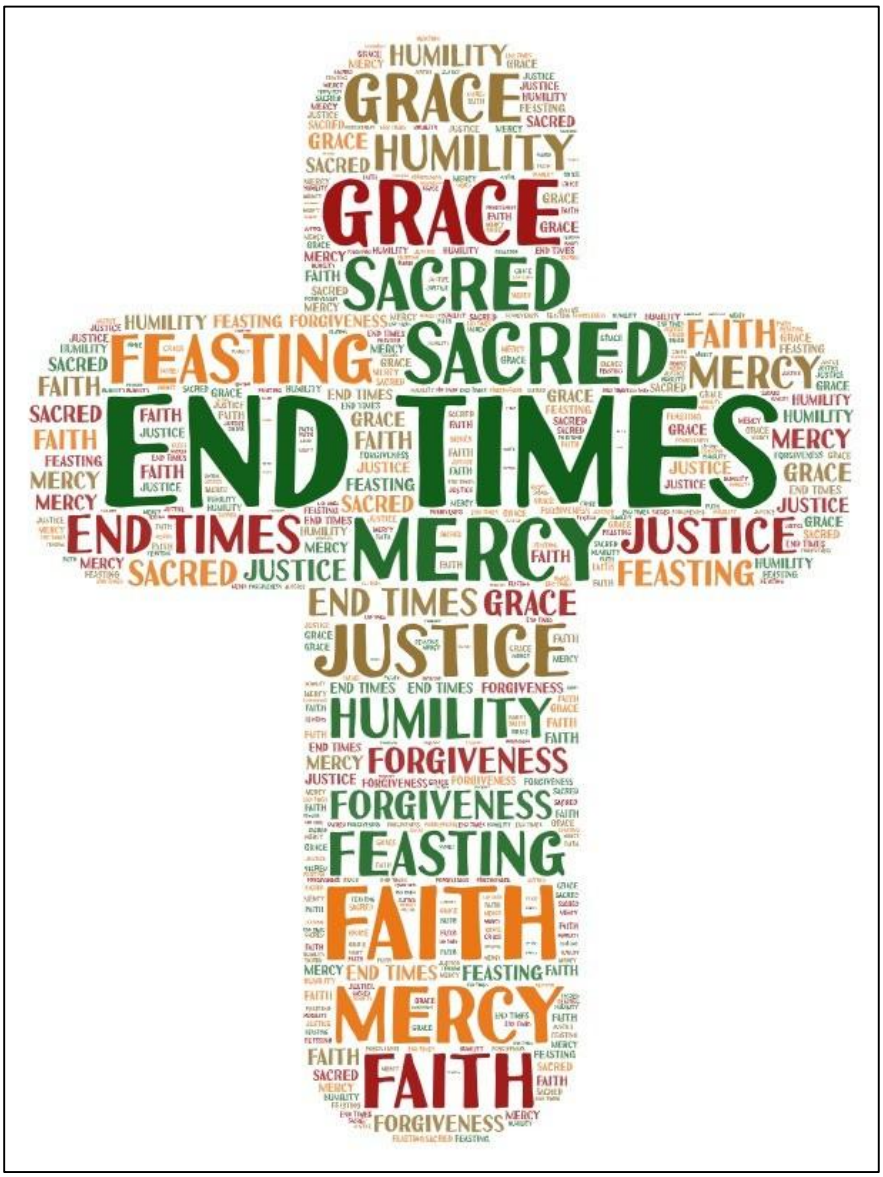
# Big Church Words: End Times




November 15, 2026 | 10:00am

## Welcome! We're glad you're here!

*If you are a guest and are interested in knowing more about this community and the ministries that Holy Shepherd is engaged in, please add your information on the clipboard located at the* ***Information Center*** *kiosk. You may add as much information as you'd like to share. We look forward to getting to know you!*

Trusting God + Loving the World

## *The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God*

# Prelude

# Welcome & Announcements

# Confession & Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our dwelling place for all generations, whose compassion never slumbers. **Amen.**

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

*Pause for silence and reflection.*

Holy God, **we confess that we have trusted in our preparation instead of your invitation. We turn inward and forget to care for your beloved. We trust the voice of our shame and fear, which keeps us from entering fully into relationship with you and others. We are not awake to the coming of your reign. Rouse us and rescue us, that we may enter into your joy. Amen.**

Inherit the riches of God's grace. ☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy. You are forgiven. Blessed are you.

## Opening Song

***Christ Be Our Light*** ELW 715 vs. 1,2,5

**Longing for light, we wait in darkness.**
**Longing for truth, we turn to you.**
**Make us your own, your holy people,**
**light for the world to see.**

*Refrain*
**Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.**
**Shine through the darkness.**
**Christ, be our light!**
**Shine in your church gathered today.**

**Longing for peace, our world is troubled.**
**Longing for hope, many despair.**
**Your word alone has pow'r to save us.**
**Make us your living voice.** *Refrain*

**Many the gifts, many the people,**
**many the hearts that yearn to belong.**
**Let us be servants to one another,**
**signs of your kingdom come.** *Refrain*

## 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 Day

Merciful God, **you created 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 Savior and Lord.**
**Amen.**

## Musical Offering

*Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning* - Spiritual

## God speaks to us in scripture, preaching & song

*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.*

# Scripture Reading

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

7 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.
12 At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people
who settle like dregs in wine, those who say in their hearts,
"The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm."
13 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.
14 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.
15 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, 16 a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities, and against the lofty battlements.
17 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.
18 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.

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

# Scripture Reading

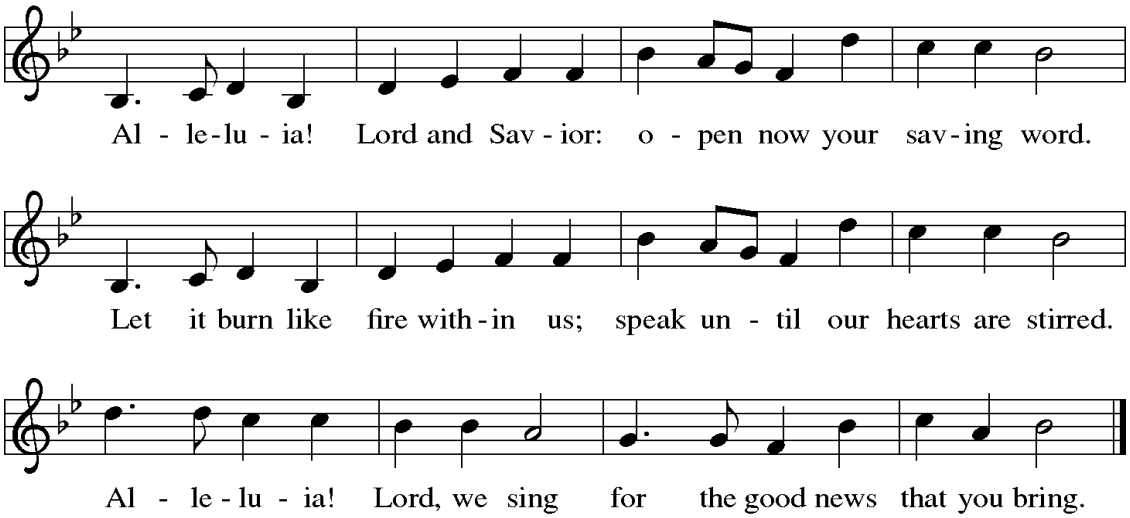
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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.

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# Gospel Acclamation




# Holy Gospel

Matthew 25:14-30

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] [14] "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; [15] to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. At once [16] the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents. [17] In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. [18] But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. [19] After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. [20] 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.' [21] 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.' 22 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.' 23 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.' 24 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, 25 so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' 26 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? 27 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. 28 So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. 29 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. 30 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. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

# Song

**This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. (3x)**
**Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

## + Children's Time +



### Children's Church

*Children age 3yrs – 4th grade.*
*After children's message, meet the leader in back of church.*



# Message

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon*

## Song

***God of Every Nation*** ELW 713

**O God of ev'ry nation, of ev'ry race and land,**
**redeem your whole creation, with your almighty hand;**
**where hate and fear divide us, and bitter threats are hurled,**
**in love and mercy guide us, and heal our strife-torn world.**

**From search for wealth and power, and scorn of truth and right,**
**from trust in bombs that shower, destruction through the night,**
**from pride of race and station, and blindness to your way,**
**deliver ev'ry nation, eternal God, we pray.**

**Lord, strengthen all who labor, that all may find release**
**from fear of rattling saber, from dread of war's increase;**
**when hope and courage falter, Lord, let your voice be heard;**
**with faith that none can alter, your servants undergird.**

**Keep bright in us the vision, of days when war shall cease,**
**when hatred and division, give way to love and peace,**
**till dawns the morning glorious, when truth and love shall reign,**
**and Christ shall rule victorious, o'er all the world's domain.**

## Prayers of the People

United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*Sung before and after all prayers*



God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray,
in the name of Jesus, your beloved. **Amen.**

## Sharing God's Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

## 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 God thanks and praise.**

## Eucharistic Prayer

*Response…*

Blessed are you, Lord our God: **Blessed are you, Lord our God.**

## Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,**
**hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,**
**your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**
**Give us today our daily bread.**
**Forgive us our sins**
**as we forgive those who sin against us.**
**Save us from the time of trial**
**and deliver us from evil.**
**For the kingdom, the power,**
**and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

## Invitation

In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in.
Come, receive what Christ has prepared.



## + All Are Welcome at the Table +

### Options for receiving Holy Communion

Please come forward to the front where the pastors are standing. Come forward starting with the front pews, there will be no ushers. After you have received communion please exit by the side aisles and put your empty

cup in the basket. There are kneelers on each side where you are free to kneel and pray before you return to your seat. Bread (gluten-free) and wine or grape juice (center of the tray) will be given to you with the words spoken:

***"The body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you."***

If you would like communion served in the pew, please signal to a pastor or let the usher in the back know.

*You are invited...* To bring **offering** forward during Holy Communion or before or after worship
The offering is gathered in front of the church in front of the communion table (altar) where we are reminded of God's gifts given to us in Christ and our response to these gifts.

## Communion Song

ELW Setting 10




## *Deep River* ACS 951

*Refrain*
***Deep river, my home is over Jordan.***
***Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into campground.***

**Oh, don't you want to go to that gospel feast,**
**that promised land where all is peace? Oh,** *Refrain*

**Oh, when I get to heaven, I'll take my seat,**
**and cast my crown at Jesus' feet. Oh,** *Refrain*

# Prayer after Communion

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**
Holy God, we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal. You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly. Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever.
**Amen.**

God blesses us and sends us out in mission to the world.

# Blessing

The holy Trinity, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God, today and always.
**Amen.**

# Sending Song

***Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*** ELW 674

**Let us talents and tongues employ,**
**reaching out with a shout of joy:**
**bread is broken, the wine is poured,**
**Christ is spoken and seen and heard.**

*Refrain*
***Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,***
***pass the Word around: loaves abound!***
***Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,***
***pass the Word around: loaves abound!***

**Christ is able to make us one,**
**at the table he sets the tone,**
**teaching people to live to bless,**
**love in word and in deed express.** *Refrain*

**Jesus calls us in, sends us out**
**bearing fruit in a world of doubt,**
**gives us love to tell, bread to share:**
**God (Immanuel) ev'rywhere!** *Refrain*

# Sending

Go in peace. Encourage one another.
**Thanks be to God.**

# Postlude

## Worship Leadership

Pastors ……...Julie Brooks, Kim Gonia
Pianist/Organist ……..Chris Johnson
Assisting Minister …… Jon Johnson
Musical Offering …….. Chancel Choir
Reader …… Joan Meister-Bridges
Communion Assistants ……..…….. Betty Moody, Del Felton
Greeters ……... Dee & Tom Treloar
Usher ……..…… Bosak-Simmons Family
Altar Guild ……..…….. Donna Madsen
Children's Church …… Children's Church Team
Worship Technology …… Mike Madsen, Mark Lee
Fellowship (November 15th)……..…… Set up: WEABS
Clean up: WEABS/Ed Haynes
Fellowship (November 22th) ……... Pie Social
Set-up & Clean up: Wanda Carlson, Christi Young

## WORSHIP SERVICE NOTES

**THANK YOU** for being considerate of disabled worshippers and their families. Please leave the pew cuts and several adjoining seats available for those with walkers & wheelchairs.

**HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES** are located at the sound booth located in the back of the sanctuary on the east side. You can also download the app WaveCast Receiver which is designed for hearing aids with Bluetooth capability. See our sound engineer Mark, in the sound booth if you have any questions. *(Back of the sanctuary, SE corner).*

**CANDLE STATION** is available for candle-lighting. *(In the back of the sanctuary).*

## RELATIONSHIP BUILDING (FELLOWSHIP)

After worship, you are invited to get to know one another for the first – or 100th time, in the narthex (behind the sanctuary) or in the fellowship hall with coffee and snacks.

## OFFERING

Your financial gifts support Holy Shepherd and its vision to nurture trusting relationships with God and with one another, along with its vision to engage in generous activities that serve to love the world as Jesus has shown us. Cash, or checks made out to Holy Shepherd, can be placed in the front bowl by the front pews on your way to communion. (Envelopes are available in your pews if you'd like.) You can also scan the QR code to the left and give through Tithely. *Thank you for your generosity.*

## KIDS

***Kids Zone*** (un- staffed) is available your family to use if you need a place to step out with kids during the service. It is located off the hallway west of the sanctuary and has a television available for watching the worship live-stream.

***Kid busy bags*** are located in the narthex (outside the sanctuary) and contain kid friendly items for families to take into worship. Please return to the stand after worship.

***Children's Church*** is offered after the kids, typically 3 years old to 4th grade, come up for *Children's Time* with the pastor. This optional activity is during the pastor's message and is led by an adult. It is located in the room just through the nursery off the west hallway of the sanctuary.

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