

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Communion Hymn

ELW # 715: Christ, Be Our Light  
 ELW # 785: When Peace Like a River

Post-Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord and Saviour...

Post –Communion Prayer

A: Let us pray: Sovereign God,  
**C: in this meal you give us a foretaste of the great feast to come. Keep us faithful to you, that we, with all your saints, may at length celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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**SENDING**

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Blessing

The love of God surround you;  
 the grace of Christ release you;  
 and the Holy Spirit be your guide and strength,  
 now and forevermore.  
**Amen.**

Sending Hymn

**ELW # 543: Go, My Children, with My Blessing**

Sending

A: Led on by the saints before us,  
 go in peace to serve the Lord.  
**C: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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# 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**Sunday November 19, 2017  
 10:00 am**

**Welcome**

We extend a warm and friendly greeting to all of our guests and visitors who are worshipping with us this day.

**Congregational Mission Statement**

Our congregation shall proclaim the Gospel of Christ through celebration and sacrifice. It shall be of Evangelism to all people emphasizing a program of teaching and witness.



Pastor	the Rev. Brad Mittleholtz
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*We acknowledge that we are in Robinson-Huron Treaty territory and that the land on which we are gathered is the traditional territory of the Anishinabek and Metis people.*

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## INTRODUCTION OF THE DAY

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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.

Prelude  
Welcome and Announcements

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## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who calls us into an everlasting hope,  
who guides us to springs of the water of life,  
who enlightens us with the spirit of wisdom.

**C: Amen.**

L: One with the communion of saints in all times and places,  
let us confess our sin against God and one another.  
O God, our merciful redeemer,

**C: we confess the ways we live only for ourselves.  
We fail to see you in our neighbour’s face.  
We turn our ears from voices that cry out.  
We pass by the hungry and the oppressed.  
In your great mercy, forgive our sin  
and strengthen us for service to all in need;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

L: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you,  
and for his sake, God forgives you all your sin.

Blessed are you! Rejoice and be glad, beloved people of God.

**C: Amen.**

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## MEAL

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Sharing of the Peace

Tithes and Offerings

**Offertory Hymn**

**ELW # 491: Come, Let Us Eat**

[Offering brought forward while last verse sung.]

Presentation of Gifts

Offertory Prayer

A: Let us pray: Creator God,

**C: you made everything, and you provide for every need.  
The bread we break and the wine we pour come from  
you. As we eat and drink with thanksgiving,  
fill us with your love;  
let that love flow through us to others;  
and join us to the saints before us  
in a holy and boundless communion;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Great Thanksgiving**

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Preface

**Sanctus**

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord...**

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**Eucharistic Prayer**

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**Lord’s Prayer** Our Father in heaven... (left column)

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**Invitation to Communion**

P: Hunger no more. Thirst no more.

Come to the banquet of life.

These are the gifts of God, for the people of God.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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Welcoming God's reign of righteousness and mercy, let us pray with people of every time and place.

We pray for the church. Enliven its witness in ecumenical ministries, feeding programs, and new ventures. Open our hearts to friendships that share faith, and open our mouths to share your good news. We pray especially for our bishops, Susan and Michael, for the ministry of the Canadian Lutheran World Relief, and for our pastor, Brad. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for parks and open spaces, for clean air and clear water. Help us protect places where we are reminded of God's work in creation and find renewal. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for those who have been and are still today enslaved, trafficked, or oppressed. Make clear the needs of those who are silenced by suffering, that we may listen and bring an end to exploitation. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for those who cry out for healing, hope, or help, and for those for whom we have promised to pray (especially for those we name aloud or in our hearts before you now). Bring relief to caregivers and surround those who are lonely with your powerful presence. Hear us O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for this congregation and the talents and treasures each person brings. Bring new talents to blossom among us, as we encourage and build up one another. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Lord, our dwelling place in all generations, we remember with thanksgiving all who have died in you. Teach us to count our days as gifts from you. Hear us O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Receive these prayers and the hopes and concerns of our hearts, O God, as we entrust into your loving care all for whom we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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## GATHERING

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**Gathering Hymn** ELW # 327: **Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow**

**Apostolic Greeting** P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
C: **And also with you.**

**Canticle of Praise** **Glory be to God...** **Page 204**

**Prayer of the Day** P: Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.  
C: **Amen.**

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## WORD

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### INTRODUCTION OF THE DAY

First Reading	Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
<b>Psalm</b>	<b>90:1-8, 12</b> <b>Chanted</b>
Second Reading	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>	<b>Alleluia! Lord and Saviour...</b> <b>Page 205</b>
Gospel	Matthew 25:14-30
<b>Sermon</b>	

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## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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**Hymn of the Day** ELW # 688: **Lord of Light**

**Apostle's Creed** **Page 105**