

All Saints Lutheran Church

The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Trinity
November 15, 2026

The Strength of the Lord Is Our Salvation from Sin, Death, and Darkness

A shroud of darkness engulfs us. Sin, death, and disease threaten to sever us from life's fullest measure. Without new life in Christ Jesus, there would be no light to dissipate, dispel, or curb grief and sadness. But Jesus has qualified us "to share in the inheritance of the saints of light," delivering us from the dark domain (Col. 1:9–14). "I have put my words in your mouth and covered you in the shadow of my hand … You are my people" (Is. 51:9–16). The presence of Christ, in word, wine, bread, and water, confronts our sinful nature with forgiveness. In the sacraments, God claims us to be His very own children, creating and sustaining our faith. So in Christ, we humbly receive the words, "your faith has made you well" (Matt. 9:18–26). On the last day God will surely awaken us also from slumber in resurrection glory.

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Communion at All Saints

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. It is important, therefore, that those who come to the Lord's Table trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. Scripture also teaches that Holy Communion is a confession of faith. Those who receive the sacrament together show forth their unity in Christ, that is, a unity of heart and mind accomplished when all who commune together believe the same doctrine and are at peace with one another.

Scripture teaches that those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and that Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar. Therefore, we, along with the historic Christian church, practice *Closed Communion.* Any who are not communicant members of All Saints, or another congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, are asked to speak with the pastor before receiving the Lord's Supper. Those not receiving communion are invited to come forward during communion to receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest and bow your head, and the pastor will give you a blessing; and know that we would love to share more with you about our teaching and practice.

Prayers of preparation and thanksgiving for receiving the Lord's Supper are found in the LSB hymnal on p. 308.

For further study, see Matthew 5:23ff; 10:32ff; 18:15–35; 26:26–29; John 17:20–23; 1 Corinthians 11:17–34.

Divine Service 3

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Confession and Absolution

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**

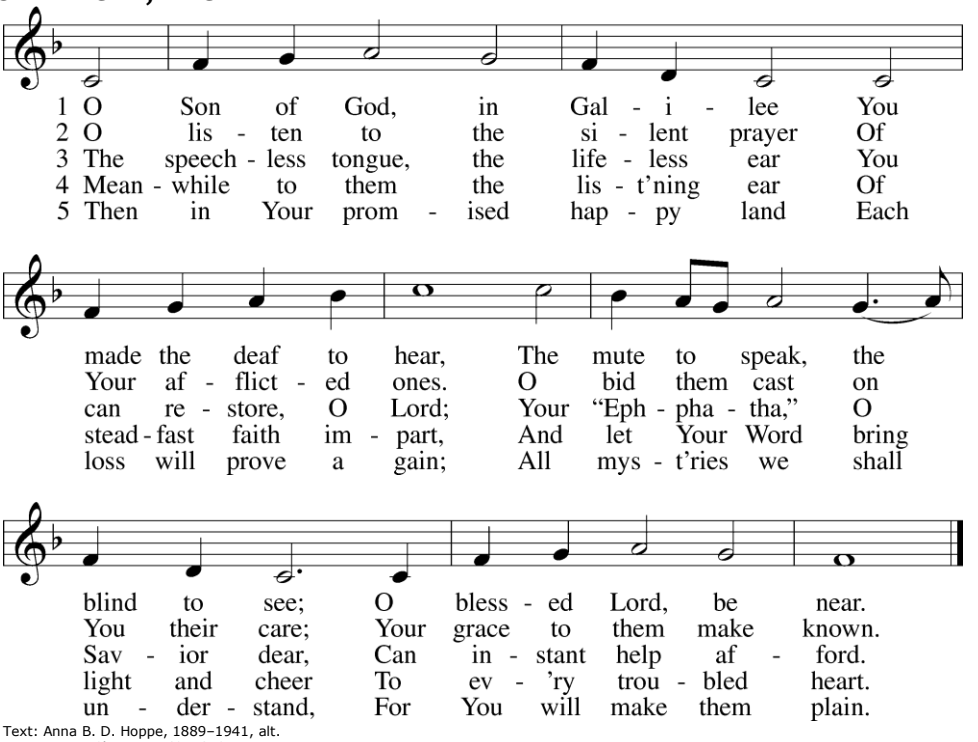
P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,
C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

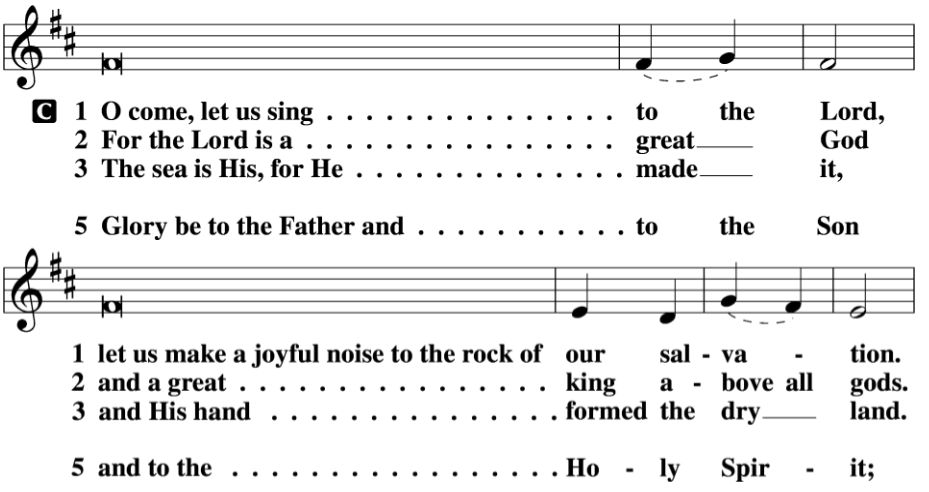
841 O Son of God, in Galilee

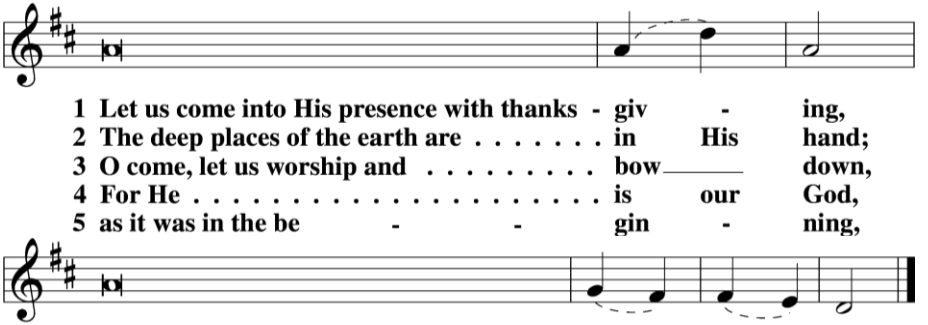


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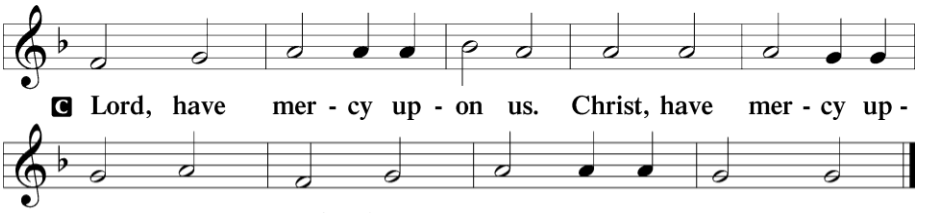
Service of the Word

Venite





Kyrie



Gloria in Excelsis





Salutation and Collect of the Day





P Stir up, O Lord, the wills of Your faithful people that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by You be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 51:9–16

9 Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of the LORD;
awake, as in days of old, the generations of long ago.
Was it not you who cut Rahab in pieces, that pierced the dragon?
10 Was it not you who dried up the sea, the waters of the great deep,
who made the depths of the sea a way for the redeemed to pass over?
11 And the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.
12 "I, I am he who comforts you; who are you that you are afraid of man who dies,
of the son of man who is made like grass,
13 and have forgotten the LORD, your Maker,
who stretched out the heavens and laid the foundations of the earth,
and you fear continually all the day because of the wrath of the oppressor,
when he sets himself to destroy? And where is the wrath of the oppressor?
14 He who is bowed down shall speedily be released;
he shall not die and go down to the pit, neither shall his bread be lacking.
15 I am the LORD your God, who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar—
the LORD of hosts is his name.
16 And I have put my words in your mouth and covered you in the shadow of my hand,
establishing the heavens and laying the foundations of the earth,
and saying to Zion, 'You are my people.'"

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Psalm 116:8, 1



You have delivered my | soul from death,*
my eyes from tears, my feet from | stumbling.
I love the LORD, because | he has heard*
my voice and my pleas for | mercy.

Epistle

Colossians 1:9–14

9And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may
be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, 10so as to
walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work
and increasing in the knowledge of God. 11May you be strengthened with all power,
according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, 12giving thanks to the
Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. 13He has
delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved
Son, 14in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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Alleluia and Verse

Psalm 36:9



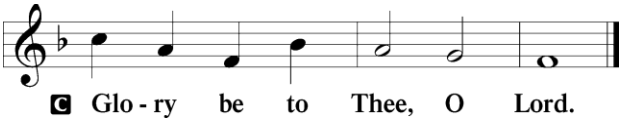
With you is the fountain | of life;*
in your light do | we see light.



Holy Gospel

Matthew 9:18–26

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the ninth chapter.



18While [Jesus] was saying these things to them, behold, a ruler came in and knelt before
him, saying, "My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will
live." 19And Jesus rose and followed him, with his disciples. 20And behold, a woman who had
suffered from a discharge of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the
fringe of his garment, 21for she said to herself, "If I only touch his garment, I will be made
well." 22Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you
well." And instantly the woman was made well. 23And when Jesus came to the ruler's house
and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, 24he said, "Go away, for the
girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. 25But when the crowd had been put

outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl arose. [26]And the report of this went through all that district.

℗ This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Nicene Creed

℃ **I believe in one God,**
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

755 In the Very Midst of Life



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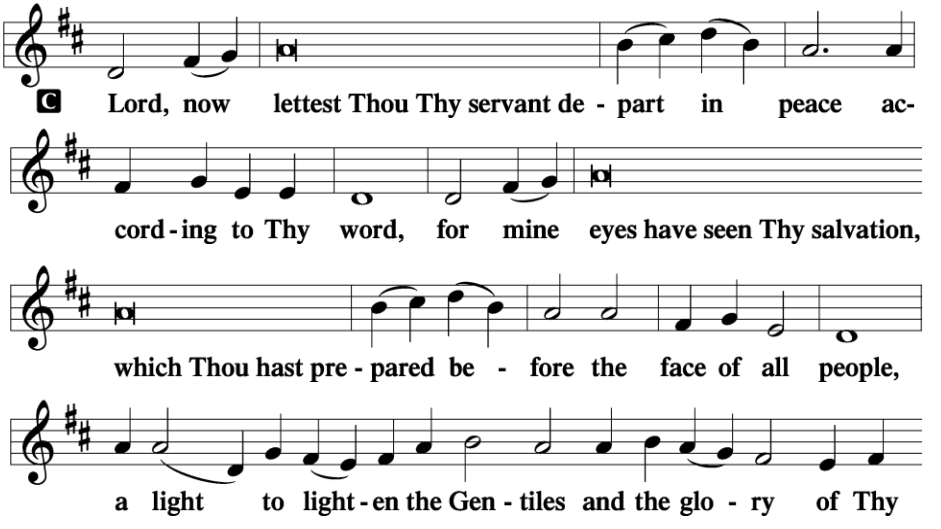
Sermon

Offertory



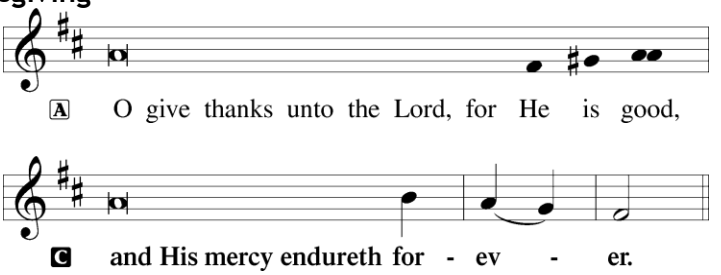
Prayer of the Church

Nunc Dimittis

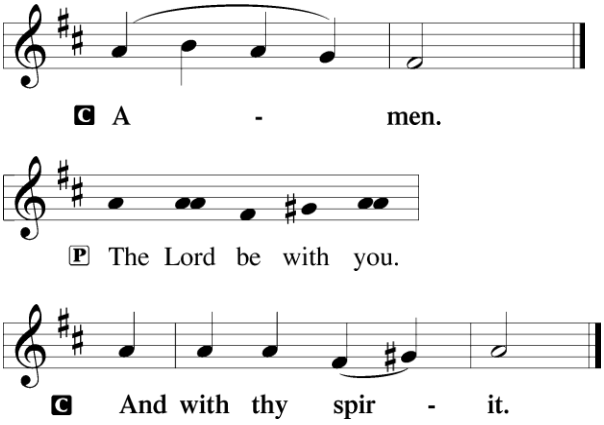




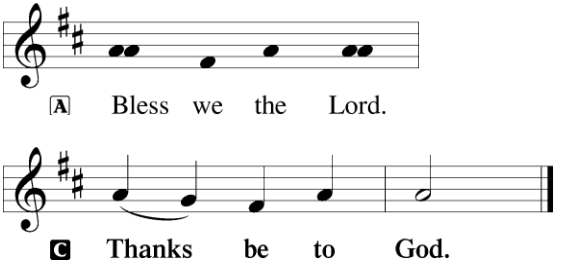
Thanksgiving



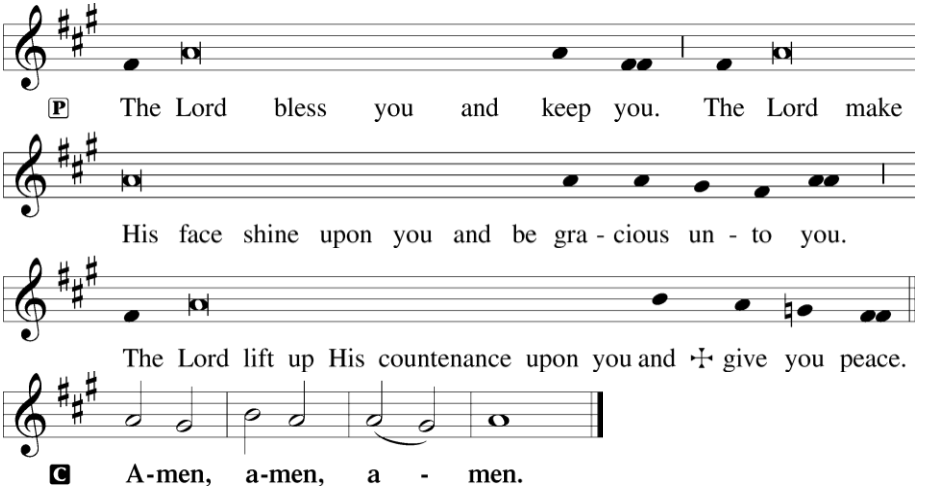
P Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Benedicamus



Benediction



750 If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee



5 Nor think amid the fiery trial
That God hath cast thee off unheard,
That he whose hopes meet no denial
Must surely be of God preferred.
Time passes and much change doth bring
And sets a bound to ev'rything.

6 All are alike before the Highest;
'Tis easy for our God, we know,
To raise thee up, though low thou liest,
To make the rich man poor and low.
True wonders still by Him are wrought
Who setteth up and brings to naught.

7 Sing, pray, and keep His ways unswerving,
Perform thy duties faithfully,
And trust His Word; though undeserving,
Thou yet shalt find it true for thee.
God never yet forsook in need
The soul that trusted Him indeed.

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