

The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

Holy Eucharist Lectionary 33 November 16, 2025 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

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.

Prelude

The assembly stands at the ringing of the bell.

At the entrance by the font:

Invocation

- P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

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.

Confession and Forgiveness

P My sisters and brothers, to prepare ourselves to celebrate these sacred mysteries let us call to mind our sins.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

- P You are sent to heal the contrite of heart: Lord, have mercy.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P You came to call sinners: Christ, have mercy.
- C Christ, have mercy.
- P You plead for us at the right hand of the Father: Lord, have mercy.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P In great mercy God has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. In obedience to our Lord's command, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Gathering Song ELW 632

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

ST. ANNE

- 1 O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:
- 2 Under the shadow of your throne your saints have dwelt secure; sufficient is your arm alone, and our defense is sure.
- 3 Before the hills in order stood or earth received its frame, from everlasting you are God, to endless years the same.

- 4 A thousand ages in your sight are like an evening gone, short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.
- 5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all our years away; they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the op'ning day.
- 6 O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, still be our guard while troubles last and our eternal home.

Entrance Antiphon

- P The Lord says: my plans for you are peace and not disaster;
- C when you call to me, I will listen to you, and I will bring you back to the place from which I exiled you. (Jeremiah 29:11, 12, 14)

Canticle of Praise ELW 148-149



Prayer of the Day

- P O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C Amen.

The assembly may be seated.

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading Malachi 4:1-2a

Malachi, whose name means "my messenger," warns that "the day is coming." On that day, the evil will be destroyed like stubble in a fire, but the "sun of righteousness" will shine on those who honor God.

A A reading from Malachi.

¹See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evil doers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ^{2a} But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

- A The Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Psalm Psalm 98

The refrain will be sung by the Cantor and repeated by the assembly. The Psalm is sung antiphonally with congregation singing verses in bold. The refrain is then repeated as indicated $\bf R$.

Psalm Refrain



Psalm Tone



¹Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done | marvelous things, whose right hand and holy arm have | won the victory.

²O LORD, you have made | known your victory, you have revealed your righteousness in the sight | of the nations.

³You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the | house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the victory | of our God.

⁴Shout with joy to the LORD, | all you lands; lift up your voice, re- | joice, and sing. R

⁵Sing to the LORD | with the harp, with the harp and the | voice of song.

⁶With trumpets and the sound | of the horn shout with joy before the | king, the LORD.

⁷Let the sea roar, and | all that fills it, the world and those who | dwell therein.

⁸Let the rivers | clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to | judge the earth.

⁹The LORD will judge the | world with righteousness and the peo- | ples with equity. **R**

Some members of the Thessalonian community, because of their belief in the nearness of Christ's return, had ceased to work, living off the generosity of other members of the community. The writer of this letter warns them bluntly that if they want to eat, they need to work.

A A reading from 2 Thessalonians.

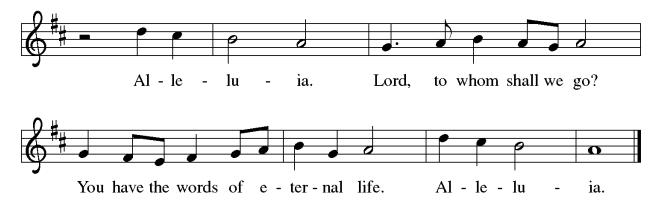
⁶ Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷ For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸ and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹ This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰ For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹ For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹² Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

- A The Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

The cantor introduces the acclamation. The assembly will repeat the acclamation. Following the verse, the acclamation is sung again by all.



Verse Tone



Cantor

Stand up and | raise your heads,*
because your redemption is | drawing near. (Luke 21:28)

Gospel Reading Luke 25: 1-19

As history moves toward God's fulfillment there will be frightening signs and events. Before the end, believers will draw strength from their relationship to God and will be given the words they need to testify and to endure without fear.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 25th chapter.



⁵ When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, ⁶ "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

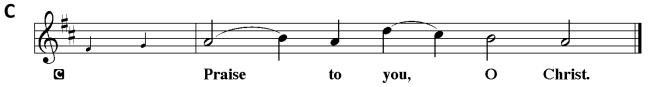
⁷ They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" ⁸ And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

⁹ "When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." ¹⁰ Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹ there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

¹² "But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³ This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴ So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; ¹⁵ for I will give

you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷ You will be hated by all because of my name. 18 But not a hair of your head will perish. 19 By your endurance you will gain your souls."

The Gospel of the Lord



The assembly may be seated.

Sermon

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

Hymn of the Day

Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow The assembly stands at the last stanza.

ELW 327

EBENEZER

- onward goes the pilgrim band, singing songs of expectation, marching to the promised land. Clear before us through the darkness gleams and burns the guiding light; pilgrim clasps the hand of pilgrim stepping fearless through the night.
- 2 One the light of God's own presence on the ransomed people shed, chasing far the gloom and terror, bright'ning all the path we tread. One the object of our journey, one the faith which never tires, one the earnest looking forward, one the hope our God inspires.
- 1 Through the night of doubt and sorrow, 3 One the strain that lips of thousands lift as from the heart of one: one the conflict, one the peril, one the march in God begun. One the gladness of rejoicing on the far eternal shore, where the one almighty Father reigns in love forevermore.
 - 4 Onward, therefore, sisters, brothers; onward, with the cross our aid. Bear its shame, and fight its battle till we rest beneath its shade. Soon shall come the great awak'ning; soon the rending of the tomb! Then the scatt'ring of all shadows, and the end of toil and gloom.

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 power of 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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,

Prayers Of The People

Hearing the Word of God in Scripture and in Preaching moves us to pray for the whole Church, the nations, those in need, the parish, and our special concerns. The intercessor moves to stand with the assembled people of God, as a rich symbol of the petitions truly being the Prayers of the People.

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:

and the life everlasting. Amen.

A Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

Response at the conclusion of the prayers of the people:

C Amen.

Peace

The words of the Peace are an ancient solemn blessing signifying the reconciliation that we have with God and, through Christ, with one another. Please do not use this time for casual greetings or conversations.

- P Jesus said: Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled.
 - The peace of the risen Christ be with you always.
- C And also with you.

Please share some sign (a handshake, an embrace, etc.) with one another as you exchange the greeting of peace.

Greeting: Peace be with you. Response: And also with you.

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering

Offertory

Offering plates are located by the font and inside the West Nave and Chapel entrances. Offerings may also be made electronically by scanning the QR Code:



Offertory Song

Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies

ELW 553
RATISBON

- 1 Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true and only light, Sun of righteousness, arise, triumph o'er the shades of night; Dayspring from on high, be near; Daystar, in my heart appear.
- 2 Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by thee; joyless is the day's return, till thy mercy's beams I see, till they inward light impart, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
- 3 Visit then this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief; fill me, radiancy divine, scatter all my unbelief; more and more thyself display, shining to the perfect day

Offertory Prayer

P Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

C Blessed be God forever!

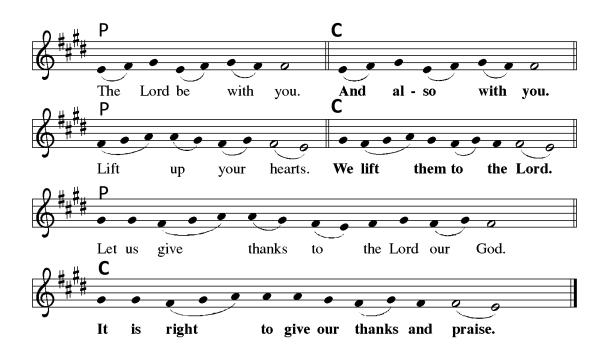
P Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink.

C Blessed be God forever!

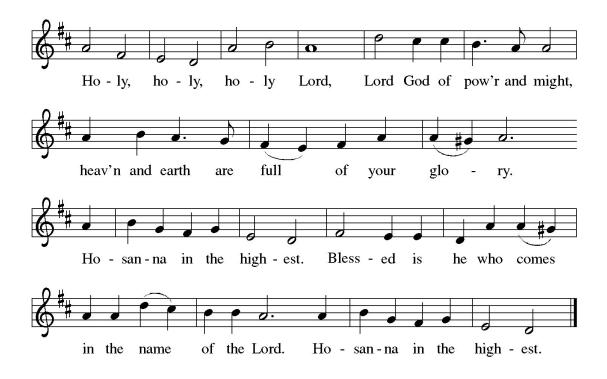
A God of healing and hope, you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things. Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts. Nourish us with the abundance of your feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving Dialogue



Preface Holy, Holy, Holy



Eucharistic Prayer

At the Presiding Minister's invitation: "...For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes."



The Eucharistic prayer concludes, "Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever."



The Lord's Prayer

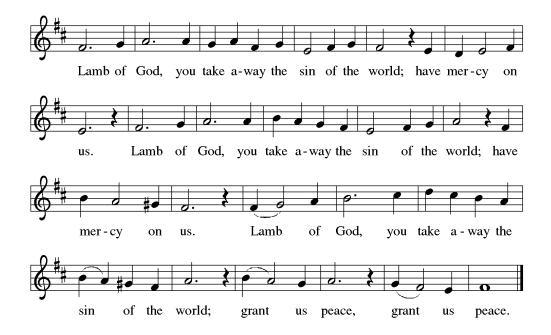
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ELW p. 145

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

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.

Lamb of God



Invitation to Communion

- P This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.
- C Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

Communion Of The Faithful

All baptized Christians are invited to share faithfully in the Holy Eucharist. In this sacrament, by the power of God's Word and the Holy Spirit, we receive the body and blood of Jesus Christ along with the bread and wine for our forgiveness and salvation, as we celebrate our unity with Christ and all the saints.

Please come by the center aisle as directed by the ushers.

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say, "The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you," and each person may respond, "Amen."

Music During Distribution

Song After Communion

ELW 496

ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

One Bread, One Body The assembly stands.

Refrain

One bread, one body, one Lord of all; one cup of blessing which we bless, and we, though many throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

- 1 Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more. Refrain
- 2 Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all. *Refrain*
- 3 Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one for all. *Refrain*

Prayer After Communion

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

- P The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you, God the Son save you, and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead. The holy Trinity bless you + and grant you a faithful and courageous heart now and forever.
- C Amen.

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

- 1 How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in Christ Jesus, the Word! What more can he say than to you he has said who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?
- 2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed, for I am your God and will still give you aid; I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand."
- 3 "When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie, my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply.

 The flames shall not hurt you; I only design your dross to consume and your gold to refine."
- 4 "Throughout all their lifetime my people shall prove my sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love; and then, when gray hairs shall their temples adorn, like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne."

Silent Prayer and Dismissal

- A The Liturgy is ended. Go in peace. Share the harvest.
- C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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A warm welcome to our visitors in the Name of Christ.

We seek to minister to all who become a part of our community in Christ as we worship together. We are pleased to have you share in our worship and ministry and sincerely hope you will return. Please sign the guest register in the Narthex and introduce yourself to the Pastor.

- The liturgy and worship book page numbers are printed in the worship folder.
 Please join in the responses as indicated. You may stand as you are able where
 indicated or remain seated. Hymns marked with ELW are in the red hymnal,
 Evangelical Lutheran Worship. Hymns marked with wov are in the blue soft
 cover hymnal, With One Voice.
- A rest room with baby changing area is located off the Narthex of the Nave.
- The guest register and devotional booklets are in the Narthex.

Holy Eucharist

Saturdays at 5:00 p.m. in the Chapel Sundays at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. in the Nave Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel

Adult Faith Formation

Adult Faith Formation meets Sundays at 9:45 a.m. in the Gathering Room.

Last Week

Our praise and thanksgiving to God for our many blessings are reflected in our tithes and offerings each week.

Spending Proposal Per Week \$4,793.00 Total Received 3,366.40 Difference -1,426.60

This Week

Sunday November 16 Lectionary 33	December <i>Call</i> Deadline 8:30 a.m. Word and Sacrament (Nave/YouTube—Link may be found at www.goodshepherdpaxtang.com) 9:45 a.m. Adult Faith Formation (Gathering Room) 11:00 a.m. Word and Sacrament (Nave)
Monday November 17	6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 42 (ASH)
Tuesday	9:30 a.m. Workshop (St. Lydia/ASH)
November 18	10:00 a.m. Ready for School, Ready to Succeed (Sts. Peter & Paul)
Wednesday November 19	9:30 a.m. Word and Sacrament (Chapel)
November 19	7:00 p.m. Keystone Concert Band (ASH)
Thursday	10:00 a.m. Ready for School, Ready to Succeed (Sts. Peter & Paul)
November 20	
Saturday	E:00 n m Word and Sacrament (Chanel)
Saturday November 22	5:00 p.m. Word and Sacrament (Chapel)
Sunday	8:30 a.m. Word and Sacrament (Nave/YouTube—Link may
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Daily Readings

IVI	Ezekiel 11: 14-25, Ephesians 4: 25—5:2, Psaim 141
T	Ezekiel 39: 21—40:4, 1 Corinthians 10: 23—11:1, Psalm 141
W	Ezekiel 43: 1-12, Matthew 23: 37—24: 14, Psalm 141
Th	2 Chronicles 18: 12-22, Hebrews 9: 23-28, Psalm 46
F	Zechariah 11: 1-17, 1 Peter 1: 3-9, Psalm 46
Sa	Jeremiah 22: 18-30, Luke 18: 15-17, Psalm 46
Su	Jeremiah 23: 1-6. Psalm 46. Colossians 1: 11-20. Luke 23: 33-4



Worship Dedications

The flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Bertha Nabholz Hafer, mother of Robert Hafer and the Reverend Walter Hafer, by Edna Hafer.

The bulletins are given to the Glory of God by Mary and Fred Sprunk.

The lamps are burning to the Glory of God and are given in memory of my mother, Betty Light, who entered the Church Triumphant seven years ago today by Vicki Delp.

Announcements

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS all those who, because of illness or infirmity, are unable to be with us for worship. Your prayers, cards, and visits to them are invited so that Christ may be glorified by the manner in which his people care for one another.

PRAYER CHAIN: Good Shepherd members lift up prayer requests throughout the week. If you have a prayer request you wish to share, or if you would like prayer requests to include in your daily devotions, please contact Edna Hafer or Dix McCauley.

LIVING ROOM DIALOGUE DATE CHANGE: The Living Room Dialogue group has pushed its monthly meeting back to Sunday, November 30 at 6:30 p.m. in the Gathering Room. The group will be completing its discussion of John Ortberg's book "When the Game Is Over, Everything Goes Back in the Box." Beginning in January, the group will begin reading and discussing a new book by Max Lucado at its regular fourth Sunday evening meeting. We are seeking new members that enjoy reading and small-group discussions. Please contact Phyllis Switaj or Edna Hafer if you have an interest in joining in the group.

ELECTRONIC GIVING OPTIONS AVAILABLE: Contributions may be made via eCheck or Credit Card by scanning the QR code with your smart phone or by clicking on the GIVE NOW button at goodshepherdpaxtang.com.



ADVENT BEGINS NOVEMBER 30: This year's Advent Devotional, produced in-house, is now available in the Narthex of the Nave and the literature racks outside of the Chapel.

ADVENT SOUPER SUPPERS AND WORSHIP: On Wednesday evenings during the Advent Season— December 3, December 10, and December 17—we will gather to share a meal and worship together. At 5:30 p.m. we will meet for "Soup-er" Supper in All Saints Hall, followed by Holden Evening Prayer at 7 p.m. in the Nave. Please plan to join with your friends from Good Shepherd during this Advent season as we prepare for Jesus' coming.

From the Broader Church and Community

COMMUNITY AID DONATIONS NEEDED: Community Aid typically experiences low donation levels at the end of the year. Donations of gently used clothing, shoes, electronics, and toys may be dropped off at any Community Aid center. When you make your donation, please note Good Shepherd's partner number—10055—so the church will receive appropriate credit for donations.

Poinsellias for Christmas

We spend only funds designated for seasonal decorations. Nothing is ever spent from the general fund. Please return this coupon with your contribution (any amount would be appreciated) to the church office (or in the offering plate) if you'd like to contribute toward this effort. Dedications will be printed in the back of the bulletin at Christmas.

Serving God's People at the Liturgies

Preaching and Presiding The Rev. Kathleen J. Baker, STM

Organist and Cantor Nicholas P. Werner

Assisting Ministers 8:30 a.m. Julie McCauley

11:00 a.m. Dix McCauley

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