ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

LOVE JESUS, GROW IN FAITH, SERVE OUR NEIGHBORS

Galesville, WI (608) 582-2818

November 15th, 2026

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor Joe Iverson

Music: Nancy Martinovici

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, beloved children of God, and gather in the presence of the One who calls us by name.
We come to seek God's wisdom, grace, and truth.
In every generation, God has been at work, teaching and guiding the hearts of God's people.
We give thanks for those who have shared faith with us and pointed us toward Christ.
In a world filled with many voices, we turn again to Jesus, our Savior and our source of life.
We come to worship the living God, whose truth endures forever. AMEN

GATHERING HYMN *All Are Welcome* *#641*

WORSHIP NOTES FOR GUESTS

NOISY OFFERING — *G.E.T Food Pantry*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

This Little Light of Mine (as kids walk to Sunday School) #677 v. 1

CONFESSION & WORDS OF FORGIVENESS
Silence left for reflection and self-examination

…Let us pray...God of grace,
We confess that we have missed the mark, falling short of the people you call us to be. You give us what we need each day, yet too often we forget to give thanks.

You fill our lives with blessings—the sunrise, safe housing, clean water, and so much more—yet we often stop noticing. Like Jonah, we sometimes run from where you are calling us to go. And still, you remain steadfast, in Grace and love.

Hear our prayer, we lift to you. Wash us in the waters of your grace.
Renew our hearts, and help us find the life you are calling us into together,
In Jesus name, Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

...and share the same grace with one another. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

1 Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything
written to you. 2 For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in
the night. 3 When they say, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon
them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! 4 But you, brothers
and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; 5 for you are all children of
light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. 6 So, then, let us not fall asleep
as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober, 7 for those who sleep sleep at night, and those
who are drunk get drunk at night. 8 But since we belong to the day, let us be sober and put on the
breastplate of faith and love and for a helmet the hope of salvation. 9 For God has destined us not
for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 who died for us, so that
whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. 11 Therefore encourage one another and
build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12

1 Lord, you have been our dwelling place
in all generations.
2 Before the mountains were brought forth
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
3 You turn us back to dust and say, “Turn back, you mortals.”
4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past
or like a watch in the night.
5 You sweep them away; they are like a dream,
like grass that is renewed in the morning;
6 in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.
7 For we are consumed by your anger;
by your wrath we are overwhelmed.
8 You have set our iniquities before you,
our secret sins in the light of your countenance
9 For all our days pass away under your wrath;
our years come to an end like a sigh.
10 The days of our life are seventy years or perhaps eighty, if we are strong;
even then their span is only toil and trouble;
they are soon gone, and we fly away.
11 Who considers the power of your anger?
Your wrath is as great as the fear that is due you.
12 So teach us to count our days
that we may gain a wise heart.

Word of God, word of life,
Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE LESSON **Matthew 6:25-34**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew,
Glory to you O Lord.

25 "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your
body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? 26 Look
at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly
Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? 27 Can any one of you by
worrying add a single hour to your life?

28 "And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not
labor or spin. 29 Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one
of these. 30 If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and
tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? 31 So
do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'
32 For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need
them. 33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to
you as well. 34 Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself.
Each day has enough trouble of its own.

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you O Christ

SERMON

Stewardship Series**:** *Generosity is Our Response to God's Goodness*

HYMN OF THE DAY *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant* #659

OCC Update & Blessing

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please respond to "Lord in your Mercy" with "Hear Our Prayer"

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN *Let All Things Now Living* #881 v.1

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY pg. 144

STORY OF COMMUNION

LORD'S PRAYER SONG

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMNS *Let Us Break Bread Together* #471
Will You Come and Follow Me? *#798*
Instrumental music on the piano

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING HYMN *The Lord Now Sends Us Forth* *#538*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* #884

SENDING

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord,
Thanks be to God, Amen.

INVITIATION TO PANCAKE BREAKFAST

POSTLUDE