Lectionary 33, Proper 28

November 16th, 2025

Service Music: Setting 8 (ELW, page 184) Year C (ELW, page 50)



The end is near. There is no doubt about it. The warnings are dire. The tone of today's texts is ominous. But the baptized know how to live in the meantime. The baptized are strengthened for the living of these days in word and sacrament. The baptized rally around the invitation of the apostle: "Do not be weary in doing what is right."

WELCOME!

Guests, we are glad you have joined us today! If you would like to receive contact from the pastor or welcoming committee following this worship service, please fill out a card from the pew slot and put it in the offering plate.

Children's Church takes place during our worship service. The children are dismissed after *Blessing the Children* and brought back to their families after the *Prayers of Intercession*.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

The assembly stands at the invitation of the presiding minister.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **C. Amen.**

KYRIE



P: We continue to pray:

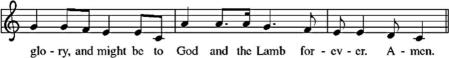
C: Repair our relationships, O God, restore what we have broken, renew our hearts, and bring us to new life. Amen.

P: 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. **C: Amen.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE: **ELW page 187** (not hymn number)







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GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The assembly is seated.

SERVICE OF BEGINNING

Today we mark a transition in Bryce's service to our congregation. Though he has been serving here at St. James for more than two years as a Synodically Authorized Minister, as part of his training toward rostered ministry in the ELCA at Wartburg Theological Seminary, we celebrate the beginning of his Seminary Internship. During this time, he will be formally evaluated and supported by our congregational Site Committee. The ELCA uses the title "Vicar" to denote this role in the congregation. Starting today, he will be both a Synodically Authorized Minster (SAM) through the Southeastern Iowa Synod and a Vicar by virtue of his status as a seminary intern.

BLESSING THE CHILDREN

This little light of mine, I'm gonna' let it shine This little light of mine, I'm gonna' let it shine This little light of mine, I'm gonna' let it shine Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

Children are dismissed for Children's Church.

WORD

FIRST READING: Malachi 4:1-2a

¹ See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch

^{2a} But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

A: Word of God. Word of Life. C: Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY: Psalm 98 (read responsively)

- ¹ Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things, whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.
- ² O LORD, you have made known your victory, you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.
- ³ You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

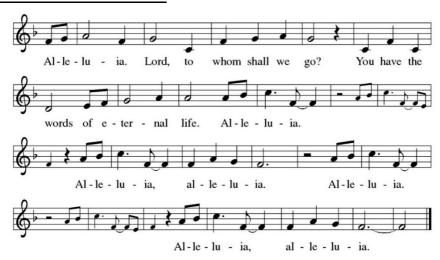
- ⁴ Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- ⁵ Sing to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.
 - ⁶ With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the king, the LORD.
 - ⁷ Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who dwell therein.
- 8 Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to judge the earth.
 - ⁹ The LORD will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

⁶ Now we command you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from every brother or sister living irresponsibly and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷ For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not irresponsible when we were with you, 8 and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day so that we might not burden any of you. 9 This was not because we do not have that right but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰ For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: anyone unwilling to work should not eat. 11 For we hear that some of you are living irresponsibly, mere busybodies, not doing any work. 12 Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right. A: Word of God. Word of Life. C: Thanks be to God.

The assembly rises in body or spirit to welcome the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

P: The holy gospel according to St. Luke 21:5-19

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵ When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, ⁶ "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

⁷ They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" ⁸ And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

⁹ "When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." ¹⁰ Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹ there will be great earthquakes and

in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

¹² "But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³ This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴ So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, 15 for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. 17 You will be hated by all because of my name. 18 But not a hair of your head will perish. 19 By your endurance you will gain your souls."

P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

The assembly rises in body or spirit to sing the Hymn of the Day.

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 597 My Hope is Built on Nothing Else



APOSTLES' CREED

A: In prayer and devotion, we confess our faith with the whole church.

C: 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.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Share the peace of Christ with one another by shaking hands or with a word or sign of Christ's peace.

The assembly is seated.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

A: God of roots and branches, defend the leaders of your church as they proclaim the gospel using discernment, wisdom, and brave testimony. We ask for protection for Christians being targeted for their faith in **Syria and Nigeria.** Keep all the baptized on righteous paths in response to Christ's call. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

A: 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. We pray for the people of **Sudan and Gaza** who are starving due to famine and war. Bring them aid through your ministers. Strengthen organizations who provide aid to any in crisis. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

A: 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. Make peace in places of conflict, especially **Ukraine**, **Iran**, **and the Holy Land**. We pray for the safety of first responders, those serving in the military, and those whose duty it is to protect others, especially **Anthony**, **Eli**, **Nathan**, **and Tyler**. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great**.

A: 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 Amanda, Barry, Bert, Bev, Carol, Carol, Crew, Donna, Drew, Ed, Emmett, Frieda, Hattie, Jason, Jenn, Jeryl, Jim, Joe, John, Joseph, Karen & Ed, Konnor, LaVonne, Lynn, Maggie, Mark, Michelle, Phil, Ruthann, Sandy, Sherry, Stan, Steve, Tami, Ted, and Wally. Hear us, O God. C: Your mercy is great.

A: 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. **C: Your mercy is great.**

A: God of every generation, we remember the saints with steadfast love and faithfulness, especially **Don Evans.** We thank you for **Elizabeth**, whom we *commemorate this week. Confident in Christ's victory over death, may we be inspired by the example of the faithful. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

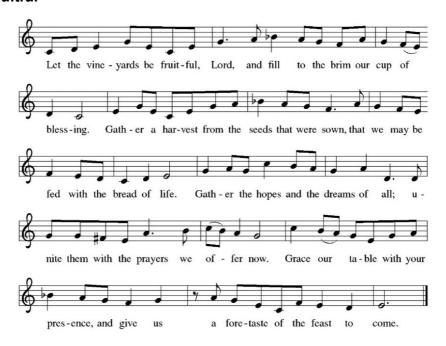
A: We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C: Amen.** *See announcements for commemorations.

MEAL

OFFERING your offering may be placed in the plate as it is passed. We thank all who support God's ministry here and in the world.

Stand as the offering is presented at the rail.

<u>PRESENTATION OF GIFTS:</u> ELW 182 Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful



OFFERING PRAYER

A: 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. **C: Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

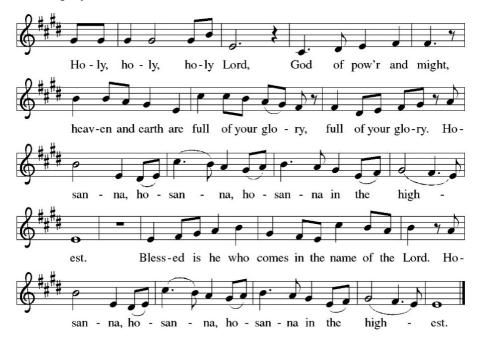
P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts. C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ: our Good Samaritan, who tends the wounds of body and spirit with the oil of consolation and the wine of hope. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



P: O God most mighty, O God most merciful, O God our rock and our salvation, hear us as we praise, call us to your table, grant us your life.

When the earth was a formless void, you formed order and beauty. When Abraham and Sarah were barren, you sent them a child; Ruth faced starvation, David fought Goliath, and the psalmists cried out for healing, and full of compassion, you granted the people your life.

In the night in which he was betrayed, 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.

Again, 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.

P: Remembering his death, we cry out Amen.

C: Amen.

P: Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen.

C: Amen.

P: Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen.

C: Amen.

P: O God, you are Breath: send your Spirit on this meal.

P: O God, you are Bread: feed us with yourself.

P: O God, you are Wine: warm our hearts and make us one.

P: O God our strength and our song, you show us a vision of a tree of life with fruits for all and leaves that heal the nations.

Grant us such life, the life of the Father to the Son, the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior, life in you, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

P. Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray as Jesus taught us.

C: 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. Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. 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

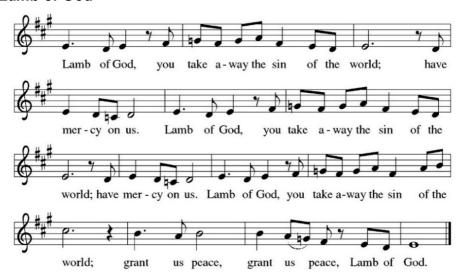
P: There is a place for you at the table of God. Come, receive the food that does not perish, a taste of life eternal. All are welcome.

C: Thanks be to God.

The assembly is seated.

Come, for Christ invites you. Communion today will be distributed at the altar rail (please stand or kneel, as you are comfortable), the ushers will direct you forward to receive the bread (which is glutenfree) and cup either wine (red) or grape juice (white).

Lamb of God

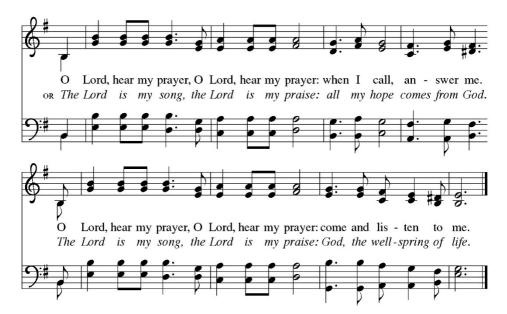


COMMUNION HYMNS

HYMN ELW 785 When Peace Like a River



HYMN ELW 751 O Lord, Hear My Prayer (sing 3 times)



The assembly rises in body or spirit at the invitation of the presiding minister.

COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in eternal life. **C: Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: 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. **C: Amen**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

SENDING BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. **C: Amen.**

SENDING HYMN ELW 723 Canticle of the Turning





AFFIRMATION OF CHRISTIAN VOCATION

P: Siblings in Christ, both your work and your rest are in God. Will you pattern your life on the Lord Jesus Christ in gratitude to God and service to others, all the days of your life?

C: I will, and I ask God to help me.

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance last week:

Saturday 14

Sunday 64 YouTube 7

Birthdays this week:

11/16 Everett Manthe 11/18 Shirley Richlen 11/19 Jay Brooks

Anniversaries this week:

11/20 Jerry & Yvonne Nichols 11/22 Zach & Kathy Melby

The flowers today are given by Shirley Richlen for her birthday.

<u>Today! – Service of Beginning Brunch:</u> Please join us after the service to celebrate Bryce's start of his internship period at Warburg Seminary.

Today! - Local Fall Event with Bishop Current

Bishop Current invites you to an in-person gathering from 2:00–4:00 PM centered on our Synod Assembly theme, *Spirit, Open our Hearts.*

Each event will include a time of worship, a presentation of the synod's annual report, guided conversation, and time for fellowship over coffee and dessert. Located at Faith Lutheran Church - 500 W. LeClaire Road, Eldridge, IA.

11/22 – No Saturday night service!

- <u>11/23 10:00 a.m. Setting 10 Service Music Run-Through!</u> The new Liturgical Year begins with the 1st week of Advent on November 30th! To mark the start of a new year, we are switching our Service Music from Setting 8 to Setting 10. We have used Setting 8 for the last 11 months and it's been great! Setting 10 was used in our worship prior to that for many, many years, so it should be familiar to many of you.
- <u>11/23 & 11/30 Picture Days for the Directory!</u> We are working on a new picture directory that will be available in 2026. Pictures will be taken in the office before and after the services. Contact the office at 563-355-4161 with any questions! No sign up required.
- <u>11/25 6:00 p.m. Pie Fest & Thanksgiving Service</u>! Sign-up sheet and additional information located in the Connections Corner of the Narthex.
- <u>12/7 Friendly Visitors' Christmas Project</u> Following the service, Friendly Visitors will be filling Christmas bags and delivering them! Contact Janene Anderson at 563-370-8710 for questions or more details!

<u>12/13 – Live Nativity</u> – Come join us for our Live Nativity! More info and sign up sheets to volunteer are located in the Connections Corner in the Narthex.

<u>Advent Readers</u> – There is a sign-up sheet for Advent Readers located in the Connections Corner in the Narthex.

We livestream our services on YouTube each week to help us worship together and stay connected even when we are not at full health or out of town!

Youtube Link: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzjngGF4g_QWtn_I2SqpL5Q

*COMMEMORATIONS

Elizabeth of Hungary, renewer of society, died 1231 Monday, November 17, 2025

Born in Hungary, Elizabeth was betrothed to the son of the Landgrave of Thuringia, and at age four was taken to be raised with him at the Wartburg Castle. Ten years later they were married. She was very generous to the poor, and after her husband's death she lived in cruel hardship until her own death at age twenty-four.

Worship Assistants

9:00 AM Worship

November 16

Presider Bryce Hewlett, SAM

Assisting Minister Tom Sladky

Reader Mary Meumann
Acolyte Velvet Collison
Organist: Linda Gross

Ushers Pat Larson & Caroline Hicks

Altar Guild Shirley Richlen & Terry Martens
Counters Shirley Richlen & Ellen Hogbin

Children's Church Angie Schmidt

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Prayers for Healing and Support

Congregational Members

Ed Arp, Lynn Chamberlain, Bev Chappen, Sherry Germanio, Sandy Henry, Frieda Houldsworth, Jeryl Krumbholz, Jim Krumbholz, Bert Leder, LaVonne Mienke, Mark Peters

Family and Friends

Amanda (friend of Melissa), Barry (cousin of Ellen Hogbin),
Carol (friend of Joleen & Erik Bakken), Carol (friend of Steve & Sue
Miller) Crew (Susie and Jeff Seitz' new grandson),

Donna (Ed Arp's sister),

Drew (Pat Larson's friend), Emmett (friend of Diana Worley),
Hattie (Frieda's sister), Jason (Lynn Chamberlain & Sherry Germanio's son), Jenn (family of Bryce/Kim & Gary/Eunice), Joe (Janene's son-in-law), John (Susie & Jeff Seitz' friend), Joseph (friend of Bryce & Kim),
Karen and Ed (Shirley's Aunt and Uncle),

Konnor (Bert Leder's grandson), Mark (friend of Jason Forari), Michelle (friend of Joleen & Erik Bakken), Phil (Steve Miller and Pat Sorensen's brother), Stan (relative of Fritz Voss), Steve (friend of Pat Larson) Tami (family of Maggie Bayliss), Ted (Ellen Hogbin's father-in-law), Wally (Frieda's nephew)

Those Whose Duty it is to Protect Others

Anthony Karasek (Judy Larson's great nephew)
CPT Eli Smith (Jerry and Myrna Mattly's grandson)
Nathan Pearson USAF (Jenna & Kane Schmidt's friend)
Tyler McLaughlin, First Responder (Family of Pat Larson)

In Memoriam Don Evans

If you have anyone who needs to be taken off or added, please notify the church office.

November / December 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9AM Worship	11/17	11/18 1PM Sarah Circle	6PM Choir Practice 6-8PM Food Pantry	9-11AM Food Pantry 11:30AM GANG 11AM Service at BHCC	11/21	No Saturday Service
8:30AM Choir Warm-up 9AM Worship	5:30PM Meal at Zion Lutheran	11/25 6PM Pie Fest 6:30PM Choir Warm-up 7PM Thanksgiving Service	11/26 6PM Confirmation Class 6-8PM Food Pantry	11/27 No Food Pantry Thanksgiving	11/28	9AM-12PM Women's Retreat 5PM Saturday Service
11/30	12/1	12/2	12/3	12/4	12/5	12/6
8:30AM Choir Warm-up 9AM Worship	4PM Social Ministry Mtg.		6-8PM Food Pantry	9-11AM Food Pantry 11AM Service at BHCC		5PM Saturday Service & Potluck
12/7	12/8	12/9	12/10	12/11	12/12	12/13
9AM Worship 10AM Friendly Visitors Christmas Bags	8AM Worship & Music Mtg.	4PM Property Mtg.	6PM Confirmation Class 6-8PM Food Pantry	9-11AM Food Pantry 1PM Finance Mtg.		Live Nativity – No Saturday Service!