JOSHUA TREE

Prayer Warrior



Joshua Tree National Park, 2026 | Mika Durante

November 8, 2026

Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost



INFORMATION FOR GUESTS

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP! A warm welcome to our guests this morning. It is a privilege to have you join us as we worship and praise our Savior, Jesus Christ. We want you to feel at home here, so we are providing the following information to make your visit as pleasant as possible.

CHILDREN'S BULLETIN: If you have little ones with restless hands, children's bulletins can be obtained from an usher to help keep the kids occupied.

CONNECTION CARD & MY MINI FORTÉ: When the offering is collected, everyone is asked to fill out the Connect Card found in your bulletin. Please print your address and telephone number on the slip so we can better serve you and provide additional information. We will follow up with you about events and volunteer opportunities using the details you share in the "My Mini Forté" section on the back of the card.

RESTROOMS & WATER FOUNTAINS: Restrooms are located near the front and rear entrances to the sanctuary. Signs are located on the wall.

NURSERY: A nursery, with a qualified attendant, is provided for the care of children 3 years old or younger. It is in the back of the church (Luther Hall) and available during the late service at 10:30 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Kids Connect is available for children 4 years old through 5th grade following the children's message in the 10:30 a.m. service. Please pick up your children from the Lakeview Room (Luther Hall) after signing them out. Older kids are asked to attend worship unless scheduled for volunteering.

A SPECIAL INVITATION for everyone to join us in Adult Bible Classes at 9:15 a.m. in the Lakeview Room.

COFFEE IS SERVED: There is coffee fellowship every Sunday from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. in the Breezeway. Come have a cup of joe and enjoy fellowship with one another.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS: Large print bulletins are located in the front entrance of the church (narthex). Please ask an usher for assistance.

RECEIVING COMMUNION: Please see the distribution statement in this bulletin (printed in the Service of the Sacrament after the prayers of the church).

HOW CAN YOU BECOME A MEMBER? If you have a previous membership with a Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) congregation, you can transfer your membership to **Our Savior** by contacting the church office. We will gladly reach out to your previous church to request the transfer. You may also join by profession of faith. New members are welcomed regularly, and New Member Classes are offered year-round. For assistance or additional information, please call the church office at (954) 473-6888.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE at **www.oslplantation.church** to watch past sermons, read the Weekly Newsletter, view the events calendar, and access our **Facebook Page**.

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"Serving Christ-Serving Others-Changing Lives"

(P=*pastor,* L=*liturgist,* C=*congregation,* R=*reader,* A=*cantor*)

As we gather, please take a minute to fill out your Connect Card.

Prelude *(Bells rung to begin services.)*
Announcements

(Please remain seated)

8 AM Hymn of Invocation—LSB 770 What a Friend We Have in Jesus



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*(**8 a.m.** attendees, please proceed to the **Invocation** on **pg. 6**⇨)*

(Please stand)

10:30 AM Opening Song 1—Battle Belongs

1. **Verse 1**
When all I see is the battle
You see my victory
When all I see is a mountain
You see a mountain moved
And as I walk through the shadow
Your love surrounds me
There's nothing to fear now
For I am safe with You

2. ***Chorus***
So when I fight I'll fight on my knees
With my hands lifted high
O God the battle belongs to You
And every fear I lay at Your feet
I'll sing through the night
O God the battle belongs to You

3. **Verse 2**
And if You are for me
Who can be against me
For Jesus there's nothing
Impossible for You
When all I see are the ashes
You see the beauty
When all I see is a cross
God You see the empty tomb

4. ***Chorus***

5. **Bridge (*2x*)**
(An) Almighty Fortress You go before us
Nothing can stand against
The power of our God
You shine in the shadows
You win every battle
Nothing can stand against
The power of our God

6. ***Chorus***

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10:30 AM Opening Song 2—Because He Lives

1. **Verse 1**
God sent His Son they called Him Jesus
He came to love heal and forgive
He bled and died to buy my pardon
An empty grave is there to prove
My Savior lives

2. ***Chorus A***
Because He lives I can face tomorrow
Because He lives all fear is gone
Because I know He holds the future
And life is worth the living
Just because He lives

3. **Verse 3**
And then one day I'll cross that river
I'll fight life's final war with pain
And then as death gives way to vict'ry
I'll see the lights of glory
And I'll know He reigns

4. ***Chorus A***
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5. ***Chorus B***
So I'll stand
With arms high and heart abandoned
In awe of the One who gave it all
I'll stand
My soul Lord to You surrendered
All I am is Yours

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(Please stand)

Invocation

L In the Name of the Father and of the ✢ Son and of the Holy Spirit. C **Amen.**

Confession & Absolution

L Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

L If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

L Let us kneel and confess our sins to God our Father.

Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God be merciful to me, a sinner.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✢ Son and of the Holy Spirit. C **Amen.**

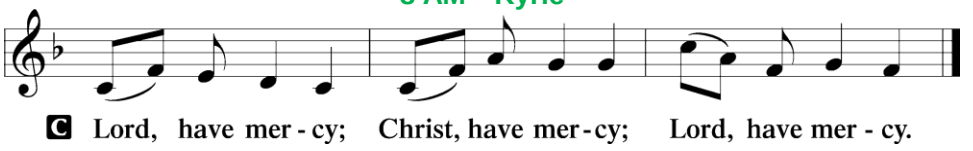
(Please stand)

Service of the Word

*(**10:30 a.m.** attendees, please proceed to the **Salutation & Collect of the Day** on **pg. 7**⇨)*

(Please stand)

8 AM—Kyrie



8 AM Hymn of Praise—Gloria in Excelsis

1. To God on high be glory
And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven
Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father;
Your holy name, we sing—
Our thanks for Your great glory,
Lord God, our heav'nly King.

2. To You, O sole-begotten,
The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior,
You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus;
Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated
At God's right hand on high—

3. For You alone are holy;
You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever,
Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit
Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory.
"Amen!" our glad reply.

Salutation and Collect of the Day *(Please stand)*

L The Lord be with you. C **And also with you.**

L Let us pray. O Everlasting God, in You we have an advocate whose strength never fails. In You we have a helper who never grows weary. Invigorate Your church to pray so that it may strengthen us in our daily battles toward victory; through Jesus Christ, Your Son our Lord. C **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

10:30 AM—Rite of Confirmation

Scripture Reading Introduction

L Those in your corner in a boxing match talk to you. Those in your corner in spiritual warfare talk to God. The Scripture lessons for today are about those who keep watch and intercede when someone is facing battle.

First Reading—Exodus 17:8-13 The Amalekites came and attacked the Israelites at Rephidim. 9 Moses said to Joshua, "Choose some of our men and go out to fight the Amalekites. Tomorrow I will stand on top of the hill with the staff of God in my hands."

10 So Joshua fought the Amalekites as Moses had ordered, and Moses, Aaron and Hur went to the top of the hill. 11 As long as Moses held up his hands, the Israelites were winning, but whenever he lowered his hands, the Amalekites were winning. 12 When Moses' hands grew tired, they took a stone and put it under him and he sat on it. Aaron and Hur held his hands

up—one on one side, one on the other—so that his hands remained steady till sunset. **13** So Joshua overcame the Amalekite army with the sword.

R This is the Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading—Hebrews 7:11, 23-25 If perfection could have been attained through the Levitical priesthood—and indeed the law given to the people established that priesthood—why was there still need for another priest to come, one in the order of Melchizedek, not in the order of Aaron? 23 Now there have been many of those priests, since death prevented them from continuing in office; 24 but because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood. 25 Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.

R This is the Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel *(Please stand)*

L The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the twenty-sixth chapter, verses 36-41

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." **37** He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. **38** Then he said to them, "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me."

39 Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will."

40 Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. "Couldn't you men keep watch with me for one hour?" he asked Peter. **41** "Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."

L This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

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8 AM The Nicene Creed

L Let us with one voice confess our faith saying the Creed.

C **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and

was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

(Please be seated)

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10:30 AM

Confirmation Witness *Roman Sifontes*

Children's Choral Response *Shining Light Series: OSLS K & 1st Grade*

Children's Message

(The children may depart for Kids Connect.)

Song of the Day—AGPS 219 Soul's Celebration

Refrain
God is my strength, He is my salvation.
God's strong right hand
has does might things.
God is so great, my soul's celebration.
God gives me words
and makes my heart sing.
Alleluia (x4)

1. Evil surrounds me all my days;
Enemies threaten my life.
God knows my needs and well provides
victory conquering strife.
[Refrain]

2. Thanks to the Lord for He is good;
His light shines brightly on me.
This is the day the Lord has made.
Be glad! Rejoice thankfully.
[Refrain]

Sermon **Joshua Tree: Prayer Warrior** **Exodus 17:8-13**

Sharing of the Peace

Offering *(Please fill out your Connect Cards.)*

10:30 AM Voluntary Song—The Battle Belongs to the Lord

1. **Verse 1**
   In heavenly armor we'll enter the land
   The battle belongs to the Lord
   No weapon that's fashioned
   against us will stand
   The battle belongs to the Lord

2. ***Chorus***
   And we sing glory honor
   Power and strength to the Lord
   We sing glory honor
   Power and strength to the Lord

3. **Verse 2**
   When the power of darkness
   comes in like a flood
   The battle belongs to the Lord
   He's raised up a standard
   the pow'r of His blood
   The battle belongs to the Lord

4. ***Chorus***

5. **Verse 3**
   When your enemy presses in hard
   do not fear
   The battle belongs to the Lord
   Take courage my friend
   your redemption is near
   The battle belongs to the Lord

6. ***Chorus***

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(Please stand)

8 AM Offertory—Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

10:30 AM—Special Presentation

(Please stand)

Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and all people according to their needs.

(*After each petition,* P Lord in Your mercy C **Hear our prayer.**)

P All these things and whatever else You know that we need grant us for the sake of Him who died and rose again and who now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. C **Amen.**

10:30 AM—The Lords Prayer *(p.11 →)*

8 AM Service of the Sacrament

As we turn our thoughts toward Holy Communion we are reminded that this is a sacrament of God's Grace intended for baptized Christians who believe in Jesus Christ as their Savior, repent or turn from their sins and believe that in and with the bread and wine is Christ's true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and strength to live a new life.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Let us pray… **C** **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray.

C **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.**

*(**10:30 a.m.** attendees, continue to **p.12** for the **Dismissal** ⇨)*

Words of Our Lord *(Pastor)*

Peace of God

P The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C** **And also with you.**

Agnus Dei *(sung)*

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. (*2x*)
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Distribution *(Please be seated)*

Holy Communion is a gift from God. It is the Lord's Table to which He invites us.

*As we prepare to receive the Sacrament, we might **ask ourselves the following questions**:*

- *Do I realize that I am a sinful human being?*
- *Do I understand that our Lord gave His life, His body and blood, for me on the cross that I might be forgiven of my sins and in His resurrection raised me to a new life?*
- *Do I realize that in the Lord's Supper He gives me His true body and blood that I might be assured of forgiveness and that my faith is strengthened that I might serve my Lord and through Him serve others?*

***If you are a baptized Christian** and **share these Biblical truths**, **please join us** in the celebration of the Sacrament. If you have not yet been baptized or received instruction, please come forward for a blessing, crossing your arms over your chest to indicate you are not receiving the elements.*

***General Distribution**: For the **8:00 a.m. service**, those who are able may commune at the **altar**.*

***Individual cups** are available **year-round**, while the **Common Cup** is offered **only during special services**.*

***White grape juice** is available in the **center of the tray** with the individual cups for those who prefer not to have wine.*

Special Distribution:
If you are unable to use the stairs or walk to the front to receive Communion, please remain seated until a Communion assistant arrives. An usher will guide you forward if needed, or the elements will be brought to you at your seat.

8 AM Distribution Hymn—LSB 700 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,
All Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation,
Enter ev'ry trembling heart.

2 Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit
Into ev'ry troubled breast;
Let us all in Thee inherit;
Let us find Thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.

3 Come, Almighty, to deliver;
Let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing,
Glory in Thy perfect love.

4 Finish then Thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in Thee,
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

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Dismissal *(Please stand)*

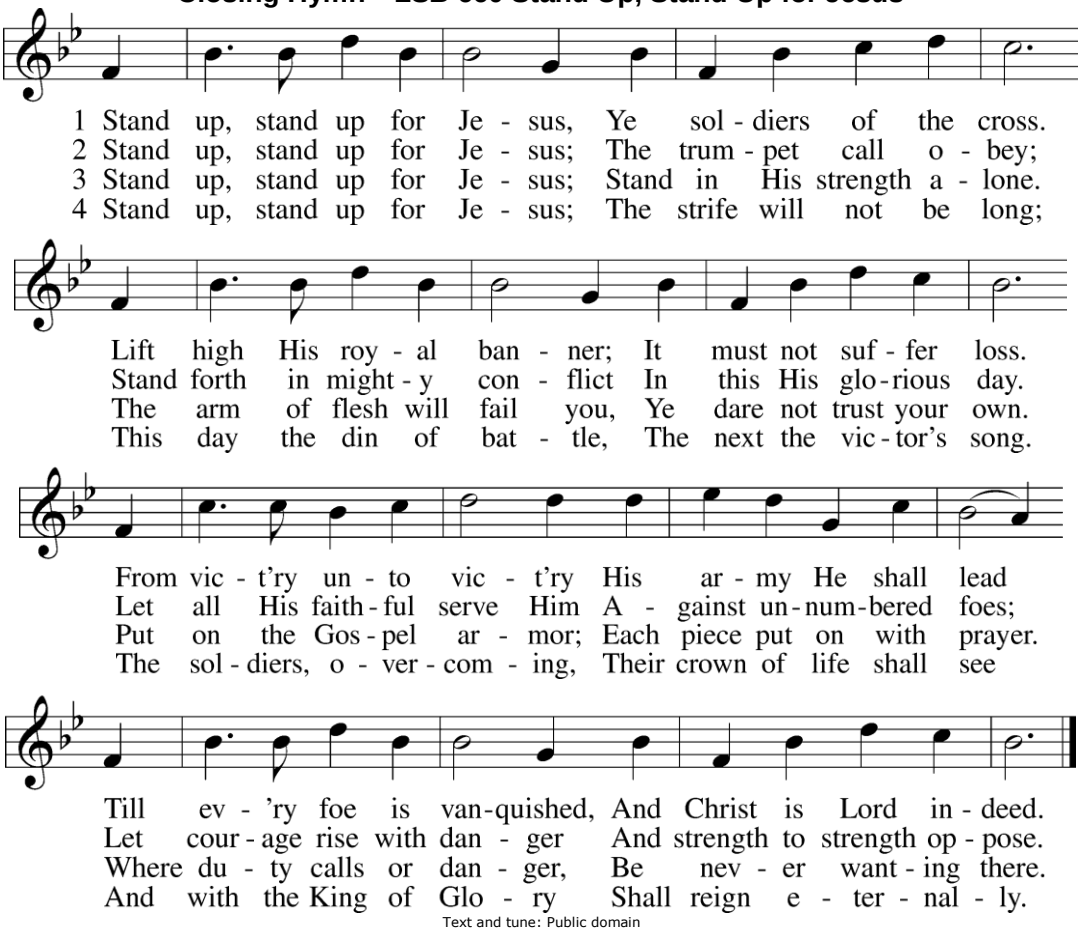
P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ☩ in peace. **C** **Amen.**

Post-Communion Prayer

P Let us pray. Blessed Savior, Jesus Christ, You have given Yourself to us in this holy Sacrament. Keep us in Your faith and favor that we may live in You even as You live in us. May Your body and blood preserve us in the true faith to life everlasting. Hear us for the sake of Your name. **C** **Amen.**

Benediction (*Pastor*)

Closing Hymn—LSB 660 Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus



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P Go in Peace and Serve the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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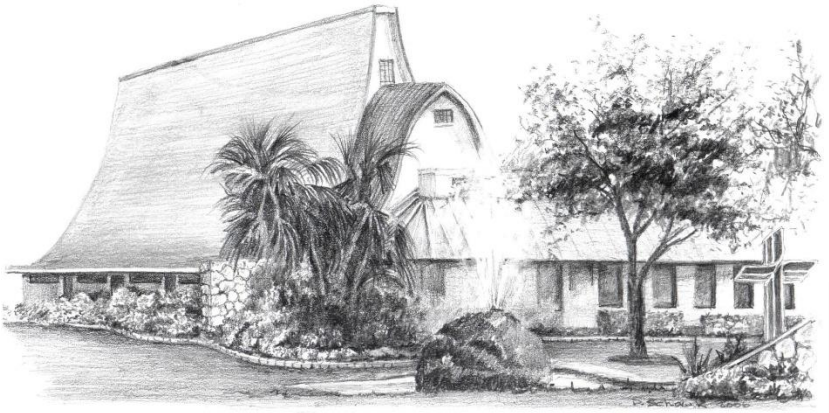
JOSHUA TREE

There is something interesting about the name The Joshua Tree, made famous by U2's 1987 album. The band was drawn to the vast, rugged landscape of the American Southwest, and when they learned about the Joshua tree, its unusual shape and name captured their imagination. The tree's upward-reaching branches reminded them of the biblical Joshua lifting his hands toward heaven. In fact, nineteenth-century settlers had made that same connection, giving the tree its name. A member of the yucca family, the Joshua tree is uniquely suited to survive in the harsh, dry desert, its rugged trunk and distinctive branches reaching skyward. Its biblical namesake, Joshua, knew something about surviving the wilderness, too. Born into slavery in Egypt, he witnessed God's mighty acts of deliverance and learned to trust the Lord through years of wandering. When others saw only danger and impossibility in the Promised Land, Joshua and Caleb held fast to God's promises. And later, as Moses' successor, Joshua led God's people across the Jordan River and into the land God had promised them. Perhaps that is why the image of the Joshua tree is so compelling: it reminds us that even in the harshest wilderness, we can continue reaching upward, trusting in the promises and faithfulness of God.





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UPCOMING EVENTS

[Wed. 11/11] VETERANS DAY—Campus Closed
[Sat. 11/14] Annual PTO Fall Festival
[Sun. 11/15] Annual Thanksgiving Potluck Feast
[Sat. 11/21] Unidos Por Sabor Potluck at Sunrise Athletic Complex
[Sun. 11/22] Thanksgiving Meal (Delivery Day)
[Wed. 11/25] THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP @ 12:15 p.m.
[Thurs. 11/26- Sat. 11/28] THANKSGIVING BREAK—Campus Closed