

SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 9TH, 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

We worship on the first day of the week because Jesus was raised on that day. Every Sunday is a little Easter. This Sunday feels more like Easter than many as the appointed texts celebrate the reality of the resurrection. Live it up this Lord's day. Our God is the God of the living.



WE WELCOME ALL TO ELC!

Everyone. Without exception. Regardless of race, ethnicity, gender expression, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, faith traditions, physical or mental abilities, financial resources, family status, or personal struggles. We are committed to being an anti-racist community. By the power of the Holy Spirit, we will work to extend God's grace, love, justice, and dignity.

You belong here. Your story and your life are valuable.

In Christ's love, we welcome you.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, November 9, 2025 | 22nd Sunday after Pentecost | 9:00 AM

(+ = stand if able; L = Leader / C = Congregation)

PRELUDE Diane Dangerfield

+CONGREGATIONAL HYMN #834 *Immortal, Invisible (vs. 1, 2, 4)*

+CONFESSIONS AND FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

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. 139 *"Glory to God in the Highest..."*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: O God, our eternal redeemer, by the presence of your Spirit you renew and direct our hearts. Keep always in our mind the end of all things and the day of judgment. Inspire us for a holy life here, and bring us to the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL SONGS *My Redeemer Lives*
God of Wonders

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Job 19:23-27a

²³ "O that my words were written down! O that they were inscribed in a book! ²⁴ O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock forever! ²⁵ For I know that my vindicator lives and that in the end he will stand upon the earth; ²⁶ and after my skin has been destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God, ^{27a} whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another."

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

¹ As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, ² not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. ³ Let no one deceive you in any way, for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. ⁴ He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. ⁵ Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you? ¹³ But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. ¹⁴ For this purpose he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵ So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter. ¹⁶ Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, ¹⁷ comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

+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 20

+C: Glory to you, O Lord

GOSPEL

Luke 20:27-38

²⁷ Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to [Jesus] ²⁸ and asked him a question: "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. ²⁹ Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless; ³⁰ then the second ³¹ and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. ³² Finally the woman also died. ³³ In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her." ³⁴ Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage, ³⁵ but those who

are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage.³⁶ Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection.³⁷ And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.³⁸ Now he is God not of the dead but of the living, for to him all of them are alive.”

+L: The Gospel of the Lord

+C: Praise to you, O Christ

SENIOR CHOIR ANTHEM *Blessed Assurance*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Pastor Karen Hofstad

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+CONGREGATIONAL HYMN #781 *Children of the Heavenly Father*

LITANY FOR VETERANS (Insert)

+APOSTLES' CREED pg. 105

+THE PRAYERS (pg. 143)

SHARING OF THE PEACE

BENEVOLENCE

OFFERING PRAISE TEAM *Cornerstone*

+OFFERTORY #186 *“Create in me....”*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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

COMMUNITY WORD *Transition Team*

+BLESSING

L: The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you, God the Son save you, and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead. The holy Trinity bless you and grant you a faithful and courageous heart now and forever.

C: Amen.

+CONGREGATIONAL HYMN #547 *Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

+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 9, 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.