

A photograph of a narrow, unpaved path winding through a dense forest. The path is covered in fallen leaves and is illuminated by a bright, golden light that filters through the trees, creating a misty or ethereal atmosphere. The trees are tall and thin, with some showing autumn foliage. The overall scene is peaceful and serene.

Luke 24:44

*Everything must be fulfilled that is written
about me...*

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**Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost
October 18, 2026**

A warm welcome to those who are visiting us today. You may hang your coat in the entryway of the church or on the coat rack downstairs. The bathrooms are located in the lower level of this building. Before you go home today, please sign our guest book located on the podium in the entry way. Also, refreshments are served in the fellowship hall after our service this morning. We invite you to join us for something to eat and drink.

Our lower level is wired for sound. If you need to take your child out during the service, you won't miss any of the sermon. The service is also simulcast on the church's Facebook page.

In the unlikely event of an emergency during this morning's service, you can exit the building using the main entryway or the exit to the right of the chancel. Our building does have a fire alarm system which is wired directly to the fire department. Remember, we follow the "Run, Hide, Fight" response in an emergency.

Before Service Prayer: Merciful Lord, You granted healing to the nations through the forgiveness of sins and the resurrection of Your Son, and You sent forth the blessed physician St. Luke with the promise of this healing to the whole world. Grant that we receive this gift with joy, enjoy the fruits of this healing grace each day, serve others in Your name, and hold fast to the hope of the resurrection and life everlasting; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Today's Theme

**THE BEGINNING OF THE END – IT'S TIME TO
OFFER FORGIVENESS**

When you know that the end is approaching, what's the most important thing you can do? Some would say that the vital thing is to concentrate on your relationships.

The most important part of your personal relationship with God is the forgiveness of sins you have through faith in Jesus. The most important thing you can offer the most important people in your life is forgiveness. The beginning of the end is a good time to put the Lord's Prayer into practice and forgive as you have been forgiven.

Opening Hymn: CW745 “Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying”

(Stand)

Confession

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

Congregation: the maker of heaven and earth.

P: Let us confess our sins to God and ask for his forgiveness.

C: Almighty God, merciful Father,

I confess to you that I have not loved you with all my heart.

In what I have done and left undone,

I have pursued my ways instead of your ways.

I have not loved others as you command.

For this I deserve your punishment now and forever.

I am sorry for my sins.

I repent of them.

I beg for your mercy.

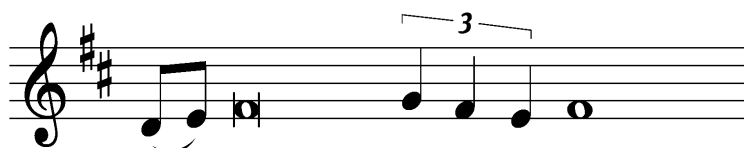
Absolution

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved.

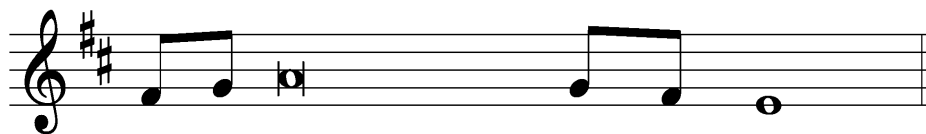
In the name of T Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins.

C: Amen.

Opening Sentences



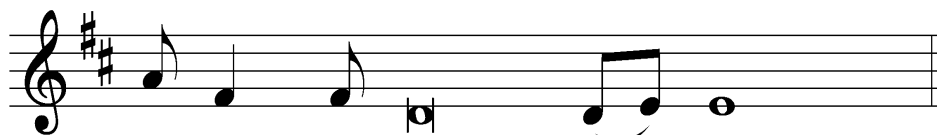
O Lord, o - pen my lips.



And my mouth shall de - clare your praise.



Hasten to save me, O God.



O Lord, come quickly to help me.



Give glory to God, our light and our life.



Come, O come, let us wor - ship.

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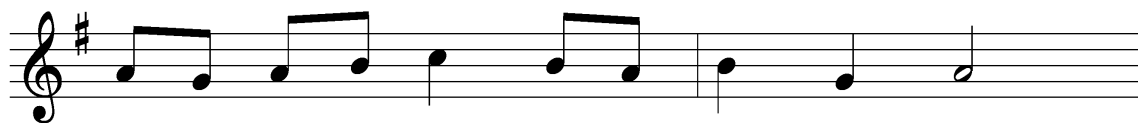
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Come, O Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord

Refrain Cantor/choir first time; assembly repeats, then sings after each verse



Come, O come, let us sing to the Lord,



let us shout with joy to our sav - ing Rock;



come, en - ter in with our songs of praise,



come, en - ter in with thanks - giv - ing.



1 You are a great and a won - drous God,

2 Come, let us wor - ship and, bow - ing low,



cup - ping in your hands all the depths of earth.

kneel be - fore the One who has made us all.



You made the hills and the moun - tains high,

You are the God whom we call our own,



you made the seas and the dry land.

we are the flock that you shep - herd.

Refrain

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(Be seated)

Psalm 139F “To You, O LORD, I Lift My Soul”

Refrain



Tone



You have searched me, LORD, and you / know me;

you perceive my thoughts / from afar.

You discern my going out and my / lying down;

you are familiar with / all my ways. *Refrain*

For you created my inmost / being;

you knit me together in my / mother's womb.

I praise you because I am fearfully and wonder- / fully made;

your works are wonderful, I know that / full well.

My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the / secret place;

your eyes saw my unformed / body.

Glory be to the Father and / to the Son

and to the Holy / Spirit,

as it was in the be- / ginning,

is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain*

Text: Lectionary for Mass

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Prayer

P: Lord God, you have been with me from the time of my conception, and you have promised that I will be with you in heaven for eternity. Although you know my sin, you have forgiven me through the mediation of Jesus my Savior. I praise you for your wonderful works!

C: Amen.

First Reading

Acts 1:1–3

The evangelist Luke explains why he wrote his gospel.

¹In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach ²until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. ³After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

2 Timothy 4:5-11

The evangelist Luke accompanied the apostle Paul on his missionary journeys.

⁵But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

⁶For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

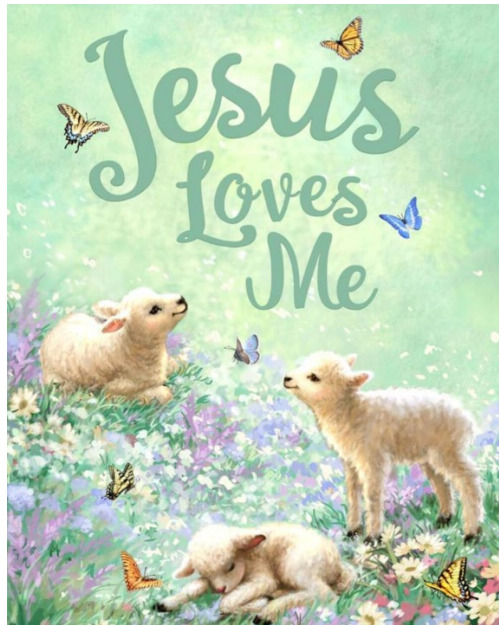
⁹Do your best to come to me quickly, ¹⁰for Demas, because he loved this world, has deserted me and has gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, and Titus to Dalmatia. ¹¹Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, because he is helpful to me in my ministry.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Preschool Children Sing

CW584 “Jesus Loves Me”



Gospel

Luke 1:1–4; 24:44–53

The evangelist Luke summarizes the message of the Christian faith as “repentance and forgiveness of sins.”

¹Many have undertaken to draw up an account of the things that have been fulfilled among us, ²just as they were handed down to us by those who from the first were eyewitnesses and servants of the word. ³With this in mind, since I myself have carefully investigated everything from the beginning, I too decided to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, ⁴so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught.

⁴⁴He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.”

⁴⁵Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶He told them, “This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

⁵⁰When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. ⁵¹While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. ⁵²Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. ⁵³And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Hymn of the Day: CW654 “Jesus Sinners Does Receive”

Sermon "Gospel Certainty!"

Luke 1:1-4



(Stand)

You Are God; We Praise You

Refrain Cantor/choir first time; assembly repeats, then sings after each verse



You are God; we praise you. You are Lord; we ac - claim you. To



you, O Fa - ther ho - ly, all cre - a - tion of - fers praise.



praise, all cre - a - tion of - fers praise, all cre - a - tion of - fers praise.



- 1 With the an - gels in heav - en, **we praise you, we praise you!**
- 2 Cre - a - tor of all things, **we praise you, we praise you!**
- 3 O — Christ, King of glo - ry, **we praise you, we praise you!**



With the cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim, **we praise you, we praise you!**
O — Je - sus Christ, the Son of God, **we praise you, we praise you!**
You be - came a man to set us free; **we praise you, we praise you!**



With a - pos - tles and proph - ets, **we praise you, we praise you!**
O — Spir - it, most ho - ly, **we praise you, we praise you!**
You have ris - en to free us; **we praise you, we praise you!**



With the mar - tyrs and your ho - ly Church, **we sing in end - less praise!**
To the Trin - i - ty most bless - ed, **we sing in end - less praise!**
And with all your saints in glo - ry, **we sing in end - less praise!**

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(Be seated)

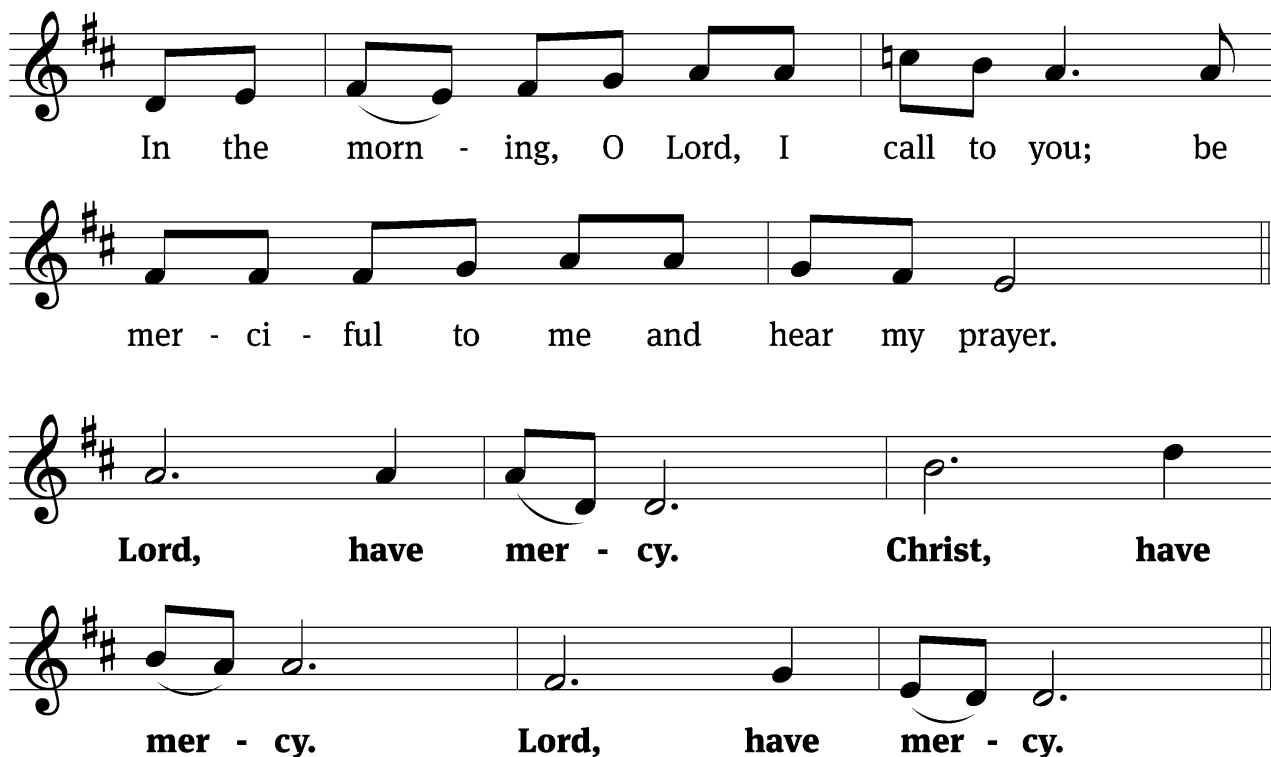
Offering

The ushers will gather the offering which will then be placed on the Lord's Altar. Offerings can also be given electronically by using your smart phone and the QR code which takes you to the donation part of New Life's website.



(Stand)

Lord, Have Mercy



In the morn - ing, O Lord, I call to you; be
mer - ci - ful to me and hear my prayer.
Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have
mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

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Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you called Luke the physician to reveal in his gospel the love and healing power of your Son. Grant that, by hearing and believing your Word, we may be healed of all sin and serve you with willing hearts; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Prayer for Grace

P: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger. And in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen.

Benedicamus



Let us praise the Lord.



Thanks be to God.

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Blessing



The Lord bless and keep you.



A - men.



The Lord's face ev - er shine up - on you.



A - men.



The Lord grant you peace for all your days.



A - men.

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Cleaning this Week: James

Today—Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost Divine Service at 9:30 AM

Fellowship at 10:30 AM

Special Fellowship Activity at 10:45 AM

Monday—Online Bible Study at 6:30 PM

Tuesday—Ladies Night Out at Bacchus Nibbles at 6 PM

Wednesday—Catechism Class from 6:00 – 7:30 PM

Friday—Men’s Bible Study at 11:30 AM

Saturday—Ukraine Study Group from 9 AM-3 PM

Next Sunday—Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost Communion Service at 9:30 AM

Fellowship at 10:30 AM

Adult Bible Class and Sunday School at 10:45 AM

CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE THIS MONTH

The cleaning schedule was accidentally omitted from the October church calendar (so sorry!) Here is the schedule for the rest of the month:

Week of October 18: James

Week of October 27: Sarvady

SPECIAL FELLOWSHIP FUN

There will be no Adult Bible Class or Sunday School following the service today. Instead, enjoy a feast of fall treats and stay for an exciting game of Bible Bingo, led by Pastor Feldhus.

LADIES NIGHT OUT

Attention church ladies (and friends and family members)! The day for Ladies Night Out is nigh. Please join the Branch Connection this **Tuesday, October 20th** for a night of food and friends. The fun begins at **6:00 pm at Bacchus Nibbles in Lake Zurich** (800 W. Main St., near Jewel).

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER SIGN-UP

The Sunday School will be taught by a rotation of teachers this year. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. All teaching materials as well as a teacher's guide will be provided for our volunteers. Please consider signing up for a Sunday. Your help will be greatly appreciated!

FELLOWSHIP SIGN-UP SHEET

Volunteers are needed to provide snacks for fellowship time. A sign-up sheet is posted in the Fellowship Hall. The sheet covers the months of October through December. We need people to sign up! This is a casual snack; nothing fancy is required – some ideas include: coffee cake, donuts, a meat and cheese tray, fruit, cookies. . .just a couple of these (or any other) items will be very much appreciated.

GIVING STATEMENTS

New giving statements were emailed to church members recently. If you would like a paper copy of your statement, please see Ken Sarvady.