

SUNDAY- NOVEMBER 16TH, 2025 -9:00 AM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF MT. HOREB

*A family in faith, reaching out to share in God's love
with all people.*

WELCOMING WORD

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."



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, November 16, 2025 | 23rd Sunday after Pentecost | 9:00 AM
(+ = stand if able; L = Leader / **C** = **Congregation**)

PRELUDE Diane Dangerfield

+CONGREGATIONAL HYMN #886 *Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*
(vs. 1, 2, 4, 6)

+CONFESSIONS AND FORGIVENESS

L: In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

L: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

L: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

L: Faithful God,

**C: You have shown us the ways of your heart, yet we stray from your paths. We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression and do not embrace the freedom of your faithful promises. We ignore our neighbors. We exploit the earth. We reject your abundance, trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love. Repair our relationships, restore what we have broken, renew our hearts, and bring us to new life.
Amen.**

L: 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.

GREETING

+KYRIE pg. 138

+HYMN OF PRAISE pg. 140 *"This is the feast ..."*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: 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.

C: Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL SONGS *Blessed Be Your Name
You Are So Good to Me*

SCRIPTURE READINGS

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.

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.

+ACCLAMATION (pg. 142)

(sing) Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

+L: The Gospel according to Luke, Chapter 21

+C: Glory to you, O Lord

GOSPEL

Luke 21:5-19

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. "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.”

+L: The Gospel of the Lord

+C: Praise to you, O Christ

SENIOR CHOIR ANTHEM *Soon and Very Soon*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Reverend Kurt Billings

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+CONGREGATIONAL HYMN #713 *O God of Every Nation*
(*This is a new hymn for us, so you may wish to follow the music in the hymnal.*)

+NICENE CREED pg. 104

+THE PRAYERS pg. 143

The leader concludes each petition with the words:

“Lord in your mercy...”

The people respond: Hear our prayer.”

+SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING PRAISE TEAM *Your Love, Oh Lord*

+OFFERTORY #182 *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*

+OFFERING PRAYER

+THE GREAT THANKSGIVING pg. 144

+WORDS OF INSTITUTION

+THE LORD'S PRAYER pg. 145 (right hand column)

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN #423 *Shall We Gather at the River*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

COMMUNITY WORD

+BLESSING

+CONGREGATIONAL HYMN #536 *God Be with You Till We Meet Again*

+DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Share the harvest.

C: Thanks be to God.

**“I am God’s child, deserving of love and respect, and God
will use me to change the world.”**

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which are passed during offering.*

DEVOTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 16, 2025

SHARE: What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

READ: Read the daily readings to deepen your understanding:

Monday, Psalm 141, Prayer for Preservation

Tuesday, 1 Corinthians 10:23-11:1, All for the Glory of God

Wednesday, Ezekiel 43:1-12, Glory Returns to the Temple

Thursday, Psalm 46, Be Still and Know

Friday, 1 Peter 1:3-9, A Living Hope

Saturday, Luke 18:15-17, Jesus Blesses Little Children

TALK: Consider some of these ideas:

*⁸And 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." --
Luke 21:8*

As history moves toward God's fulfillment there will be frightening signs and events. Before the end, believers will draw strength from their relationship to God and will be given the words they need to testify and to endure without fear.

- What's your understanding of or vision of the coming "day of the Lord," the day of judgement? Does it concern you? Why or why not? (Mal 4:1)
- Today, I want to sing and make some joyful noise about... (Psa 98)
- When have you felt worn out or discouraged by "doing what is right?" (2 Thess 3:6)
- As a person of faith, how do you explain and respond to tragedies, natural and human-made disasters, wars and other troubling occurrences in the world? (Luke 21:5)

PRAY: 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.

BLESS: The God of peace, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always. Amen.