

**25TH Sunday after Pentecost
NOVEMBER 18-19, 2023**

ORDERS OF WORSHIP

Saturday Spoken Vespers - 5pm

Welcome & Announcements
Call to Worship
Confession & Forgiveness
Litany of Praise
Prayer of the Day
Bible Readings
Message
Creed, Prayers and Peace
Offertory
The Words of Communion
Communion
The Lord's Prayer
Blessing & Sending

Sunday Liturgical - 10am

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Confession & Forgiveness
Opening Hymn ELW 707
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Bible Readings
Psalm of the Day Psalm 90:1-8[9-11]12
Gospel Acclamation
Today's Message
Hymn of the Day ELW 754
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Offertory
*"Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated,
Lord to Thee"*
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Offering
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**WEEKLY WORSHIP
BULLETIN FOR
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LUTHERAN CHURCH
OF THE ERIE LUTHERAN PARISH**

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YOU BELONG HERE

We welcome you to our congregation this weekend! We are glad to have you with us. We celebrate Holy Communion at every service. If you are a baptized Christian, please join us at the Lord's Supper. We ask that you come down the center aisle as directed and receive your wafer and wine as you walk back to your seat.

If you are new to us, everything you need for worship is projected on the screen and in this bulletin. Please feel free to use the red hymnal found in your pew, if you are more comfortable. The pages and hymn numbers are to the left of this bulletin.

Please join us for coffee after worship in the lobby.

Should you need a bathroom, they are through the glass doors in the back of the nave (sanctuary) and down the hallway on your left. A family/handicap accessible restroom with baby changing station is available in the front lobby (Peach Street entrance).

TODAY'S THEME

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.

Today's Bible Readings

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18	Pew Bible p. 765
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11	Pew Bible p. 960
Psalm 90:1-8[9-11]12	Pew Bible p. 476
Matthew 25:14-30	Pew Bible p. 807

Today's Message

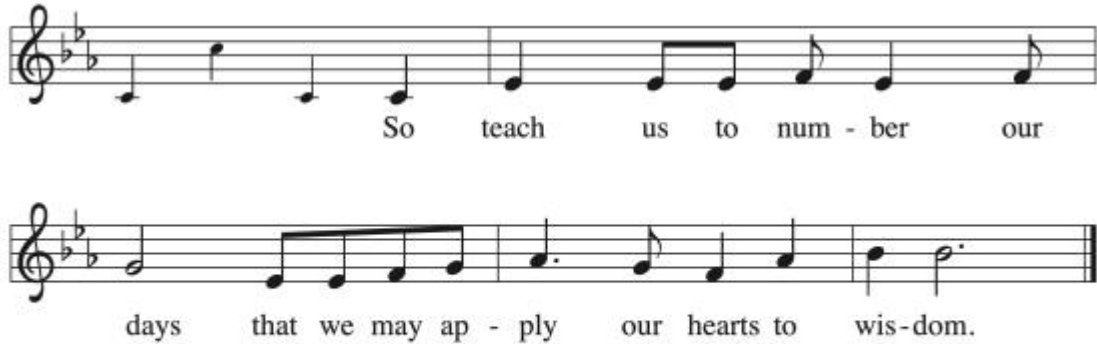
"Risky Business"

by Rev. Jerry Gray

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

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.**

PSALM RESPONSE:



Psalm 90:12
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OUR PRAYER LISTS:

Members: Gayle Matthis, Joan Wheeler, Lynn Schrimper, Robert Schlaufman, Kellie Montifiori, Sharon Hetrick, Judy Crissman, Sandy Alwens, and the Varner Family.

Cancer treatments: Ellen Stevens

Friends of the congregation: Jeff LaLonde, Ryan Meyers, Sami D, Jamey Price, Ken Marshall, Amanda VanLoon, Richard D., Ernie Winter, Jarod Stolz, Fran Moriarty, Audrey Hetrick, Astro Rys, Vernon Thompson, Amy Nupp, Michelle S., Rev. Rhodes and family as they mourn the loss of Owen Jr., Natalie Zimmerly, and David Gaston.

Cancer Friends: Bishop Lozano, Pastor Ken Larson, Lee S, Janie G, Karen B, Norm S, Tony Paggio, Vicki Hanson, Edward Scarpitti, Beaty Emch, Ruth Stiles, Admiral Brent Scott, Katrina, Arlene Rick, Glicerica Conuel, Becky, Nicole C., and Ian Minner.

Other prayer requests: The congregation of St. John’s to remain strong and faithful as we journey through the months to come.

If you are interested in joining the Chancel Choir just for the Advent and Christmas Season you would be more than welcome. Let’s make a joyful noise to the Lord for the Holidays. Please contact Kathy Swanson for rehearsal times over the Holidays.

We would like to thank St. John’s Chancel Choir for their gift of music this morning.

BIBLE STUDY: Rev. Jerry Gray will be leading a bible study on the gospels entitled “A Walk With Jesus” on Tuesdays at 10AM in the Assembly room. This is a 4-week bible study running from November 7th-28th.

POINSETTIA GARDEN: Poinsettia garden order forms are now available. Suggested donation is \$10 per plant. Forms and donations are due by Monday, December 11th.