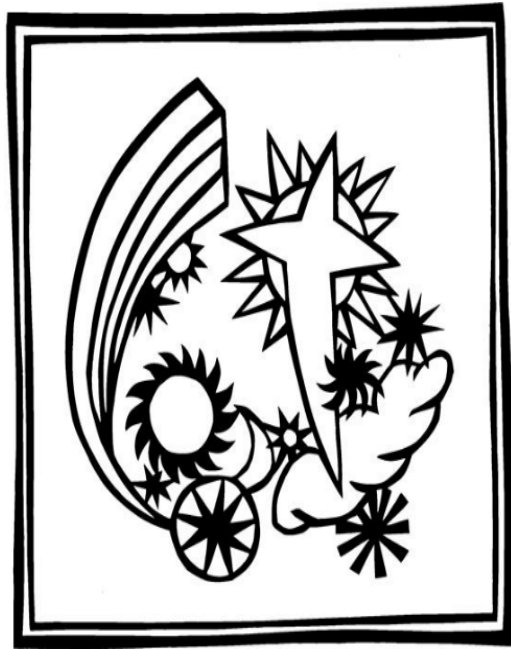


ST. LUKE LUTHERAN CHURCH

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

November 16, 2025

HOLY COMMUNION



The end is near. There is no doubt about it. The warnings are dire. The tone of today's texts is ominous. But the baptized know how to live in the meantime. The baptized are strengthened for the living of these days in word and sacrament. The baptized rally around the invitation of the apostle: "Do not be weary in doing what is right."

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

***Call to Worship**

P. Holy One, we come into your house with joy.

C. Beloved, we live in your presence with awe.

P. In the shelter of your temple we find rest.

C. In the beauty of your presence we find grace.

P. We seek your blessing, your Word, your fire.

C. We bless you. We love you. We worship you.

***Confession & Forgiveness**

P. In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C. Amen.

P. Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C. Amen.

P. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

P. Most merciful God,

C. we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.

P. God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C. Amen

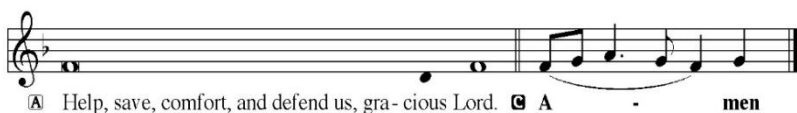
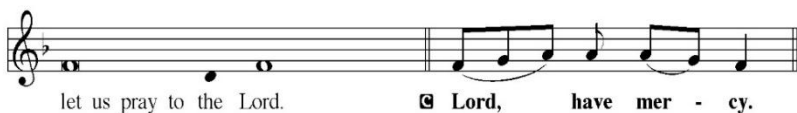
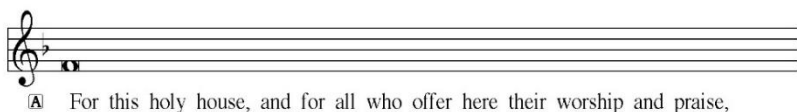
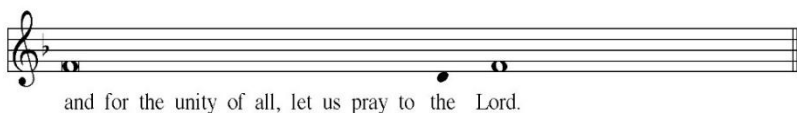
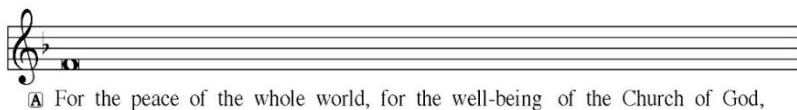
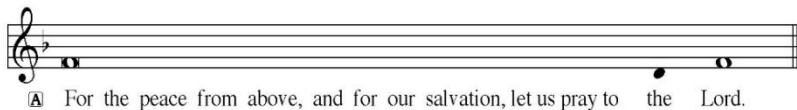
***Gathering Hymn How Firm A Foundation LBW 507**

***Apostolic Greeting**

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C. And also with you.

*Kyrie



*Hymn of Praise

A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

B Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:

We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen

P. The Lord be with you.

C. And also with you.

P. Let us pray:

***Prayer of the day** (Celebrate)

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching & song

First Reading: Malachi 4:1-2a

L. The word of the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God

Psalms Reading: Psalm 98

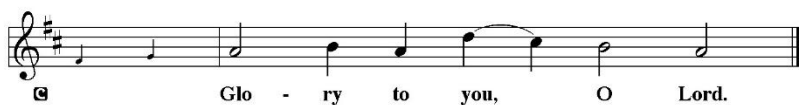
Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

L. The word of the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God.

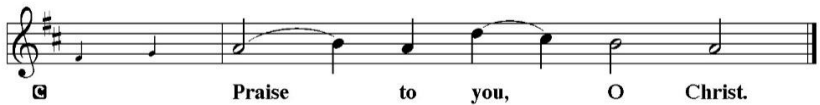


P. The Holy gospel according to **St. Luke 21:5-19**



The reading of the Holy Gospel

P. The gospel of the Lord.



Sermon

The Rev. Angela Hammer

Hymn of the Day

Soon and Very Soon

WOV 744

*** Apostles' Creed**

P. United by the Holy Spirit, let us confess our faith

C. I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. * On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

***Prayers of the Church**

***Sharing of Peace**

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

C. And also with you.

The Offering

***Offertory**

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

*Communion Prayer

P. God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C. Amen.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

***Great Thanksgiving**

P. The Lord be with you:

C. **And also with you.**

P. Lift up your hearts:

C. **We lift them to the Lord.**

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God:

C. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

***Preface for Pentecost**

P. It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Sanctus**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

***Eucharistic Prayer**

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C. Amen.

***Lord's Prayer**

P. God, 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.

* Invitation to Communion

P. All is ready. Come to the table. Christ promises to meet us here.

*Lamb of God

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 peace.

Communion Music

Let Us Break Bread Together



1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees;
2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees;
3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees;



let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees.
let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees.
let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees.



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer-cy on me.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: BREAK BREAD TOGETHER, African American spiritual

*Communion Blessing

P. The body of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C. Amen.

*Prayer After Communion

P. Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C. Amen

SENDING

God sends us boldly into the world to share the good news

***Blessing**

P. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✙ give you peace.

C. Amen.

***Sending Hymn** When Peach Like A River LBW 346

***Dismissal**

P. Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C. Thanks be to God!

Postlude

WORSHIP LEADERS

The Ministers:	St. Luke Community
The Pastor:	The Rev. Angela Hammer
Music:	JP Welliver
Lay Reader:	Sue DeLong
Worship Assistant:	Betsy Rights
