

OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Service Bulletin

Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

November 19, 2023

P: Pastor

L: Liturgist

C: Congregation

Prelude

GATHERING

Welcome/Land Acknowledgment/Affirming Statement

Opening Hymn ~ #793 - Be Thou My Vision

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

First Reading – Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12

¹Lord, you have been our refuge
from one generation to another.

²**Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born,
from age to age you are God.**

³You turn us back to the dust and say,
“Turn back, O children of earth.”

⁴**For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past
and like a watch in the night;**

⁵you sweep them away like a dream,
they fade away suddenly like the grass:

⁶**in the morning it is green and flourishes;
in the evening it is dried up and withered.**

⁷For we are consumed by your anger;
we are afraid because of your wrath.

⁸**Our iniquities you have set before you,
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.**

⁹When you are angry, all our days are gone;
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

¹⁰**The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength even eighty;
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly and we are
gone.**

¹¹Who regards the power of your wrath?
Who rightly fears your indignation?

¹²**So teach us to number our days
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.**

Second Reading – 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Gospel Acclamation – pg. 142

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Gospel – Matthew 25:14-30

SERMON

Hymn of the Day ~ #688 – Lord of Light

APOSTLES' CREED

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Offertory Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

SENDING

Announcements

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 favour and + give you peace.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn ~ #671 - Shine Jesus Shine

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace and Love. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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THIS WEEK AT OUR SAVIOUR'S

Sunday:

09:45 AM – Traditional Worship

*Livestreamed via our YouTube channel

Offering / Giving

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Treasurer Update

Thank you to those who continue to contribute to the church's finances. When looking at our budget and general donations to date, donations are behind what was expected. We are in a net income deficit position. As members are able, please consider giving towards the church in order to balance the budget. Joan Beek, Treasurer.

READINGS FOR THE DAY

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FIRST READING – Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

⁷Be silent before the Lord God!
For the day of the Lord is at
hand;
the Lord has prepared a
sacrifice,
he has consecrated his
guests.

¹²At that time I will search
Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people
who rest complacently on their
dregs,
those who say in their
hearts,
"The Lord will not do good,
nor will he do harm."
¹³Their wealth shall be
plundered,
and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine
from them.

¹⁴The great day of the Lord is
near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of
the Lord is bitter,
the warrior cries aloud there.
¹⁵That day will be a day of
wrath,

a day of distress and
anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and
gloom,
a day of clouds and thick
darkness,
¹⁶a day of trumpet blast and
battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty
battlements.

¹⁷I will bring such distress
upon people
that they shall walk like the
blind;
because they have sinned
against the Lord,
their blood shall be poured out
like dust,
and their flesh like dung.

¹⁸Neither their silver nor their
gold
will be able to save them
on the day of the Lord's
wrath;
in the fire of his passion
the whole earth shall be
consumed;
for a full, a terrible end
he will make of all the
inhabitants of the earth.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING – 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! ⁴But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; ⁵for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. ⁶So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; ⁷for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage

one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING - Matthew 25:14-30

C: Glory To You, O Lord

¹⁴For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' ²¹His master said to

him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' ²²And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' ²³His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' ²⁴Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' ²⁶But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹For to all

those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' "

P: The gospel of the LORD.

C: Praise to you, O Christ