

# October 26, 2025 20th Sunday after Pentecost Reformation Sunday



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#### Welcome to Church of the Savior – Lutheran:

We are a community of believers, seekers, and doubters. We affirm all of God's people just as they are. We are a welcoming and inclusive community that does not require you to change in any way to worship with us.

We strive to make love grow both in our congregational life and in our nursery school. We recognize all the love we have is given to us from the Holy Spirit, we are but reflections of God's love. One of the ways we make love grow is by being accepting and existing the way Jesus taught us; living in harmony together no matter one's race, nationality, or gender. We strive to create and ensure the safest and most loving environment for everyone. We look forward to growing in faith with you.

#### With Regard to Holy Communion:

We celebrate Holy Communion nearly every week at Church of the Savior. Holy Communion is a sacred meal in which Christ comes to us in bread and wine. "This is my body given for you... This is my blood shed for you." We believe those words to be true. Christ is truly present in Holy Communion. When we receive the bread and wine of this meal, we receive his body and blood "in, with, and under the forms" of the consecrated bread and wine. All of God's beautiful children are welcome to our Lord's table — it's our Lord's table, after all, and all are invited. Let's be clear — it is not "my" table, or "our" table or a "Lutheran" table. It is our Lord's table, and he sends out the invitations — to everyone under the sun. This includes you to come forward just as are.

For the bread we provide two types of host, with gluten and without. If you would like gluten free let Pastor Paul know when you come forward. We offer both red wine and white grape juice.

#### To the Parents of Children:

Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome! Sit toward the front where it is easier for children to see and hear what is going on. Little one's tire of seeing the back of others' heads.

Explain the parts of the service and actions of the pastor, ushers, choir, and the people who make worship happen. Sing the hymns, pray, and voice the responses. Children learn liturgical behavior by copying you.

If you have to leave the service with your child, feel free to, but please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."

The way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to The Church, to God and to one another. Let them know, and let us show them, that they are at home in their house of worship. The presence of your child is a gift to Church of the Savior. We are blessed to welcome and worship with our children. We know that is took a lot of work to get to this pew today; you are doing a really good job!



#### **Confession and Forgiveness**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper. **Amen.** 

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful and loving God, we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of  $\pm$  Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

Amen.

#### **PROCESSIONAL HYMN: A Mighty Fortress**



#### **GREETING**

Pastor: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

People: And also with you.

#### THE KYRIE



#### **THE GLORIA**





#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

#### FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup> It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. <sup>33</sup> But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup> No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Lector: Word of God, Word of Life

People: Thanks Be to God

**PSALM: Psalm 46** 

<sup>1</sup> God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

<sup>2</sup> Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea:

<sup>3</sup> though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

<sup>4</sup> There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

<sup>5</sup> God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken; God shall help it at the break of day.

<sup>6</sup> The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth melts away.

<sup>7</sup> The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

<sup>8</sup> Come now, regard the works of the LORD, what desolations God has brought upon the earth;

<sup>9</sup> behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world; who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

<sup>10</sup> "Be still, then, and know that I am God;

I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."

<sup>11</sup> The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

#### **SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28**

<sup>19</sup> Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup> For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

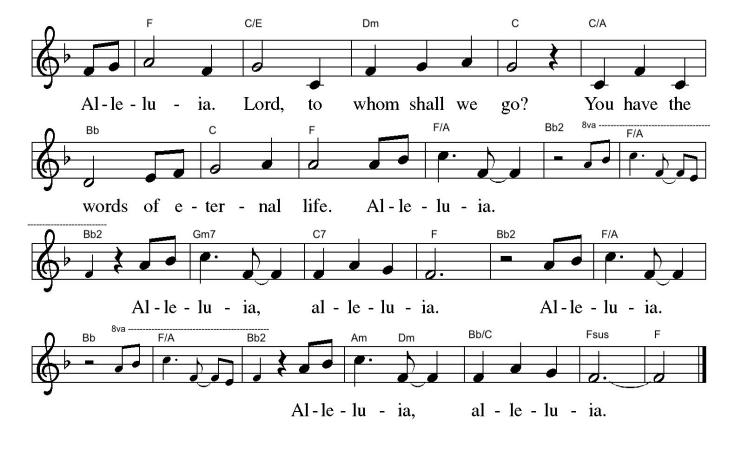
<sup>21</sup> But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, <sup>22</sup> the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, <sup>23</sup> since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; <sup>24</sup> they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup> whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; <sup>26</sup> it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

<sup>27</sup> Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup> For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

Lector: Word of God, Word of Life

People: Thanks Be to God

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



**GOSPEL: Luke 18:9-14** 

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>9</sup> [Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt:<sup>10</sup> "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. <sup>11</sup> The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. <sup>12</sup> I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' <sup>13</sup> But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' <sup>14</sup> I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other, for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

#### HYMN OF THE DAY: Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word



**HOMILY: Pastor Paul** 

## Wes Russell Green

October 26, 2025



Born: April 8, 2025

Godparents: Joshua Martin MacMillan &

Molly Erin Green

## THE BAPTISM OF WES RUSSELL GREEN

**Pastor:** God who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the holy spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Sponsors present Wes.

I present Wes for baptism.

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Wes baptized into Christ? Parents and godparents: I do.

**Pastor:** As you bring **Wes** to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with **him** among God's faithful people, bring **him** to the word of God's holy supper, teach **him** the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in **him** hands the holy scriptures, and nurture **him** in faith and prayer, so that **he** may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace. Do you promise to help **Wes grow** in the Christian faith and life? **Parents and godparents: I do.** 

Pastor: Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Wes in the Christ faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church? Godparents: I do.

Pastor: People of God, in this assembly, do you promise to support Wes and pray for him in his new life in Christ? People: I do.

The assembly stands.

Pastor: I ask you to profess our faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God? People: I renounce them.

Pastor: 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 into hell. 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 the life everlasting.

Pastor: The Lord be with you. And also with you.

**Pastor:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.** 

#### THE BAPTISM

**Pastor:** Wes, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Wes with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.** 

#### **ANOINTING WITH OIL**

**Pastor:** Wes, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.** 

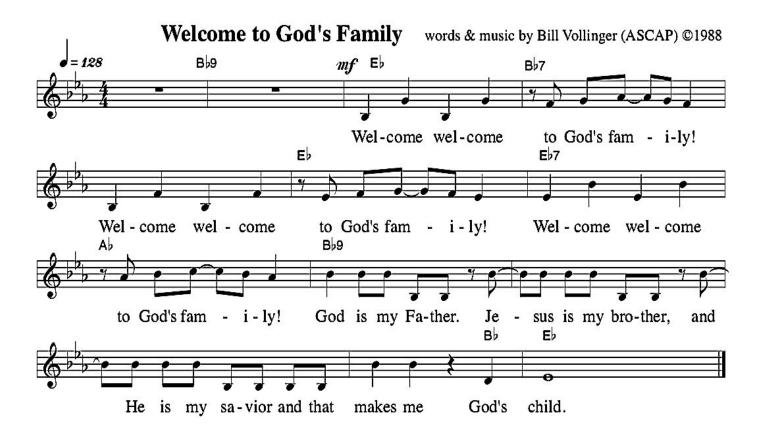
A candle is presented to parents and sponsors.

Pastor: Jesus said, I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will have the light of life.

**Pastor:** Let us welcome Wes into the family of faith.

People: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share, where you will join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

#### **MUSIC: Welcome to Go's Family**





PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: Response: Receive our prayer.

**SHARING OF THE PEACE** 

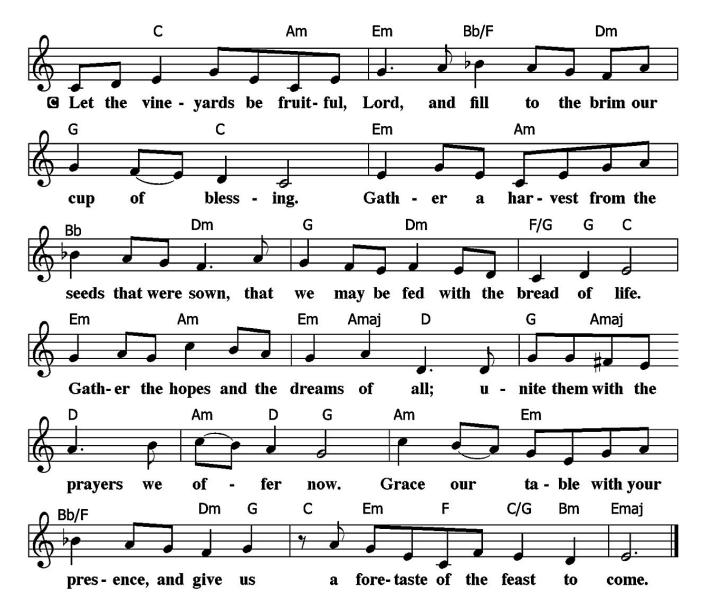
SPECIAL MUSIC: Choir: One Little Word

**OFFERING** 



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ALL: Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

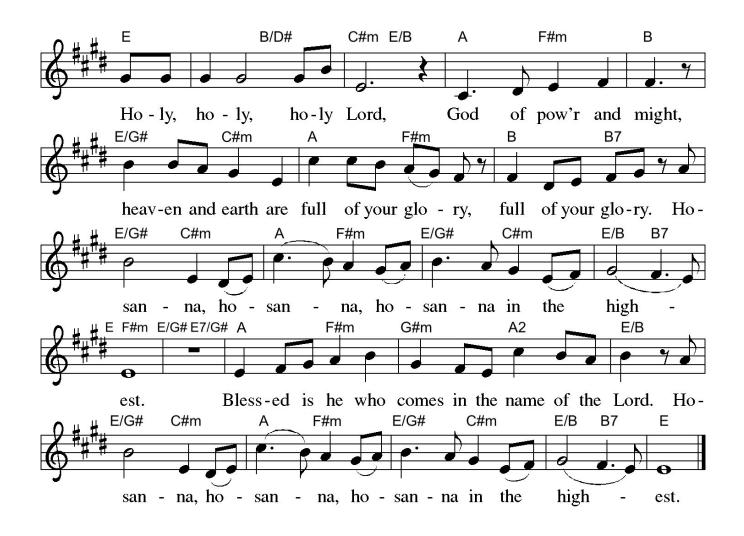
People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

#### PREFACE FOR THE SEASON

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:





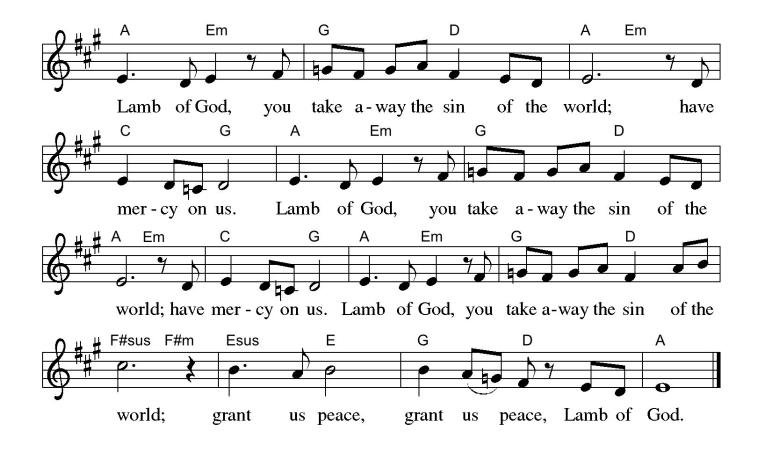
#### **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

....proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:

People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

At conclusion of Eucharistic Prayer ....

People: Amen

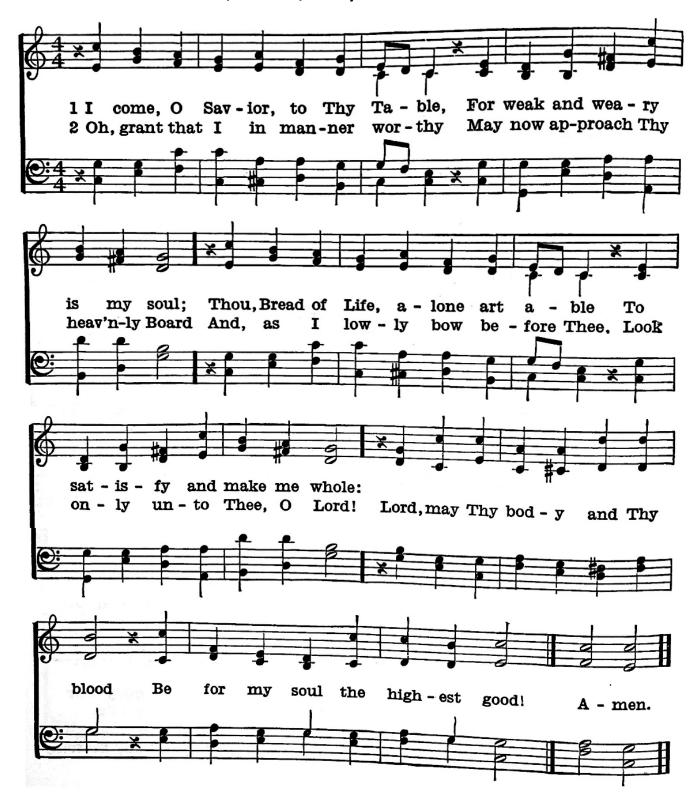




#### **DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

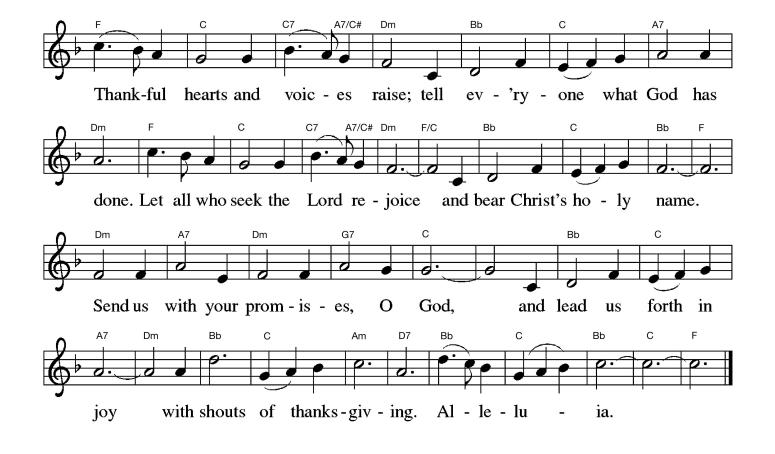


#### **COMMUNION HYMN: I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table**



#### **COMMUNION BLESSING**

**Pastor:** May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His Grace! **Amen.** 





#### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **BENEDICTION**

The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, 2 bless you now and forever. **Amen.** 

#### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

Thanks be to God.

#### **RECESSIONAL HYMN: The Church's One Foundation**





### **SERVING TODAY**

| DATE   | LECTOR          | WORSHIP ASST. | USHER        |
|--------|-----------------|---------------|--------------|
| Oct 26 | Susan Conrad    | Rick Henly    | Ed Moderacki |
| Nov 2  | Michael Chomin  | Vicki Coyle   | Ed Moderacki |
| Nov 9  | Wendy McFarland | Maggie Harrer | Rick Henly   |

|        |       | FLOWERS                                   |
|--------|-------|---|
| Oct 20 | For:  | In Memory of Leah & Louis Feingold        |
| Oct 26 | From: | Laurie Feingold                           |
| Nov 2  | For:  | Celebrating Karl Richard Henly's Baptism  |
| Nov 2  | From: | Maggie Harrer & Rick Henly                |
| Nov 9  | For:  | In celebration of my son Bryce's birthday |
| NOV 9  | From: | Antoinette                                |

#### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

| Nov 1    | Men's Breakfast                    |
|----------|------------------------------------|
|          | Clothing Drive: 9am-1pm            |
|          | Music at Savior: Skerrit Bwoy: 7pm |
| Nov 2    | All Saints Day Sunday              |
|          | Sunday School & Coffee Hour        |
| Nov 6 -7 | School Closed Professional Days    |
| Nov 16   | Multi-Cultural Worship Service     |
|          | Sunday School & Coffee Hour        |
|          | Congregational Meeting             |

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