

For when the **foolish** took their lamps,
they **took no oil** with them,
but the **wise** took
flasks of oil with their lamps.

Matthew 25:3-4

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First Lutheran Church

2808 South Avenue West

24th Sunday in Pentecost
November 8, 2026

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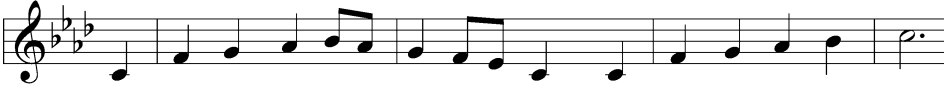
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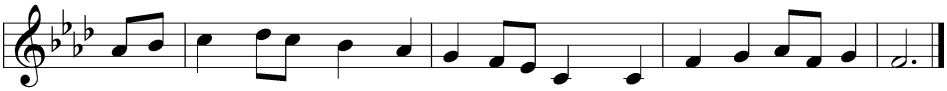
WE ARE PEOPLE OF GOD...
...who worship together, grow together, work together and together serve God and one another in Christian love.
...who gather around Word and Sacrament for spiritual nourishment.
...who take seriously Christ's command to make disciples of all nations.

Prelude
Welcome

Opening Hymn LSB 348 The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns



1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light tri - um-phant breaks,
2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, To bear and fight and die,
3 Oh, bright-er than the ris - ing morn When Christ, vic - to-rious, rose
4 Oh, bright-er than that glo - rious morn Shall dawn up - on our race
5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light and beau - ty brings.



When beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills And life to joy a-wakes.
But crowned with glo - ry like the sun That lights the morn-ing sky.
And left the lone-some place of death De - spite the rage of foes.
The day when Christ in splen - dor comes And we shall see His face.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo - ple pray: Come quick-ly, King of kings!

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Invocation

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

Confession and Absolution

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

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

℗ Since we are gathered to hear God's Word and call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Confession of Sins

℗ **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Prayer for Forgiveness

℗ Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

℗ **Amen.**

Absolution

℗ Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

℗ **Amen.**

GraceNotes **Eternal Father, Strong to Save**

Introit

℗ How lovely is your dwelling place,

℗ **O LORD of hosts!**

℗ Behold our shield, O God;

℗ **look on the face of your anointed!**

℗ For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

℗ **I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.**

℗ For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor.

℗ **No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.**
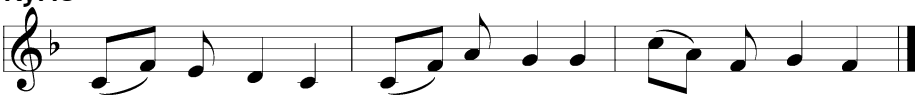
℗ O LORD of hosts,

℗ **blessèd is the one who trusts in you!**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P How lovely is your dwelling place,
C **O LORD of hosts!**

Kyrie



Collect

P 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.
C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading — Amos 5:18-24

Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD!
Why would you have the day of the LORD?
It is darkness, and not light,
as 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.
Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?
"I hate, I despise your feasts,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
Even 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.
Take away from me the noise of your songs;
to the melody of your harps I will not listen.
But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream."

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

But 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. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. 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. 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. 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. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Praise Team **Deliver Me, God**
(Text and Tune by Tim Worley)

Holy Gospel **Matthew 25:1-13**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' 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.' 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. Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

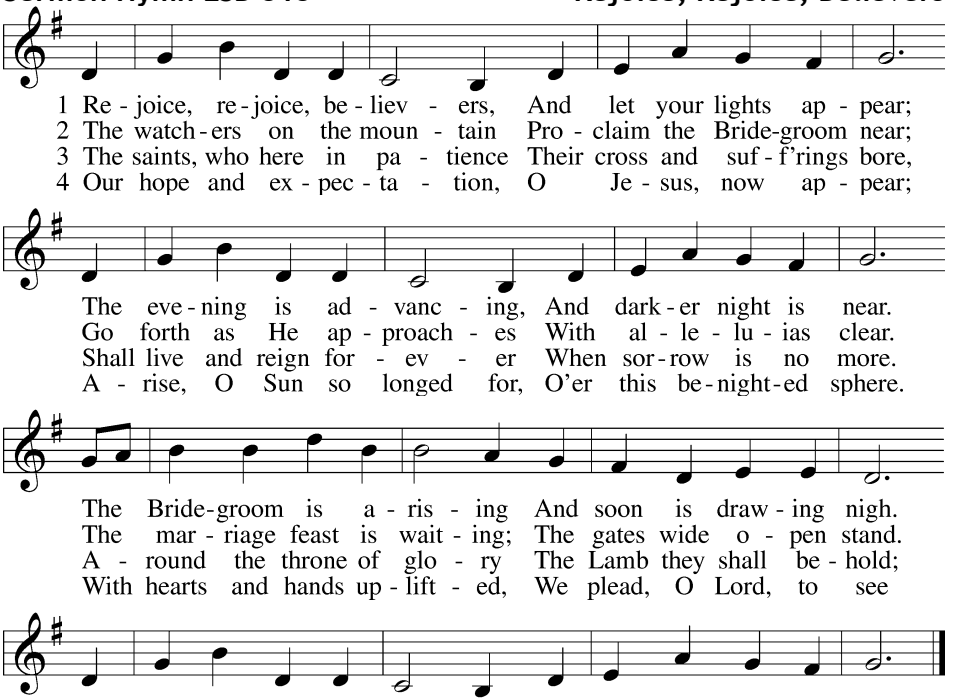
Apostles' Creed

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,**
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✢ everlasting. Amen.

Sermon Hymn LSB 515 — Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers



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Sermon **Rev. David Johnson**

✢ ✢ ✢ **Our offerings are received at the Altar** ✢ ✢ ✢

Prayer of the Church

(following each petition)

℗ Let us pray to the Lord.
℃ **Lord, have mercy.**

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.
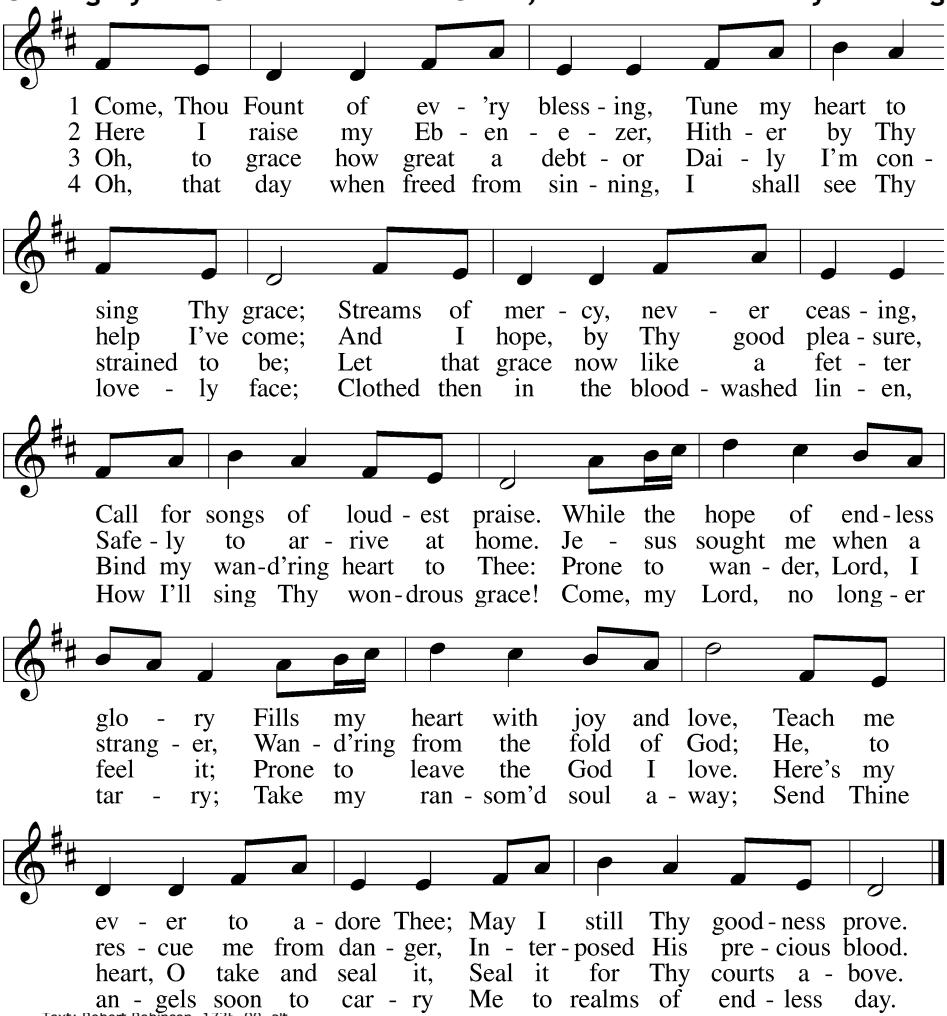
Benedicamus

℗ Let us bless the Lord.
℃ **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

℗ The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✢ give you peace.
℃ **Amen.**

Closing Hymn LSB 686 — Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



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Announcements

Please complete the "Friendship Pads" found at the inside aisle holder in each pew and pass it to the others in your row. We especially ask our visitors and guests to share their information with us, so we can stay in touch!

Dismissal

P Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C **Thanks be to God.**

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Elders for November — Bob Lehmann & Rick Shaw
Head Ushers for November — Ashton Kuiken

Pray for care and healing:
- Sue Abbot (former teacher at our school)
- Roger Larson (member at Havre)
- Patricia Schmidt (Carl & Marty Schmidt's cousin)

Those with ongoing needs:
- Cami Ahlin (Austin Ferguson's godmother)
- Macy Althauser (Gayle Walton's granddaughter)
- Richard Baisch (Leona Mittlestadt's brother)
- Verna Brady (Tracy Worley's mother)
- Natalie Buchman (Gretchen Murray's friend)
- Chris Carter (Evelyn Carter's son)
- Jennie Dixon (Tim Worley's friend)
- Doug Eisele (Heidi Lyons' brother-in-law)
- Lynn Gilfillan (Shawn Hiesterman's friend)
- Jr. Held (Jane Johnson's brother-in-law)
- Christopher Law
- Marlene Lienau
- Rose Mary Malach
- Jane Mandler (John Mandler's sister-in-law)
- Sue Mandler (John & Cathy Mandler's daughter-in-law)
- Tracee Matsuura (Meighan Hanich's sister)
- Betty Matthews (Judy Lange's friend)
- Michael Minix
- Beverly Morasch (Evelyn Carter's sister)
- Gary Neibauer (Gregg Neibauer's father)
- Matt Reeves
- Pastor Renfro
- Tammie Richins (Krista Neibauer's friend)
- Ray Roberts
- Nancy Rosscup (Shawn Hiesterman's sister)
- Jordan Sanchelli (Nicole Pencek's brother)
- Jeanine Schmidt
- Brian Schuetz (John & Cathy Mandler's friend)
- Sheila Sine (Susan Sine's niece)
- Jack Sundt
- Josh Wagner (Brian & Julie Wagner's son)
- Charles Welter (Cathy Mandler's brother)
- Oakley (Heather Moore's granddaughter)
- Steve & Mary Carlson
- Evelyn Carter
- Pam Chinske
- Gloria Curdy
- Matthew Ferguson
- Jim Hennig
- Justena Irwin
- Melissa Johns
- Judy Lange
- Kris Lange

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY are given to the honor of our veterans who served our country. We give thanks and praise to God for them.

VETERANS' MEAL IS TODAY!

We will have a meal to honor our Veterans beginning at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall today. There will be a program and a time for food and fellowship!

JOIN US FOR A PIE SOCIAL

Please come during our Fellowship Time from 8:30 – 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 22nd, for a Pie Social. If you would like, you are welcome to bring a favorite pie to share. This will be a great time of fellowship and delicious food!

LWML MEETING THIS WEEK

All women are invited to join our LWML ladies as they meet this Tuesday, November 10th, at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP

We will have a Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service on Wednesday, November 25th, at 7:00 p.m. Please plan to join us as we thank God for the many blessings He has given to all of us!

LOOKING AHEAD TO ADVENT

Our Wednesday evening Midweek Advent services will begin on December 2nd this year. Come and join us for a Soup Supper at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall that evening. Our worship service will begin at 7:00 p.m.

THE OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD BOXES ARE HERE!

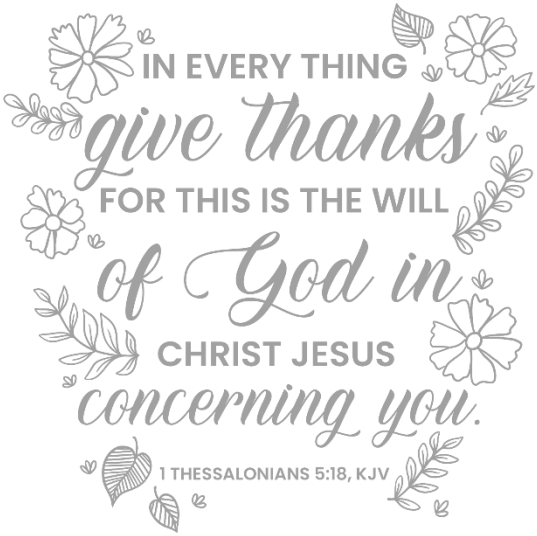
Each of these boxes represents a precious child of God, many of whom have never received a gift. If you would like to fill a box, they are located in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall. We have put items in the Fellowship Hall that you can use to help fill your box. Please take a pamphlet with a list of items to pack and items not to pack. The pamphlet also contains a label to attach to your box. The boxes are due back by Sunday, November 22nd. If you have any questions, please see Linnea Stiff or Sharon Peterson.

"MAGNETIC" NAME TAGS

We are hoping to place an order for our magnetic name tags soon. If you don't have one or need another one, there is a sign-up sheet located on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Please write down your name as you would like it on your name tag!

CARENET OF MISSOULA OPEN HOUSE

CareNet of Missoula will be having an Open House this Wednesday, November 11th, from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. with a brief presentation at 6:00 p.m. There is a flyer on the bulletin board in the hallway with more details.



If you wish to support our Ministry:

Use the pew envelope for your cash or check.

You can also scan the QR code and then follow the prompts to donate on our Vanco site.

A Measure of Our Stewardship

Last Sunday
10:00 a.m. - 139

Adult Bible Class – 75
Sunday School - 3
Jr. High & High School – 0

Offerings for the Month
Monthly Need: $45,052.33
Contributions for October: $38,138.82

Offerings Needed for 2026-27 Fiscal Year: $540,628.00
Received for 2026-27 Fiscal Year: $167,812.65

WEEK OF

November 8, 2026

Today-	8:30 a.m.-	Fellowship & Coffee
	9:00 a.m.-	Sunday School & Bible Class– Review of Luther's Small Catechism
	10:00 a.m.-	Worship
	5:00 p.m.-	Veteran's Meal
Monday-	5:30 p.m.-	GraceNotes
	7:15 p.m.-	Choir
Tuesday-	1:00 p.m.-	LWML Meeting
	6:00 p.m.-	NTS Meeting
Wednesday-	7:30 a.m.-	Men's Breakfast – Paradise Falls
	6:00 p.m.-	Men's Chorus
Thursday-	9:30 a.m.-	Women in the Word
	11:30 a.m.-	Prayer Time
Friday-		
Saturday-	10:00 a.m.-	First University – Sewing
Sunday-	8:30 a.m.-	Fellowship & Coffee
	9:00 a.m.-	Sunday School & Bible Class
	10:00 a.m.-	Worship - Communion