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November 8, 2026 **The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

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Prelude

Processional Hymn *Please Stand* "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

♩ Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

♩ Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! Unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

♩ But the pains which He endured, Alleluia! Our salvation have procured. Alleluia!
Now above the sky He's king, Alleluia! Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

♩ Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as His love; Alleluia!
Praise Him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

Lutheran Service Book, Hymn 457–Text: tr. Lyra Davidica, 1708, London, alt.;
(sts. 1–3): Latin, 14th cent.; (st. 4): Charles Wesley, 1707–88; Text: Public domain

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. *Matthew 28:19b*

Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Make haste, O God, to deliver me!

O Lord, make haste to help me! *A Time of Silence* *Psalm 70:1*

Let us then confess our sins to God, who is our help and our deliverer.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We confess the ways that our worship has fallen into empty words, disconnected from the life to which You have called us. We confess that we have been inattentive in our waiting for Christ's return. Forgive us, renew us, and call us back to You, that we may wait with hope and joy, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. He does not delay! His righteousness flows like an ever-flowing stream. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Hymn of Praise *Please Be Seated* "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

♩ Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; To His feet your tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, Evermore His praises sing:
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.

♩ Praise Him for His grace and favor To His people in distress;
Praise Him still the same as ever, Slow to chide and swift to bless:
Alleluia, alleluia! Glorious in His faithfulness.

♩ Fatherlike He tends and spares us; Well our feeble frame He knows;
In His hand He gently bears us, Rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia, alleluia! Widely yet His mercy flows.

♩ Angels, help us to adore Him; You behold Him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before Him, All who dwell in time and space.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.

Lutheran Service Book, Hymn 793–Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847; Text: Public domain

Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Amos 5:18–24

18Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord!
Why would you have the day of the Lord? It is darkness, and not light,
19as if a man fled from a lion, and a bear met him,
or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall, and a serpent bit him.
20Is not the day of the Lord darkness, and not light, and gloom with no brightness in it?
21"I hate, I despise your feasts, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
22Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them;
and the peace offerings of your fattened animals, I will not look upon them.
23Take away from me the noise of your songs; to the melody of your harps I will not listen.
24But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.
This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Epistle

1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

13But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. **14**For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. **15**For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. **16**For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. **17**Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. **18**Therefore encourage one another with these words.
This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones"

♩ Ye watchers and ye holy ones, Bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones,
Raise the glad strain: "Alleluia!" Cry out, dominions, princedoms, pow'rs,
Virtues, archangels, angels' choirs:
~"Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!"

♩ O higher than the cherubim, More glorious than the seraphim,
Lead their praises: "Alleluia!" Thou bearer of th' eternal Word,
Most gracious, magnify the Lord: ~"Alleluia, alleluia!...

♩ Respond, ye souls in endless rest, Ye patriarchs and prophets blest:
"Alleluia, alleluia!" Ye holy Twelve, ye martyrs strong,
All saints triumphant, raise the song: "Alleluia, alleluia!...

Please Stand

♩ O friends, in gladness let us sing, Supernal anthems echoing:
"Alleluia, alleluia!" To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One: "Alleluia, alleluia!....

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The Holy Gospel Matthew 25:1–13

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

1"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. **2**Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. **3**For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, **4**but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. **5**As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. **6**But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' **7**Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. **8**And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' **9**But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' **10**And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. **11**Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' **12**But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' **13**Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

Children's Message *Please Be Seated*

The Hymn "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

♩ Immortal, invisible, God only wise, In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessèd, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

♩ Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

♩ To all life Thou givest— to both great and small— In all life Thou livest, the true Life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree
And wither and perish— but naught changes Thee.

♩ Great Father of glory, pure Father of light, Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render: O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light that hides Thee.

Lutheran Service Book, Hymn 802–Text: W. Chalmers Smith, 1824–1908, alt.; Text: Public domain

Proclamation of the Word

"Resurrected Encouragement" 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

Offering and Musical Offering

Prayer of the Church *Please Stand Each petition is concluded with the following:*

You are our help and our deliverer.

O Lord, do not delay.

Lord's Prayer

Benediction

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. *2 Corinthians 13:14*

Amen.

Recessional Hymn *Please Be Seated* "I Know that My Redeemer Lives"

♩ I know that my Redeemer lives; What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead; He lives, my ever-living head.

♩ He lives triumphant from the grave; He lives eternally to save;
He lives all-glorious in the sky; He lives exalted there on high.

♩ He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to plead for me above;
He lives my hungry soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.

♩ He lives to grant me rich supply; He lives to guide me with His eye;
He lives to comfort me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's complaint.

♩ He lives to silence all my fears; He lives to wipe away my tears;
He lives to calm my troubled heart; He lives all blessings to impart.

♩ He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend; He lives and loves me to the end;
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing; He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.

♩ He lives and grants me daily breath; He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare; He lives to bring me safely there.

♩ He lives, all glory to His name! He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives: I know that my Redeemer lives!

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Postlude