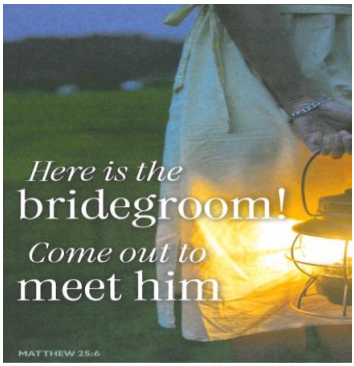


Millcreek Lutheran Church

November 8, 2026

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost- Veteran's Day Service

A warm welcome to our church! We appreciate your presence here today and enjoy the new and the familiar faces as we gather together. If you are a visitor, we hope you will consider joining us- knowing that you can expect to find people who love God and who want to know and love you. Visitors, please sign our guest book or fill out a visitor's card in the pew rack. We're glad you're here!

Prayer: O God, our heavenly Father, whose kingdom is the hope of all who prepare themselves through penitence and righteousness. Keep us mindful of our responsibility to live as persons who are ready for the eternal blessing of your Son Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

Serving you this morning:

Interim Pastor,	Pastor Frank Terhune
Lay Leader,	Jennifer Rosengrant
Organist/Pianist,	Debbie Tice
Lay Reader,	Julie Strickler
Ushers/Audio,	Scott Johnson & Frank Hoffman

The Service

Prelude of Entrance: ***My Country, Tis of Thee Battle Hymn of the Republic, Thank You Soldiers*****, by MLC Ensemble**
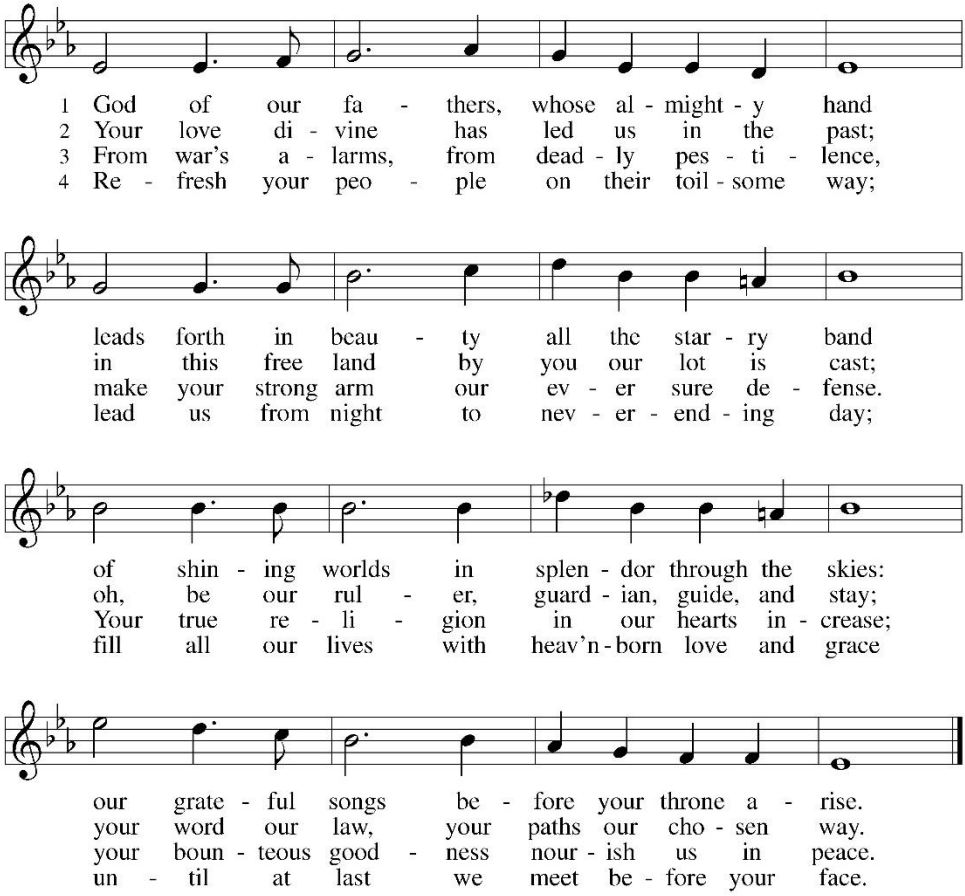
Announcements

Prelude of Preparation: ***Hymn to the Fallen***

***Confession & Forgiveness** **LBW p. 56**

Opening Hymn: ***God of Our Fathers*** **LBW# 567**

God of Our Fathers



Text: Daniel C. Roberts, 1841–1907, alt.
Music: NATIONAL HYMN, George W. Warren, 1828–1902

***Greetings:** **LBW p. 57, line 5**

Prayer of the Day (read in unison)
O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Children's Sermon

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24
18 Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord! Why do you want the day of the
Lord? It is darkness, not light, 19 as if someone fled from a lion and was met
by a bear or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall and was
bitten by a snake. 20 Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light, and gloom
with no brightness in it? 21 I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no

delight in your solemn assemblies. 22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them, and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. 23 Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. 24 But let justice roll down like water and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 70 (read responsively)

1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me;
O Lord, make haste to help me.
2 **Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confounded; let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.**
3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me
turn back because of their shame.
4 **Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;**
let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great is the Lord!"
5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God.
You are my helper and my deliverer; O Lord, do not tarry.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

13 We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. 15 For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. 16 For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord forever. 18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation, *Alleluia verse **LBW p. 62**

***Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 1 "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. 3 When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, 4 but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. 5 As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. 6 But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' 7 Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. 8 The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going

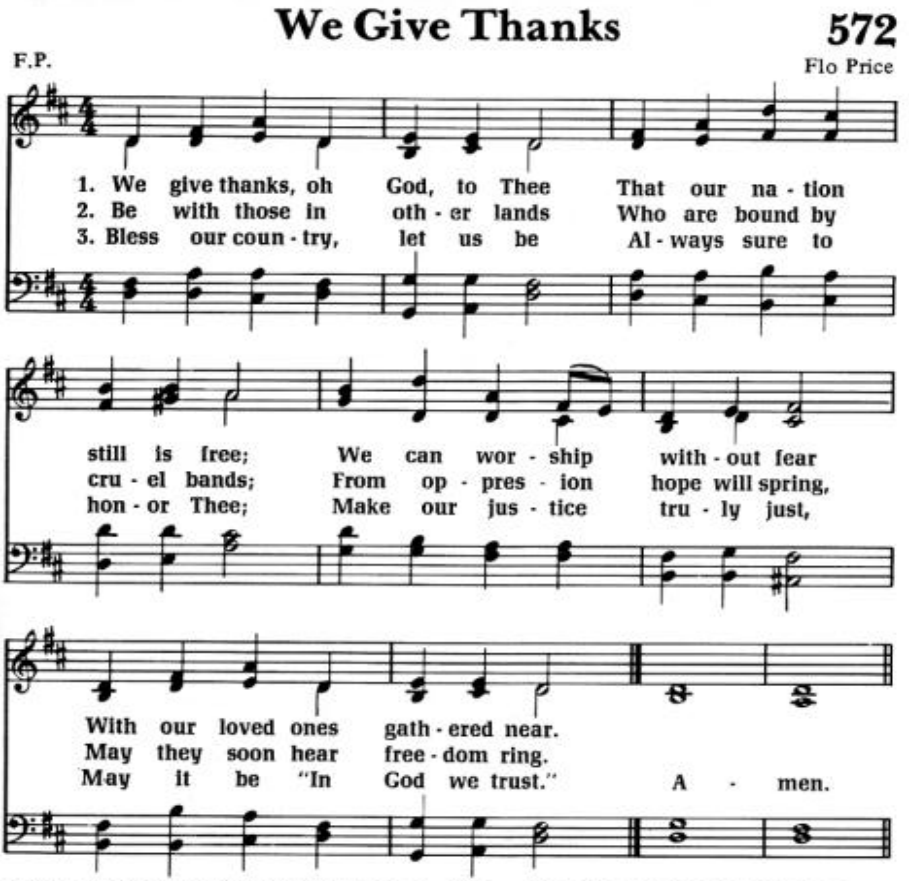
out.' [9] But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' [10] And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. [11] Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' [12] But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' [13] Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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

***Responses (spoken): Page 63, lines 15 & 16**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: ***We Give Thanks*** **NCH (red) #572**



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***The Apostle's Creed** **LBW p. 65**

Special Music: *Armed Services Salute*, MLC Ensemble

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

A brief silence.

You illumine the church with the hope of your new day. Prepare our hearts and minds for the inbreaking of your kingdom, that we might awaken to your transforming love at work all around us. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You create and sustain the earth's natural rhythms so that all life might thrive. Show us the wisdom and wonder of nature's balance; make us careful stewards of our common home. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You make justice roll down in all places and among all nations. Encourage all who protect vulnerable communities and help rebuild in the aftermath of conflict. Uphold veterans and those who care for them. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You hasten to heal our wounds and make whole what is broken. Comfort individuals facing a difficult diagnosis, receiving palliative care, or facing uncertain treatment options. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You give rest to weary hearts and bodies. As the days grow shorter in the north, help us to move more slowly and intentionally through our days, honoring the need for quiet and stillness. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You welcome those who have come before us in faith into the joys of heaven. Sustain us by your grace and guide us into the promise of everlasting life. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

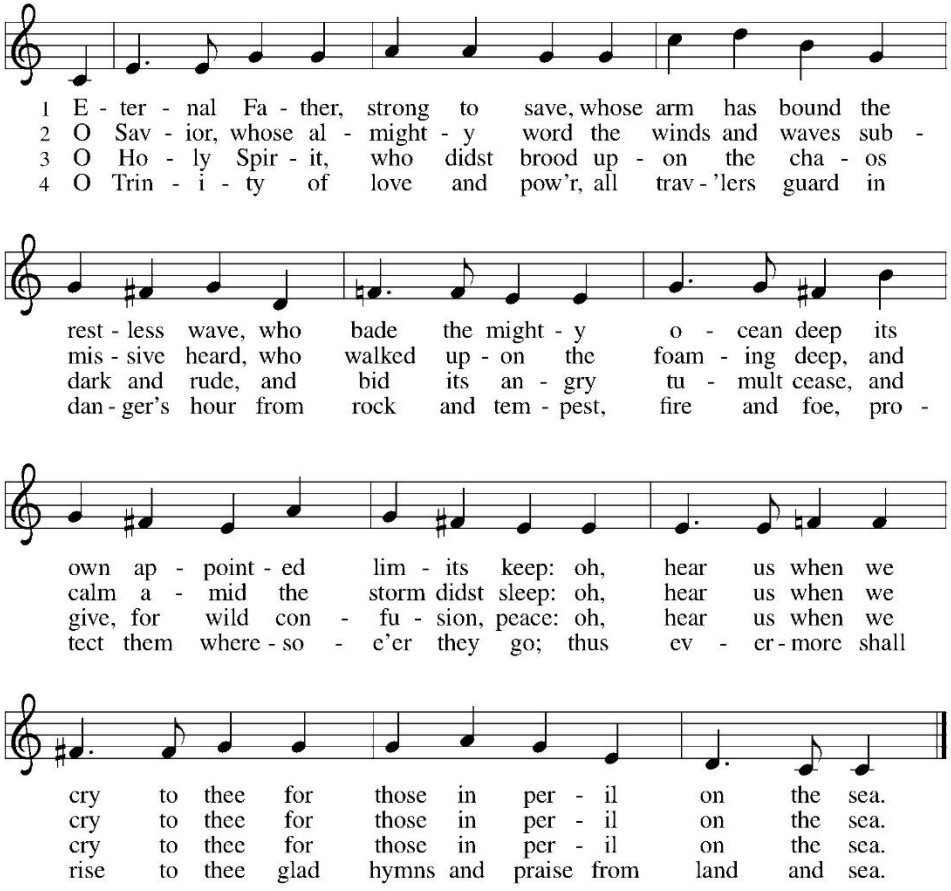
Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved. **Amen.**

***The Lord's Prayer** **LBW p.71**

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

Closing Hymn:** ***Eternal Father, Strong to Save **LBW #467**

Eternal Father, Strong to Save



Text: William Whiting, 1825–1878, alt.
Music: MELITA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

Moments of Meditation (seated)

***Dismissal** **LBW p.74**

Postlude

The flowers and bulletins are given in honor & glory of God, and in honor of all MLC veterans.





Millcreek Lutheran Church Veteran's Day Recognition

HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

Dale Bentz
Gregory Bergman
Craig Evans
Brett Flory
Gene Flory
Stanley Kahl
Karl Keath
Christopher Layser
Daniel Long
Leonard "Lenny" Ontkos
Gary Sharp
Norman Sharp
Patricia Sharp
Roarke Singer
Richard Sites
David Staaby
Michael Stoudt
Dustin Strickler
Brian Webber
Joshua Weigman
Gerald Wolf

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Motivating Lives Through Christ and our community, our congregation, & ourselves.

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Lay Leader: Jennifer Rosengrant

Sunday, November 8, 2026

You can listen to the worship service over the phone patch at 10:15 AM. Just dial 717-628-0125. You will hear a message welcoming you to Millcreek. At that point you are connected to our church sound system, so just stay on the line. You may also watch the service later on You Tube.

Motivating Lives Through Christ and our Community

SAMARITAN'S PURSE- OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:
Reminder: The deadline for completed boxes is Sunday, November 8, 2026. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Martin (610) 589-5501.

Motivating Lives Through Christ and our Congregation

FLOWER AND BULLETIN SIGNUP SHEETS for 2026 are available on the bulletin board in the narthex. Flowers-$30, Bulletins- $10.

UPCOMING SERVICE SCHEDULE & EVENTS:

- Sunday November 8- 9am Sunday School, 10:15am Veterans' Day service. November 8th will be Pastor Terhune's last service with MLC, followed by reception in the multi-purpose room
- Sunday November 15- 9am Sunday School, 10:15am regular service with Pastor Joel Risser, followed by meet & greet in multi-purpose room.
- Sunday November 22- 9am Sunday School, 10:15am communion service with guest Pastor Thom Keller
- Sunday November 29- 9am Sunday School, 10:15am communion service, guest Rev. Barry Heckman
- Sunday December 6- 9am Sunday School, 10:15am communion service with Pastor Joel Risser, followed by a **Call Vote*** in the multi-purpose room.

*Call Vote Requirements

1. Individual must have taken communion one time during past year. Please complete a communion form in the Narthex by November 30th if you have not done so within the past year.
2. Contribution on record within the past year. If you have only contributed cash during the past year, we ask that you make one contribution via check or electronically before November 30th. Capital campaign contributions can count toward this requirement.

Note: Individuals must be physically present on December 6th for the Call Vote. (CALL INS ARE NOT PERMITTED)

General Fund- October Offerings

Current offerings:	9,319
Plate	495.10
Bldg. Rental	40
Recycling	13.80
Fidelity Grant	1,500
Memorials	500

Flowers	130
Bulletins	10
World Hunger	100
Capital Campaign	2,474
Sweet Sunday	390

Total:	$15,011.90

CHRISTMAS SHUT-IN BAGS: Starting Sunday November 15, the Christmas bags will be in the Narthex until December 20th. A sign-up sheet will be on the table for volunteers to help deliver bags the week of Christmas. Thank you!

Motivating Lives Through Christ and Ourselves

WE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) WITH CARDS & PRAYERS:

Alfred & Barb Beck
153 Deck Road
Womelsdorf, PA 19567

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS: We will once again be ordering poinsettias for the upcoming holiday season. You can purchase for yourself or in honor of a loved one. The poinsettias will be displayed in the Narthex and Sanctuary this December. Order form is on the table in the Narthex.

Orders will be taken Sunday November 8th through the 15th. The color choices are Red, White, Marble(pink with white edge), Maroon and Glitter (red with white speckles)

The poinsettias will arrive on December 1st and you can take them home Christmas Eve after the service or Sunday December 27th.

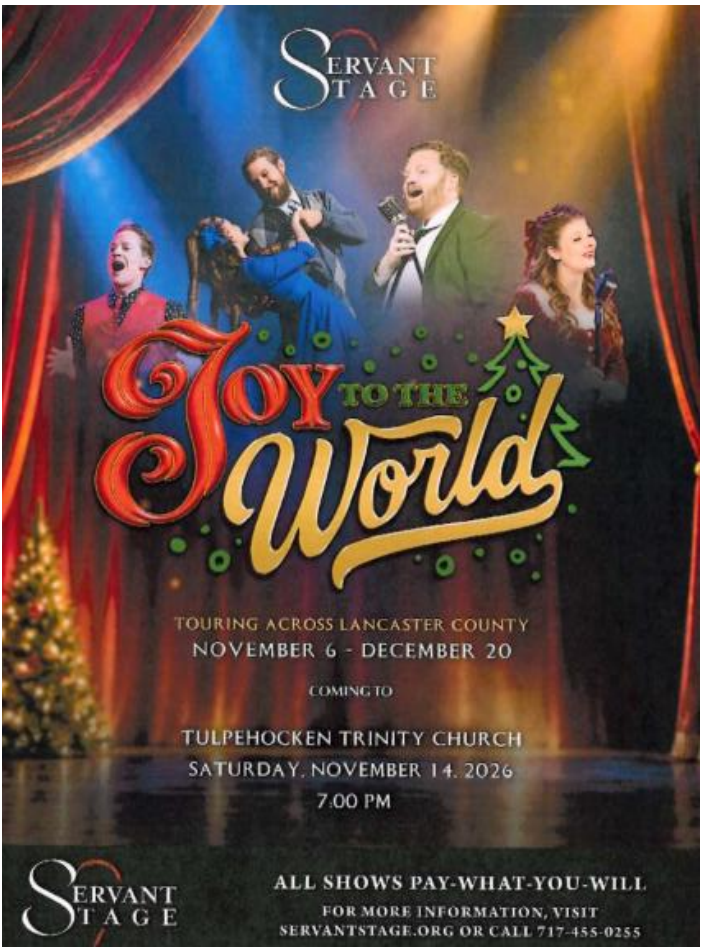
PRAYER LIST: Please make requests to Jen M. by noon Wed. each week: secretary@millcreeklutheran.com or call: 610-589-2570. *Please provide updates when our prayers have been answered, so this list can be kept current.*

MILLCREEK MEMBERS:

Violet Hepler	Liz Leibig	Michael Yiengst, Jr	Stewart Wolf
Portia Lindermuth	Greer Zellers	Devon Yiengst	Norm Sharp
Gerry Strickler	Julie Strickler	Aaron Yiengst	Brian Ream

NON-MEMBERS:

Gary Beatty, brother in law of Debbie Hartman
JoAnn Deahl, Brandy Gahres' mother
Linda McMullan, sister in law of Greta McMullan
Jennifer Clinton, daughter of Renee & Layne Strickler
Kevin Kochinsky, family friend of Stephanie Seldomridge
Kaylee Gordon, family member of Jamie Keener
Candy Hibshman, friend of Rachel Mock
Pat Ontkos, friend of MLC
Gary, friend of Kristin Bender


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The Challenge of Waiting

For many of us, waiting is not a pleasant experience. Whether our waiting is mundane, like waiting in a long line at the grocery store checkout counter, or profound, like waiting for a medical diagnosis or for a new stage of life to begin, we often feel anxious or uneasy, impatient or frustrated, longing for the wait to be over. Over the course of our lives, we get plenty of experience with waiting but might never learn to be patient, even amid the frustration.

As uncomfortable as waiting may be, it is a necessary aspect of the life of faith. We live in the days between Christ's coming at his birth and his return, that longed-for day of hope and promises fulfilled. Seasons of our liturgical life train us in the art of holy waiting. We wait during Advent for Christ's birth, longing for the joy of his arrival as a child in Bethlehem. We wait during Lent for the bright joy of resurrection, abstaining from "alleluias" and quieting ourselves with prayer and fasting. Just as the young women in today's parable had to continue their daily living until the bridegroom returned (all of them, even the wise ones, went to sleep that night!), in all seasons we go about our lives faithfully, even as we wait with eager longing.

Many generations after the telling of this parable, how are we living as people prepared for the coming of Christ? How are we opening our daily lives to the possibility that Christ will come among us at any moment? We are invited to live with eager expectation, watchful for the grace and love of God through Jesus Christ, which meets us when we least expect it.

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Give Me Oil In My Lamp

Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour. Matthew 25:13 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 25:1-13 (NIV)



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