

Prelude

Anthem

Postlude

Hymns:

Gathering—*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* ELW 254

Hymn of the Day—*Comfort, Comfort Now My People* ELW 256

Sending—*Prepare the Royal Highway* ELW 264

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

¹ A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

² The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

³ His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.
He shall not judge by what his eyes see
or decide by what his ears hear,

⁴ but with righteousness he shall judge for the poor
and decide with equity for the oppressed of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

⁵ Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

⁶ The wolf shall live with the lamb;
the leopard shall lie down with the kid;
the calf and the lion will feed together,
and a little child shall lead them.

⁷ The cow and the bear shall graze;
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

⁸ The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

⁹ They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain,
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰ On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the
nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Psalm: Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

¹ Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the king's son;

² **that he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice;**

³ that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, and the hills, in righteousness.

⁴ **Let him defend the needy among the people, rescue the poor, and crush the oppressor.**

⁵ May he live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another.

⁶ **Let him come down like rain upon the mown field, like showers that water the earth.**

⁷ In his time may the righteous flourish; and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

¹⁸ **Blessed are you, Lord God, the God of Israel; you alone do wondrous deeds!**

¹⁹ And blessed be your glorious name forever, and may all the earth be filled with your glory.

Amen. Amen.

Second Reading: Romans 15:4-13

⁴ Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. ⁵ May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, ⁶ so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁷ Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸ For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the ancestors ⁹ and that the gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the gentiles and sing praises to your name"; ¹⁰ and again he says, "Rejoice, O gentiles, with his people"; ¹¹ and again, "Praise the Lord, all you gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; ¹² and again Isaiah says. "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the gentiles; in him the gentiles shall hope."¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

¹ In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ² "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." ³ This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.'"

⁴ Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵ Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region around the Jordan were going out to him, ⁶ and they were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷ But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? ⁸ Therefore, bear fruit worthy of repentance, ⁹ and do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor,' for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ¹⁰ Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹ "I baptize you with water for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is more powerful than I, and I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹² His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

SERVERS		<u>Today</u>	<u>Next Week</u>
<i>Greeters</i>	....	<i>Mark & Ann Satterwhite</i>	<i>*Need Volunteer</i>
<i>Lector</i>	....	<i>Wayne Lybrand</i>	<i>Melba Murphy</i>
<i>Worship</i>	....	<i>Gail Marcum</i>	<i>Melba Murphy</i>
		<u>DECEMBER</u>	<u>JANUARY</u>
<i>Ushers</i>	....	<i>Mark Satterwhite</i> <i>*Need Volunteer</i>	<i>*Need Volunteer</i> <i>*Need Volunteer</i>
<i>Tellers</i>	....	<i>Beth Cleland &</i> <i>*Need Volunteer</i>	<i>Linda Griffith &</i> <i>Melba Murphy</i>
<i>Offering Pickup</i>	....	<i>Wayne Lybrand</i>	<i>Linda Griffith</i>
<i>Property</i>	....	<i>Steve Nivens</i>	<i>Steve Nivens</i>
<i>Altar Guild</i>	....	<i>Isma Boland &</i> <i>Melba Murphy</i>	<i>Steve & Beverly Nivens</i>

OFFERING	Last Two Sundays	Total for November
General	\$23,220.03	\$28,093.03
Online General	\$ 179.38	\$ 5,335.04
Total	\$23,399.41	\$33,428.07
Building Maint. & Prop. Imp.	\$ 245.00	\$ 1,585.00
Online BMPI	\$ 66.63	\$ 509.54
Total	\$ 311.63	\$ 2,094.54

The flowers today are given by Bill Aull in memory of the men who died on this day in 1941.

Our Saviour's Post Office will be open for business for the Christmas season beginning December 7. Place your Christmas cards in the appropriate "mailbox" based on the receiver's last name. At your convenience, collect cards gifted to you and take them home to enjoy! Let us truly cherish the blessing of family and friends!

2026 Church Directory. The sign-up sheets for the teams and the ministries are on the table in the Narthex until December 14th. If you haven't already, please take a moment to sign up for all those you are interested in. Don't forget to check the church directory membership to make sure the information for your family is accurate.

The 2025 Constitution Policies and Procedures Book may be picked up from the basket on the table in the Cameron Hall. Please take no more than you need.
Available in the Narthex: December <i>Grapevine</i> , Poinsettia Orders Forms.
Save the Date: Monday, December 15, 2025, Lutheran Men in Mission and WELCA Christmas Social.
Upcoming Deadlines: Wednesday, December 10—Christmas Social Tickets Friday, December 19—Poinsettia Orders

Those on our **Prayer list** below have special prayer needs at this time. We keep the entire congregation in our prayers at all times, but sometimes special prayers are needed. If your name is on the list or you have added someone’s name and they no longer need to be on the list, please contact the church office so the name can be removed. Names on the prayer list are left on for two months, but may be extended upon request.

<i>Gary Black</i>	<i>Steve Rucker</i>
<i>Greg Chapman</i>	<i>Herman & Elizabeth Shealy</i>
<i>Jeannie Chapman</i>	<i>Marie Shealy (National Health Care)</i>
<i>Katie Doble</i>	<i>Debbie Chapman Tidmarsh (daughter</i>
<i>Dolores Hopkins</i>	<i>of Jeannie Chapman)</i>
<i>Anne Moye</i>	<i>Jane & DeLeon Wallace</i>

<i>Sunday</i>	9:15 am	Adult Sunday School
<i>(December 7)</i>	10:00 am	Choir Practice
	10:15 am	Youth Sunday School
	10:30 am	Holy Communion
	11:45 am	Executive Com. Meeting
Wednesday	12:00 pm	Community Lunch
Friday	6:00 pm	Razberries
Saturday	9:30 am	Decorating Sanctuary
<i>Sunday</i>	9:15 am	Adult Sunday School
<i>(December 14)</i>	10:00 am	Choir Practice
	10:15 am	Youth Sunday School
	10:30 am	Holy Communion
	11:45 am	Council Meeting