

Last Sunday of the Church Year

Hope for the Best

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

November 22, 2026

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

Consider the Christian man whose body aches from both cancer and chemo. Or the Christian woman whose back is arched by time and whose fingers are twisted by arthritis. They may pray for death, hoping for something better. But their hope is not a prayerful wish. It is an expectation of the end of sorrow and pain and the beginning of a perfect eternity with Jesus. We have come to the end of the Church Year. It is time to talk about the end of the world on judgment day. That day does not scare the believer. The first time Christ came, he saved us from our sin and the accusations of the devil. The second time he comes, he will save us from everything else. It will be the best! Disease, abuse, heartache, even death – all gone. We will exist forever with the Lord Jesus. Now is the beginning of the end. We yearn for Christ to come again and usher us into the best possible life of everlasting glory.

Pastor……Jeremy Glowicki
Accompanist……...…….Lois Zander

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921 Come, Thou Almighty King *CW 921*

Stand

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

Confession *CW 172*

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.

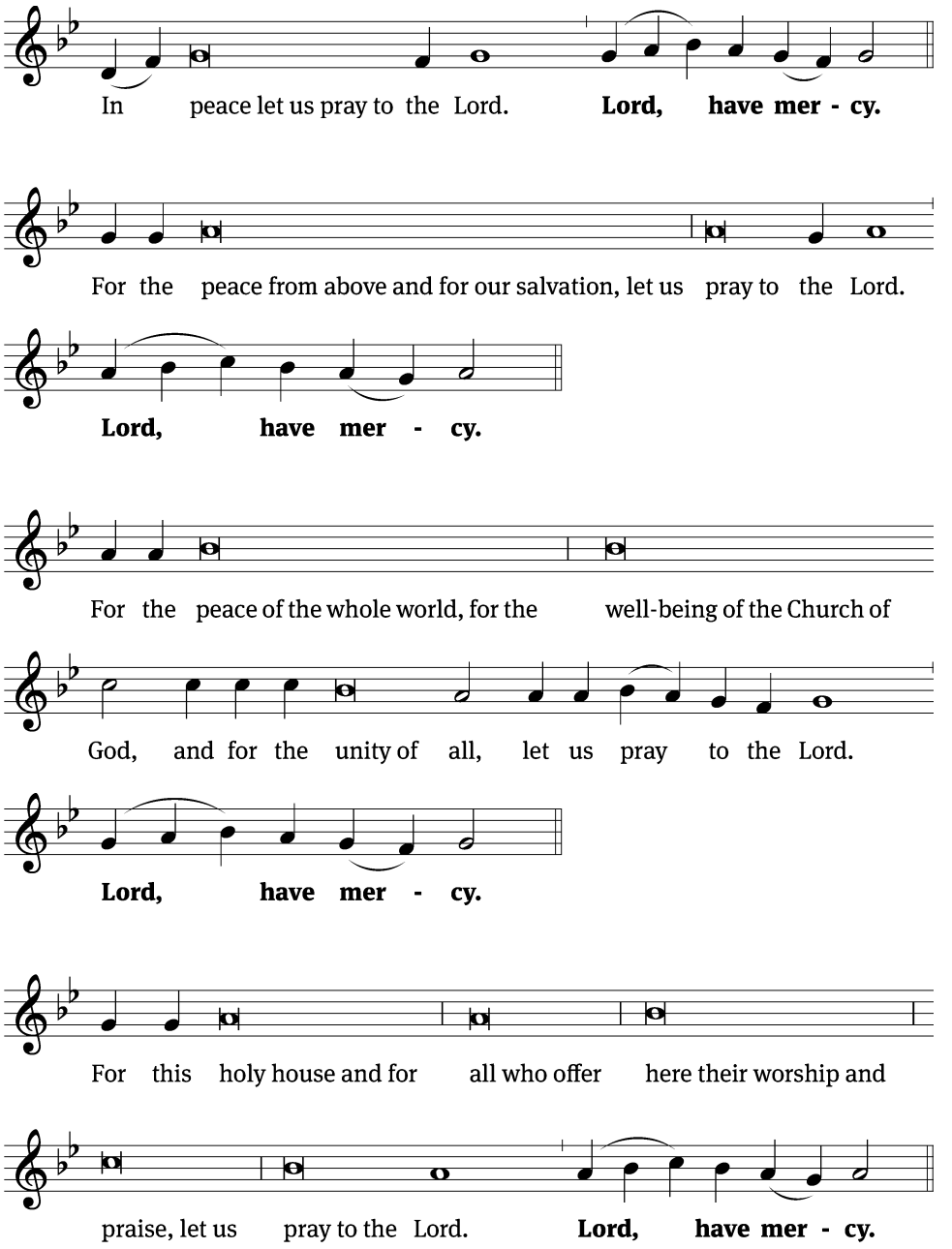
Silence for meditation and reflection

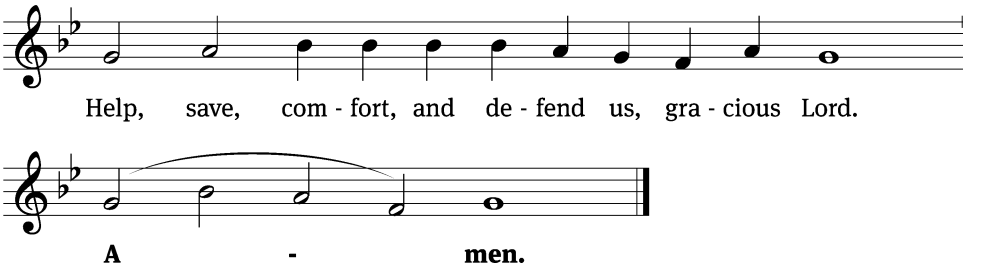
Absolution *CW 172*

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 174





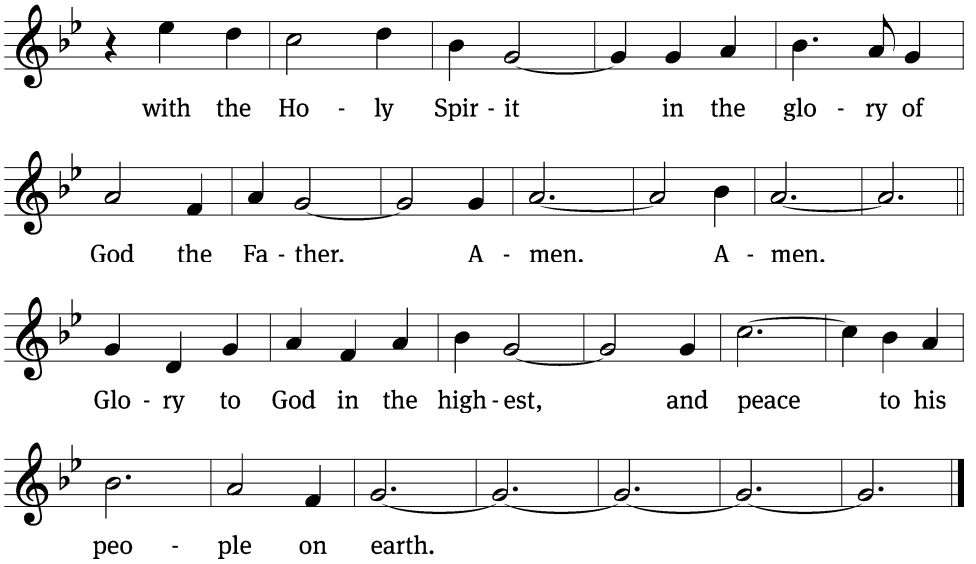
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Glory to God in the Highest

CW 176




peace to his peo - ple on earth.
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.
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his
peo - ple on earth. 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,



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The Word

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Eternal God, merciful Father, you have appointed your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of his return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for your own from the foundation of the world; 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

Daniel 7:9-10,13-14

The prophet Daniel sees a vision of the last judgment that is filled with fire and thrones and books – and a Savior.

I continued to watch until thrones were set up, and the Ancient of Days was seated. His clothing was white as snow, and the hair on his head was like pure wool. His throne was flames of fire. Its wheels were blazing fire. A river of fire flowed out from his presence. Thousands upon thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. The court was seated, and books were opened. I kept watching the night visions, and there, in the clouds of heaven, I saw one like a son of man coming. He came to the Ancient of Days, and he was brought before him. To him was given dominion, honor, and a kingdom. All peoples, nations, and languages will worship him. His dominion is an eternal dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will not be destroyed.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

95A The Rock of Our Salvation

Psalm 95A

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

When Christ comes again, he will raise the dead, and death shall be forever ended.

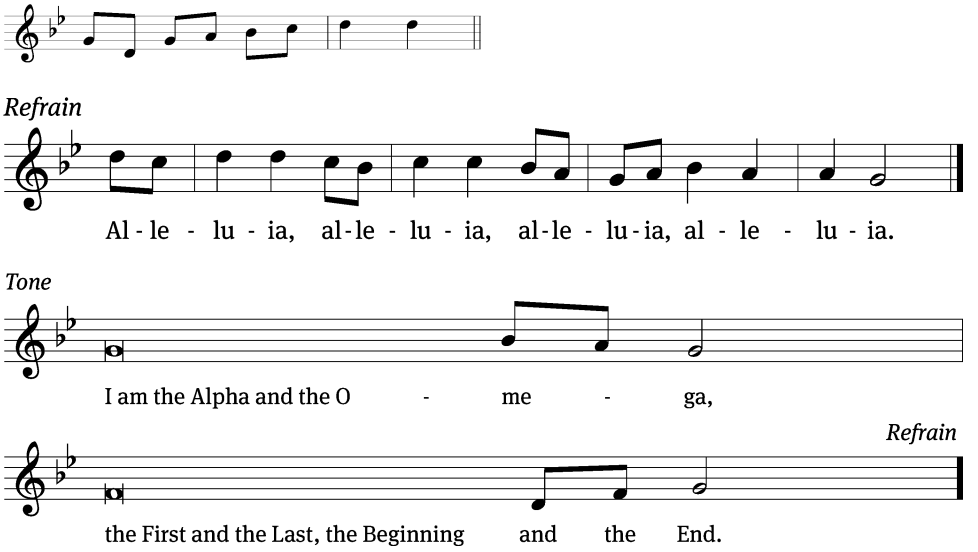
We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who have fallen asleep, so that you do not grieve in the same way as the others, who have no hope. Indeed, if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, then in the same way we also believe that God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep through Jesus. In fact, we tell you this by the word of the Lord: We who are alive and left until the coming of the Lord will certainly not go on ahead of those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a loud command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore, encourage one another with these words.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

Revelation 22:13



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Gospel

Matthew 25:31–46

Jesus describes the end of days when he will come again in glory.

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered in his presence, and he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me. I was lacking clothes and you clothed me. I was sick and you took care of me. I was in prison and you visited me.' "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you a drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or lacking clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' "The King will answer them, 'Amen I tell you:

Just as you did it for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it for me.' "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire, which is prepared for the Devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you did not give me food to eat. I was thirsty and you did not give me anything to drink. I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, lacking clothes and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not take care of me.' "Then they will also answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or lacking clothes or sick or in prison and did not serve you?' "At that time he will answer them, 'Amen I tell you: Just as you did not do it for one of the least of these, you did not do it for me.' And they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

487 Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending *CW 487*

Sermon

Stand

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there 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.

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Eternal and gracious Father, today we end another year of grace. Once again the Holy Spirit has nourished and strengthened our faith as we reviewed the words and works of Jesus recorded in the Gospels. We have rejoiced to hear that you kept the promises you made to your ancient people. We were encouraged as we remembered how you empowered your followers to proclaim the good news in their world.
Work in us every day to believe the truths of your Word and apply them in our lives.

We are aware that we live in dangerous times as Satan and his forces of evil assault your people again and again. Give us wisdom to discern teachings that subtly deny the Scriptures. Provide courage to stand against the attacks of godless opponents. Strengthen our resolve to confess the truth and then to speak the truth in love.
Work in us every day to be watchful and cautious as we live in our world.

Help us take to heart that your Son, our Lord Jesus, is coming again to judge the living and the dead. Since the day of his return is unknown to us, lead us to note the signs that signal the end of time. Spare us from fear as trouble and woe increase, and fill us with hope as we long for that great day.
Work in us every day to be ready for the moment of his coming.

Fill us with concern for family members and friends who are not taking seriously their need for Jesus and his forgiveness. Provide opportunities to reach out to them with patient persistence and to lovingly lead them to your Word and sacraments. Make us generous with our offerings so that others can go in our place to proclaim the good news.
Work in us every day to witness to Christ and his love for sinners.

Lead us to see our Savior's face in the faces of the poor and hungry, the lonely and forgotten, the oppressed and imprisoned, and move to support them whenever we can. Empower our faith to be lights in the world so that people may see our good works and glorify you and your Son.
Work in us every day to imitate your love for the lost, the least, and the last.

If you call us to glory before the final day comes, carry our souls to heaven where we will await the resurrection of our bodies. Comfort those who may grieve over losing us and point them to the day when they will join us at the marriage feast of the Lamb.
Work in us every day so that we are ready whenever you call us home.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Fill us with hope and joy as we await your Son's return. Cause us to enjoy your earthly blessings in light of your eternal glories and to realize that heaven is really our home. Lead us to long for the splendor of Paradise where you will wipe away all tears from our eyes.
Work in us every day as we listen for the sound of the final trumpet. Amen.

Offering

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

851 Now Calm Your Heart *CW 851*

Stand

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and 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.

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.

846 I Know of a Sleep in Jesus' Name *CW 846*

News & Notes

Radio Broadcast
The radio broadcast is sponsored by Corey Kuiken in memory of Randy and Darrin Kuiken. Thank you!

Advent by Candlelight
Please join us for our annual Advent by Candlelight dinner on Sunday, December 6th. Doors open at 4:30 pm. Dinner is at 5 pm, with the program to follow. This event is open to all women and girls 7th grade or above. Feel free to invite family members and friends! You can either host a table or join someone who is hosting. Please register by November 29 if you are hosting.

Radio Broadcast
The signup for sponsoring radio broadcasts in 2027 is in the binder. The rate from KCHK has increased to $71.

Sing to the Lord Bible Study
What makes a good hymn? Are there more to the hymns we sing than meets the eye? Learn more starting November 29th following worship in the Fellowship Hall.



Advent Potluck and Evening Prayer Worship
On Wednesday, Dec. 9, we gather for a potluck dinner and Evening Prayer Worship as we take a moment to consider "The Perfect Present". This is not a soup supper, but a potluck and it is for the entire congregation. It is the time when we hold Foundation's class but our time in worship is the class. All students in Foundation class are expected to attend. Dinner begins at 5 pm and worship is at 6.

Christmas Gift for a Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Student
Each year we gather gifts for a Seminary student, usually married, who has financial need. We work with the Seminary to give a gift to that student. If you would like to contribute to this gift, you will find a plexiglass receptacle marked for a Seminary Student on the counter at the entrance to the Fellowship Hall. You can also give electronically through our online giving. Just choose the "Gift for Seminary Student" account.

Children's Christmas Service & Practice
Ancient Cradle Songs is our theme this year for the Children's Christmas Service on December 20th at 9 am. Practice is December 12th & 19th at 9 am.

JordanDazzle Parade
We will again have a float in the JordanDazzle Parade. We are still finalizing the number of people we will need for the parade, but if you would like to be a part of it, the date is December 5 at 6 pm.

Advent Sermon Series – November 29th
Jesus came bringing gifts. At Christmas we remember his first coming, when he was born as true God and true man to secure our salvation. He still comes to us today through his Word and Sacraments, giving forgiveness, grace, and faith. And he will come again in glory, bringing eternal life to all who believe. As we live between his comings, we remember his birth, receive his gifts, and wait with joyful confidence for his return.



Upcoming Events

We would love for you to be part of these special opportunities for fellowship, worship, learning, and service. A full calendar of events can be found on our website at spljordan.com

Date	Event	Time
Wed, Nov. 25	Thanksgiving Eve Worship	7:00 PM
Thurs, Dec. 3	Senior Fellowship **Feed Mill**	9:00 AM
Sat, Dec. 5	Jordan Dazzle Parade	5:00 PM
Sun, Dec. 6	Christmas Decorating	Following Worship
Sun, Dec. 6	Advent by Candlelight	5:00 PM
Tues, Dec. 8	Council Meeting	6:30 PM
Tues, Dec. 8	Reflections Women's Bible Study	6:30 PM
Wed, Dec. 9	Advent Dinner & Evening Prayer Worship	5:00 PM
Sat, Dec. 12	Children's Christmas Practice	9:00 AM

SERVING THE LORD

Acolytes	11/22 **Carson Kalal** 11/29 **Greta Newton** 12/6 **Leah Bertrang**
Ushers	11/22 Group 3 11/29 Group 4 12/6 Group 1
Media Booth	11/22 **Cooper Kalal** 11/29 (Need Volunteer) 12/6 **Ryan Bertrang**
Organist	11/22 Lois Zander 11/29 Noah Helke 12/6 Lois Zander
Greeters	11/22 11/29 **Debbie Glowicki** 12/6 **Kalal Family**

November Altar Guild	Service Group 3 Leader	December Altar Guild
•Angela Ambroz •Nancy Stocker •Brenda Stocker	•Dianne Jabs	•Dianne Jabs •Lynn Sorenson

Attendance	
Sunday	*113*
Monday	*11*
Total	***124***

Gifts to Our Lord

Received	$2849
Online Giving	$895
Total	**$3744**

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