Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

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Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost Worship
Sunday with Holy Communion/FB
November 8, 2026



Monday:
Tuesday:
Wednesday:
Thursday:
Friday: Pastor's Day Off

Saturday:
Sunday: 8:30 a.m. Choir
9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship w/Holy Communion/FB
10:30 Sunday School/Confirmation/Coffee Hr.
S.C. Preservation mtg.

Cross of Christ Mission Statement*: As a fellowship of believers, it is our mission to joyfully proclaim the gospel of Christ in word and deed; inviting people to worship together, nurturing them in the Christian faith, loving one another and serving a world in need.*

Prelude

Ringing of the Church Bell

Announcements

Gathering Song: ELW #438 "My Lord, What a Morning"

(Refrain)
My Lord, what a morning;
my Lord, what a morning;
oh, my Lord, what a morning,
when the stars begin to fall.

1 You will hear the trumpet sound,
to wake the nations underground,
looking to my God's right hand,
when the stars begin to fall. **R**

2 You will hear the sinner cry,
to wake the nations underground,
looking to my God's right hand,
when the stars begin to fall. **R**

3 You will hear the Christian shout,
to wake the nations underground,
looking to my God's right hand,
when the stars begin to fall. **R**

Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
13 We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have
died, so 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 died. 15 For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are
alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have
died. 16 For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with
the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise
first. 17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with
them to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord forever. 18 Therefore
encourage one another with these words.
R: The Word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 70

1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me;
O Lord, make haste to help me.
2 **Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confounded;**
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.
3 Let those who say to me “Aha!” and gloat over me
turn back because of their shame.
4 **Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;**
let those who love your salvation say forever, “Great is the Lord!”
5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God.
You are my helper and my deliverer; O Lord, do not tarry.

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia. Alleluia.

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

P: The holy Gospel according to Matthew. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 1 “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. 3 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, all of them became drowsy and slept. 6 But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ 7 Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. 8 The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ 9 But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ 10 And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. 11 Later the other young women came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ 12 But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ 13 Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Dana Jackson**

Hymn of the Day ELW #689 “Praise and Thanksgiving” vs 1-3

1 Praise and thanksgiving, God, we would offer
for all things living, you have made good:
harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard,
hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.

2 God, bless the labor we bring to serve you,
that with our neighbor we may be fed.
Sowing or tilling, we would work with you,
harvesting, milling for daily bread.

3 Father, providing food for your children,
by Wisdom's guiding teach us to share
one with another, so that, rejoicing
with us, all others may know your care.

Apostle’s Creed

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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 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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.

Prayers of Intercession:
P: Lord in your mercy. **C: Hear our prayer.**

Offering Collection

Offertory "Let the Vineyards be Fruitful"
Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,
and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,
that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gather the hopes and the dreams of all;
unite them with the prayers we offer now.
Grace our table with your presence,
and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

Words of Institution

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, for ever and ever. Amen

Invitation to Communion
Congregation Response: **All are welcome.**

The Distribution ***(Please sign the pew pad.)***
Communion Hymns: 629, 677, 785

Sending Song: ELW #638 “Blessed Assurance”

1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

(Refrain)
This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior, all the day long:
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

2 Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. **R**

3 Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love. **R**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**
Postlude

Thank You for helping with the service today:

Organist: Gayle Smith
Choir Director: Jo Ann Miller, Jake Olson
Reader: Marnie Srock
Acolytes: Aubree Diersen, Easton Kildahl
Communion: Judy Munson, Rae Evenson, Ron Evenson
Usher: Savannah Kildahl, Junior Pich, Duane Hegland

Announcements

Sunday November 15th Caring Collection we are collecting cereal (no Cheerios) and canned fruit.

Saturday November 21st 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. WELCA Holiday Bazaar
Crafts may be dropped off on Sunday mornings. Baked goods may be dropped off on Friday November 20th from 1-4p.m. or Saturday, November 21st before 10 a.m.
For one day only you can purchase our beautiful handmade quilts for a reduced price of $50 apiece. This special offer will only take place on Saturday, November 21st. Also shop for some yummy baked goods, pick up crafts and stay for lunch. Soup, sandwich & dessert.

November 26th Christmas Poinsettias forms are due.
Cross of Christ will be taking orders for flowers to decorate our church for Christmas.