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23rd Sunday after Pentecost November 16, 2025 Service Supplement



Collect of the Day

O Lord, almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may live and abide forever in Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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HYMN OF INVOCATION

595 O Blessed Spring (Hymn of the Month—see back page)



1 O bless-ed spring, where Word and sign Em - brace us
 2 Through sum-mer heat of youth-ful years, Un - cer - tain
 3 When au-tumn cools and youth is cold, When limbs their
 4 As win - ter comes, as win - ters must, We breathe our
 5 Christ, ho - ly Vine, Christ, liv - ing Tree, Be praised for



in - to Christ the Vine: Here Christ en - joins each one to
 faith, re - bel - lious tears, Sus - tained by Christ's in - fus - ing
 heav - y har - vest hold, Then through us, warm, the Christ will
 last, re - turn to dust; Still held in Christ, our souls take
 this blest mys - ter - y: That Word and wa - ter thus re -



be A branch of this life - giv - ing Tree.
 rain, The boughs will shout for joy a - gain.
 move With gifts of beau - ty, wis - dom, love.
 wing And trust the prom - ise of the spring.
 vive And join us to Your Tree of Life.

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Psalm 98; antiphon: v. 9b (Spoken Responsively)

He will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.

**¹Oh sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvelous things!**

**His right hand and his holy arm
have worked salvation for him.**

²The LORD has made known his salvation;
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the na-
tions.

**³He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel.**

**All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.**

⁴Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

**⁵Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody!**

⁶With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!

**⁷Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
the world and those who dwell in it!**

⁸Let the rivers clap their hands;
let the hills sing for joy together

**⁹before the LORD, for he comes
to judge the earth.**

**He will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

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and the peoples with equity.

Old Testament Reading: Malachi 4:1-6

¹ "For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ²But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. ³And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the LORD of hosts.

⁴"Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and just decrees that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel.

⁵"Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. ⁶And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction."

Spirit Ringers

Fairest Lord Jesus

Epistle: 2 Thessalonians 3:1-13

¹Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored, as happened among you, ²and that we may be delivered from wicked and evil men. For not all have faith. ³But the Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you against the evil one. ⁴And we have confidence in the Lord about you, that you are doing and will do the things that we command. ⁵May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ.

⁶Now we command you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from any brother who is walking in idleness and not in accord with the tradition that you received from us. ⁷For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with

toil and labor we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you. ⁹It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate.

¹⁰For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat.

¹¹For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. ¹²Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.

¹³As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good.

Holy Gospel: St. Luke 21:5-36

⁵While some were speaking of the temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, [Jesus] said, ⁶"As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down." ⁷And they asked him, "Teacher, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?" ⁸And he said, "See that you are not led astray. For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is at hand!' Do not go after them. ⁹And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not be at once."

¹⁰Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. ¹¹There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. ¹²But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name's sake.

¹³This will be your opportunity to bear witness. ¹⁴Settle it therefore in your minds not to meditate beforehand how to answer, ¹⁵for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict.

¹⁶You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and

relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death.¹⁷ You will be hated by all for my name's sake.¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish.¹⁹ By your endurance you will gain your lives.

²⁰"But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has come near.²¹ Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, and let those who are inside the city depart, and let not those who are out in the country enter it,²² for these are days of vengeance, to fulfill all that is written.²³ Alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! For there will be great distress upon the earth and wrath against this people.²⁴ They will fall by the edge of the sword and be led captive among all nations, and Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

²⁵"And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves,²⁶ people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken.²⁷ And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.²⁸ Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

²⁹And he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree, and all the trees.³⁰ As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near.³¹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near.³² Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place.³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴"But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap.³⁵ For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth.³⁶ But stay

awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

HYMN OF THE DAY

508 The Day Is Surely Drawing Near



1 The day is sure - ly draw - ing near When Je - sus, God's a - noint - ed,
 2 The fi - nal trum - pet then shall sound And all the earth be shak - en,
 3 The books are o - pened then to all, A rec - ord tru - ly tell - ing
 5 My Sav - ior paid the debt I owe And for my sin was smit - ten;
 7 O Je - sus Christ, do not de - lay, But has - ten our sal - va - tion;



In all His pow - er shall ap - pear As judge whom God ap -
 And all who rest be - neath the ground Shall from their sleep a -
 What each has done, both great and small, When he on earth was
 With - in the Book of Life I know My name has now been
 We of - ten trem - ble on our way In fear and trib - u -



point - ed. Then fright shall ban - ish i - dle mirth, And flames on
 wak - en. But all who live will in that hour, By God's al -
 dwell - ing, And ev - 'ry heart be clear - ly seen, And all be
 writ - ten. I will not doubt, for I am free, And Sa - tan
 la - tion. O hear and grant our fer - vent plea: Come, might - y



flames shall rav - age earth As Scrip - ture long has warned us.
 might - y, bound - less pow'r, Be changed at His com - mand - ing.
 known as they have been In thoughts and words and ac - tions.
 can - not threat - en me; There is no con - dem - na - tion!
 judge, and set us free From death and ev - 'ry e - vil.

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DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

809 Great Is Thy Faithfulness



1 Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest,
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee.
Sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;



Thou chang - est not: Thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;
Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,



As Thou hast been, Thou for - ev - er wilt be.
To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness!



Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;



All I have need - ed Thy hand hath pro - vid - ed;



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

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509 Christ Is Surely Coming



1 Christ is sure - ly com - ing Bring - ing His re - ward,
2 See the ho - ly cit - y! There they en - ter in,
3 Grace be with God's peo - ple! Praise His ho - ly name!



Al - pha and O - me - ga, First and Last and Lord:
All by Christ made ho - ly, Washed from ev - 'ry sin:
Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, Ev - er - more the same;



Root and Stem of Da - vid, Bril - liant Morn - ing Star;
Thirst - y ones, de - sir - ing All He loves to give,
Hear the cer - tain prom - ise From the e - ter - nal home:



Meet your Judge and Sav - ior, Na - tions near and far!
Come for liv - ing wa - ter, Free - ly drink, and live!
"Sure - ly I come quick - ly! Come, Lord Je - sus, come!"

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HYMN TO DEPART

513 The Clouds of Judgment Gather



1 The clouds of judg - ment gath - er, The
2 A - rise, O true dis - ci - ples; Let
3 The home of fade - less splen - dor, Of
4 Oh, hap - py, ho - ly por - tion, Re -



time is grow - ing late; Be so - ber and be
wrong give way to right, And pen - i - ten - tial
blooms that bear no thorn, Where they shall dwell as
lief for all dis - tressed, True vi - sion of true



watch - ful, Our judge is at the gate:
shad - ow To Je - sus' bless - ed light:
chil - dren Who here as ex - iles mourn;
beau - ty, Re - fresh - ment for the blest!



The judge who comes in mer - cy, The
The light that has no eve - ning, That
The peace of all the faith - ful, The
Strive now to win that glo - ry, Toil



judge who comes in might To put an end to
knows no moon or sun, The light so new and
calm of all the blest, In - vi - o - late, un -
now to gain that light; Send hope a - head to



e - vil And di - a - dem the right.
gold - en, The light that is but one.
fad - ing, Di - vin - est, sweet - est, best.
grasp it Till hope be lost in sight.

Pastor – Rev. Robert Harmon
Organist – Mark Elmshauser
Praise Team – Nancy McWhirter, director (11)
Spirit Ringers – Kristi Bower, director
Elders – Monty Schrandt (9), Keith Einspahr (11)
Ushers – Dennis Opl
Greeter – Devonnie Domineck (9 & 11)
Altar Guild – Doris Kilgore, Karen Sprengel



The altar flowers are given by Kathy Meyer in celebration of Caryl's 95th birthday.

Offerings may be left in the plates as you leave (located on either side of the fireplace), mailed to Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 11453 E Wesley Ave, Aurora, CO 80014, or you may give online at <https://mtolc.org>.

This Week

11/16 Sunday	9 AM	Traditional Worship
	10 AM	Coffee, Sunday School and Bible Study
	11 AM	Contemporary Worship
	12 PM	Men's Bible Study
	12:15 PM	Confirmation
11/18 Tuesday	1 PM	Praise Team
11/19 Wed.	10 AM	Bible Talk
	11:30 AM	Young at Heart
	5 PM	Chamber Ensemble
	6 PM	Bel Canto
	7 PM	Chancel Choir
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See The Loop for a complete list of activities and details at mtolc.org

Hymn of the Month

November's hymn of the month is Lutheran Service Book (LSB) #595 – *O Blessed Spring*. The text was written by Susan Palo Cherwien (1953-2021), a freelance writer and musician. Her numerous hymn texts appear in denominational hymnals in the United States, Canada, and Europe. The poetic structure of the text traces the four seasons as a metaphor of the baptismal life from baptismal birth to death. The first stanza begins with the "blessed spring", the season of Easter and the "Word and sign" (sign understood in term of "sacrament" i.e. Baptism). Stanza 2 progresses to youthful summer with all its uncertainties, doubts, and rebellions, nonetheless sustained by Christ's gracious "infusing rain", which is a reference to the daily dying and rising worked by the baptismal Word. Stanza 3 moves to the shorter days of autumn when the heat of youth has cooled but the fruitful harvest of beauty, wisdom, and love is revealed in a seasoned, mature faith. Stanza 4 brings us to the death of winter, when, through faith, we are still able to know the "promise of the spring", namely the Word and sign of Baptism. The final stanza is a song of praise to Christ for the gift of Holy Baptism, the water and the Word that joins us to Christ's tree of life, meaning His death on the cross.

The tune used for this hymn is called O WALY, WALY, an English folksong from an unidentified composer. The name is Scots for "Oh woe! woe!" and is taken from a ballad beginning "O waly, waly, up the bank".

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