St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church

Holstein, IA *November 8, 2026* *9:00 a.m.*

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Today the prophet Amos calls for justice to roll down like waters. Paul urges us to encourage one another with the promised coming of the Lord. Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. Surrounded by the faithful of every time and place, we celebrate Christ's coming in our midst in the word of life.

GATHER

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Confession & Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our dwelling place for all generations,
whose compassion never slumbers.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection

Holy God,
we confess that we have trusted in our preparation
instead of your invitation.
We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved.
We trust the voice of our shame and fear, which keeps us from
entering fully into relationship with you and others.
We are not awake to the coming of your reign.
Rouse us and rescue us, that we may enter into your joy.
Amen.

Inherit the riches of God's grace.
☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.
You are forgiven.
Blessed are you.
Amen.

Opening Hymn ***Come, We That Love the Lord*** #625

Greeting

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

Prayer of the Day

O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

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.**

Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16

12 Wisdom is radiant and unfading,
and she is easily discerned by those who love her
and is found by those who seek her.

13 She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her.
14 One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty,
for she will be found sitting at the gate.

15 To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding,
and one who is vigilant on her account
will soon be free from care,

16 because she goes about seeking those worthy of her,
and she graciously appears to them in their paths
and meets them in every thought.

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.

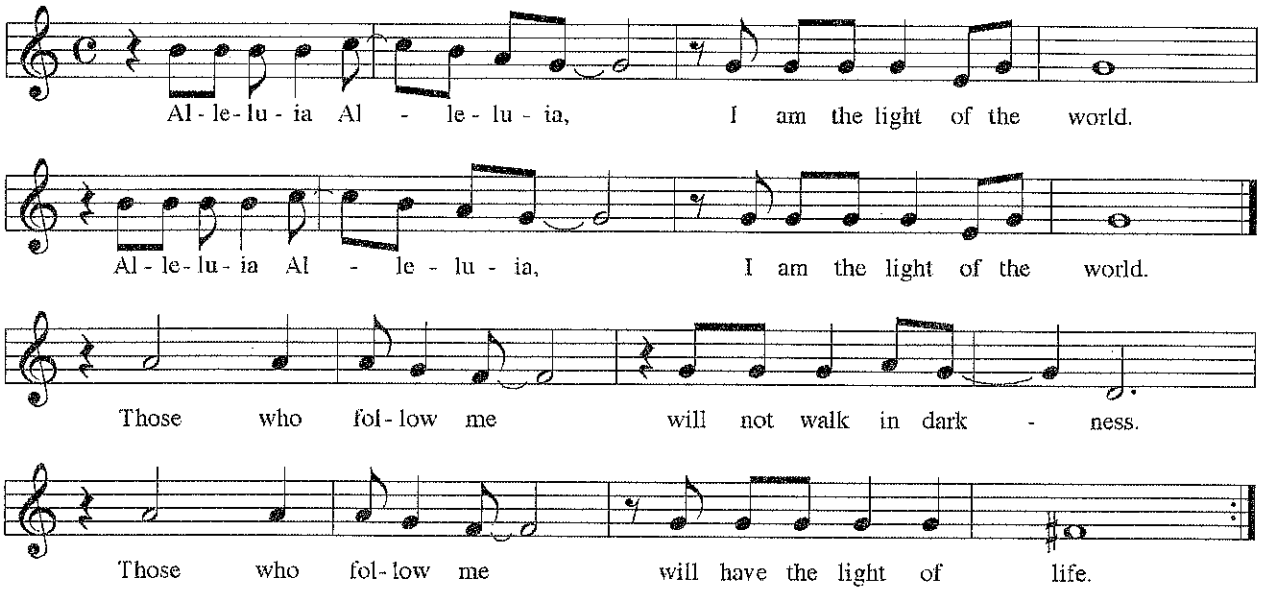
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Children's Message

Gospel Acclamation

ALLELUIA

Larry Olson



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Matthew 25:1-13

The Holy Gospel according to 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 the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Message Vicar Millie Anderson

Hymn of the Day ***Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers*** #244

Statement of Faith

We believe in God, the Creator of the universe and the source of all goodness and love.

We believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who is both human and holy. He was crucified, died, and was buried for our sin that we might be free and know the joy of life. He was raised on the third day and ascended to heaven. He will come again in power and glory to judge both the living and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the power of God at work inside of us. We believe the church of God is the people of faith throughout the world. We believe our sin is forgiven and we will live together with God for now and throughout eternity. Amen.

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RESPONSE

Sharing the Peace

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

Children's Offering / Offering

Musical Offering ~ Great is Thy Faithfulness

Offering Prayer

Eternal God, our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Prayers of the People

Hear Our Prayer
Prayer Response



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Lord's Prayer

**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; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and 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.**

SENDING

Blessing

The holy Trinity,
Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God,
today and always.
Amen.

Closing Song ***Drawn to the Light*** #593

Dismissal

Go in peace. Encourage one another.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude



Keep awake

Worship Participants

Ministers:	All the members
Vicar:	Emily Anderson
DYME:	Jim & Kris Kistenmacher
Organist:	Sharen Borchers
Pianist:	Kris Kistenmacher
Lector:	Amy Bisenius
Deacons:	Marvin Todd and Reuben De La O
Greeter:	Barb Stratton
Acolytes:	Kelby Butcher and Oliver Todd
Special Music:	Sounds of Celebration Handbell Choir
Sound & Video:	Randy & Kathy Vollmar
Coffee Hosts:	Amy & Adam Bisenius
	Joy & Kelby Wulf

St. Paul Church Calendar

SUNDAY, November 8 ~ 24th Sunday After Pentecost

9:00 AM	Worship
10:00 AM	Sunday School
10:00 AM	Coffee & Fellowship
10:00 AM	6th Grade Nativity Set Glazing in Chapel

WEDNESDAY, November 11

5:00 PM	LOGOS ~ *"God Bless America"*
6:30 PM	*All Veterans invited to LOGOS Family Meal Time!*

FRIDAY, November 13

11:00 AM	Private Kitchen / Fellowship Hall Rental

SUNDAY, November 15 ~ 25th Sunday After Pentecost

9:00 AM	Worship with Holy Communion
10:00 AM	Sunday School
10:00 AM	Coffee & Fellowship

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