

Divine Service I
November 23, 2025
Last Sunday of the Church Year

Confession and Absolution

After the bells ring, please stand and turn to face the processional cross

Hymn of Invocation The Church's One Foundation

LSB 644



1 The Church's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth;
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der The world sees her op - pressed,
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion And tu - mult of her war,
5 Yet she on earth has u - nion With God, the Three in One,



She is His new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the Word.
Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.
By schisms rent a - sun - der, By her - e - sies dis - tressed,
She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for - ev - er - more
And mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion With those whose rest is won.



From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho - ly bride;
One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,
Yet saints their watch are keep - ing; Their cry goes up, "How long?"
Till with the vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest,
O bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by Your grace



With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.
And to one hope she press - es With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
And soon the night of weep - ing Shall be the morn of song.
And the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.
That we, like saints be - fore us, May see You face to face.

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

Invocation

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

Exhortation

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

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

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Absolution

- P** 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.
C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 39:4–5, 7–8; antiphon: Isaiah 35:10



The ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with | singing;*
everlasting joy shall be up- | on their heads.
They shall obtain glad- | ness and joy,*
and sorrow and sighing shall | flee away.

O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure | of my days;*
let me know how fleeting | I am!

**Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths, and my
lifetime is as nothing be- | fore you.***

Surely all mankind stands as a | mere breath!

And now, O Lord, for what | do I wait?*

My hope | is in you.

Deliver me from all my trans- | gressions.*

Do not make me the scorn | of the fool!

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

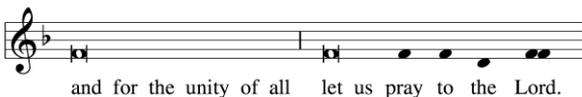
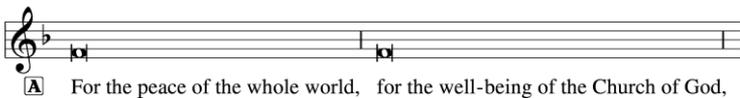
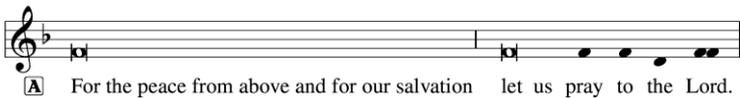
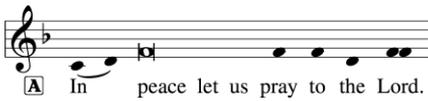
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

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They shall obtain glad- | ness and joy,*
and sorrow and sighing shall | flee away.

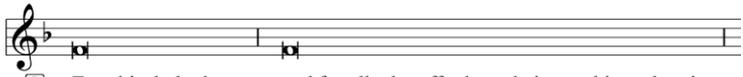
Kyrie

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C Lord, have mer - cy.



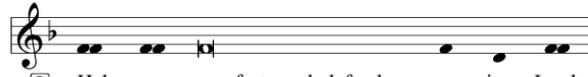
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

Gloria in Excelsis

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A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



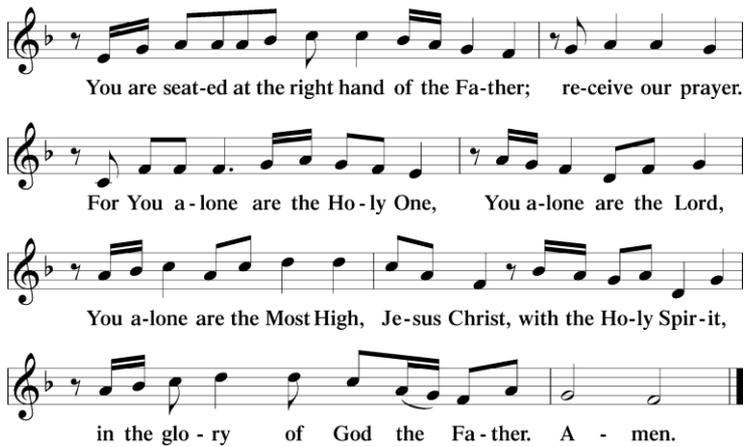
We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



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.
 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.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with your spirit.**

P Let us pray.

O Lord, absolve Your people from their offenses that, from the bonds of our sins which by reason of our frailty we have brought upon ourselves, we may be delivered by Your bountiful goodness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sitting

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 65:17–25

P The Old Testament Reading for the Last Sunday of the Church Year is written in Isaiah, chapter 65.

¹⁷Behold, I create new heavens
 and a new earth,
 and the former things shall not be remembered
 or come into mind.

¹⁸But be glad and rejoice forever
 in that which I create;
 for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy,
 and her people to be a gladness.

¹⁹I will rejoice in Jerusalem
 and be glad in my people;
 no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping
 and the cry of distress.

²⁰No more shall there be in it
 an infant who lives but a few days,
 or an old man who does not fill out his days,
 for the young man shall die a hundred years old,
 and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed.
²¹They shall build houses and inhabit them;
 they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
²²They shall not build and another inhabit;
 they shall not plant and another eat;
 for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
 and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.
²³They shall not labor in vain
 or bear children for calamity,
 for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the LORD,
 and their descendants with them.
²⁴Before they call I will answer;
 while they are yet speaking I will hear.
²⁵The wolf and the lamb shall graze together;
 the lion shall eat straw like the ox,
 and dust shall be the serpent's food.
 They shall not hurt or destroy
 in all my holy mountain,"
 says the LORD.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Psalm 45:14–15

In many-colored robes [the king's daughter] is led | to the king,*
 with her virgin companions following be- | hind her.
 With joy and gladness they are | led along*
 as they enter the palace | of the king.

Epistle

1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

P The Epistle is written in 1 Thessalonians, chapter 5.

¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no
 need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves are fully
 aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³While
 people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden
 destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant
 woman, and they will not escape. ⁴But you are not in darkness, brothers,
 for that day to surprise you like a thief. ⁵For you are all children of light,
 children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. ⁶So then
 let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. ⁷For
 those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at
 night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the
 breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For
 God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our

Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Standing

Alleluia

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C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 25:1–13

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ ⁷Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. ⁸And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ ⁹But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ ¹⁰And 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. ¹¹Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ ¹²But he answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ ¹³Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C 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.

Sitting

Hymn of the Day

Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying

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Sermon



Standing

Prayer of the Church

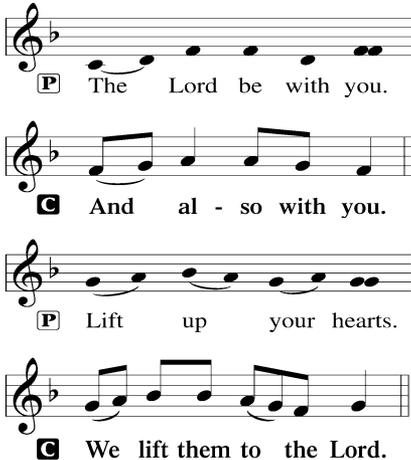
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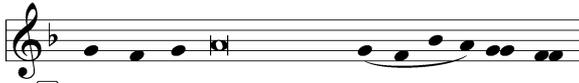
C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface



P The Lord be with you.
C And al - so with you.
P Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

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C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously

receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C 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.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

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P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei

LSB 163

G Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sitting

Distribution Hymn

Children of the Heavenly Father

LSB 725

Distribution Hymn

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

LSB 411

Standing

Thank the Lord

LSB 164

G Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.
He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy
with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

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Thank you for your participation in MOScholars through the Missouri District!

Thanksgiving Eve Services in the area:

Freistatt 11:30am & 7:00 pm / Purdy 7:00 pm / Aurora 6:00pm

Dear friends at St. John's,

It was so kind of you to give me a gift for "Pastor Appreciation Month". I'm not sure where that idea developed--the prophets of the Bible were mostly killed with rocks or sawn in half--so I thank God for you all the more!

As Advent and Christmas draw near, let's give thanks together that our Lord God has remembered us in our low estate, and sent the Savior of the world to fill us with his immortal life.

See you around the Altar,
Pr Kennell



CHRIST THE KING

Sunday, November 23, 2025
6:30pm

Redeemer Lutheran Church
2852 S. Dayton Ave
Springfield, MO

Church Christmas Dinner (hosted by the Ruth Circle)

December 7th at 6:00 pm

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Sign-up sheet in the narthex

Advent Schedule

1st Sunday in Advent- November 30th -Bible Study 9:00 am

Divine Service 10:00 am

Wednesday December 3rd

NO 12:15 service

6:00 pm meal 7:00 pm Service

Meal provided by Ruth circle

2nd Sunday in Advent December 7th Bible Study 9:00 am

Divine Service 10:00 am

Wednesday December 10th

NO 12:15 service

6:00 pm meal 7:00 pm Service

Meal provided by Elders

3rd Sunday in Advent December 14th Bible Study 9:00 am

Divine Service 10:00 am

Wednesday December 17th

NO 12:15 service

6:00 pm meal 7:00 pm service

Potluck meal

4th Sunday in Advent December 21st Bible Study 9:00 am

Divine Service 10:00 am

Christmas Eve Wednesday December 24th

NO 12:15 service

6:00 pm service

Christmas Day -Thursday December 25th Divine Service 9:00 am

***No Bible Study**