First Lutheran Church

Avoca, Neb.



Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 8, 2026

8:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

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When it comes to matters of faith, there are a certain number of things about which we are—and must remain—uninformed: heaven, the resurrection, God's mysterious ways of fulfilling God's promises. But as to faith itself, you are not at all uninformed. For Jesus came, is coming, and will come again: for you. This God-Man is your faith and for you he died upon the cross, forgiving your sins; for you, he has risen back up to share with you his eternal life. What that life will look like, St. Paul gives us a glimpse. But indeed, it will be beyond all our information or imagining.

Gathering

Prelude

Announcements

Stand

Confession and Absolution		*NFC* pg. 2
Gathering Hymn	"*My Lord, What a Morning"*	*ELW* #438
Greeting		*NFC* pg. 2
Kyrie		*NFC* pg. 3
Canticle of Praise	*"Now the Feast"*	*NFC* pgs. 4-5
Salutation		*NFC* pg. 7

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray, together… **Trustworthy God, we give thanks that we are not uninformed about the justification you give us in Jesus Christ. Help us to know, trust, and behold your working of faith in our lives, that we may reflect your glory and love in all your creation. In Jesus's name. Amen.**

Sit

Word

First Lesson 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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Reading Psalm 70

[1] Be pleased, O God, to de- | liver 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 quick- | ly, O God.
You are my helper and my deliverer; O Lord, | do not tarry.

Second Lesson 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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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Gospel Acclamation *NFC* pg. 8

Gospel Matthew 25:1-13

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[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."

The Gospel of Our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Time		
Sermon	"Not Uninformed"	Pastor Adam
Hymn of the Day	*"All Glory Be to God on High"*	*ELW* #410
Apostles' Creed		*NFC* pg. 9

Prayers of the People…. God in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Peace

Sit

Meal

Offering		
Offertory Hymn	*"As the Grains of Wheat"*	*NFC* pg. 10
Offering prayer		*NFC* pg. 11
Great Thanksgiving		*NFC* pg. 11
Preface for Sundays		
Holy, Holy, Holy		*NFC* pgs. 11-12
Words of Institution		
Eucharistic Acclamation 2		*NFC* pg. 12
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Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ		*NFC* pg. 13
The Lord's Prayer		*NFC* pg. 13

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Distribution Hymns

"Lamb of God"	*NFC* pg. 14
"Peace Like a River"	*ELW* #785
"Blessed Assurance"	*ELW* #638
"We Come to the Hungry Feast"	*ELW* #479

Post-Communion Blessing		*NFC* pg. 14
Post-Communion Hymn	*"Thanks Be to You"*	*NFC* pg. 1

Prayer after Communion

Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Nunc Dimittis

Now, Lord, let your servant depart in peace: your Word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of all people: a light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel.

Sending

Benediction		*NFC* pg. 16
Sending Song	*"Soon and Very Soon"*	*ELW* #439
Sending		*NFC* pg. 16
Postlude		

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On the cover: *The Ecstasy of Saint Paul* (1643) by Nicolas Poussin (French, 1594-1665)

Upcoming commemorations: **Nov. 11, Martin, Bishop of Tours, (316 or 336-397):** Born in present-day Hungary, Martin was enlisted in the Roman army by his pagan father. Exposed to the Gospel during his military service, Martin was approached by a beggar and cut his cloak in half and gave part to the man, whom he later understood as representing Christ. Martin asked to leave the army, but was jailed instead. After his release, he became a preacher, and later a bishop in present-day Tours, France. Martin Luther, born Nov. 10, was named for this Martin. **Nov. 11, Søren Aabye Kierkegaard, teacher, (1813-1855),** Kierkegaard was a Danish theologian whose writings gave rise to the modern philosophy of existentialism. He frequently attacked the complacency of the state church of his day, as well as its desire to be accepted by polite society rather than be a stumbling block to power and wealth.

Prayers of the People

Thanksgiving

For our missionaries in Peru, Jared & Emma Redding, who are concluding their work there and preparing to return to the U.S.

Current requests



Bob Noerrlinger… preparing for a surgical procedure.
Shelly Menghini… recovering after a brief hospitalization.
Autumn Behling… home and recovering after hospitalization.
LeRoy Carlson… recuperating at home after a hospital stay.
Ariel Gartner… preparing for diagnostic procedures.
Colton Gartner… preparing for shoulder surgery.
Troy Menghini… recovering after a stroke.
Kristi Speaker… recovering after cancer surgery.
Bob Knake… recovering after a fall and a broken vertebra.
Rick Hein (father of Jon Hein)… recovering after surgery.
Amy Babirad (cousin of Diane Reuss & Vicki Kirchhoff)… undergoing treatment for non-Hodgkins lymphoma.
Bruce Stubbendick… for continued healing and strength.

Ongoing requests

Michele Mueller… undergoing cancer treatment.
Our members … at skilled nursing facilities: **Carol Berner** at Falls City Nursing & Rehabilitation, **Linda Brockhoff** at Cedarhurst Senior Living in Lincoln, **Harold Ehmke** and **Ruby Lutjemeyer** at Good Samaritan Center in Syracuse, **Fae Haveman, Jan Knake,** and **Margaret Stubbendick** at Linden View in Syracuse, **Alvina Blaikie** and **Tom Thompson** at Morton Senior Living in Nebraska City, and **Steve Schutz** at Beatrice Health & Rehabilitation.

Pastor	Rev. Adam J. Klinker
Accompanist	Jan Niebuhr
Altar Servers, 8:15	(+)
Altar Servers, 10:30	(+)
Ushers, 8:15	Phil & Amy Graham
Ushers, 10:30	Becca Berner Hadyn Berner
Lay Readers	(8:15), (10:30)
Communion Assistants	(8:15), (10:30)
Missionaries to Peru	Jared & Emma Redding