



Feast of Victory Lutheran Church
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Sunday, October 18, 2026
Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE – Bell Choir, *Come, Now Is The Time To Worship*

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.
Shower us with your Spirit,
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: GOD IS HERE, ELW 526, VERSES 1&4

1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of

praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
 need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
 flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,
 change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;

what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
 here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
 Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants
 help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's

world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
 ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
 of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
 ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;

wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

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

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated

First Reading: Isaiah 45:1-7

- ¹ Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped
to subdue nations before him
and to strip kings of their robes,
to open doors before him—
and the gates shall not be closed:
- ² I will go before you
and level the mountains;
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron;
- ³ I will give you the treasures of darkness
and riches hidden in secret places,
so that you may know that it is I, the Lord,
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.
- ⁴ For the sake of my servant Jacob
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name;
I give you a title, though you do not know me.
- ⁵ I am the Lord, and there is no other;
besides me there is no god.
I arm you, though you do not know me,
- ⁶ so that they may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;
I am the Lord, and there is no other.
- ⁷ I form light and create darkness,
I make weal and create woe;
I the Lord do all these things.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 96:1-13

The psalm is read responsively. The congregation reads the verses in bold print.

¹ Sing to the Lord | a new song;
sing to the Lord, | all the earth.

² **Sing to the Lord, bless the name | of the Lord;
proclaim God's salvation from | day to day.**

³ Declare God's glory a- | mong the nations
and God's wonders a- | mong all peoples.

⁴ **For great is the Lord and greatly | to be
praised,
more to be feared | than all gods.**

⁵ As for all the gods of the nations, they | are but idols;
but you, O Lord, have | made the heavens.

⁶ **Majesty and magnificence are | in your
presence;
power and splendor are in your | sanctuary.**

⁷ Ascribe to the Lord, you families | of the peoples,
ascribe to the Lord hon- | or and power.

⁸ **Ascribe to the Lord the honor due the | holy
name;
bring offerings and enter the courts | of the
Lord.**

⁹ Worship the Lord in the beau- | ty of holiness;
tremble before the Lord, | all the earth.

¹⁰ **Tell it out among the nations: "The | Lord is
king!**

**The one who made the world so firm that it
cannot be moved will judge the peo- | ples with
equity."**

¹¹ Let the heavens rejoice, and let the | earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field

be joyful and all that ¹ is therein.

¹² **Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for
joy at your com- ¹ ing, O Lord,
for you come to ¹ judge the earth.**

¹³ You will judge the ¹ world with righteousness
and the peoples ¹ with your truth.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

¹ Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus
Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

² We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers,
constantly ³ remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor
of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ For we know,
brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵ because our
message of the gospel came to you not in word only but also in power and in the
Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we
proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶ And you became imitators of us and of
the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy from the Holy
Spirit, ⁷ so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in
Achaia. ⁸ For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in
Macedonia and Achaia but in every place your faith in God has become known,
so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹ For they report about us what kind of
welcome we had among you and how you turned to God from idols to serve a
living and true God ¹⁰ and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from
the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

Word of God. Word of Life.

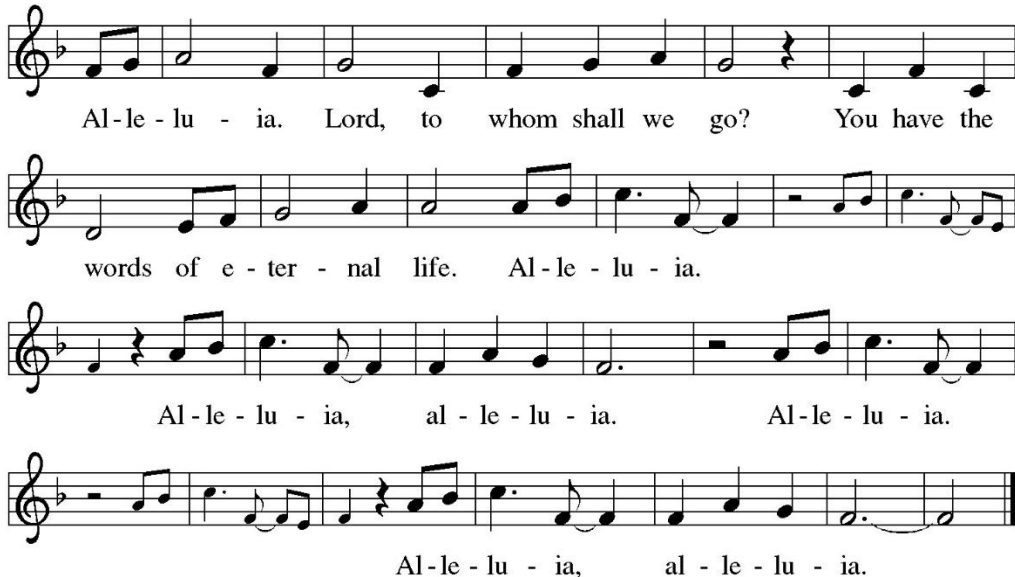
Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

NOISY OFFERING

The Noisy Offering supports the Community Needs Fund and we collect Pennies from Heaven for ELCA World Hunger; these are collected in bread pans often by our children serving in worship.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:



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

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22

The gospel for The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost is from the gospel according to St. Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁵ The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶ So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and

show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ Then he said to them, "Whose head is this and whose title?" ²¹ They answered, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." ²² When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON – Caylyn Moglia

HYMN OF THE DAY: TAKE MY LIFE, THAT I MAY BE, ELW 583

Refrain/Estribillo



To - ma, oh Dios, mi vo - lun - tad, y haz - la tu - ya, na -
 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord,



da más; to - ma, sí, mi co - ra - zón
 to thee; take my mo - ments and my days;



y tu tro - no en él ten - drás. ten - drás.
 let them flow in cease - less praise. less praise.



1 *Que mi vi - da en - te - ra es - té*
 1 Take my hands and let them move
 2 Take my sil - ver and my gold;
 3 Take my voice and let me sing
 4 Take my will and make it thine;



con - sa - gra - da_a ti, Se - ñor;
 at the im - pulse of thy love;
 not a mite would I with - hold;
 al - ways, on - ly for my King;
 it shall be no lon - ger mine;



que_a mis ma - nos pue - da guiar el im -
 take my feet and let them be swift and
 take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry
 take my lips and let them be filled with
 take my heart, it is thine own; it shall



Refrain/Estribillo

pul - so de tu_a - mor.
 beau - ti - ful for thee.
 pow'r as thou shalt choose.
 mes - sag - es from thee.
 be thy roy - al throne.

2 *Que mis pies tan sólo en pos
 de lo santo puedan ir,
 y que_a ti, Señor, mi voz,
 se complazca en bendecir. Estribillo*

3 *Que mis labios al hablar
 hablen sólo de tu amor;
 que mis bienes dedicar
 yo los quiera_a ti, Señor. Estribillo*

4 *Que mi tiempo todo esté
 consagrado_a tu loor;
 que mi mente_y su poder
 sean usados en tu honor. Estribillo*

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

After each petition, the congregation responds by saying **"Receive our prayer."**

SHARING THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

THE OFFERING

Weekly giving may be placed in the round collection plate that is distributed by our ushers. Thank you for your faithful giving that supports the ministry we share.

OFFERING MUSIC

OFFERTORY:
WE ARE AN OFFERING, ELW 692, VERSE 1

We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an
of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voic-es, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our
lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are,
all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.
We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:
we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.

OFFERING PRAYER

God of creation,
you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly.
All blessings are from you;
make us generous with what we have.
Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts
in service to you and in love to our neighbors,
today and always.
Amen.

THE 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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE
THANKFUL HEARTS AND VOICES RAISE, ELW 207



Thank-ful hearts and voice-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let
ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - jice and bear the name of Christ.
Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with
shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

BENEDICTION

The God of love
draw you into full accord and one mind,
in the body of Christ Jesus.

Amen.

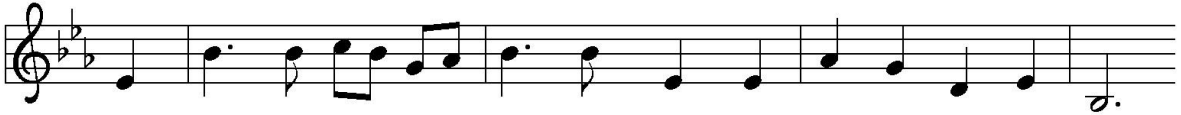
The God of hope
grant you strength and joy in all circumstances
through the interceding of the Spirit.

Amen.

The God of grace
✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

**SENDING HYMN:
HOW CLEAR IS OUR VOCATION, LORD, ELW 580**



1 How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord, when once we heed your call
2 But if, for - get - ful, we should find your yoke is hard to bear;
3 We mar - vel how your saints be - come in hin - dranc - es more sure;
4 In what you give us, Lord, to do, to - geth - er or a - lone,



to live ac - cord - ing to your word and dai - ly learn, re - freshed, re - stored,
if world - ly pres - sures fray the mind and love it - self can - not un - wind
whose joy - ful vir - tues put to shame the ca - sual way we wear your name,
in old rou - tines or ven - tures new, may we not cease to look to you,



that you are Lord of all and will not let us fall.
its tan - gled skein of care: our in - ward life re - pair.
and by our faults ob - scure your pow'r to cleanse and cure.
the cross you hung up - on, all you en - deav - ored done.

DISMISSAL

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

WELCOME TO FEAST OF VICTORY: If you are a guest, we invite you to please sign your name and some form of contact info in our Guest Book, located on the wall desk near the office door entrance, and join us for our fellowship time after our worship service so that we can get to know one another. We are glad that you are worshipping with us today either in person or on Zoom. If you would like to speak with our Pastor, schedule a home visit, unite with our congregation, or receive Holy Communion, please contact Pastor Haley Vay in our church office (231-938-1070).

PRAYER REQUESTS AND WELCOME CARDS: As Jesus welcomes us and prays for us, so we also welcome and pray for one another. There are Prayer Request and Welcome Cards located on the table to the left as you enter the front doors of the building. If you have a prayer request, please fill out a card and give it to the Assisting Minister or Pastor if you would like your prayer read aloud in worship, or to Pastor if your request is confidential. If you are visiting...*welcome!* Please consider filling out a Welcome Card and place it in the offering plate or give it to our Pastor, so that we may stay connected.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION is celebrated each Sunday. We believe that Jesus is really present in the bread and wine of Holy Communion. It is Jesus who serves us, bringing us forgiveness of sins, faith and new life, and hope for eternal life. All are welcome to receive the gift of faith and forgiveness that Jesus offers. Please let the Pastor know if you would prefer gluten-free bread, and if you prefer white grape juice instead of wine.

WAYS TO GIVE: We are thankful for the financial support we receive to carry out God's mission and ministry in the life of our congregation and the wider church. If you are able and would like to contribute, we welcome and encourage you to do so by using any of the following ways to give:

1. Go to www.feastofvictory.org/give, or visit our website and click the "Give" button to set up a one-time or recurring gift either by credit or debit card or by electronic transfer from your checking account.
 2. Mail a check to Feast of Victory Lutheran Church.
 3. Place your offering in the round plates distributed by our ushers.
- We give thanks to God for your gifts that support the ministry we share.

FELLOWSHIP AFTER OUR WORSHIP SERVICE: Special time has been set aside each Sunday following worship for refreshments and conversation. We welcome and encourage you to stay and connect in faith community.

NURSERY AVAILABLE: We have a nursery available for parents and small children. It is located in the last room on the right of the main hallway.

STAY CONNECTED on Facebook @FeastOfVictoryELCA and check out what's happening, ways to get involved, and watch recordings of worship on our website: www.feastofvictory.org. You may also pick up a copy of our Church Newsletter, "Feast Your Eyes" at the welcome table.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: During the school year Sunday School for children takes place during worship after the Children's message. Teachers will lead children to our fellowship hall for a lesson and activity, then return to the sanctuary for Communion. Please be mindful that children age 3 and under, or those not yet toilet trained, will need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

MULTI-SENSORY WORSHIP: Thanks to our congregation's support and the effort of our Building an Inclusive Church (BIC) Taskforce, we have a Sensory Bin available at the Welcome Table located on your way into the Sanctuary. People of every age and ability are welcome to use anything from our Sensory Bin that helps you feel comfortable, focused, and connected during worship. Please return items to the Sensory Bin before you leave so they may be cleaned and ready for the next person. If you have ideas for cultivating inclusivity, through sensory-friendly worship or other means, please call the church office and connect with our Pastor. We're glad you are here!

HEARING ASSIST: If using a hearing assistance device would make worship more accessible for you, please visit our AV room located just outside the sanctuary and we will gladly help you get connected.



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Assisting Minister: Rena Rudkin
Acolyte: Caylyn Moglia
Musician: Cliff Kelto & Christy Pawloski
Reader: Gina Kurylo
Greeter: RuthAnn Leppala
Ushers:
AV Operator: Doug Satow
Coffee Host: Bruce & Alison Haney
Altar Care: RuthAnn Leppala

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