

AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

November 9, 2025

PRELUDE

WELCOME Thank you to Nancy Curtis for leading our music this morning, Jane Haugen & Dana Latsch for worship team duties, and Lana for altar care.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Faithful God,

you have shown us the ways of your heart, yet we stray from your paths. We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression and do not embrace the freedom of your faithful promises. We ignore our neighbors. We exploit the earth. We reject your abundance, trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love. Repair our relationships, restore what we have broken, renew our hearts, and bring us to new life. Amen.

Hear the good news:

God the Faithful One loves you, in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven, and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG *Jerusalem, My Happy Home*

ELW #628

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.**

KYRIE

Pamphlet

NOW THE FEAST AND CELEBRATION

Pamphlet

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, our eternal redeemer, by the presence of your Spirit you renew and direct our hearts. Keep always in our mind the end of all things and the day of judgment. Inspire us for a holy life here, and bring us to the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: Job 19:23-27a

- ²³ “O that my words were written down! O that they were inscribed in a book!
²⁴ O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock forever!
²⁵ For I know that my vindicator lives and that in the end he will stand upon the earth;
²⁶ and after my skin has been destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God,
^{27a} whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 17:1-9

- ¹ Hear a just cause, O LORD; give heed to my cry;
listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.
² **Let my vindication come forth from your presence; let your eyes be fixed on justice.**
³ Examine my heart, visit me by night, melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.
⁴ **I have not regarded what others do;**
at the word of your lips I have avoided the ways of the violent.
⁵ My footsteps hold fast to your well-worn path; and my feet do not slip.
⁶ **I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me;**
incline your ear to me and hear my words.
⁷ Show me your marvelous lovingkindness,
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand from those who rise against them.
⁸ **Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me under the shadow of your wings,**
⁹ from the wicked who assault me, from my deadly enemies who surround me.

SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

¹¹ As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, ² not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. ³ Let no one deceive you in any way, for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. ⁴ He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. ⁵ Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

¹³ But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. ¹⁴ For this purpose he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵ So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

¹⁶ Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and

through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, ¹⁷ comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Congregation:

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

GOSPEL: Luke 20:27-38

The holy Gospel according to Luke, the 20th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁷ Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus ²⁸ and asked him a question: “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. ²⁹ Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless; ³⁰ then the second ³¹ and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. ³² Finally the woman also died. ³³ In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.”

³⁴ Jesus said to them, “Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage, ³⁵ but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. ³⁶ Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. ³⁷ And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. ³⁸ Now he is God not of the dead but of the living, for to him all of them are alive.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Melissa Johansen

HYMN OF THE DAY *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*

ELW #634

APOSTLE'S 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

God of roots and branches, defend the leaders of your church as they proclaim the gospel using discernment, wisdom, and brave testimony. Keep all the baptized on righteous paths in response to Christ's call. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of roaring seas, in a world of earthquake, famine, and plague, use your mighty power to nurture the land and all that lives upon it. Restore peoples and places experiencing natural disasters *especially* Jamaica, Cuba and other Caribbean Islands. Strengthen organizations who provide aid to any in crisis. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of victory, among quests for power, guide those in government, courts, law enforcement agencies, and the military. Turn them from war and violence to actions of care that build up the common good. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of healing, where injustice and exploitation result in populations that are marginalized or underserved, accompany those abandoned by friends, hurt by family, and harmed by violence or oppression. Care for all who are ill, anxious, or in pain of any kind *especially* Lynnette Evanson, Bea Huber, Randy & Linda Holland, Mike & Vicky Ryles, Carol Fagerli,

Holly Happe, Anita Bueling, Doug Linsted, Dennis Springer, and their caregivers.
Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of challenge, we pray for the leadership of Christ at Living Hope Church. Guide and protect their church. Give their congregation patience, humility, and unity as they adjust to challenge and change. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of new songs, in a congregation of faithful believers, energize us for compassionate service and delight us through worship and inspired prayer. Encourage your people in building equitable community where all are valued. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of every generation, we remember the saints with steadfast love and faithfulness. Confident in Christ's victory over death, may we be inspired by the example of the faithful. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING SONG *As the Grains of Wheat*

ELW #465

OFFERING PRAYER

Please stand.

God of healing and hope, you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things. Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts. Nourish us with the abundance of your feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and forever. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

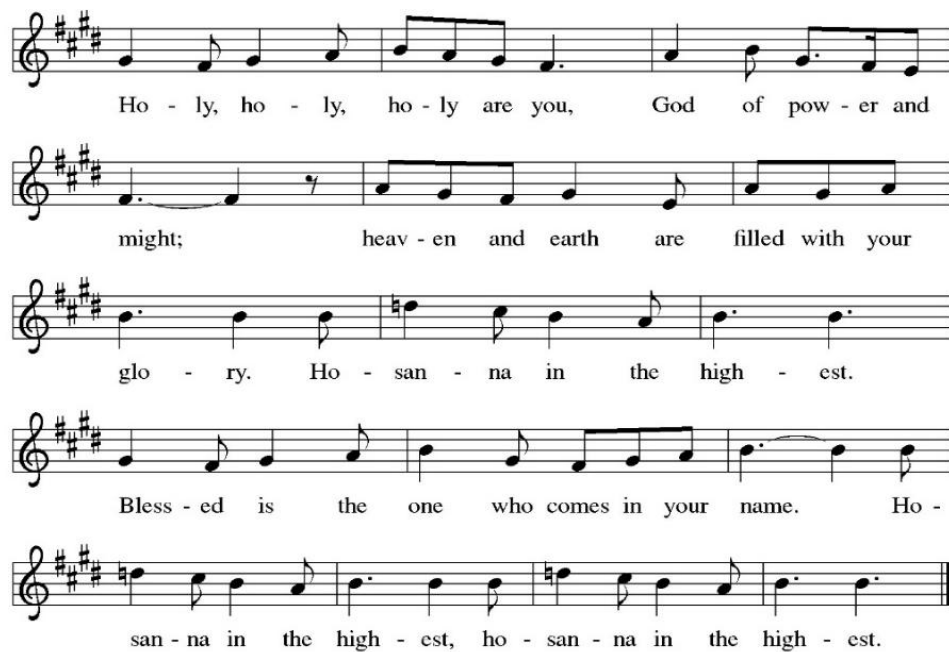
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is our duty and delight that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you, O God, through Jesus Christ who calls us to follow his way of humble service and love, and so with the church on earth, all creation and the host of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

You are indeed holy, gracious and merciful God;
everything is filled with your glory.

We give you thanks for your promise and
presence which have sustained the faithful in this
and every generation. Above all, we give you
thanks for Jesus, born of Mary, who in word and
deed announced your gentle rule of justice,
reconciliation, and peace.

On the night of his betrayal our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks; broke it and gave it to his disciples saying: Take and eat; this is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

After supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

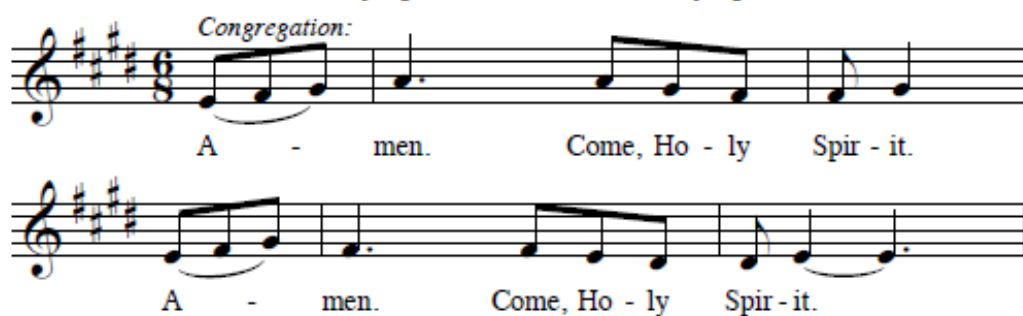
Remembering his command to love one another, his life and death, his resurrection and his ascension we pray for his coming again, even as we cry:

Presider: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.



Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that all of your promises may come to us and your whole creation. Empower us by that same Spirit, to love and forgive that our lives may anticipate that day when you will make all things new.

Presider: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit. Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.



Gather our prayers with those of the apostles, prophets, martyrs, and all the faithful who have gone before us, and unite them with the unceasing prayer of the One who lives in us and in whom we live, Jesus Christ.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, O God, now and forever. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Make us bold, O merciful God, to address you as our Abba as we pray:

**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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

There is a place for you at the table of God. Come, receive the food that does not perish, a taste of life eternal.

COMMUNION SONG

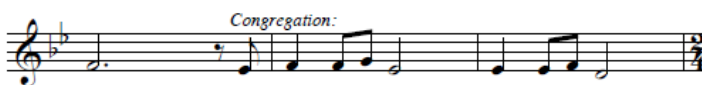
LAMB OF GOD

Congregation: *Congregation or Assistant:*



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
you break the chains of ha - tred and
you are the way of jus - tice and
you are the way of mer - cy and

Congregation:



world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
fear:
peace:
love.

Final Stanza

Congregation or Assistant:

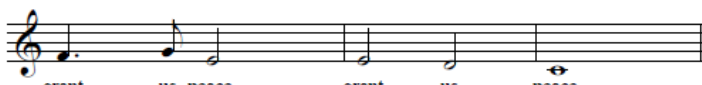


mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

Congregation:



take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,



grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION *Here is Bread*

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AFTER COMMUNION SONG *Praise to You, O God of Mercy*

Pamphlet

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

God of field and flower, wheat and grape, you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world. Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you, God the Son save you, and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead. The holy Trinity bless you and grant you a faithful and courageous heart now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING LITANY

based on ALC's Purpose Statement and Guiding Principles

We have gathered in joy, and now we are sent to embrace the world with God's love.

We ask God to help us continue to

gather to be empowered by the Spirit for life's journey.

Compel us to

seek God's will through prayer, scripture study, and faith sharing.

Give us courage to

reach out and welcome all people with unconditional love.

Inspire us to

live with a generous spirit in our community and world.

Help us

serve our hurting world with love and compassion. Amen.

SENDING SONG *Lift High the Cross*

ELW #660

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the harvest.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Lift High the Cross* Phoebe Knapp

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Family Advent Retreat

December 5-7, 2025

Cost: Ages 12+ = \$195; 4-11 = \$120; 3 & under = FREE
Registration & \$125/person deposit due by November 21, 2025!

Come to camp to prepare for Christmas!
All are welcome to join us for a cozy winter getaway with crafts, delicious food, and an opportunity to find and take home your perfect Christmas tree!

Make gingerbread houses and Advent wreaths, eat plenty of cookies, sing seasonal favorites, and much more: take a weekend at camp for a deep breath at the start of the Advent (and Christmas) season.

Camperships are always available!

Retreat begins with dinner at 6:15 pm on Friday (check-in is from 5-6pm) and ends with 10am brunch and 11am worship on Sunday.




Pastor Melissa is helping lead this retreat. Registration forms are in the coffee area and online in the announcement section.

Please have your remembrances submitted by November 20th.

*Livingston HealthCare Hospice
and the Livingston HealthCare Foundation
present*



TREE of LIFE

Wednesday, December 3, 2025
5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Livingston Depot Center

Everyone is welcome to attend.

The lights on the Livingston HealthCare Tree of Life shine in honor or memory of a loved one. Each person's name is inscribed on our memorial scroll, which is on display at the event and then at Livingston HealthCare year-round.

To donate, please call 406.823.6710
or visit <https://www.livingstonhealthcare.org/giving/donations/>
To sponsor this event or volunteer, please email anita.maxwell@livhc.org

Announcements November 9, 2025

Thank you to Nancy Curtis for leading our music this morning, Jane Haugen & Dana Latsch for worship team duties, and Lana for altar care.

Remember in our prayers Lynnette Evanson, Bea Huber, Randy & Linda Holland, Mike & Vicky Ryles, Carol Fagerli, Holly Happe, Anita Bueling, Doug Linsted, and their caregivers.

Online giving: To make a gift to the ministry of American Lutheran Church, check out the GIVE tab on our website using the QR code at the beginning of the bulletin or click on this QR code.



2026 Donation envelopes are available in the hallway.

October offerings: \$6821 YTD collected: \$81473 YTD needed: \$95833

Thank you for your faithful giving!

UPCOMING AT AMERICAN LUTHERAN

Sunday	November 9, 9am Worship & Coffee & Council Meeting
Monday	November 10, 9:30 Play Space
Wednesday	November 12, 9:30am Bible Study
Thursday	November 13, 9am Salad Making
Sunday	November 16, 9am Worship & Coffee 3pm, Christikon Annual Meeting, Big Timber Lutheran
Monday	November 17, 9:30 Play Space 10a & 3:30p Loaves & Fishes

Christikon Annual Meeting is Sunday, November 16 at 3pm at Big Timber Lutheran

Adult Education: Christel Chvilicek, Executive Director of Family Promise of Gallatin Valley, will join us after worship on Sunday, November 23rd to share about Family Promise and what it might look like for ALC to potentially partner with Family Promise to provide Family Transitional Housing for families in our community.

Volunteer Opportunities & Sign-ups:

- 🍁 Snow shoveling
- 🍁 Norwegian Goodies making
- 🍁 Salvation Army Bell Ringing

Lefse Time! Please mark your calendar to come and help with our fall fundraiser for WELCA-ALC on the following **Thursdays at 9am:**

November 13 salad,
November 20 lefse,
Friday, November 21 packaging,
Saturday, November 22, 9-noon, pickup.

Many hands make light work. Join us for these days of fellowship and fun! Find order forms and sign-up sheets on the back table.

Benevolence: For November, consider supporting the **Community Thanksgiving Dinner** at the Civic Center. With the government shut down, those in need of food will be desperate this month without receiving SNAP (food stamps) this month. Please write "benevolence" on your envelope if you would like to donate to Community Thanksgiving Dinner or click on the "Give" tab on the ALC website, <https://www.alclivingston.org/>

Thank you for supporting Angel Fund for the high school. \$2065 was donated, which was used to purchase gift cards at the grocery stores. Park High will give them out to students in need.

Check out the
Announcements
on the website for more
information.

Worship Teams winter schedule is in the back.

November 16 Cookie Linsted & Anna Smith

November 23 Jim & Bonnie Evanson

November 30 Dale Siegle & Dan Rhodes

December 7 Billie Roberts, Anna Smith, & Karla Pettit

A reminder: If you are unable to be here on your scheduled time, you are responsible for switching with someone who is able to cover your time.

Family Advent Retreat: Pastor Melissa will help lead this family affair at the Flathead Bible Camp December 5-7. All are welcome to join for a cozy winter getaway with crafts, delicious food, and an opportunity to find and take home your perfect Christmas tree. Make gingerbread houses and Advent wreaths, eat plenty of cookies, sing seasonal favorites. Registration forms are on the back table.

Vacation: Annette is on vacation this week. She will be back in the office on November 18. Please have your **directory updates** and **newsletter articles** by then so she can put them together. Time is flying by!

Readings for Sunday, November 16, 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

[Malachi 4:1-2a](#) *A day of blistering heat for the arrogant; a day of healing sun for the righteous*

[Psalms 98](#) *In righteousness will the Lord judge the world. (Ps. 98:9)*

[2 Thessalonians 3:6-13](#) *Do not be idle, but do what is right for the sake of Christ*

[Luke 21:5-19](#) *Jesus speaks of wars, endurance, betrayal, and suffering for his sake*