Morning Worship

Bethesda Lutheran Church - 8:30 AM
Immanuel Lutheran Church - 11:00 AM
November 15, 2026
Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Before we begin our worship this morning, I acknowledge that Bethesda Lutheran Church/Immanuel Lutheran Church stands on the traditional grounds of the Anishinaabe People, and we honor their elders both past and present. Their presence is imbued in the lands and waters surrounding us. We nurture our relationships with our indigenous neighbors, and the shared responsibilities to their homeland where we all reside today.

HOLY COMMUNION

Prelude

GATHERING

Confession and Forgiveness
All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our dwelling place for all generations,
whose compassion never slumbers.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,

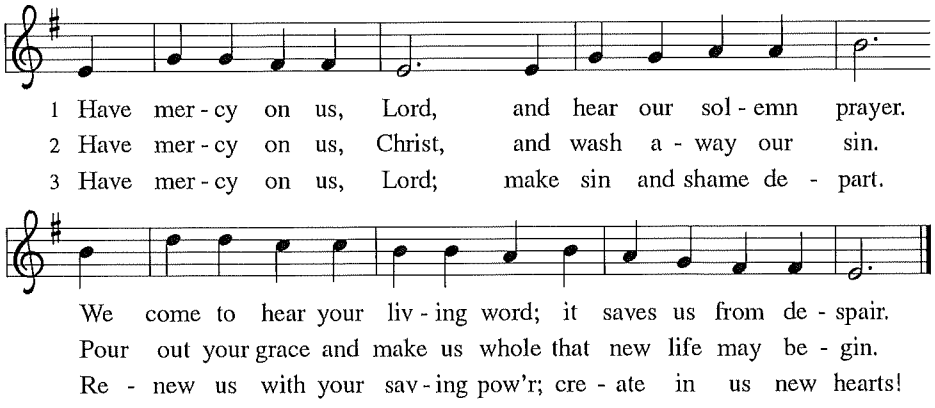
we confess that we have trusted in our preparation
instead of your invitation.
We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved.
We trust the voice of our shame and fear,
which keeps us from entering fully
into relationship with you and others.
We are not awake to the coming of your reign.
Rouse us and rescue us,
that we may enter into your joy.
Amen.

Inherit the riches of God's grace.
☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.
You are forgiven.
Blessed are you.
Amen.

Gathering Hymn: WOV (blue hymnal) #684 *"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"*

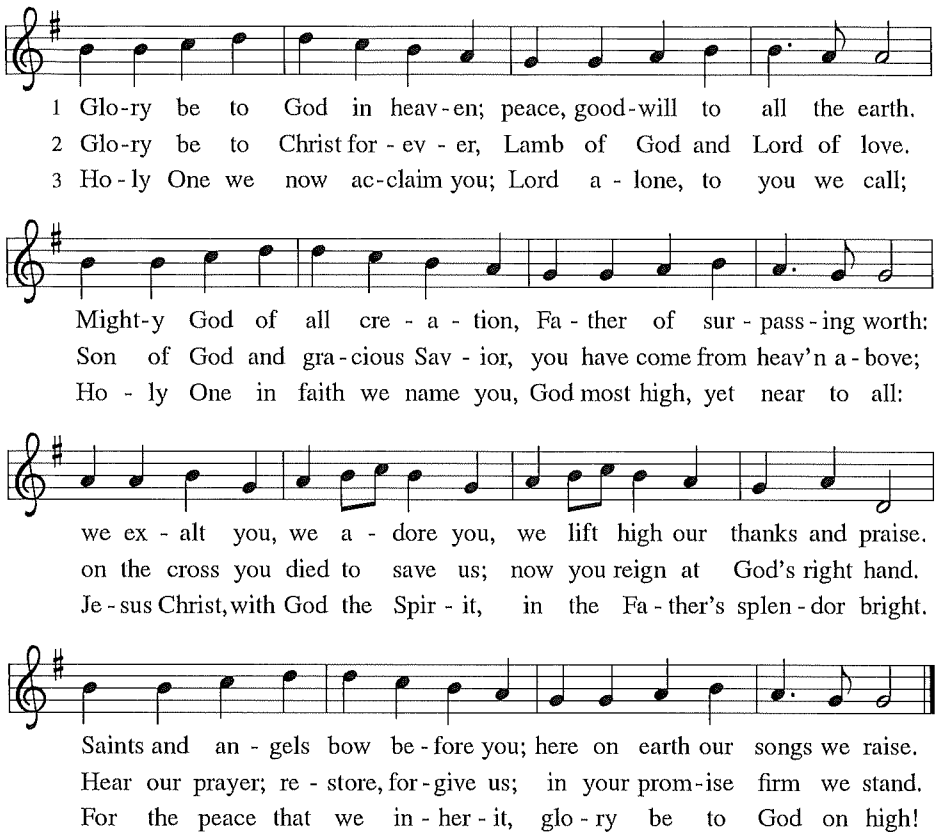
Greeting
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Kyrie



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Glory Be to God in Heaven



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Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Almighty God our Father, **your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD

First Reading: Deuteronomy 8:7-18

Times of abundance tempt us to forget God and rely on our own power and resources. But God is the one who took Israel out of Egypt, led and fed them in the wilderness, brought them into the land, and gave them power to be productive. To thank this God is to remember and proclaim God's deeds.

7 "The Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with
flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in
valleys and hills, 8 a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and
pomegranates, a land of olive oil and honey, 9 a land where you may eat
bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones
are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. 10 You shall eat
your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land that he has given
you.

11 "Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God by failing to
keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes that I am
commanding you today. 12 When you have eaten your fill and have built
fine houses and live in them 13 and when your herds and flocks have
multiplied and your silver and gold is multiplied and all that you have is
multiplied, 14 then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God,
who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of
slavery, 15 who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid
wasteland with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for
you from flint rock. 16 He fed you in the wilderness with manna that your
ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you and in the end to
do you good. 17 Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my
own hand have gotten me this wealth.' 18 But remember the Lord your
God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may
confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing
today."

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 65

Refrain: You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty. (Ps. 65:11)

[1] You are to be praised, O | God, in Zion;
to you shall vows | be fulfilled.
[2] To you, the one | who answers prayer,
to you all | flesh shall come.
[3] Our sins are strong- | er than we are,
but you blot out | our transgressions.
[4] Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your | courts to dwell there!
They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness | of your temple. R
[5] Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of | our salvation,
O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans | far away.
[6] You make firm the mountains | by your power;
you are girded a- | bout with might.
[7] You still the roaring | of the seas,
the roaring of their waves, and the clamor | of the peoples.
[8] Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your | marvelous signs;
you make the dawn and the dusk to | sing for joy.
[9] You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is |full of water.
You prepare the grain, for so you provide | for the earth.
[10] You drench the furrows and smooth | out the ridges;
with heavy rain you soften the ground and | bless its increase.
[11] You crown the year | with your goodness,
and your paths over- | flow with plenty.
[12] May the fields of the wilderness be | rich for grazing,
and the hills be | clothed with joy.
[13] May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak them- | selves with grain;
let them shout for | joy and sing. **R**

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Christian fellowship involves sharing with those in need. Here Paul is gathering a collection for the church in Jerusalem from all the Gentile churches he helped found. We can be extravagant in our giving because God is extravagant in providing for our lives.

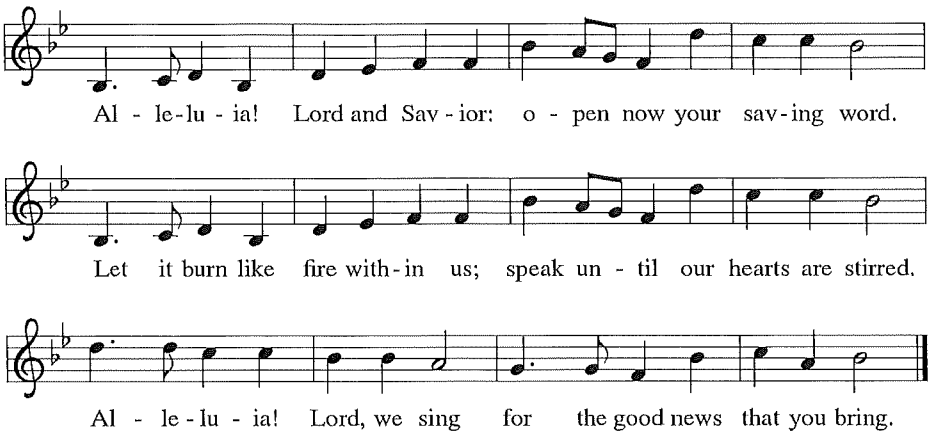
6 The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly,
and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. 7 Each of
you must give as you have made up your mind, not regretfully or under
compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to provide
you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough
of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. 9 As it is
written,

"He scatters abroad; he gives to the poor;
his righteousness endures forever."

10 He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and
multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your
righteousness. 11 You will be enriched in every way for your great
generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us, 12 for
the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints
but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. 13 Through the
testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the
confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your
partnership with them and with all others, 14 while they long for you and
pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given
you. 15 Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



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The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the seventeenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

A Samaritan leper becomes a model for thanksgiving. He does not take for granted the kindness shown to him but takes time to thank Jesus and to glorify God.

11 On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between
Samaria and Galilee. 12 As he entered a village, ten men with a skin
disease approached him. Keeping their distance, 13 they called out,
saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" 14 When he saw them, he
said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went,
they were made clean. 15 Then one of them, when he saw that he was
healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. 16 He prostrated
himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. And he was a
Samaritan. 17 Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are
the other nine? 18 Did none of them return to give glory to God except
this foreigner?" 19 Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way;
your faith has made you well."

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

Sermon – Pastor Connie Monson

Hymn of the Day: ELW (red hymnal) #715 *"Christ, Be Our Light"*

Affirmation of Faith
We believe in God above us, maker and sustainer of all life,
of sun and moon, of water and earth, of male and female,
of other possibilities.

We believe in God beside us, Jesus Christ, the word made flesh,
born of a woman, servant of the poor, tortured and nailed to a tree.
A man of sorrows, he died forsaken.
He descended into the earth to the place of death.
On the third day he rose from the tomb.
He ascended into heaven, to be everywhere present,
and His kingdom will come on earth.

We believe in God within us, the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire,
life- giving breath of the Church, Spirit of healing and forgiveness,
source of resurrection and of eternal life.
Amen

Prayers of Intercession

United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

We give thanks for the communion of the church. Infuse a spirit of generosity in your people. Bless relationships among differing religions and faiths (*local partnerships may be named*) as signs of unity and hope. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We give thanks for abundant harvests and the many gifts of your good creation. Make us faithful caretakers of land, water, soil, and air, that all life might flourish. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We give thanks for local and global peace efforts. Uplift the voices of Native communities and theologians, and further the work of truth-telling and reparations in solidarity with our Indigenous siblings. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We give thanks for your tender care. Accompany all who travel; comfort all for whom this is a lonely season, and assure all weary hearts and bodies of your healing love (*We pray especially for . . .*) God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We give thanks for ministries working to end food and housing insecurity (*specific local ministries may be named*). Open our hearts to your abundance and our minds to new ways of sharing that abundance for the good of all. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Other intercession: Lord, you know the need for healing, comfort, help or resolution for those we name before you today: Richard, Kermit, Ed, Lorayne, Lois, Courtney, Bill, Chuck & Marcia, Colleen, Rhiannon, Holly, Bennett, Jennifer, Casey, Donnie, Jeanna, Jaycee, Gary & Janet, Britni, Luke, Jarrett, Darlene, Melinda, John, Sandy, Jane, Clyde, Sharon, and those whose names we hold in our heart. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for our migrant neighbors who, like most of us and our ancestors, came to this country for a better life. You who freed the captives, protect them from harm. Help us guard their rights to representation and due process. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We give thanks for the witness of all the faithful departed. Empower us, by their example, to serve you with courage, hope, and joy in the promises of the gospel. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.

Amen.

Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you. (Share a sign of God's peace with one another.)

Offering

We receive two kinds of offerings in gratitude for all that God has done and is doing: a monetary offering for the work of the church in our community and the world, and a food offering for our friends at local food pantries. If you have brought food or supplies this morning, you can place them in the basket at the front of the sanctuary at any time. The offering plate is located in the narthex at the beginning of the service; if you missed it, you are welcome to approach the altar after the service with your gift, or catch us next time!

Offering Prayer

Eternal God,
our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you.
Receive what we offer,
and all that you entrust to us,
until hungry no more, all the world is fed,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

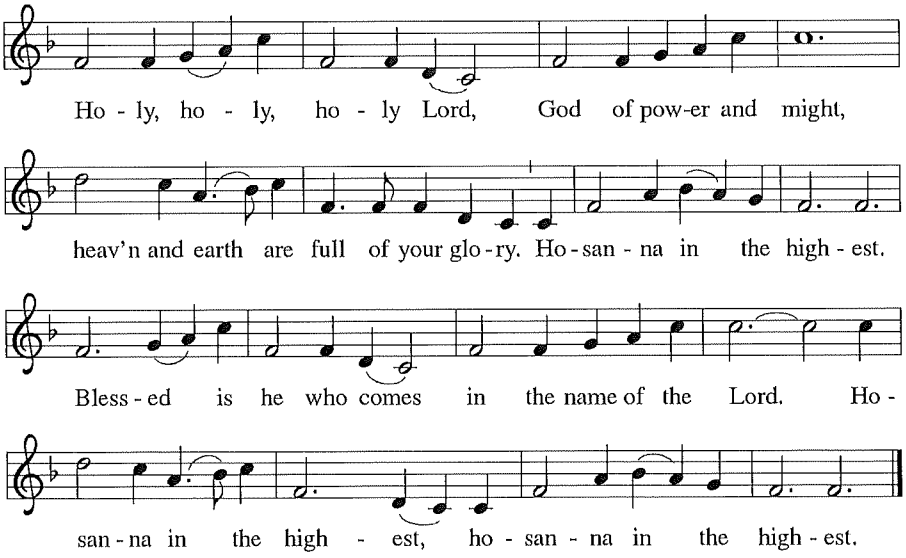
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy



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Words of Institution

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.

The Lord's Prayer
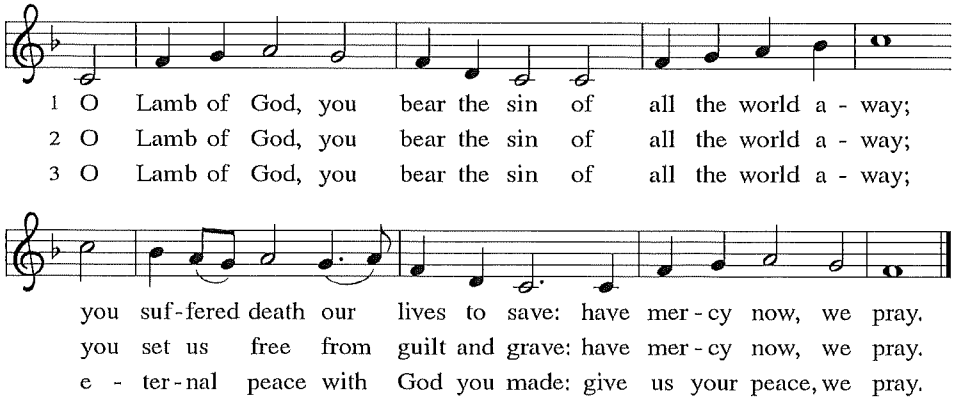
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in.
Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

O Lamb of God



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Prayer after Communion
Holy God,
we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal.
You continuously seek the lost,
bind the injured,
and feed your people abundantly.
Now send us out,
awake to your presence,
now and forever.
Amen.

Communion Hymn ELW (red hymnal) #726 *"Light Dawn on a Weary World"*

Announcements:
Sunday: AA, 7 pm, Immanuel
Monday: South Shore Quilters, 9 am; Book Study on Zoom, 1 pm; Diane Hall's birthday
Tuesday: Brunch Bunch, 10 am, Bethesda; Bible Study, Immanuel and Zoom, 2 pm; Gina Emily's birthday; Opal Georgeson's birthday; Pike Georgeson's birthday
Wednesday: South Shore Quilters, 9 am; Council Meetings, Immanuel 6 pm, Bethesda 7 pm
Friday: ROMEO, 8 am, Coffee Shop; Knit Wits, 1 pm, Coffee Shop

Blessing
The holy Trinity,
Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God,
today and always.
Amen.

Sending Hymn: ELW (red hymnal) #674 *"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"*

Dismissal

Go in peace; serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God

Postlude

Reconciling in Christ Statement

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. Galatians 3:28

We welcome YOU to Bethesda and Immanuel to participate fully in our congregational life. You who may have experienced exclusion, injustice or racial inequity; You who are young, old, rich, poor; You of all abilities; You from all nations and ethnic backgrounds; You of all sexual orientations, gender identities or gender expression.

We are committed to racial equity, economic equity, gender equity, sexual equity. We are committed to learn, celebrate, advocate and welcome everyone through a series of forums and educational opportunities. May we grow in acceptance and become a voice for inclusion, equity and justice.

No matter where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.