SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2026
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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 dwelling place for all generations, whose compassion never slumbers. **Amen.** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God, **we confess that we have trusted in our preparation instead of your invitation. We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved. We trust the voice of our shame and fear, which keeps us from entering fully into relationship with you and others. We are not awake to the coming of your reign. Rouse us and rescue us, that we may enter into your joy. Amen.**

Inherit the riches of God's grace. ☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy. You are forgiven. Blessed are you. **Amen.**

The 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.

Proper Preface

It is indeed 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. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD! Why do you want the day of the LORD? It is darkness,
not light, 19 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. 20 Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light, and
gloom with no brightness in it? 21 I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn
assemblies. 22 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. 23 Take away from
me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. 24 But let justice roll down
like water and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Psalm: 70 *Please find the Psalm in the Hymnal*

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

13 We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you
may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again,
even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. 15 For this we declare to you by
the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no
means precede those who have died. 16 For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the
archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in
Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together
with them to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord forever. 18 Therefore encourage
one another with these words.

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

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