

The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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Lutheran Service Book

The Gospel Prepares Us for Our Heavenly Bridegroom's Coming

The Day of the Lord is "darkness, and not light" (Amos 5:18, 20) for all who trust in their own righteousness and piety. The Lord will not accept their "burnt offerings and grain offerings," nor will He look upon their "peace offerings" (Amos 5:22). Instead, He desires a heart of faith that trusts in Him, which lets "justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream" (Amos 5:24) in love for the neighbor. In order for the "lamps" of our lives to burn brightly with such love, we must be filled with the "oil" of forgiveness through faith in our Bridegroom, Jesus Christ (Matt. 25:1-4). Therefore, as we await His coming, wisdom directs us "to the dealers" (Matt. 25:9), that is, to the ministers of His Gospel. Thus we wait upon the Lord, and we "encourage one another with these words" (1 Thess. 4:18). Waking or sleeping, we are prepared to meet Him when He comes "with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God," and "we will always be with the Lord" (1 Thess. 4:16, 17).

Ringing of the Bells

Welcome

Confession and Absolution

802 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

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.**

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 *151*

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Introit *Psalm 84:1, 9–12; antiphon: v. 3*

P Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young,

C **at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.**

P How lovely is your dwelling place,

C **O LORD of hosts!**

P Behold our shield, O God;

C **look on the face of your anointed!**

P For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

C **I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.**

P For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor.

C **No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.**

P O LORD of hosts,

C **blessèd is the one who trusts in you!**
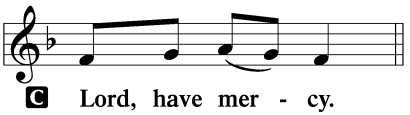
C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

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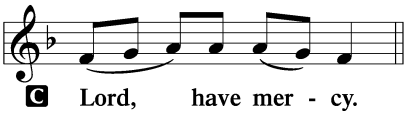
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Kyrie *152*
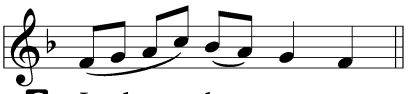
A In peace let us pray to the Lord.
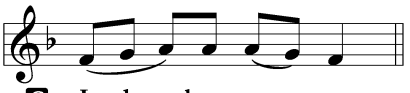


A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
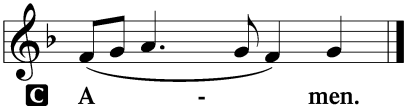


A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
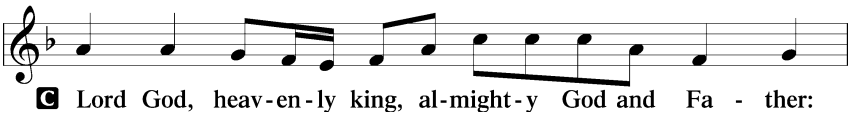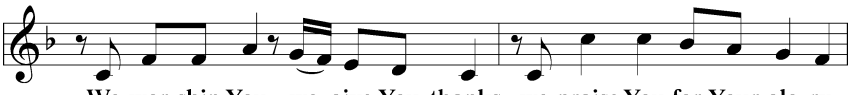


A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
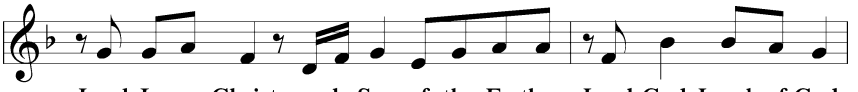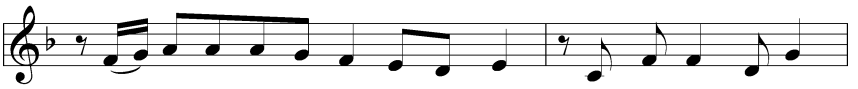


Gloria in Excelsis *154*
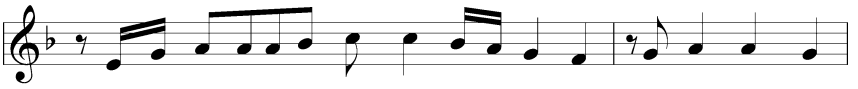
A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

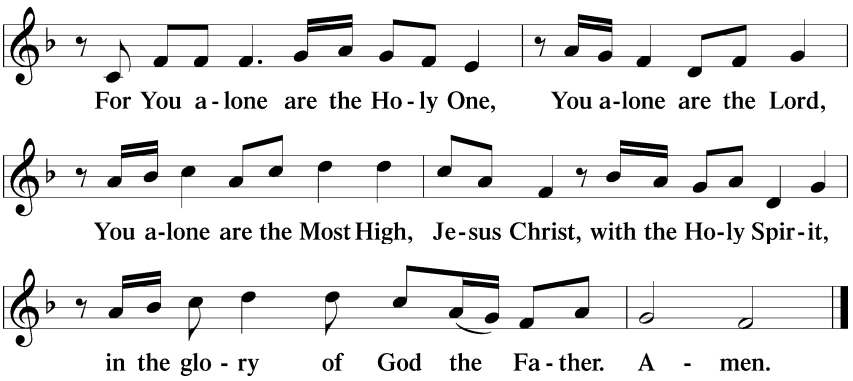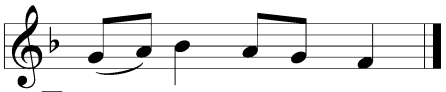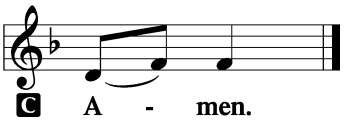












Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be 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.



Sit

Old Testament Reading *Amos 5:18–24*

A The Old Testament Reading for The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost is from the fifth chapter of the prophecy of Amos.

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.**

Epistle *1 Thessalonians 4:13–18*
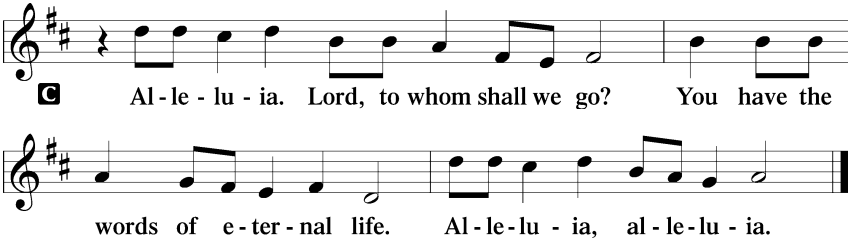
A The Second Reading is from the fourth chapter of the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Thessalonians.

[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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**
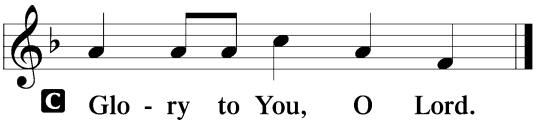
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Alleluia and Verse *LSB 156*
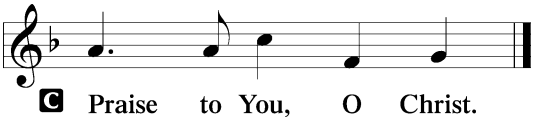


Holy Gospel *Matthew 25:1–13*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.



[1][Jesus said:] "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."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Sit

514 The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us

Sermon

Stand

Apostles' Creed *159*

C **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.**

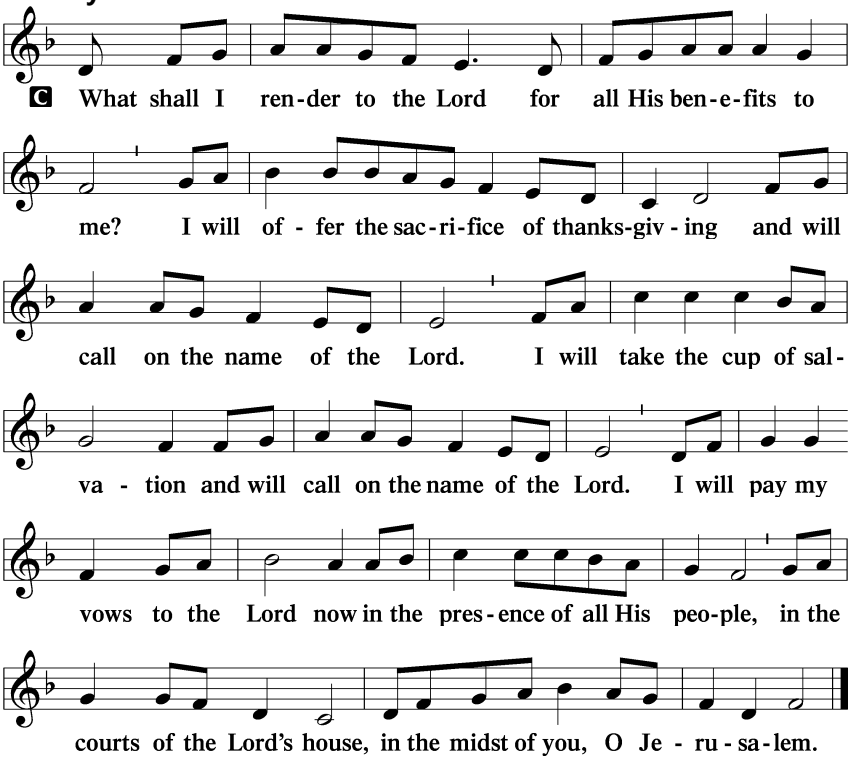
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Gathering of Tithes & Offerings

If you are submitting a prayer request on a prayer card, kindly hand it directly to the usher. Do not place it into the offering plate.

Stand

Offertory *159*



Prayer of the Church *Responsive Form*
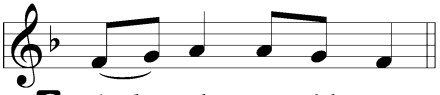
P . . . Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**
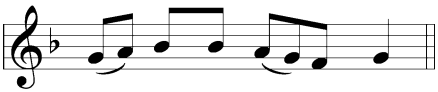
Service of the Sacrament

Preface *160*
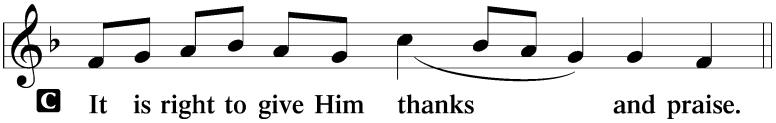
P The Lord be with you.



P Lift up your hearts.



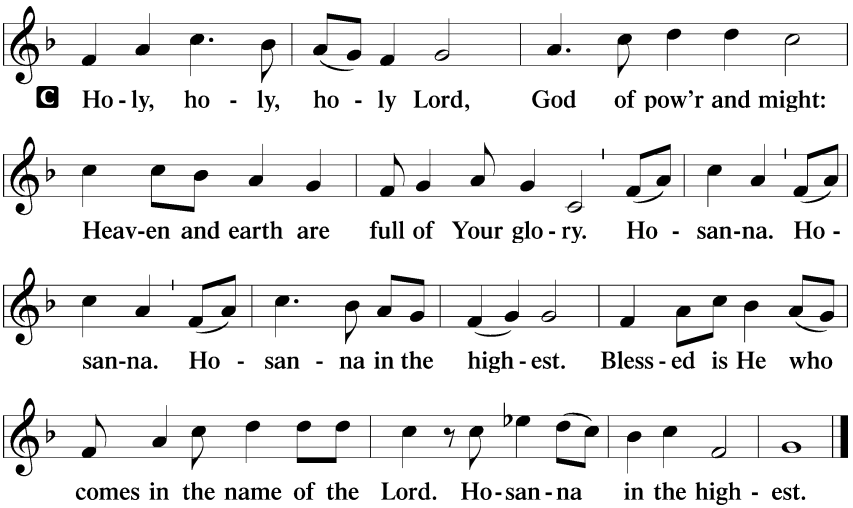
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



Proper Preface (Full)

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus *LSB 161*



Prayer of Thanksgiving *LSB 161*

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into

our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer *162*

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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**
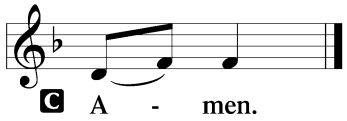
The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✢ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

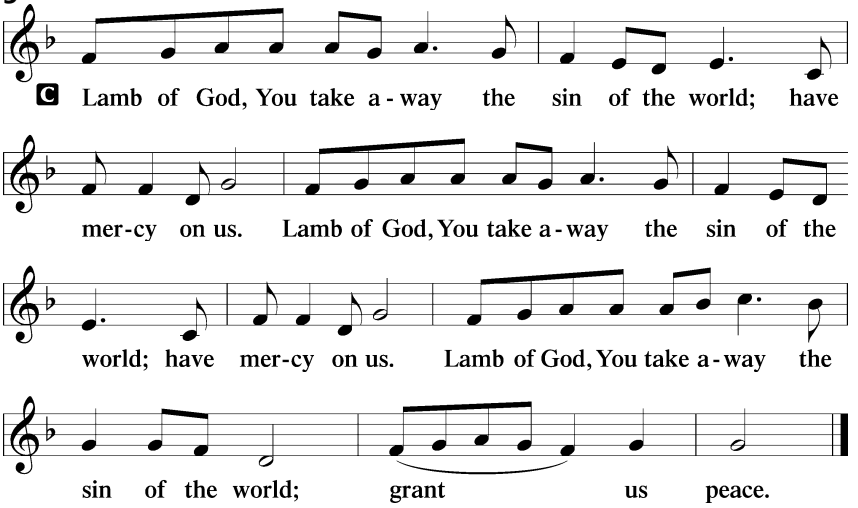
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✢ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini *LSB 163*

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



Agnus Dei *LSB 163*



Sit

Distribution of Christ's Body and Blood

Members of other Christian denominations who are present may come forward to receive a blessing from the Pastor during the distribution. It is requested that you cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you desire this blessing.

Silent Prayer Just Before Communing: *Dear Savior, at your gracious invitation, I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

Silent Prayer Just After Communing: *Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament. I may by faith obtain and*

eternally enjoy Your divine grace the forgiveness of sins unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

550 Lamb of God

643 Sent Forth by God's Blessing

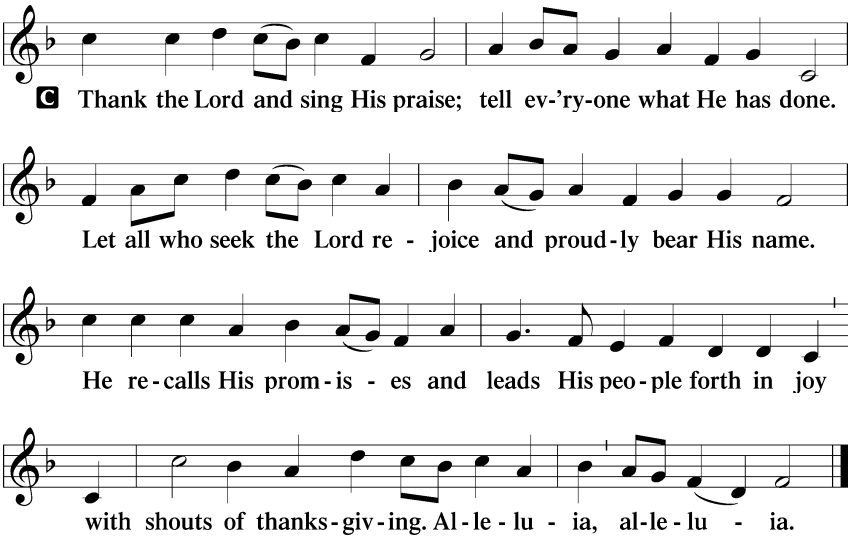
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The Communion Dismissal

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ☩ in peace.

C **Amen.**

Thank the Lord *LSB 164*
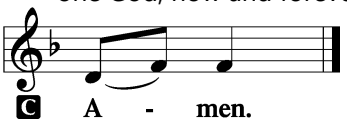


Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.
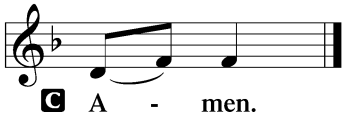
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your

Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Benediction *166*

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✢ give you peace.



687 Thine Forever, God of Love

Silent Prayer

Announcements

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Sunday, November 22, 4:00 p.m.
St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church
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Thornton, IL 60476

Guest Speaker:
N.I.D. President
Rev. Dr. Allan Buss



You are invited to the annual Turkey Dinner following the service

Please RSVP by November 16th call or text the Church cell: 312-533-1896 or email office@splcms.org, with number of guests and the name of a side dish or dessert to share, turkey and drinks are provided.

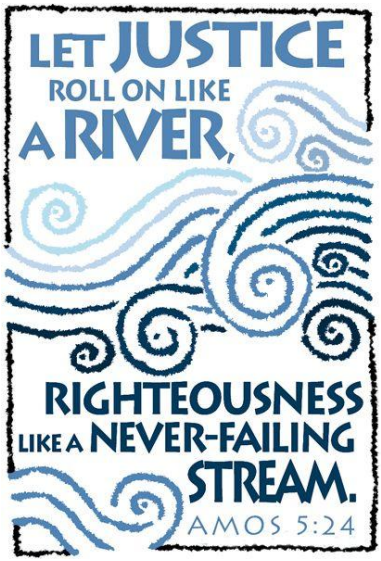
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Serving in the Military – Austin Brandy, Dakoda Gaut and Nathan Lopez.

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NEWS UPDATE



Sunday, November 22, 4:00 p.m. N.I.D. President Rev. Dr. Allan Buss will be our pastor. You are invited to the annual Turkey Dinner following the service. Please RSVP by November 16th call or text the Church cell: 312-533-1896 or email office@splcms.org, with number of guests and the name of a side dish or dessert to share, turkey and drinks are provided.

In The Zoom Room



Monday – Friday Devotions
Portals of Prayer 8:00am to 8:15am
Lutheran Hour 8:00pm to 8:15pm
For the Link:
Call or Text Church Cell: 312-533-1896
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Saturday Bible Study
8:00 am – 9:00am Women of the Bible
Contact Co-Hosts for more info:
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St. Paul Book Club

Will meet on Wednesday November 11th at 10:00 am, to review *The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell* by Robert Dugoni. We always welcome new members. We enjoy fellowship and lunch following the discussion.

Social Ministry

We continue to help those in need with gift cards for food during the year and during the holiday season. Your monetary donations are greatly appreciated and much needed. Please help us help others by contributing to Social Ministry marked on your Offering Envelopes.

Thanksgiving and Christmas are just around the corner and time seems to speed up this time of year. At the present time we are currently assisting 5 families. We try to get the gifts cards out to the families a week or more before the holiday, so they have time to plan and shop.

In the Church is a box marked OPERATION KINDNESS! Food donations of canned goods, Boxed meals, Snacks, Kleenex, Soap, Toothpaste are also collected to be passed out to Stock the local Micro Panties. TOGETHER WE CAN HELP LOCAL FAMILIES IN NEED.

Christ for You the Week of November 8: We're walking through the book of Job on Sharper Iron! Join us on Thy Strong Word as we continue our study through the books of 1 & 2 Chronicles! Find your favorite programs at kfuo.org!

Issues, Etc. The Week of November 8th Karaoke for Christian Hymns… You can sing hymns. Lutheran Public Radio has produced YouTube videos of more than 60 hymns featuring the Lutheran Public Radio Choir.

Give Me Oil In My Lamp

Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour. Matthew 25:13 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 25:1-13 (NIV)



T Z F E S G H O G Q N O G T A
O B M P K S M I D N I G H T A
G O M Q I N A N H E A V E N S
C A Q L Q T I I E D I J K B L
L P O B R I D E G R O O M A E
M O J K E F D K L X M O H N E
F E O G S W O I H A Z S R Q P
V W E X G B I N O D A T H U X
I T B T P C L G R W R T E E T
R S R C U B O D A A M O Z T E
G S D I K T Y O N T W D W K X
I T T S M W G M G C R F O S W
N V I H O M Z I Z H P W D O Y
S N N T P X E W E D D I N G E
U T C Z G X C D S W I S E E C

FOOLISH	MEET	DROWSY	VIRGINS	BANQUET
MIDNIGHT	WEDDING	TRIMMED	RANG	KINGDOM
BRIDEGROOM	LAMPS	WISE	WATCH	COME
DOOR	ASLEEP	HEAVEN	OIL	WOKE



God's People In Action



Attendance and Offerings

November 1st Attendance 24, 23 Communed, 6 Online

Budgeted		Non-budgeted	
Envelopes	$1,410.00	Weekly Missions	$20.00
General Fund	225.00	LCC	10.00
Total	**1,635.00**	Church Maint	10.00
Offering Needed	-1,342.00	Social Ministry	105.00
Surplus	**$ 293.00**	**Total**	**$ 145.00**



This Week at a Glance

Today	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:30 am	Coffee &…
	10:45 am	Council Meeting
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday	10:00 am	Book Club
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday		
Sunday	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:30 am	Coffee &…

Servant Schedule

	Sun, Nov 8, 9:30 AM	Sun, Nov 15, 9:30 AM
Pastor	Pastor Klein	Pastor Stumpf
Lay Reader	Jolene Bruning	Casey Stonerock

Donations

Food Pantry

General Fund

Web Sites

www.splcms.org

The Glad Spirit