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Prelude
Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.
Amen.

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.
Compassionate God, we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others.
Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Hear this good news: We have peace with God through ☩ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.
Amen.

Kyrie: "Lord, Have Mercy" **p. 120**

Hymn of Praise: "This is the Feast" **p. 122**

<u>Prayer of the Day</u>

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 Savior and Lord.**
Amen.

Choir

Psalm 90: 1-8, 12 **Reader: Hedy Mitchell**

Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another.
Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, from age to age you are God.
You turn us back to the dust and say, "Turn back, O children of earth."
For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past and like a watch in the night; you sweep them away like a dream, they fade away suddenly like the grass: in the morning it is | green and flourishes; in the evening it is dried up and withered.
For we are consumed by your anger; we are afraid because of your wrath.
Our iniquities you have set before you, and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

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, brothers and sisters, 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. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation **p. 124**

Matthew 25:14-30 Congregation: Glory to you, O Lord

[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. At once the one who had received the five talents went off 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, 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. **Praise to you, O Christ**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day **"Lord of Light"** **#688**

Prayers of Intercession

*At the end of each petition the congregation responds with "**Your mercy is great.**"*

Peace
Since we are satisfied by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.
The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn

"We Are an Offering" #692

We lift our voices We lift our hands We lift our lives up to You
We are an offering
Lord use our voices Lord use our hands Lord use our lives they are Yours
We are an offering
All that we have All that we are All that we hope to be
We give to You We give to You
We lift our voices We lift our hands We lift our lives up to You
We are an offering

There is a box at the back of the Sanctuary. You may also make your offerings online on our website: americanlutheranchurch.net or mail them to the church — PO Box 653- Newport, WA 99156

The 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 Him thanks and praise**

'Holy, Holy, Holy' **p.130**

Words of Institution
Christ had died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again

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. 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.

Invitation to Communion
Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

All are welcome at the Lord's Table. This is God's gift, God's grace, God's life given freely in love for you. Grape juice and gluten, soy, dairy and corn-free wafers are available. If you need communion brought to you at your seat, please let the usher know.

Lamb of God **p.135**
Communion Hymns: 479, 581, 692, 696

Blessing

Post Communion Prayer

Announcements

Benediction

Sending Hymn **"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"** **#439**

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

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Masks are optional, but we recognize that COVID is still a reality and a concern for many who are vulnerable. Please wear a mask if you are feeling under the weather at all. Thank you so much!

This Week

Monday	10am	Bible Study
	Noon	Al-anon (upstairs)
	12:30pm	Mahjong (Fellowship Hall)
Tuesday	10 am	Quilting
Wednesday	7pm	Choir
Thursday	4pm	Confirmation Class
	5:30pm	BBB Men's Fellowship
Saturday	3pm	Recovery and Support Group (note time change)
Sunday	10 am	Worship

Remember in Prayer: Ken Akre, Trish Akre, Scone Bender, Roger Brandt, Annika Britton, Julie Brown's mother, Barbara Campbell, Carlene Connelly, Colleen (at the request of Dawn Morey), Geneva Fowler (at the request of Clara Wilner), Susan Fox, Dorothy Funden, Gladys Gerow, Pastor Matt and the Goodrich family, Joel Graff, Ed and Lynda Heckman, Annika Hughes, Gail Johnson, Imo Jones, Jaimie Jimenez, Ms. Koch, Steve Konkright, Bob and Pat Kowal, Neal Leen (Theresa Watts's brother-in-law), family of Gae and Jeremy Lewis, Maria Manzano and family, Sark Ratliff, Carol Rock, Odessa Rodkey, Ellie Powers, Sara Rogers (at the request of Christian Britton), Lynna Scheller, Ken Schimmels and family, Judy Schoesler, Serina (Alicia's sister), Everly Stone-Fedor, Barbara Yacobozzi (friend of the Thorson's), Paul and Colleen Zakar, Jason (at the request of Terry Zakar).

Announcements:

The Holiday Smiles Project, a program of Innovate Ione DBA Communities in Action is requesting donations. The program welcomes all children, including students ages 18 and older who are still enrolled in high school, and adults with intellectual or developmental disabilities. No sign-up is required.
Our donation drive runs November 22–December 11, 2026, with gift distribution on December 18, from 11 a.m.–4 p.m. at the Usk Community Center.
You can help by:
- Donations: Host a collection box or donate directly.
- Purchasing items: Donate cases of oranges, stockings, stocking stuffers, new books, unwrapped toys, games, or gifts for teens. Providing a quantity of one item is a great way to contribute!
- Providing financial support: Help us purchase needed gifts and fill gaps in donations.

Checks can be made payable to Innovate Ione, DBA Holiday Smiles Project and mailed to PO Box 444, Metaline Falls, WA 99153.
Thank you for helping make the holidays brighter for our community!
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Men's Fellowship: BBB will be at George Weisbarth's home on Tuesday, November 17th at 5:30pm. Location: 92 Jorgens Road (just west of Diamond Lake). George will have the brats. The pastor is bringing his Bible. Please bring your own beverage (and one to share).

Chris and Lee Shaver House Fire: The Council has approved use of the In House Benevolence Fund to help out the Shavers as they recover from their house fire. Any donations from the congregation should be directed to the In House Benevolence Fund.

Travel Companion: Elaine Faires is looking for a travel companion to join her on a cruise to Alaska in the spring. Please contact Elaine if you are interested: 509-979-3790.

Christmas Gifts: Elaine Faires would like to remind everyone that her book "30 Animal Story Poems and Pictures" is available for purchase. Please contact Elaine: 509-979-3790

Online Directory: We are moving to a secure online directory: instantchurchdirectory.com . An email has been sent out. You must have an email to access the directory. If you do not have an email listed in the current directory, please email the office: alc.churchoffice@gmail.com . If you have any questions or concerns please see Lauretta.

Sunday school: Lauretta has volunteered to lead Sunday school at 10am, during worship. Please encourage all kids and grandkids (and any other youth they can wrangle) to join us on Sunday mornings!

Birthdays: We are celebrating birthdays on the first Sunday of the month.

Scam: If you receive anything claiming to be from the Pastor asking for money/gift cards or a copy of the directory, it is a scam.

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