SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8 2026
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

a little about the Scripture readings today and the saints of the Church we remember this week...

SCRIPTURE

FIRST READING **Amos 5:18-24**

In the days of Amos, people thought that the day of the LORD would be a time of great victory, but Amos announced that it would be a day of darkness, not light. He said liturgy is no substitute for obedience. The LORD demands justice and righteousness in the community.

SECOND READING **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

Some of the Thessalonians are worried that dead Christians will be excluded from the resurrection to eternal life when Christ comes again. Paul reassures them with the word of hope that all Christians, living or dead, will be raised into everlasting life with Christ.

GOSPEL **Matthew 25:1-13**

Jesus tells a parable about his own second coming, emphasizing the need for readiness at all times.

COMMEMORATIONS FOR THE WEEK

Martin, Bishop of Tours, died 397
November 11

Martin's pagan father enlisted him in the Roman army. Approached by a beggar, Martin cut his cloak in half and gave part to the man, whom he later understood as representing Christ. He asked to leave the army, but was jailed instead. After his release, he became a preacher, and later a bishop.

Søren Aabye Kierkegaard, teacher, died 1855
November 11

Kierkegaard was a Danish theologian whose writings also gave rise to the modern philosophy of existentialism. He frequently attacked the complacency of the state church of his day, as well as its desire to be accepted by polite society rather than be a stumbling block.

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Festive Liturgy
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Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW)
Setting 3

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude — Dryden Liturgical Suite: Prelude — Vincent Persicetti

The Sanctus Bells proclaim the advent of worship and Christ's presence with us. Please rise as the bells are rung.

Brief Order of Confession & Forgiveness [the faithful kneel or sit]
Hymn — *Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand* — ***ELW 441***
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

O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Word

God speaks to us in Bible reading, preaching, and song.

Children's Message [10:00]
First Reading — Amos 5:18-24
Psalm: 70 (*sung responsively by whole verse*)
Second Reading — 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Holy Gospel — Matthew 25:1-13

Spoken response at the announcement of the Gospel: **Glory to you, O Lord.**
After the reading of the Gospel: **Praise to you, O Christ**

Sermon — Pastor Heagy
Hymn of the Day — *Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers* — ***ELW 244***
Apostles' Creed — ELW page 105
Prayers of the Faithful [Response to each petition: **hear our prayer.**]
Exchange of Peace

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering
Anthem — *Locus Iste* — Anton Bruckner

This place was made by God,
a priceless mystery;
it is without reproach.

Offering Response [the faithful stand] — ELW 465 [refrain, stanza 1, refrain]
Offertory Prayer

Eternal God, **our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Dialogue

The Lord be with you. / **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. / **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. / **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Proper Preface — *Insert*
Sanctus — ELW page 144
Verba [the faithful kneel]
Lord's Prayer — ELW page 145
Invitation to the Table

In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in.
Come, receive what Christ has prepared.
**Gluten free wafers available*

Agnus Dei [the faithful stand] — ELW page 146
Distribution

ELW 488 is sung during distribution of the Eucharist.

Post Communion Prayer

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing
Hymn — *Go, My Children, with My Blessing* — ***ELW 543***
Dismissal

Go in peace. Encourage one another.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude — *Improvisation on "Ar Hyd y Nos"*

Soli Deo Gloria