TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
November 8, 2026

Music and Hymns:

Gathering	*Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling*	ELW 608
Hymn of Day	*O Zion, Haste*	ELW 668
Sending	*Blessed Assurance*	ELW 638
Prelude	*The Two Angels*	*Blumental*
Anthem	*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*	*Christopher*
Communion	*Pari Intervalo*	*Avro Part*
Postlude	*Pièce terminale*	*Charles Tournemire*

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord! Why do you want the day of the Lord? It is
darkness, not light,19 as if someone fled from a lion and was met by a bear or went into
the house and rested a hand against the wall and was bitten by a snake. 20 Is not the day
of the Lord darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? 21 I hate, I despise
your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. 22 Even though you offer
me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them, and the offerings of
well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. 23 Take away from me the noise of
your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. 24 But let justice roll down like
water and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Psalm 70

1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; O Lord, make haste to help me.
2 **Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confounded; let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.**
3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back because of their shame.
4 **Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great is the Lord!"**
5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God. You are my helper and my deliverer; O Lord, do not tarry.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

13 We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have
died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14 For since we believe
that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those
who have died. 15 For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are
alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who
have died. 16 For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and

with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. [17] Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord forever.
[18] Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Matthew 25:1-13

[Jesus said to the disciples:] [1] "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. [2] Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. [3] When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, [4] but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. [5] As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. [6] But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' [7] Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. [8] The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' [9] But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' [10] And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. [11] Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' [12] But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' [13] Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The **weekly bulletin** is printed on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. Please submit any announcements to the church office before then. Thank you.
- The **Grapevine deadline** for submission of articles is the 20th of every month. Please submit any articles/information to the church office before then. Thank you.
- Denise's new office hours starting in November: Monday – Wednesday, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- God's Helping Hands current needs are: miscellaneous canned vegetables, canned meats, peanut butter, jelly, cereal, crackers, canned fruit and Jiffy cornbread mix. Please place donations in the container in the Cameron Hallway.
- **SAVE THE DATE** – Treasure Find and Fall Fest – Saturday, November 14th. **Treasure Find Yard Sale**: 8:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.; **Fall Fest**: 11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. For more information or to reserve your space, contact **OSLCEVENTS26@gmail.com** or call/text **803-719-3569**
- **ALL VETERANS** – Saluda River Academy is having a Veteran's Day Parade on 11/11 from 8:45 – 9:15. If you would like to participate, please see Pastor Joanna for a form.
- **Mark Your Calendars**: The annual OSLC Christmas Dinner will be held on December 14th at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. More details and ticket sales will be forthcoming.
- **We need blessing box supplies**! Thank you for continuing to support the Blessing Box. The need for food and basic supplies remains strong. Please drop supplies off in the Cameron Hallway or in the kitchen. Thank you for helping keep it stocked!

Helpful items include: Peanut butter crackers, canned meats, canned pasta, canned fruit, soup, cereal, shelf-stable milk, granola bars, rice or pasta sides, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, deodorant. *Please choose items that do not require refrigeration. Pop-top cans are especially helpful.*

- **2027 Church Directory:** As we prepare the 2027 Church Directory, please take a few minutes to review the updated membership information sent through Evine and confirm that your family's information is correct. If you notice any changes that need to be made, please email them to the church office. We would also love to include your most current family photo. Please let us know if you have a new photo you would like us to use. Additionally, sign-up sheets for church teams and ministries are available on the table in the Narthex. Please take a moment to sign up for any opportunities that interest you. While you're there, don't forget to verify that your church directory information is accurate.
- **Congregational Meeting – Sunday, November 15, 2026** The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday November 15, 2026, for consideration of the 2026 budget and to elect new council members. Nominees for the 2-year terms on church council beginning 2027 are Wayne Lybrand, Gail Marcum, Steve Nivens, and Mark Satterwhite. Additional nominations can be submitted from the floor during the congregational meeting; please make sure you have the candidate's approval prior to nominating.

In our prayers this week, we commend the following individuals to God's gracious care. If a name belongs to someone outside our congregation, please let the office know your connections. If there are any names to update, please also let us know additions or changes.

Melanie Amick
Gerald Bush (Friend of Sandra Hughes)
Greg Chapman
Jeannie Chapman
Virginia M. Cromer
Katie Doble
Jerry Hite
Dolores Hopkins
Steve Rucker
Herman & Elizabeth Shealy
Pam Hanfland
The Shealy family as they grieve the loss of their dear Marie
Amanda Williams and family upon the death of her brother

SERVERS	**Today**	**Next Week**
Greeters	Steve & Beverly Nivens	Isma Boland
Lector	Wayne Lybrand	Marie Lybrand
Worship	Beverly Nivens	Marie Lybrand
	NOVEMBER	**DECEMBER**
Ushers	Steve Nivens, Chief Mark Satterwhite	Jim Garner, Chief Wayne Lybrand
Tellers	Beth Cleland/Melba Murphy	Pam Hanfland/Linda Griffith/ Caroline Raszewski
Offering Pickup	Steve Nivens	Wayne Lybrand
Property	Steve Nivens	Jim Garner
Altar Guild	Steve and Beverly Nivens	Isma Boland/Melba Murphy

Sunday, ***November 8***	10:15 a.m.	Youth Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Holy Communion
	11:45 a.m.	Council Meeting
Monday, ***November 9***	6:00 p.m.	Lydia Circle
Wednesday, ***November 11***	8:45 a.m.	Veteran's Day Parade
	10:30 a.m.	Bible Study
Saturday, **November 14**	8:00 a.m.	Hidden Treasure Fall Fest
Sunday, ***November 15***	10:15 a.m.	Youth Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Holy Communion
	11:30 a.m.	Congregation Meeting
Monday, ***November 16***	9:00 a.m.	Lutheran Men Breakfast
Wednesday, ***November 18***	10:30 a.m.	Bible Study