

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, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Offering

Offering Hymn: *Blessing and Honor* ELW #854

Offertory Prayer

Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

Benediction

P: The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, bless you now and forever.

Threefold Amen

Closing Hymn: *All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name* ELW #634

Dismissal: P: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord!
C: Thanks be to God!

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Welcome! We are glad you are with us today!

“If you do not have a church home, you are welcome here. If you would like to Become a member, contact any member, or the church office.”

Sunday, November 23rd, 2025; 9:30 am 24th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

P: We come before our God, this morning, under the sign of our baptism in the name of God, the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Trusting in God’s mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
(Silence is kept for reflection.)

C: Merciful and loving God, we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.

P: Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven!

C: Amen.

Opening Hymn: *Beautiful Savior* ELW #838

Apostolic Greeting

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

C: And also with you.

Call to Worship Psalm 46

P: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

C: Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,

P: though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

C: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

P: God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.

C: The nations are in an uproar; the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice; the earth melts.

P: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah

C: Come, behold the works of the LORD; see what desolations he has brought on the earth.

P: He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

C: "Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations; I am exalted in the earth."

P: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Prayer of the Day:

P: Let us pray.

C: Shepherd of Israel, hear our prayer as your Son heard the plea of the criminal crucified with him. Gather into Christ’s holy reign the broken, the sorrowing, and the sinner, that all may know wholeness, joy, and forgiveness. Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

First Reading: **Jeremiah 23:1-6** Janna Kloth

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD.

Therefore, thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall no longer fear or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD. The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days, Judah will be saved, and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

Second Reading: **Colossians 1:11-20**

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you

may have all endurance and patience, joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers--all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Gospel Acclamation: *Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil* ELW #512

Gospel Reading: **Luke 23:33-43**

*(After the reading is announced: **Glory to you, O Lord.**)*

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by watching, but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

*(Response after the conclusion: **Praise to you, O Christ.**)*

Children’s Message Pastor Josh Schunk

Sermon Pastor Josh Schunk

Hymn of the Day: *Eternal Father, Strong to Save* ELW #756

Apostles Creed

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