Twenty Fifth Sunday After Pentecost



November 15th, 2026
Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

About Us

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, a Reconciling in Christ congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, has been firmly planted in the Phillips Community since 1912. Our Saviour's is a dynamic community, centered in Christ, called, nurtured and sent - to celebrate, serve and do justice.

You Are Welcome Here!

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church celebrates the beauty of human diversity, knowing God creates every person in God's image. We welcome you in the fullness of who you are: at every age, with every ability and challenge; in every race, ethnicity, and citizenship; in neurodiversity and the many ways our minds work; and in every kind of relationship and family. We welcome people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions. We affirm that all people are beloved by God and worthy of dignity, belonging, care, and full participation. Mindful of the harm of exclusion, we commit ourselves to the ongoing work of racial equity, justice, and service, growing in our practice of welcome as we journey together toward God's beloved community.

Welcome to all visitors and guests. If you live here, we hope you'll consider joining. If you are here for a short time, we hope you'll feel at home. Please pick up a copy of our newsletter, *The Sentinel,* from the entry table.

Children are welcome to participate fully in worship. We feel strongly that children's spirituality develops through experience. In our community, children lead as ushers, musicians, readers and communion servers. We expect that children will behave as children – giggles, wiggles, and all. Kids and their parents are invited to go in and out of the sanctuary as needed.

Safe Church. For the safety of all children, we ask that children be attended at all times. Please accompany your child to the bathroom and reading corner. Copies of our Safe Church Policy are available from the church office.

Transportation And Parking

Parking - Parking is available in the parking lot behind church. There is street parking as well as in the Hope Academy Parking ramp at 24th St and Park Ave. The arms are up on Sunday mornings until 2pm. There are handicap parking spots available in the front and back of the church.

Bus - The D line runs every 10 minutes on Chicago Ave. For more options, visit metrotransit.org.

Mission of the month:
Indigenous Protector Movement (IPM)

Indigenous Protector Movement (IPM) is a grassroots non-profit organization located in our neighborhood that is dedicated to protecting Indigenous land and communities through direct action, advocacy, and community building. They have many initiatives that address community safety, healing and cultural wellness, and justice for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives. We just transferred a property to IPM as an act of reparation.

Online giving - If you are interested in giving online to Our Saviour's for the Mission of the Month or general offering, use this QR Code:

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Our readings during November speak of the end times. Zephaniah proclaims that the coming day of the Lord will be filled with wrath and distress. Paul says it will come like a thief in the night and urges us to be awake and sober. Jesus tells the parable of the talents, calling us to use our gifts, while we still have time, for the greater and common good. In a world filled with violence and despair, we gather around signs of hope—word, water, bread, and wine—eager to welcome the good news of Christ's coming among us.

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Gathering Music

*Opening Hymn ***All Are Welcome*** ***ELW 641***

*Confession and Forgiveness

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

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Compassionate 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.

*=indicates God's children rise in body or spirit

*Greeting

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

*Prayer of the Day

Word

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

Preparing Our Hearts
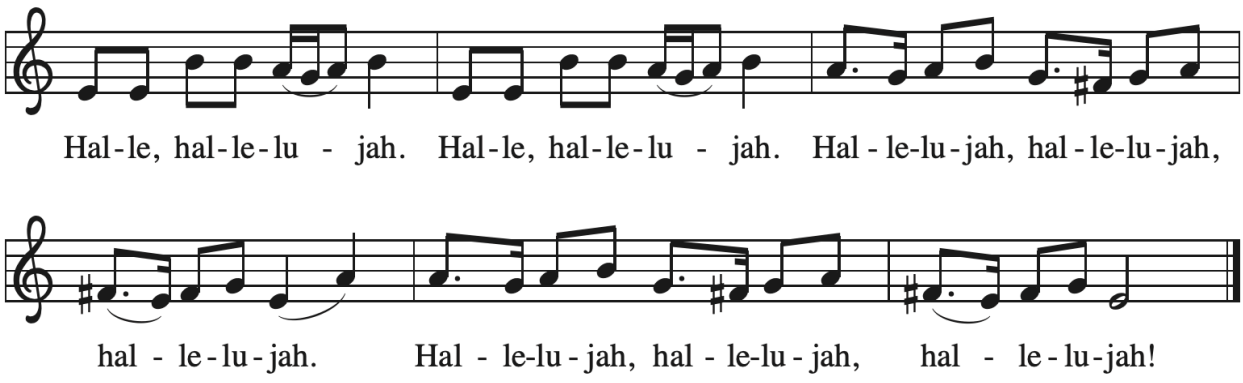
Listen, Listen
Be open, O my heart.

First Reading **1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**

Now concerning the times and the seasons, siblings, you do not need to have
anything written to you. [2] For you yourselves know very well that God's day will
come like a thief in the night. [3] When 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! [4] But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that
day to surprise you like a thief; [5] for you are all children of light and children of the
day; we are not of the night or of darkness. [6] So then let us not fall asleep as others
do, but let us keep awake and be sober; [7] for those who sleep sleep at night, and
those who are drunk get drunk at night. [8] But 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. [9] For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through
our Lord Jesus Christ, [10] who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we
may live with him. [11] Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as
indeed you are doing.

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

*Gospel Acclamation



*Gospel **Matthew 25:14-30** (Spark Bible p.316)

The holy gospel according to Matthew the 25th chapter. **Glory to you, O God.**

[Jesus said:] 14 "For it is as if a landowner, going on a journey, summoned their
servants and entrusted their property to others; 15 to one they gave five talents, to
another two, to another one, to each according to their ability. Then the landowner
went away. 16 The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded
with them, and made five more talents. 17 In the same way, the one who had the two
talents made two more talents. 18 But the one who had received the one talent went
off and dug a hole in the ground and hid the landowner's money. 19 After a long time
the landowner of those servants came and settled accounts with them. 20 Then the
one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents,
saying, 'You handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.'
21 The landowner said, 'Well done, good and trustworthy servant; you have been
trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things. Come, share my
joy.' 22 And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'You handed
over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' 23 The landowner said,
'Well done, good and trustworthy servant; you have been trustworthy in a few
things, I will put you in charge of many things. Come, share my joy.' 24 Then the one
who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'I knew that you were a
harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter
seed; 25 so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have
what is yours.' 26 But the landowner replied, 'You wicked and lazy servant! You
knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter?
27 Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I
would have received what was my own with interest. 28 So take the talent from him,
and give it to the one with the ten talents. 29 For 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. 30 As for this worthless servant, throw them into
the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' "

This is the Good News. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Sermon

After the children's sermon, young children may remain in worship in the sanctuary or explore the play area in the hospitality center with a caring adult.

Sermon ***Abundance as Gift and Task***

There is space for sermon notes either on the insert page or on the table by the font.

*Hymn of the Day ***Can't Give Up Now*** ***Mary Mary***

(verses sung by cantor, congregation sings chorus as indicated)

Chorus

We just can't give up now
We've come too far from where we started from
Nobody told us the road would be easy
And we don't believe God's brought us this far to leave us

*Prayers of the People

Each petition ends: God of Grace, ***hear our prayer.***

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

*Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

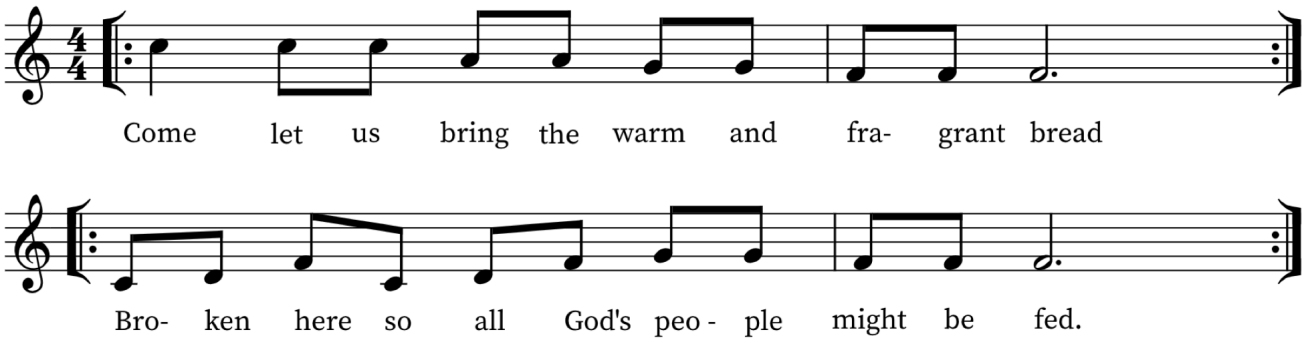
Gathering our Gifts

Love Is Something (The Magic Penny) by Malvina Reynolds

All present, even those who contribute through automatic payments, are invited to lay hands upon the collection plate symbolizing their contributions. If you are interested in giving online to Our Saviour's use this QR Code.

*Offertory

Sing in a canon as directed.



*Offertory Prayer

*The Great Thanksgiving

God be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts! **We lift them to our God.**
Let us give thanks to the Living God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Eucharistic Prayer

As part of the eucharistic prayer we confess the great mystery of faith to the tune of the Civil Rights Movement anthem, "We Shall Overcome." We learned this from Trinity Lutheran in Manhattan:

Jesus Christ has died, Jesus Christ is risen,
Jesus Christ will come again.
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe
Jesus Christ will come again.

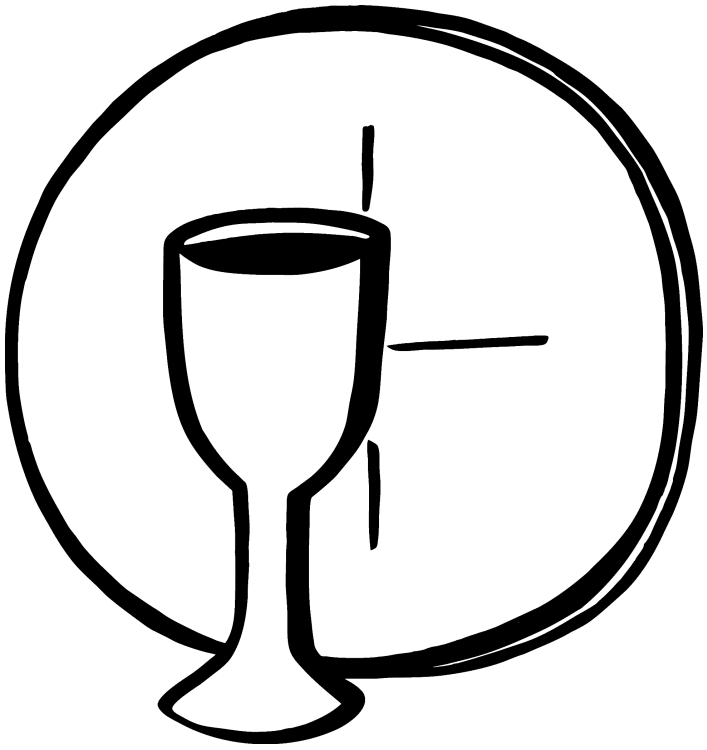
*The Prayer of Jesus

Our Mother, our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kin-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kin-dom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

**As part of our commitment to using inclusive and expansive language for God, this season we are modifying the word 'kingdom' which connotes both maleness and a form of government unfamiliar to most of us. Instead, we will use 'kin-dom' which captures the way Jesus radically redefines family and invites everyone into a loving relationship with God and neighbor. Whether saying 'kin-dom' or 'kingdom,' we proclaim the subversive reign of God's love and justice.*

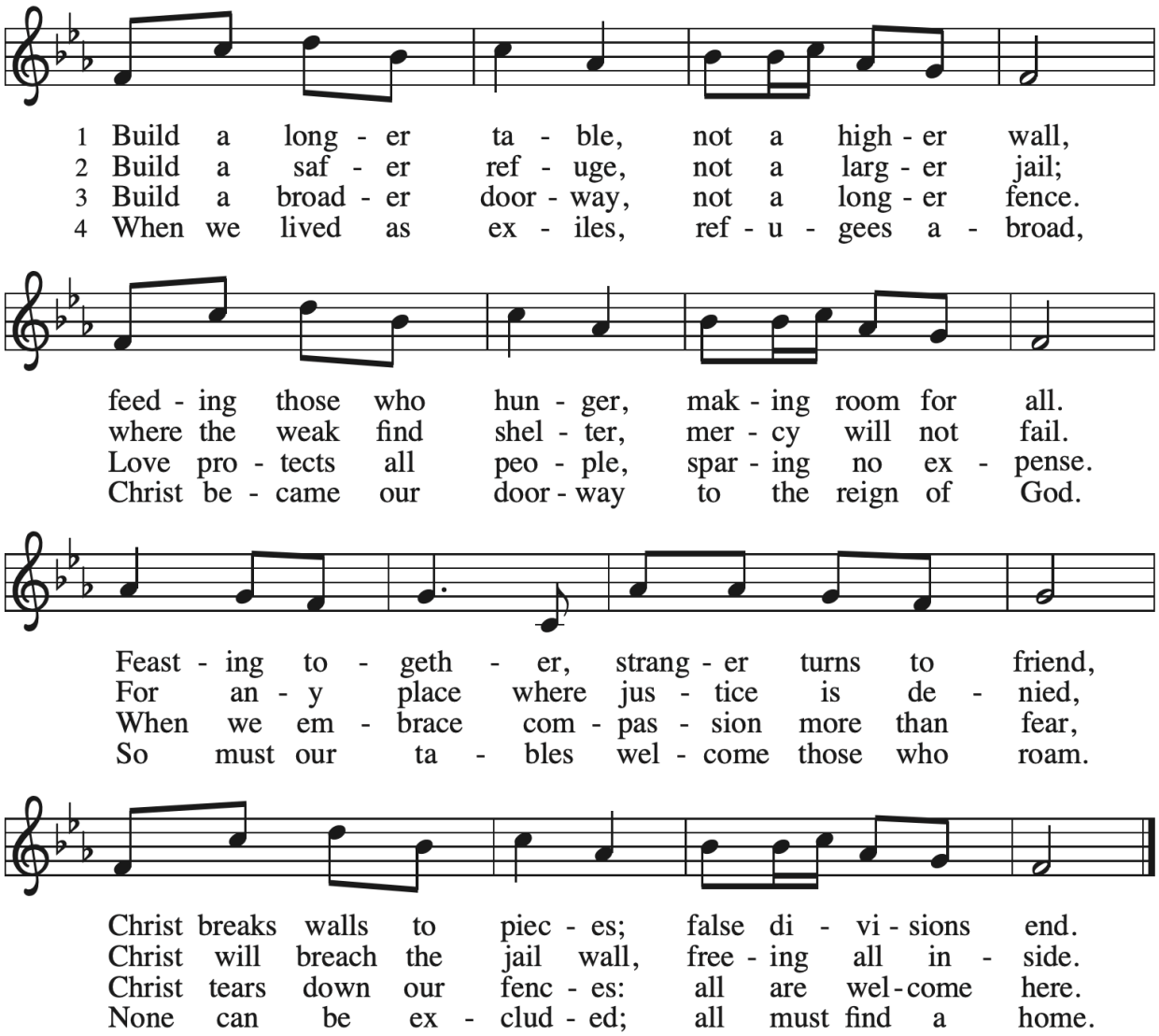
Distribution

All are welcome at Christ's table. Ushers will guide you. After receiving bread or a gluten-free wafer, hold out your glass for grape juice. Following communion, deposit your compostable cup with a server. Those who do not commune may indicate a preference for a blessing by crossing their arms.



Songs During Communion

Build a Longer Table ***ACS 1062***



Light Dawns On A Weary World ***ELW 726***

Way Maker ***Sinach***

Way maker, miracle worker, promise keeper, light in the darkness
My God, that is who You are
Way maker, miracle worker, promise keeper, light in the darkness
My God, that is who You are

*Blessing

Sending

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

*Benediction

This is a benediction song that we learned at Luther Crest Bible Camp this summer.

As you go on your way may Christ go with you
May Christ go before you to show you the way
May Christ go behind you to encourage you
Beside you to befriend you, above you to watch over
Within you to give you peace.

Go in peace to love and serve.
Thanks be to God!

Postlude

All are invited to the Hospitality Center for announcements and community time.

Today's Worship

Ministers:	You!
Presiding:	Esther Sianipar
Preaching:	Dr. DeWayne Davis
Readers:	4th & 5th graders
Prayers:	1st-3rd graders
Children's Message:	SNACKS
Offertory:	OSLC Youth, Bret Hesla
Musicians:	Kent Goodroad & Alyssa Schwitzer
Sound:	Mike Libby
Livestream:	Jakob Johnson
Window Blinds:	Remi Hanson

This week at OSLC:

Wednesday, November 18
8:30AM: DABS
10:15AM: Bible Study (CR/Zoom)
5:30PM: Community Meal (HC)
6:15PM: Gospel of Mark Lab
7:15PM: Choir (Sanctuary)

Thursday, November 19
9:30AM: Celebration of Life for Mintaria (Ria) Sianipar-Naiborhu, a dear mother of Pastor Esther Sianipar

Sunday, November 15
11:00AM: Adult Forum *Budget Forum and Reparations Team update*
12PM-2:30PM Synod Youth Choir (HC+Sanctuary)

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