



...for you are all children of light and children of the day;
we are not of the night or of darkness.
1 Thessalonians 5:5

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 19, 2017

10:30 A.M.

Our readings during November speak of the end times. Zephaniah proclaims that the coming day of the Lord will be filled with wrath and distress. Paul says it will come like a thief in the night and urges us to be awake and sober. Jesus tells the parable of the talents, calling us to use our gifts, while we still have time, for the greater and common good. In a world filled with violence and despair, we gather around signs of hope – word, water, bread and wine – eager to welcome the good news of Christ’s coming among us.

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by proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ through
worship, witness, education, service and fellowship.*

HOLY COMMUNION

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) Setting Four

✠ GATHERING ✠

WELCOME

ACCLAMATION

Bruce Tippet

Alleluia. Abide in me as I abide in you;
those who abide in me bear much fruit. Alleluia.

OPENING VOLUNTARY Largo *from* Trio Sonata II

Johann Sebastian Bach

We stand.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

In the name of the Father,
and of the ✠ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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.

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us.**

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.**

Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy,
loved us even when we were dead in sin,
and made us alive together with Christ.

By grace we have been saved.

In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ,
our sins are forgiven.

Almighty God strengthen us with power through the Holy Spirit,
that Christ may live in our hearts through faith.

Amen.

The assembly turns to face the cross as it enters the sanctuary, following the cross as we have followed Jesus into this holy place and time of corporate worship.

GATHERING HYMN 327 Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow

EBENEZER

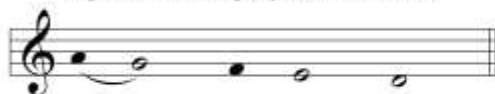
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



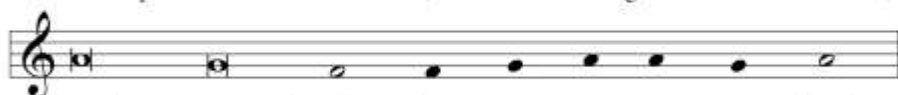
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-va-tion, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain
Assisting minister

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All

1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us

free to be peo-ple of God, Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and-

strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the

hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and

might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

Final Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be-

gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. *A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

After the prayer the assembly responds: **Amen.**

We sit.

✠ WORD ✠

ANTHEM Go, My Children, With My Blessing
Jubilate Choir and Lobchor

arr. Bruce Tippet

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Wollner

FIRST READING Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is at hand; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm." Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the LORD's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

The word of the Lord. *The assembly responds:* **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 90:1-12



- ¹Lord, you have | been our refuge
from one generation | to another.
- ²Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the | earth were born,
from age to age | you are God.
- ³You turn us back to the | dust and say,
“Turn back, O child- | ren of earth.”
- ⁴For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when | it is past
and like a watch | in the night;
- ⁵you sweep them away | like a dream,
they fade away suddenly | like the grass:
- ⁶in the morning it is | green and flourishes;
in the evening it is dried | up and withered.
- ⁷For we are consumed | by your anger;
we are afraid because | of your wrath.
- ⁸Our iniquities you have | set before you,
and our secret sins in the light | of your countenance.
- ⁹When you are angry, all our | days are gone;
we bring our years to an end | like a sigh.
- ¹⁰The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength | even eighty;
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly
and | we are gone.
- ¹¹Who regards the power | of your wrath?
Who rightly fears your | indignation?
- ¹²So teach us to num- | ber our days
that we may apply our | hearts to wisdom.

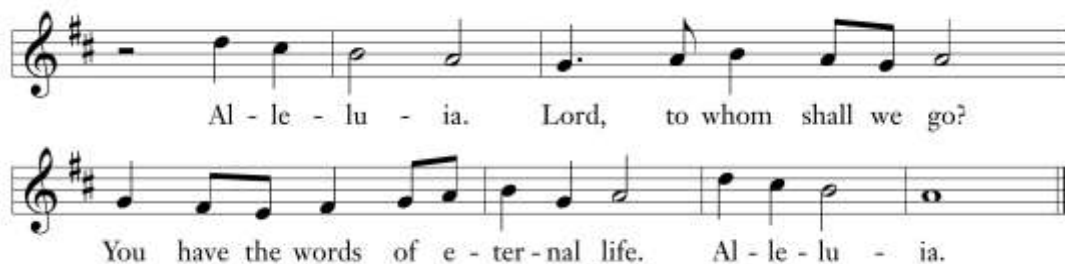
SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. 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! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. 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. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

The word of the Lord. *The assembly responds:* **Thanks be to God.**

We stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL Matthew 25:14-30

The holy gospel according to Saint Matthew.



[Jesus said to the disciples:] “For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

The Gospel of the Lord.



We sit.

SERMON

Pastor Wollner

We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY 618 Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

CWM RHONDDA

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

As your people open to and united by the transformative work of the Holy Spirit in this time and place, we gather as one community in prayer for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

The congregation responses after each petition: **Be in our midst.**

God of All, hear the pleas from the souls of your children through Jesus Christ, our savior and Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say Peace be with you or similar words.

We sit.

✠ MEAL ✠

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM All Things Bright and Beautiful

Richard Webster

Refrain:

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.

Each little flow'r that opens, each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colors, he made their tiny wings. *Refrain*

The purple-headed mountain, the river running by,
The sunset, and the morning that brightens up the sky. *Refrain*

The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden, he made them ev'ry one. *Refrain*

He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

How great is God Almighty, who has made all things well. *Refrain*

Adult Choir, Jubilate Choir, Lobchor

We stand.

OFFERTORY HYMN



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord and fill to the brim our cup of
bles-sing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble
with your pres-ence and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

Let us pray.

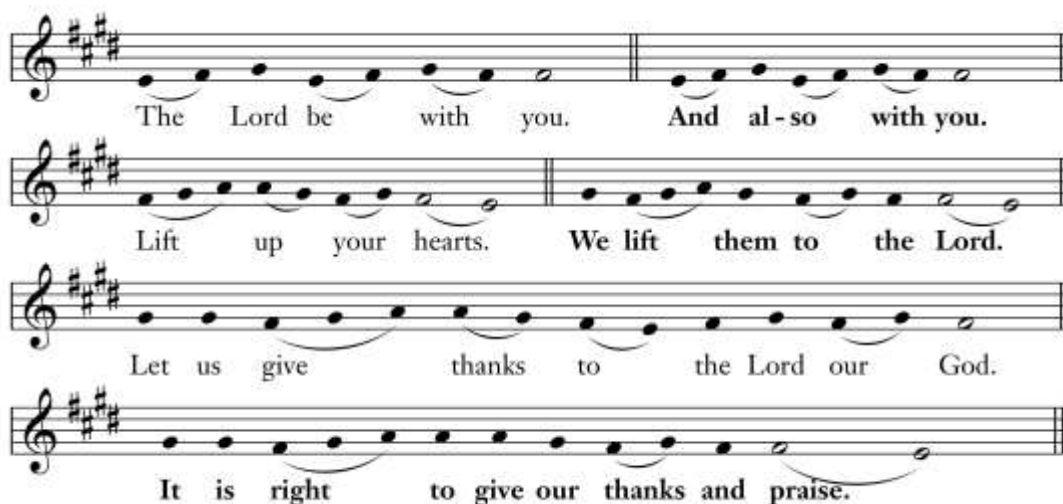
**Blessed are you, O God,
maker of all things.**

**Through your goodness
you have blessed us with these gifts:
our selves, our time, and our possessions.**

**Use us, and what we have gathered,
in feeding the world with your love,
through the one who gave himself for us,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

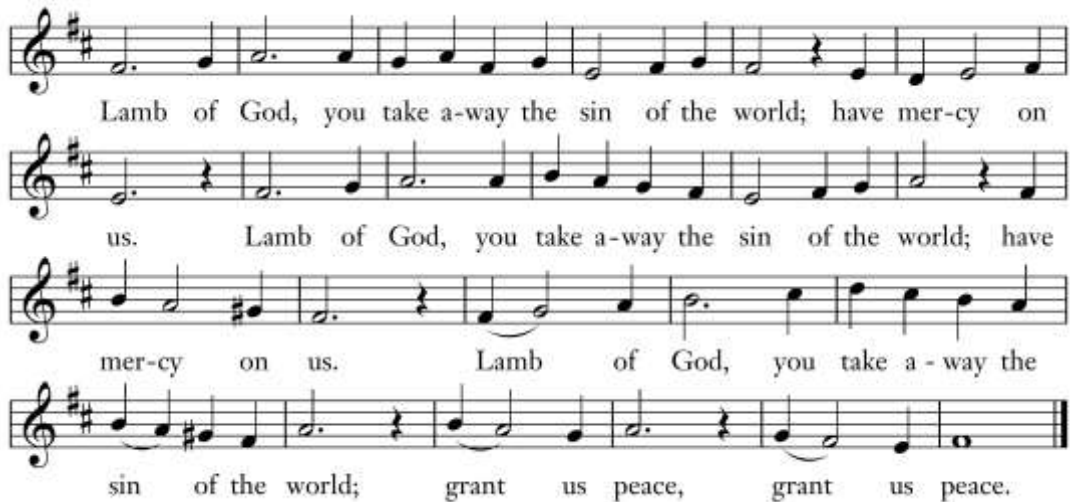
The presiding minister lifts the bread and cup and says

When we eat this bread, we share the body of Christ. When we drink this cup, we share the blood of Christ.

The assembly responds

Reveal yourself to us, O Lord, in the breaking of bread, as once you revealed yourself to your disciples.

AGNUS DEI



We sit.

COMMUNION

Today we will be communing by intinction. Receive the bread and dip it in the wine. Gluten-free wafers are available on the organ side of the church. Visitors and children are welcome to receive communion. Those who have never communed and would like to are encouraged to talk to the pastor. All who do not receive communion are welcomed forward to receive a blessing.

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond **Amen.**

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

ANTHEM O Christ the Same

Irish tune, arr. John Barnhard

(Text may be found in ELW 760)

HYMN 441 Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand

LOBT GO'TT, IHR CHRISTEN

HYMN 694 Sing to the Lord of Harvest

WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN

We stand.

TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace: your word has
been ful-filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion
which you have pre-pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple:
a light to re - veal you to the na - tions
and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.
Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it,
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er.
A - men.

Let us pray.

God of abundance,
with this bread of life and cup of salvation
you have united us with Christ,
making us one with all your people.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love
to the world and continue forever
in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

✠ SENDING ✠

BLESSING

The Lord bless you...and ✠ give you peace.



The assembly faces the cross as it leaves the sanctuary, following the cross as we follow Jesus into the world. All remain facing the cross for the dismissal.

SENDING HYMN 674 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

LINSTEAD

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY Now Thank We All Our God

Sigfried Karg-Elert

Soli Deo Gloria

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Providing Service Next Sunday

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Luke Wollner

Acolytes

8:30 Anna Frucht and Kate Frucht

11:00 Harrison Hickman and Katie Kirkeeng

Crucifers

8:30 Caroline Bevis

11:00 TBD

Offering Bearer

Faith Cashion

Torch Bearers

8:30 Mary Claire Bevis and Tate McOuat

11:00 Zeke Bradley and Ethan Olsen

Banner Bearers

8:30 TBD

11:00 Cassidy Cashion

Lay Readers

8:30 John Bandle

11:00 Donald Armitage

Communion Assistants

8:30 John Bandle and Kent Reichert

11:00 Marge Brown and Kathie Eppert

Nursery

8:30 Kevin Kookan

11:00 Leigh Anna Voigt

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8:30 Rick Brandt, Bill Chandler,

John Collins and Alex Paschold

11:00 Don Eppert, Rusty Frazier,

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Visitors Welcoming Table & Greeters

8:30 Jane Maxey

11:00 Debbie Byorick

Sunday Morning Fellowship

David Kinley

Oblation Bearers

8:30 Charles and Linda Stephens

11:00 Don Armitage and Frank James

Assisting Ministers

8:30 Emily Norris

11:00 Anna Rubino-Schneider

Preaching and Presiding

Pastor Wollner

Announcements

WELCOME all who enter the Lord's house this day! We invite you to fill out the Friendship Register found on each pew. If you are visiting Augsburg, please stop by the Visitor Welcoming Table after today's service to pick up a welcome package. The visitor's table is located at the bottom of the ramp leading to the lobby.

Our worship begins with an acclamation or a brief piece sung by the choir which introduces the Gospel message or another theme of the day. This is a time to quietly begin our worship in ways that are meaningful to us, through listening, prayer, meditation on the scriptures to be read, the hymns or anthems to be sung, the art and paragraph on the cover of the bulletin, or to simply still our minds and spirits in preparation for an hour that is different from the hectic life outside the doors of our sanctuary.

The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God by Roger Hill and Terry Jones in thanksgiving for our marriage on October 28, 2017.

We extend our Christian sympathy to the family of Jack Horn, who died on November 9, 2017.

We extend our Christian sympathy to the family of Donnie Eubanks, who died on November 9, 2017. Donnie is the father of Jim Eubanks.

We extend our Christian sympathy to the family of Pastor Tim Glenham, who died on November 9, 2017.

Our Homebound Member is Boots Ogburn, Salemtowne Nursing Home, 3114 Salemtowne Drive, Winston Salem, NC 27106. Please send Boots a note.

A Christmas to Believe In: Please plan to join us for the annual children's Christmas play on Sunday morning, December 10, at 10:00 A.M., in the Family Life Center. The cast features over thirty of our youth who range in age from three to eighteen. The play by Sharon Kay Chatwell features two narrators (Emma Hanes and Daniel Nolting) who tell the traditional Christmas story from the Gospel of Luke while costumed performers act out the story and sing traditional Christmas carols. Narrator #2 admits at the beginning that he is not sure he believes it all. He had believed in Santa Clause (and you know what happened there!). He becomes engaged with the story as it continues, wondering what will happen to Mary (Julia Grossnickle) and the baby Jesus. At the end, he is convinced that the story is true. He finds it really is *A Christmas to Believe In!*



Compline

Night Prayer

Compline (Night Prayer) dates back to the 4th century monastic traditions of daily prayer and praise. Serving as the final service of the day, it is a sung service primarily of chant. On the evenings of the first three Sundays of Advent (December 3, 10, & 17) at 8:30 P.M. in the sanctuary, a Compline Choir will lead this quiet contemplative service offering a calm, quiet (often silent) time of respite from the hectic pace of our world. Each service will be preceded by a brief recital at 8:00 P.M. Please extend an invitation to your neighbors and friends, and come experience the hope and anticipation of Advent through this candlelit service.

Volunteers Needed: Overflow Shelter Opens December 1. Sign-Up is open now! “We love because he first loved us.” (1 John 4:19) Just as we have received God’s love in beautiful and transformative ways, we are then entrusted with the holy responsibility of sharing that love with others. The Overflow Shelters provides an incredible opportunity to know and love our neighbors in an easy, accessible, and tangible way. Would you please join us? Come as we open Augsburg’s Overflow Shelter site for another season beginning December 1. We have many spots to fill: Dinner, Partial Overnight (Sunday-Thursday), Overnight (Friday & Saturday), Check-In, and Goodie Bags. Not sure if this ministry is for you? Just come. God is surely up something and we're thrilled to walk alongside you as you discern your place in the life we share together through the Overflow ministry. For more information or to sign-up, visit: <https://citywithdwellings.org/shelters/augsburg>.

Readings for next week: Ezek. 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 95:1-7a; Eph. 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46

Worship attendance for services last week: **98** at 8:30; **165** at 11:00; **30** visitors.

AUGSBURG BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Reformers Reading Romans is a Sunday morning Bible Study, 10:00-10:30 A.M., Family Life Center, led by Pr. Paul. No experience necessary!

Pastor Paul’s Reformation Biblical/Historical Study is held Monday mornings at 10:45 A.M. in the Sid Sowers Classroom. Each session includes key words, Bible connections, Luther’s stance, and generous opportunities for discussion.

Continue in My Word is an Adult Weekly Bible Study held Monday evenings at 6:00 P.M. in the Youth Area. Bring your Bible. We are studying Jeremiah.

7:18 Youth Bible Study meets on Wednesday evenings at various locations. Please contact Emily Norris for more information or if you have questions.

Calendar for November 19–November 26

19 Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30a Service of Holy Communion
and Annual Congregation Meeting
(Sanctuary)
12:00p Thanksgiving Luncheon
(Family Life Center)
12:45p Youthrans
(Youth Area)
5:30p Interfaith Thanksgiving Service
(Highland Presbyterian Church)

20 Monday

10:45a Pastor Paul's Bible Study
(Sid Sowers Classroom)
6:00p Keeping In Touch (K.I.T.)
6:00p Continue in My Word
(Youth Room)
6:00p Adult Handbell Choir
(Handbell Room)
6:30p Youth Ministry
(Quiet Pint)

22 Wednesday

12:00p Office Closed Thanksgiving Holiday

23 Thursday

Thanksgiving Holiday

24 Friday

Office Closed Thanksgiving Holiday

26 Christ the King

8:30a Festival Service of Holy Communion
(Sanctuary)
9:30a Fellowship Breakfast
(Family Life Center)
11:00a Festival Service of Holy Communion
(Sanctuary)

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