

November 11-12, 2023  
Pentecost 24

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**WELCOME TO WORSHIP!** God gathers us through Word and Sacrament to celebrate God's presence and to receive God's gift of grace. God has made us his people through our baptism and keeps us close to him through the preaching of the word and God's presence in the bread and wine of Holy Communion. We give thanks today for the gift of faith God has planted in us, and we depart to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

We extend a special **welcome** to those who are our guests. May God bless this time of worship for you as we are blessed by your presence. If you have no church home we invite you to join with us and consider Our Savior's as your church home. If you are not baptized and would like to talk about baptism as part of your faith journey, please speak with one of the pastors.

**FELLOWSHIP PADS:** We ask everyone to sign and pass the fellowship pad in the pew and return it to the rack when done.

**OFFERING:** No offering is collected during our worship this day; however, we do welcome your support of our ministries and thank you for your gifts. Together we make a difference in the lives of others.

Offering plates are available as you leave the sanctuary. For online giving go to the church website: [oursaviorswestsalem.org/giving](http://oursaviorswestsalem.org/giving). Or text your gift amount to 608-471-7267 and follow the instructions on the response you receive. Or use the QR Code to the right. Thank you for your generosity and support of our work together.



# Order of Worship

\*Please stand as you are able

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

**\*CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS** pp 211-212 *(in front of hymnal)*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our  
hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may  
perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from  
you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly  
sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us  
our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and  
things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and  
uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you  
in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and  
Lord. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in  
sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have  
been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.  
Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit,  
that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**Amen.**

**\*HYMN**

"My Lord, What a Morning"

**#438**

*Refrain*



My Lord, what a morn-ing; my Lord, what a morn - ing; oh,



my Lord, what a morn-ing, when the stars be - gin to fall.



- 1 You will hear the trum - pet sound,
- 2 You will hear the sin - ner cry, to wake the na-tions un - der - ground,
- 3 You will hear the Chris-tian shout,



*Refrain*


look-ing to my God's right hand, when the stars be - gin to fall.

**\*GREETING** page 213 (*in front of the hymnal*)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**


**\*KYRIE** page 213 (in front of the hymnal)



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **Lord, have mer - cy.**  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*



Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **Christ, have mer - cy.**  
*Christ, . . . . have mer - cy:*



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **Lord, have mer - cy.**  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*

**\*CANTICLE OF PRAISE** pp 213-215 (in front of the hymnal)

*Refrain*




Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

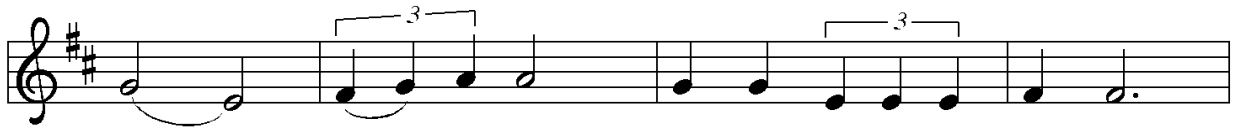
*Refrain*



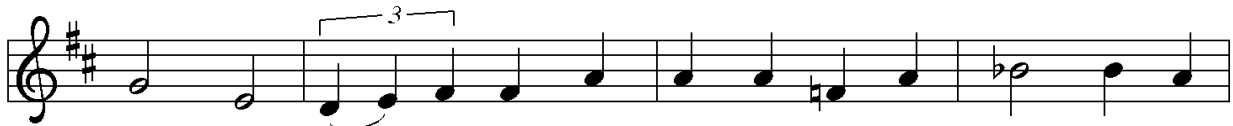
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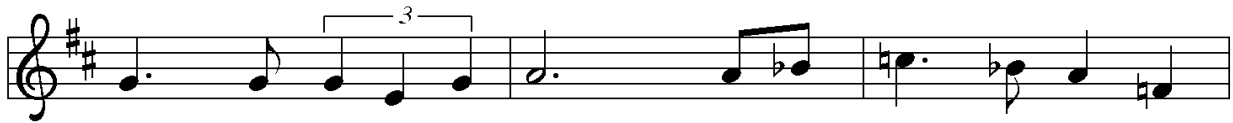
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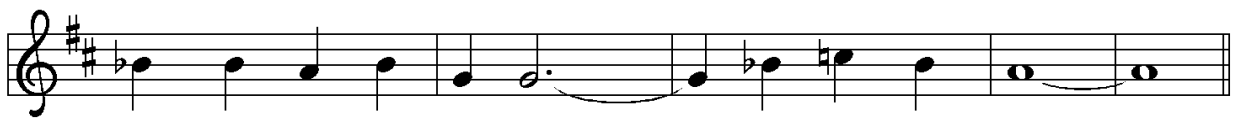
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



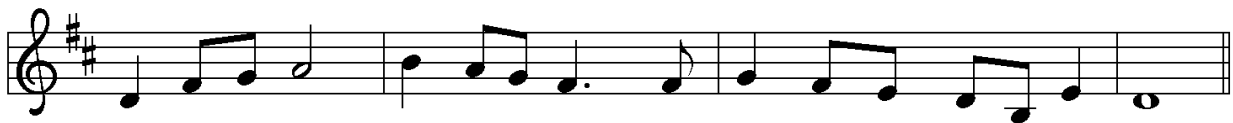
world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



*Refrain*  
Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



3 For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir-it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on



earth, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

### **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

### **READING** Amos 5:18-24

<sup>18</sup>Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD! Why do you want the day of the LORD? It is darkness, not light; <sup>19</sup>as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear; or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a snake. <sup>20</sup>Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? <sup>21</sup>I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. <sup>22</sup>Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. <sup>23</sup>Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. <sup>24</sup>But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

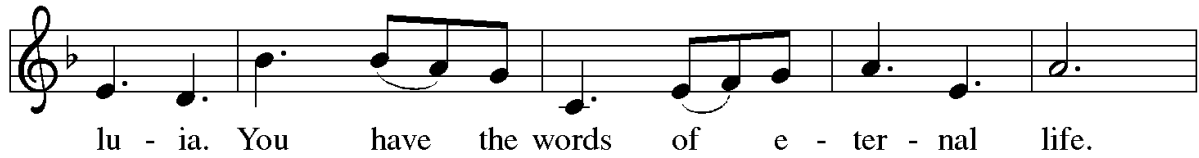
The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

page 216 (in front of hymnal)



**\*GOSPEL** Matthew 25:1-13

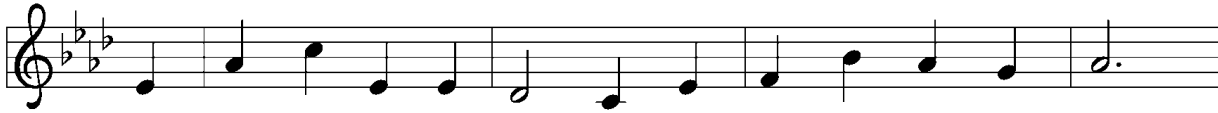
The Gospel according to Matthew  
**Glory to you, O Lord!**

Jesus said to the disciples: <sup>1</sup>“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup>Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup>When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; <sup>4</sup>but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. <sup>5</sup>As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. <sup>6</sup>But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ <sup>7</sup>Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup>The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ <sup>9</sup>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.’ <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ <sup>12</sup>But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ <sup>13</sup>Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ!**

**SERMON**



**\*HYMN****"Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"****#244**

1 Re - joi - ce, re - joi - ce, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;  
 2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride - groom near;  
 3 The saints, who here in pa - tience their cross and suf - f'ings bore,  
 4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.  
 go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.  
 shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.  
 a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.  
 The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.  
 A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold;  
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.  
 A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride - groom is at hand.  
 in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold.  
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

**\*APOSTLES' CREED**

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

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.

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

Amen.

## **\*PRAYERS**

P: Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*(After a brief silence...The **congregation** is invited to read aloud individually the prayer petitions as the spirit moves them. If more than one person reads the petition, all the better!)*

O God for whom we wait, come quickly to your people, bring your salvation, and center us in hope found only in you. Deepen our faith through meaningful worship and send us out with your justice and truth. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

O God for whom we watch, we glimpse your power in rushing water and your beauty in the darkening night. Restore this creation, and provide clean water to all people and animals. Save us from foolish, wasteful living. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

O God for whom we long, let justice roll down like waters on all nations. Bless citizens with wise leaders; save your children from war. We pray for the veterans of this community, that they are supported and loved. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

O God, in whom we hope, we pray for all who are in need. Provide for those who experience homelessness or hunger, support the under- or unemployed, and comfort any who are suffering this day. Be present with those who are isolated, alone, and homebound, especially Judi. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

O God for whom we listen, inspire the music ministry of our congregation and of our living faith partners at Bethany Mauston. Fill our worship with songs to proclaim your greatness. Help us to sing and dance with joy and tell boldly of your salvation. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

O God, watch over your servants to be faithful disciples of Jesus. Be with our confirmation students, especially Madison and Charlie as they seek to grow in their discipleship, and guide their families that together they may reflect your love and grace. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

O God, in whom we remain, we remember our loved ones who have died and now live in you. Bring comfort and the assurance of new life to all who grieve. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

P: We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

**\*PEACE**           The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

*(Please share a sign of peace with those around you.)*

## **MISSION MOMENT**

**\*CANTICLE OF THANKSGIVING** page 219 *(in front of the hymnal)*

*Refrain*

Sal - va-tion be-longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for -

ev - er and ev - er. 1 Great and won-der-ful are your deeds, O

God of the u - ni - verse; just and true are your ways, O

Rul - er of all the na-tions. Who can fail to hon-or you, Lord, and

*Refrain*

sing the glo - ry of your name? Sal - va-tion be-longs to our

God and to Christ the Lamb for - ev - er and ev - er.

2 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, and

bles-sed is the one whose name is the Word of God. All

*Refrain*

praise and thanks to you, ho - ly God! Sal - va-tion be-longs to our

God and to Christ the Lamb for - ev - er and ev - er.

## **\*GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed our right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

## **\*EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

## **\*LORD'S PRAYER**            page 112 (*in front of the hymnal*)

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.

## **\*INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

There is a place for you at the banquet. Come and feast at Jesus' table.

**HOLY COMMUNION** *All who believe that our Lord Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and wine of Holy Communion, bringing to us the gift of forgiveness and the promise of eternal life, are welcome to gather at the Lord's Table. Younger children are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

*Both wine and grape juice is available – grape juice glasses are purple. Gluten free wafers are also available.*

**AGNUS DEI** "Lamb of God"



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

**COMMUNION HYMN** "Blessed Assurance" **#638**

**\*POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet.  
Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of  
your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as  
we meet you on the way.

**Amen.**

**\*SENDING OF HOME COMMUNION**

**\*BLESSING**

May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who  
claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service,  
give you reason to rejoice and be glad! The blessing of God,  
Sovereign, Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always.

**Amen.**

**\*HYMN**

**"Soon and Very Soon"**

**#439**



1 Soon and ver - y soon  
 2 No more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,  
 3 No more dy - in' there,  
 4 Soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon  
 no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,  
 no more dy - in' there,  
 soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon  
 no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King.  
 no more dy - in' there,  
 soon and ver - y soon



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!

*Coda after stanza 4*



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu -



jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

**\*DISMISSAL**

*(Done from the back of the church)*

Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

**OUR SAVIOR'S WORSHIP TEAM**

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Eric Sorenson, Senior Choir Director

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

**6 p.m.**

Worship Assistant Ethan Quackenbush  
Communion Assistant Jill Iliff  
Welcoming Team Vick Family

**8 a.m.**

Worship Assistant Anya Tenner  
Communion Assistant Naoko Giblin  
Welcoming Team Jim & Ruby Kerkman

**10:30 a.m.**

Worship Assistant Lily Muellenberg  
Communion Assistant Bill Jensen  
Welcoming Team Mitchell Family  
Home Communion Dottie Baumgartner  
Altar Guild for November Wendy Amundson

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP** - A time for fellowship and treats between services on Sundays! Please sign up to bring treats or to serve what others have provided.

**CARD MINISTRY** – Please be sure to sign the card for this week’s shut-in, Judi Rogness. The card is on the table by the Pre-K/K classroom.

**CONFIRMATION AFTER SCHOOL & CLASS**

**Wednesday, November 15**

3:30 pm - After School

5:30 pm -Meal

6 pm – 6 Confirmation class

6 pm – 7 Confirmation class

7 pm – 8 Confirmation class

**No Class** - 9 Confirmation





### **Hungry Jar Offering for November – Jail Ministry**

LaCrosse Jail Ministry offers inmates spiritual direction, rehabilitative support, and connections to faith communities. Their mission is: "To provide an opportunity and create an environment for inmates that awakens, renews, and stimulates their spiritual life, thereby promoting behavioral change, social reintegration, and personal well-being." Their work is done through bible study and worship services, as well as providing basic supplies (like writing paper, pens, books), personal care items, and programs to help develop job skills and continuing education.

**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS** – Stuffing, sweet potatoes, gravy, Spam, can chicken, spaghetti sauce, Bushes beans, applesauce, dish soap, and paper towel.



### **ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP SERVICE & PIE FESTIVAL**

**Wednesday, November 22  
7 PM at Our Savior's**

Together with our Brothers and Sisters in Christ from the West Salem Presbyterian Church and St. Teresa of Kolkata we will come and give thanks to a gracious God for all the gifts of life! Bring one or more items for the food pantry to leave up at the altar. Following worship join us for a slice of pie, and a time of fellowship.

If you are able to bring a pie to share, please sign up in the Gathering Area.



### **SCRIP CARDS AVAILABLE**

Help support Our Savior's Sugar Creek Bible Camp Camperships and World Hunger!



Culver's, Kwik Trip, Kwik Trip car wash, Woodman's, and Ship Shape car wash.

Check out the November newsletter ([www.oursaviorswestsalem.org](http://www.oursaviorswestsalem.org)) to find out more.