bible recently. Participation in the study will get you one leaf on the vine for reading the book of Zephaniah!



New Worship Series – Begins November 30th Imminent Arrival

Do you remember the feeling when someone important is about to arrive at your place? It's a mixture of anticipation and excitement and nervousness. Did you make all the correct preparations? Will the person be happy to see you? When and how will the person arrive? Will there be any surprises? During these weeks before Christmas, we anticipate the imminent arrival of Jesus. He's an important person! We are about to celebrate his birth. He could return on judgment day at any time. But in worship we realize that he impacts our lives when the Bible is read and when the sacraments are administered. Suddenly we feel the excitement of an imminent arrival.



Upcoming Events



Theology on Tap
Nov. 20 & Dec. 18
6:30 pm



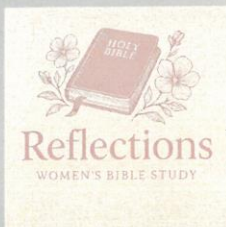
Thanksgiving Eve Worship
Nov. 26
7:00 pm



Advent by Candlelight
Nov. 30
4:30 pm



Dec. 7
Church Decorating
after worship



Reflections Women's Study
Dec. 9
7:00 pm



Advent Eventide Worship
Dec. 10
Dinner 5 pm - Worship 6 pm



Children's Christmas Service
Dec. 21
9:00 am



Christmas Eve Candlelight
Dec. 24
6:30 pm



Christmas Day Worship
Dec. 25
9:00 am

NOVEMBER 2025

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2 Worship 9 am Communion Bible Study/ Sunday School 10:15 am	3 Worship 7 pm Choir 7:45 pm	4	5 Foundations 6 pm Woven 6 pm	6 Senior Fellowship 10 am	7	8
9 Worship 9 am Avent Candle Build - Study Fellowship Sunday Bible Study/ Sunday School 10:15 am	10 Worship 7 pm 7:45 Choir	11 Circuit Meeting 10 am Council Meeting 6:30 Reflections Bible Study for Women 7 pm	12 Foundations 6 pm Advent Candle Build - Study 7 pm	13	14	15
16 Worship 9 am Communion Bible Study/ Sunday School 10:15 am	17 Worship 7 pm 7:45 Choir	18 Oak Terrace 9:45	19 Foundations 6 pm	20 Theology on Tap 6:30 Mana Brewing	21	22
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30 Worship 9 am Bible Study/ Sunday School 10:15 am WELS Connection Advent by Candlelight 4:30 pm						

SERVING THE LORD

		Acolytes	Ushers	Media Booth	Organist
11/16	9 am	Carson Kalal	2	Cooper Kalal	Noah Helke
11/23	9 am	Carson Kalal	3	Cooper Kalal	Lois Zander
11/26	9 am	Greta Newton	4	(Need Volunteer)	-

November Altar Guild	November Cleaners
Rachel Carlstrom/Karen Firle/Mary Zeman	-
November Counters	Fall Service Group Leader
Debbie Glowicki/Heather Nelson	Dianne Jabs
December Altar Guild	
Jodi Bertrang/Amy Radick	

Attendance	
Sunday	80
Monday	9
Total	89

Gifts To Our Lord		
	Received	Needed
Current	\$3368	\$3834
Online Giving	\$775	
Total	\$4143	\$3834



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