Saving Grace Lutheran Church



The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Saturday, November 7, 2026 @ 3pm
Sunday, November 8, 2026 @ 8:30am, Livestreamed

Invocation In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit**. Amen**

Opening Hymn **"My God, How Wonderful Thou Art"** **Hymn #524**

My God, how wonderful thou art, Thy majesty how bright!
How beautiful thy mercy seat In depths of burning light!

How wonderful, how beautiful The sight of thee must be—
Thine endless wisdom, boundless pow'r, And awesome purity!

No earthly father loves like thee; No mother, e'er so mild,
Bears and forbears as thou hast done With me, thy sinful child.

Yet I may love thee too, O Lord, Almighty as thou art,
For thou hast stooped to ask of me The love of my poor heart.

My God, how wonderful thou art, Thou everlasting friend!
On thee I stay my trusting heart Till faith in vision end.

Confession and Forgiveness

Almighty God, the prophet Amos warned of the sin in this world and the need for God to set things right. "Let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream" (Amos 5:24).

You call us to be ready for when You come again.

Lord Jesus, You warn us to be ready for Your coming, for no one knows "the hour" (Matt. 25:13) You will come again.

Forgive us when we are more worried about ourselves, rather than serving You.

Holy Spirit, we do "not grieve as others do who have no hope" (1 Thes. 4:13). Teach us to place our hope and trust in You, in what You have done. You have conquered "sin, death, and the power of the devil" through Your "holy and precious blood" and Your "innocent suffering and death" (Luther, Sm. Cat.). You are "the way, the truth, and the life" (John 14:6).

Turn our hearts to Christ our Lord that we may humbly serve Him with our whole being.

(Please observe a moment of silence for personal reflection and self-examination)

Our Heavenly Father knows that we have sinned, by what we have done and left undone. He sent His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord that we might be forgiven through faith in Him. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare unto you who do truly repent and believe in Jesus Christ, the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

PASSING OF THE PEACE
The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

GREETING
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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY
Almighty God, You call us to prepare for Your coming, to be clothed with the gifts of faith, hope, and love. Help us not to get lost in looking for the signs, but to serve You with the gifts You have given us, that we may on the last day stand in the joy of Your presence, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

PASTOR'S WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE WORD

FIRST READING **Amos 5:18-24** **OT p. 839**
*(When Reading is concluded, the congregation responds, "**Thanks be to God"**)*

SECOND READING **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18** **NT p. 1079**
(*When Reading is concluded, the congregation responds, **"Thanks be to God"**)*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION **"Alleluia"** **p. 83**
Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

GOSPEL **Matthew 25:1-13** **NT p. 905**
(*Before the Gospel is announced, the congregation says **"Glory to you, O Lord"**)*
*(After the Gospel is concluded, the congregation says, **"Praise to you, O Christ"**)*

SERMON **"It's so simple…"** **Pastor David Irgens**

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn of the Day **"When Peace, like a River"** **Hymn #346**

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way;
When sorrows, like sea billows, roll;
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate
And hath shed his own blood for my soul.

He lives—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;

My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to his cross, and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trumpet shall sound, and the Lord shall descend;
Even so it is well with my soul.

RECEPTION OF OFFERING

APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin, Mary.
He 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 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *(You may be seated.)*
Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

HOLY COMMUNION (SATURDAY)

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

BLESSING AND PRAYER (SATURDAY)

SENDING

Sending Hymn **"O God, My Faithful God"** **Hymn #504**

O God, my faithful God, True fountain ever flowing,
Without whom nothing is, All perfect gifts bestowing:
Give me a healthy frame, And may I have within
A conscience free from blame, A soul unstained by sin.

Give me the strength to do With ready heart and willing
Whatever you command, My calling here fulfilling—
To do it when I ought, With all my strength—and bless
Whatever I have wrought, For you must give success.

Keep me from saying words That latter need recalling;
Guard me, lest idle speech May from my lips be falling;
But when, within my place, I must and ought to speak,
Then to my words give grace, Lest I offend the weak.

When dangers gather round, Oh, keep me calm and fearless;

Help me to bear the cross When life seems dark and cheerless;
Help me, as you have taught, To love both great and small,
And, by your Spirit's might, To live at peace with all.

Patriotic Hymn **"My Country, 'Tis of Thee"** **Hymn #566**

My country, 'tis of thee, Sweet land of liberty, Of thee I sing:
Land where my fathers died, Land of the pilgrims' pride,
From ev'ry mountainside Let freedom ring.

My native country, thee, Land of the noble free, Thy name I love;
I love thy rocks and rills, Thy woods and templed hills;
My heart with rapture thrills Like that above.

Let music swell the breeze, And ring from all the trees Sweet freedom's song;
Let mortal tongues awake; Let all that breathe partake;
Let rocks their silence break, The sound prolong.

Our fathers' God, to thee, Author of liberty, To thee we sing:
Long may our land be bright With freedom's holy light.
Protect us by thy might, Great God, our king.

BENEDICTION & DISMISSAL Go in peace and serve the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm 70 (5)

1Be pleased, O God, to deliver me.
O LORD, make haste to help me!
2Let those be put to shame and confusion
who seek my life.
Let those be turned back and brought to dishonor
who desire to hurt me.
3Let those who say, "Aha, Aha!"
turn back because of their shame.
4Let all who seek you
rejoice and be glad in you.
Let those who love your salvation
say evermore, "God is great!"
5But I am poor and needy;
hasten to me, O God!
You are my help and my deliverer;
O LORD, do not delay!

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