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The Tweny-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost 8:00 & 10:30 AM November 8, 2026

OUR THEME FOR THIS YEAR IS: LOVE AND ZEAL, A GOOD MIX FOR 2026!
"Never be lacking in zeal, but maintain your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord."~Romans 12:11

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Organ Prelude: 8:00 - How Firm a Foundation . . . A. L. Page
10:30 - Wake, Awake For Night Is Flying . . . J. S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn: LSB 515 – Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the T 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.*

Confession of Sins

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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: *Amen.*

Hymn of Praise: LSB 947 – All Glory Be to God on High

All glory be to God on high
And thanks for all His favor;
No harm can touch or terrify
A child of God forever.
God shows His good and gracious will
And grants His peace, the world to fill
All strife at last has ended.

We praise and laud and worship You;
We give You thanks forever,
O Father, for Your rule is true
And just and changes never.
With boundless pow'r, Your mighty reign
Fulfills whatever You ordain.
Lord, grant us ev'ry blessing!

O Jesus Christ, the only Son
Begotten of the Father,
Your saving death has made us one
With God and with each other.
O Lamb of God, to You on high
In our distress we sinners cry,
Have mercy on us, amen!

O Holy Spirit, our delight
And source of consolation,
Protect us from the devil's might
Through Jesus, our salvation.
Who by His death upon a tree
Has rescued us from misery:
To this we hold forever.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray,

C: *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. Amen.*

Scripture Readings (Back of Bulletin)

Old Testament Reading: Amos 5: 18-24

Anthem (8:00): Worship the King! . . . D. Haykes

O worship the King,
all-glorious above.
O gratefully sing
His pow'r and His love;
Our shield and defender,
the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor
and girded with praise.

O tell of His might,
O sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light,
whose canopy space;
His chariots of wrath
the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is His path
on the wings of the storm.

Frail children of dust
and feeble as frail,
In Thee do we trust,
nor find Thee to fail.
Thy mercies, how tender,
how firm to the end,

Our maker, defender,
redeemer, and friend!

O measureless Might,
ineffable Love,
While angels delight
to hymn Thee above,
Thy humbler creation,
though feeble their lays,
With true adoration
shall sing to Thy praise.

Anthem (10:30): Keep Your Lamps . . . A. Thomas

Keep your lamps
Trimmed and burning,
Keep your lamps
Trimmed and burning,
Keep your lamps
Trimmed and burning,
The time is drawing nigh.

Children don't get weary,
Children don't get weary,
Children don't get weary,
'til your work is done.

Christian journey soon be over,
Christian journey soon be over,
Christian journey soon be over,
The time is drawing nigh.

Keep your lamps
Trimmed and burning,
Keep your lamps
Trimmed and burning,
Keep your lamps
Trimmed and burning,
The time is drawing nigh.

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18

Holy Gospel: Matthew 25: 1-13

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: *Thanks be to God!*

Nicene Creed: 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. 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.

Hymn of the Day: LSB 516 – Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying

Children's Message
Message from the Word:
Sermon Theme: Robbing God
Sermon Text: Malachi 3: 6-12

Offering

Prayer for Healing

Responsive Prayer:

P: Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young,
C: *at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.*

P: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!
C: *Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed!*
P: For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.
C: *I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.*
P: For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor.
C: *No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.*

Prayers of the Church/Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution/The Lord's Supper (10:30 a.m.)
The Bible is specific about who should attend the Lord's Supper (1 Corinthians 10: 16-17; 11: 27-30). We invite those who wish to confess their sins and believe they receive Christ's body and blood in this sacrament, for their forgiveness, to join us at the Lord's Table for their spiritual strengthening. If you are new to Our Shepherd, please make an appointment with Pastor Doug to review the foundational Christian teachings.

Communion Hymn: LSB 621 – Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Post-Communion Canticle: Thank the Lord
Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done. Let ev'ryone who seeks the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name. He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Closing Hymn: LSB 336 – Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending

Benediction

Postlude: Wake, Awake for Night Is Flying . . . W. Wold

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWERS: Sign up if you would like to place flowers on the altar. The cost is $20 and the arrangement can be taken home after the 10:30 service on Sunday.

ALUMINUM CANS: We are collecting aluminum cans this weekend (November 7&8) in the north parking lot. No glass or plastic, please.

FIRST-TIME VISITORS: Welcome to our guests and visitors! Please take home an Our Shepherd gift bag located on the table in the narthex as a "thank you" for being here!

ALTAR GUILD: We are seeking volunteers to set up and take down communion on the Saturday 6:00 p.m. and Sunday 8:00 a.m. service. Sign an attendance card if you can help, and you will be contacted.

BLANKET-MAKING: Sign up if you can help with our annual blanket making project on Sunday, November 8th after the late service until 3:00, and Saturday, November 14th from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided on both days. Come when you can and stay as long as you would like! ***We also are collecting new socks and gloves for men, women, and children.***

If you would like to work at home, please sign out blankets on the sheet provided downstairs.

SERVE AT THE EBENEZER FOOD PANTRY: On Saturday, November 21, 2026, we are asking for eight volunteers to distribute food to those in need. Please see our website to sign up.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: On Saturday, November 28 at 10:00 a.m. we are looking for volunteers to help decorate the church for Christmas. It will take around 2 hours. In addition, Holly Zeige is stepping down from leading this each year. If you are interested in taking over this yearly task, please email Holly at zeigeh@gmail.com.

GRIEFSHARE GROUP: This new group will meet for **Surviving the Holidays**. The meetings are the same, we are doing one before Thanksgiving and one before Christmas on Thursday, November 12 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. and Thursday, December 10 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Please go to Griefshare.com to register. On the homepage, click on "find a group" and you will see Our Shepherd's listings. *GriefShare is a welcoming support group for people grieving the death of a family member or friend.* All are welcome. If you know someone that would benefit from this support, please invite them to attend. On Thursday January 14, we will begin a 13-week series. You are encouraged to attend any week; the sessions are self-contained. These meetings will be from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Monday	Women's Bible Study	2:00 PM
Monday	Adult Bible Study	6:30 PM
Monday	Bell Choir	3:30 PM
Tuesday	Share Our Strengths (S.O.S.)	6:00 PM
Wednesday	Men's Bible Study	6:00 AM
Wednesday	Women's Bible Study	9:30 AM
Wednesday	Bell Choir	6:45 PM
Wednesday	Senior Choir	7:30 PM
Saturday	Worship Service	6:00 PM
Sunday	Worship Service	8:00 AM
Sunday	Sunday School	9:30 AM
Sunday	Teen and Adult Bible Study	9:30 AM
Sunday	Worship Service	10:30 AM

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The Word Today is aired locally on Sunday mornings at 7:45 on WJYI 1340 AM and at 8:30 on WRJN 1400 AM.

Listener Responses to The Word Today: Amharic – Ethiopia (Africa)

I listen to TWT Amharic radio program, and it is very interesting, it changed my spiritual and physical life. Because your message is life restoring message, and encourage us to listen to the program without any problem. Through your radio we got life, peace and relief from many of our discomfort. Thank you very much for your message of restoration and salvation. God gave us the opportunity of hearing His great message through your radio ministry. He prepared the way and line to come to our lives at our home, and make us free from worshiping witchcrafts. This is the plan God has for each one of us.

Dear, the organizers of this program, your program is encouraging and enabling many people to grow in faith. My family and I listen to the program together. Every evening, after work, we come in and relax, drink coffee, and listen. Then we go to pray when the program is over. It has helped us to be strong in our faith, to support each other, and to serve others. I also thank you very much for the radio you gave me. I found a family who were weak in their faith but were very eager to listen to this radio program and gave it to them. Since then, they have been listening to your program. God bless you!