

Welcome to Moe Lutheran Church

Pentecost 23 November 16, 2025

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

LITANY of PRAISE:

Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving.

Make music upon the harp.

How good it is to celebrate God's presence and sing praise throughout each day!

How good it is to sing praise and give honor to our God!

Our God rebuilds the people of earth.

The wandering ones are gathered together,
the brokenhearted are healed,
the hungry are fed,
the prisoners are freed,
the blind are given sight, the lonely are befriended.

How good it is to sing praise and give honor to our God!

All of nature sings aloud God's goodness—clouds, rain, grass, creatures great and small.
Our God creates and sustains our world with his ever-growing, never-ending love.
How good it is to sing praise and give honor to our God!

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OPENING SONG: "We Plow the Fields and Scatter" ELW 681

GREETING:

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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Almighty God, draw our hearts to you, guide our minds, fill our imaginations, control our wills, so that we may be completely yours. Use us as you will, always to your glory and for the good of your people; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 65:17-25

¹⁷ For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth;

the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind.

¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating,

for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy and its people as a delight.

¹⁹ I will rejoice in Jerusalem and delight in my people;

no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it or the cry of distress.

No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days or an old person who does not live out a lifetime,

for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.

- ²¹ They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
- 22 They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat,

for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

²³ They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity,

for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—and their descendants as well.

- ²⁴ Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear.
- ²⁵ The wolf and the lamb shall feed together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, but the serpent—its food shall be dust!

They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE READING: Isaiah 12:2-6

- ² Surely God is my salvation;
 - I will trust and will not be afraid,
 - for the Lord is my strength and my might;

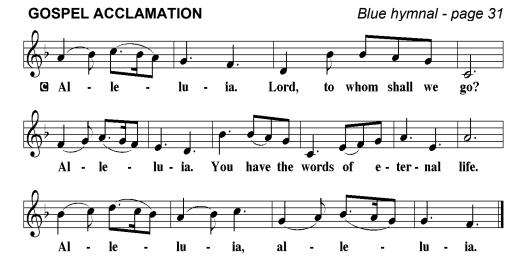
he has become my salvation."

- ³ With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.
- ⁴ And you will say on that day:
- "Give thanks to the Lord;

call on his name;

make known his deeds among the nations; proclaim that his name is exalted.

- ⁵ Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth.
- ⁶ Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."



GOSPEL: Luke 21:5-19

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the 21st chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

⁵When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, ⁶ "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

⁷ They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" ⁸ And 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.

⁹ "When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." ¹⁰ Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹ there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

¹² "But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³ This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴ So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, ¹⁵ for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷ You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ By your endurance you will gain your souls."

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON SONG: "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less" ELW 597

SERMON

NEW MEMBER WELCOME:

Leader: Today we welcome these new members into the faith community of Moe Lutheran Church:

Adrian & Allyssa Jonsson & Erik Glennon & Barbara Zelch

We are not a building, but the gathered family of God. As sisters and brothers in Christ, we are all given this new identity through our baptism into Jesus' death and resurrection. Today we rejoice in welcoming you as members of our church family in the larger body of Christ!

Do you desire to join the membership of Moe Lutheran Church? If so, please answer: "We do."

New members: We do.

Together as God's people, let us confess our faith:

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.

Leader:

Having together confessed our faith in the Triune God, we look forward to your presence and participation in the life and ministry of this congregation!

Let us pray. Heavenly Father, as you called Simon Peter, James, and John, to fish for people, so you have called each of us to serve you with our talents and resources. Thank you for bringing these new members to our faith family at Moe Lutheran Church. Help us to share your presence in such a way that others see and know your love through us! In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen**.

We have a small gift we'd like to present to say WELCOME to the Moe faith family!

Let's welcome these new members with a round of applause!

PRAYERS:

Today, we lift our hearts and minds to you and ask that you hear the prayers we offer now...

That you open us each day to the challenges and possibilities of your forgiveness, healing, and wholeness...

God of grace, hear our prayer.

That you fill our spiritual cup with the refreshment and renewal of your Holy Spirit, drawing us ever closer to you ...

God of grace, hear our prayer.

That you bless your Church with perseverance and purpose to work tirelessly on behalf of the poor, the oppressed, and all who experience discrimination ...

God of grace, hear our prayer.

That the good news of salvation brings light to a dark and despairing world and that we serve as faithful bearers of the gospel to all ... God of grace, hear our prayer.

That you strengthen the sick, bring light to the dying, and comfort the grieving with your life-giving presence ...

God of grace, hear our prayer.

We lift our hearts and minds to you, holy Lord, and gratefully thank you for hearing our prayers. In your name we pray.

Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY:

We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

GREAT THANKSGIVING:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

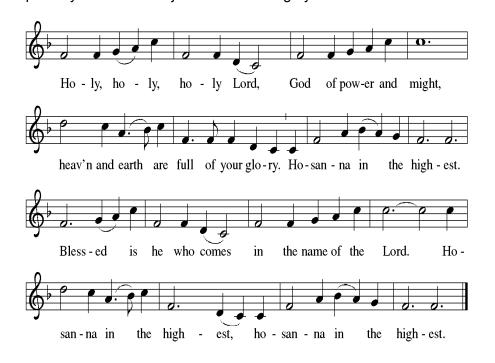
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks & praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who, sharing our life, lived among us to reveal your glory and love,
that our darkness should give way to your own brilliant light.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER: 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.

HOLY COMMUNION

POST COMMUNION BLESSING:

Blessed Jesus, at this table, you have been for us both host and meal. Now send us forth to extend our tables and to share your gifts until that day when all feast together at your heavenly banquet. Amen.

BENEDICTION with Three-fold Amen.

SENDING SONG: "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" ELW 631

DISMISSAL:

Go in peace.
Serve the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

