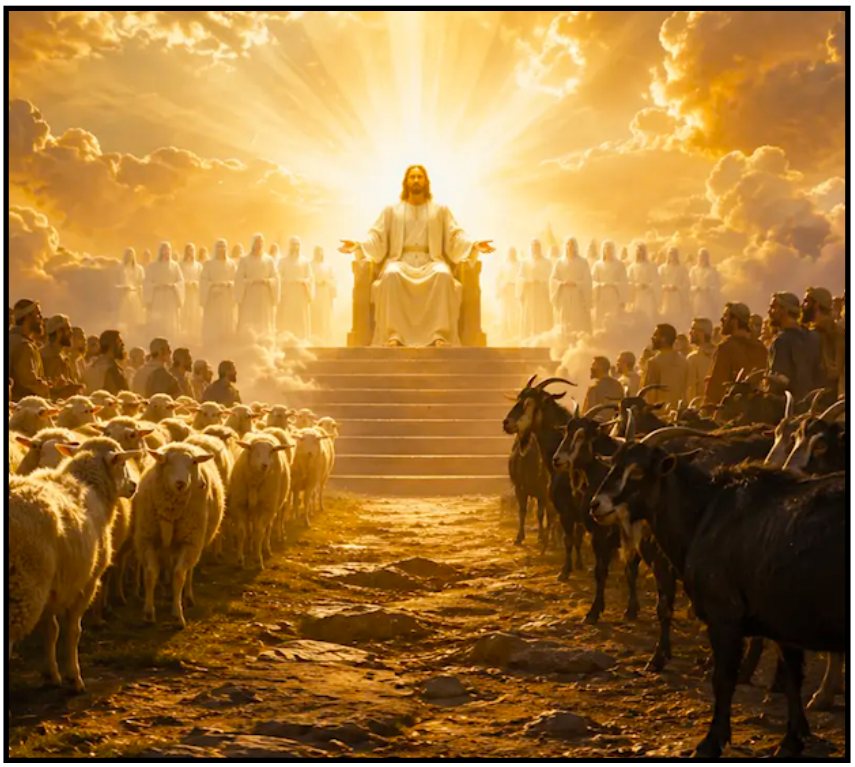
The Son of Man Will Judge the Nations
(Matthew 25:31-46)



24th Sunday after Pentecost
(2nd Sunday of End Time – Last Judgment)
November 8, 2026

Welcome to

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church
Lakewood, Colorado

A Warm Welcome to our Worship Guests. It is our prayer that your faith is strengthened today by the preaching of our Lord's pure Word and by the psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs that our Scripture-based liturgy offers every week. St. Paul is a member of the Church of the Lutheran Confession (CLC). The CLC is represented by congregations throughout the United States, in Canada, as well as throughout the continent of Africa, and in India and neighboring nations. All our churches confess the Bible to be the inspired, unerring Word of God. We invite our Guests to record their visit by signing the Guestbook and to come worship with us again. Questions? Please speak with one of the ushers. They will be happy to assist you!

To Our Guests Seeking an Altar at Which to Commune: We believe that those who partake of the Lord's Supper together are giving expression to the close-knit bond of fellowship God has created among them in *all* that the Bible teaches. For this reason we ask only those who have publicly professed such oneness of faith and belief with us by membership here or at another CLC church to come forward to receive the Sacrament. This is not a judgment of anyone's faith but an expression of ours. If you have the desire to commune with us in the future, please speak with the Pastor at your convenience. We'd love to have you!

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SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

Opening Prayer

Hymn

LSB 516 – *"Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying"*

The Invocation

P: Welcome ... in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen. *(spoken)*

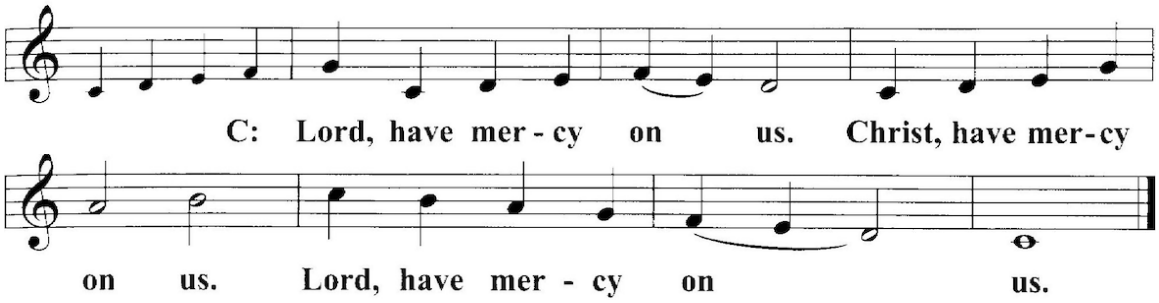
Confession of Sins & Announcement of Forgiveness

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.
C: Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy *The Kyrie*



Glory to God in the Highest *The Gloria in Excelsis*



Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray: "… who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever."

C: Amen. *(spoken)*

First Lesson – Daniel 7:9-10

9 "I watched till thrones were put in place, and the Ancient of Days was seated; His garment was white as snow, and the hair of His head was like pure wool. His throne was a fiery flame, its wheels a burning fire; 10 a fiery stream issued and came forth from

before Him. A thousand thousands ministered to Him; ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him. The court was seated, and the books were opened."

Psalm of the Day – Psalm 90

P: Lord, You have been our dwelling place:
C: In all generations.
P: Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever You had formed the earth and the world:
C: Even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God.
P: For a thousand years in Your sight are like yesterday when it is past:
C: And like a watch in the night.
P: You have set our iniquities before You:
C: Our secret sins in the light of Your countenance.
P: You turn man to destruction:
C: You carry them away like a flood; they are like a sleep.
P: The days of our lives are seventy years; and if by reason of strength they are eighty years:
C: Yet their boast is only labor and sorrow.
P: So teach us to number our days,
C: That we may gain a heart of wisdom.
P: Oh, satisfy us early with Your mercy,
C: That we may rejoice and be glad all our days!

Second Lesson – 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

1 But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. 2 For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. 3 For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. 4 But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. 5 You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. 6 Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober. 7 For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night. 8 But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation. 9 For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him. 11 Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing.

P: Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it. Alleluia!





Confession of Faith – The Nicene Creed

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.

Hymn of the Day

LSB 563 – *"Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness"*

Sermon, based on Matthew 25:31-46

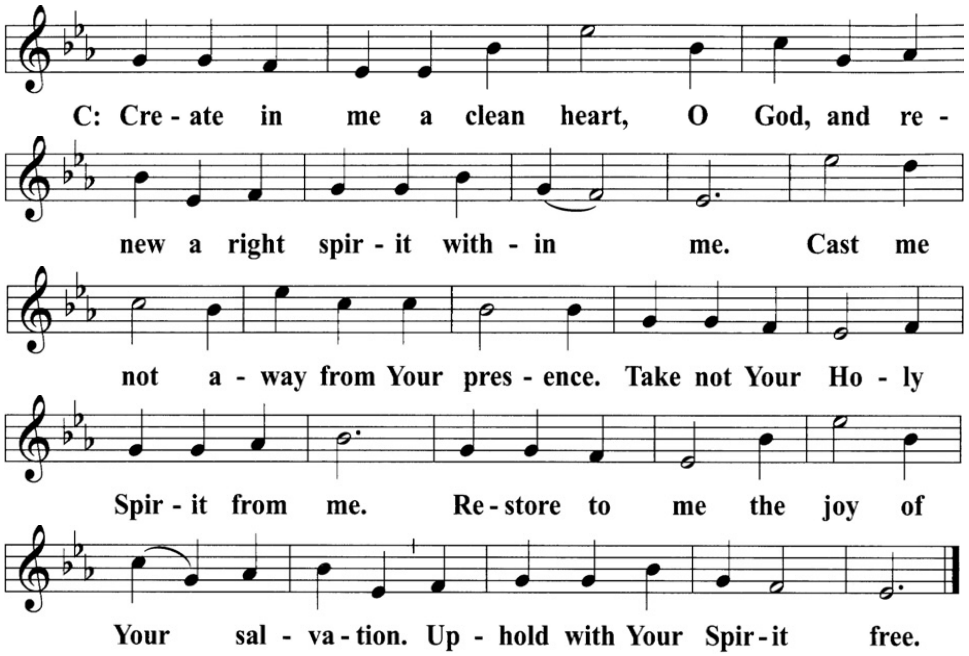
"He Shall Come to Judge the Living and the Dead"

1. On the Last Day Judge Jesus will render a judgment that is final.
2. His final judgment will be based on faithful evidence.

31 "When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. 32 All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. 33 And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. 34 Then the King will say to those on His right hand, "Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: 35 for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; 36 I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited

Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.' 37 "Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? 38 When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? 39 Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' 40 And the King will answer and say to them, "Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.' 41 "Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels: 42 for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink; 43 I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.'44 "Then they also will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?' 45 Then He will answer them, saying, "Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.' 46 And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Offertory



Offering of Thankful Hearts

Special Petitions / Prayer of the Church

The 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; 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.

Hymn

LSB 629 – *"What Is This Bread"*

P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.
C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give You thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in His name, there He is with them to shepherd His flock till He comes again in glory. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise Your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy *Sanctus*

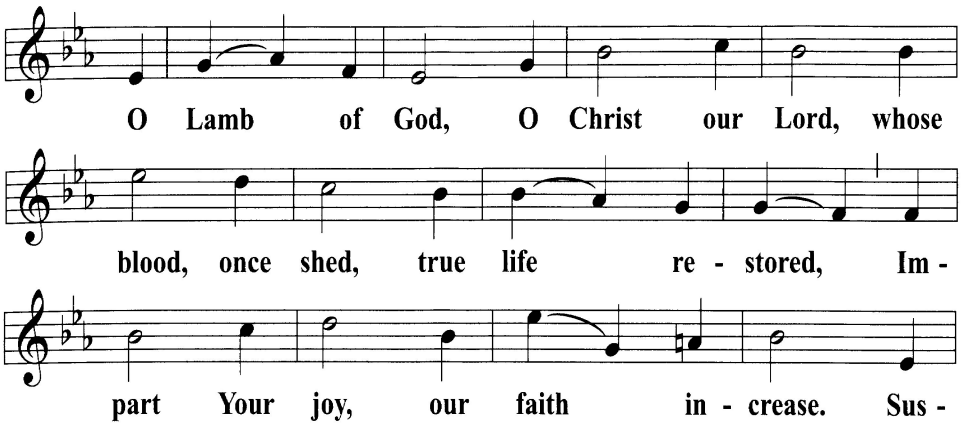


Words of Institution

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed ...

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

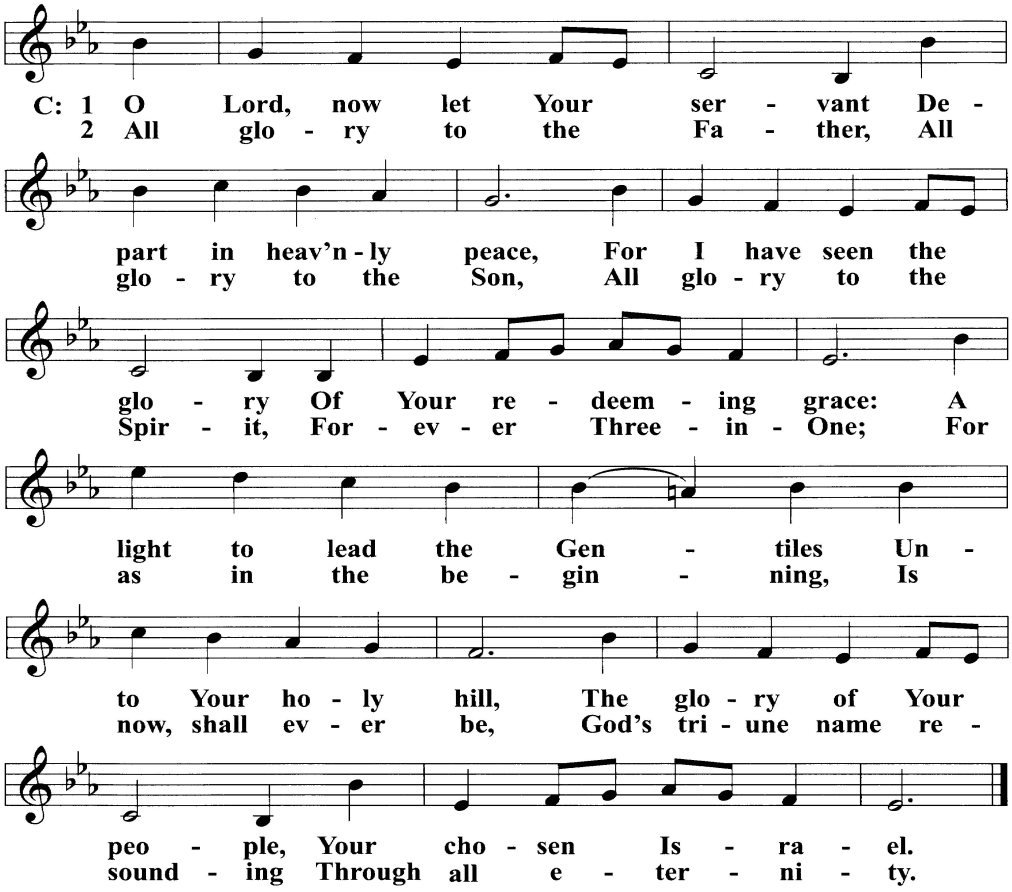
Lamb of God *Agnus Dei*





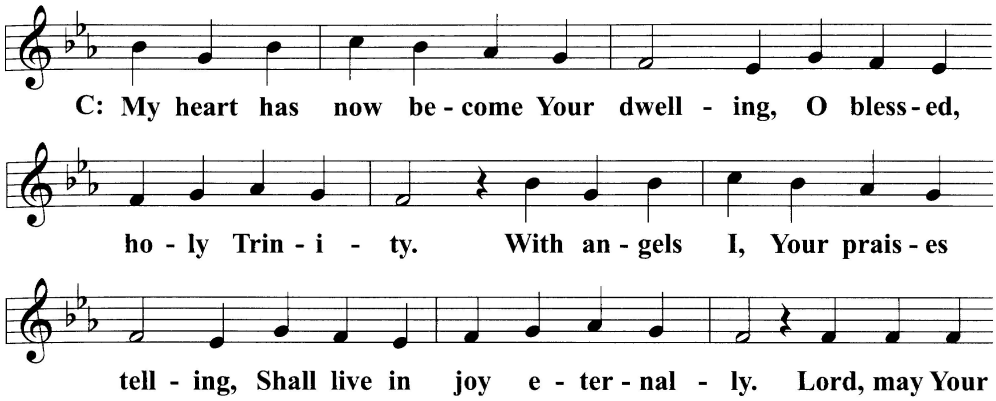
Distribution of the Sacrament

O Lord, Now Let Your Servant *Nunc Dimittis*



P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.

Thanksgiving





Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you . . .

C:



Closing Hymn

LSB 411 – *"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"*

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This Week at St. Paul

Today (11/8)	9:30 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	10:45 am	Sunday School & Bible Class
Sun (11/15)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School & Bible Class

We Ask the Lord for His Continuing Gracious care for our fellow members: Lance Clark, Ethel Eastridge, Pat Newton, Doug Tiefel, and Jerry Wamboldt. Also in our prayers: Ruth Greening who underwent knee replacement surgery last Thursday. May the Spirit fill their hearts with hope and patience.

Advent "Invite a Friend" Sundays

At a recent quarterly meeting the St. Paul voters resolved to establish an outreach committee to lead our congregation in proclaiming the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ to the people of our community. One of the committee's first initiatives will be four **"Invite a Friend" Sundays** during the upcoming Advent season: November 29, December 6, 13, & 20. On each of these days, St. Paul parishioners are encouraged to invite a friend, neighbor, coworker, or family member to worship with us as we prepare our hearts to celebrate the birth of our Savior. Our month of outreach will culminate with an **Advent / Children's Christmas Eve Service** on Sunday, December 20 at 9:30 am and a **Christmas Day Song Service** on Friday, December 25 at 9:30 am. Let us pray that the Lord bless these efforts to share the Good News of Christ crucified and risen for the forgiveness of sins so that through the proclamation of His Word, the Holy Spirit may bring others to faith and into the fellowship of His Church. "*Go into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15).*

Upcoming Church Events (November / December 2026)

The holiday season is just around the corner! We invite everyone to join us for a time of worship, fellowship, service, and celebration as we prepare our hearts for Christmas and the New Year.

- Wednesday, November 25 at 7:00 pm – Thanksgiving Eve Worship
- Sunday, November 29 – Christmas Decorating
- Sunday, December 6 – Christmas Potluck
- Sunday, December 13 – Shut-ins Gift Bag Assembly
- Sunday, December 20 at 9:30 am – Children's Advent/Christmas Eve Service
- Friday, December 25 at 9:30 am – Christmas Day Worship
- Thursday, December 31 at 6:30 pm – NY's Eve Communion Service

We look forward to celebrating this special season together! May we keep Christ at the center of our hearts and homes as we remember the joy, hope, and peace of His coming. All are welcome!

Around the CLC

- Due to increased government scrutiny and restrictions on Christian activities and the recent arrest and deportation of several foreign Christians in Nepal, the 2027 CLC Mission Helper Trip has been postponed until further notice. This decision was made with the advice and counsel of HCLC-Nepal church leaders to protect their ongoing Gospel ministry from government interference. Please keep our Nepali brothers and sisters in Christ in your prayers. While no international Mission Helper Trips are planned for 2027, stateside TVBS opportunities will be available. A Mission Helper Trip to Mexico is also being planned as a trial run for future opportunities. Future trips, such as Bangladesh and the Philippines are also being considered as the Lord opens doors.

- Share a Phone, Support a Ministry: Do you have an old smartphone you no longer use? You can make a difference in the lives of pastors and pastoral students in East Africa! We are collecting used smartphones that were previously on Verizon or are otherwise confirmed to be unlocked. Please factory reset your phone, attach a note with your name and your church name, and bring it to the church office. Your unused phone could become a valuable tool for ministry, communication, and sharing the Gospel. Thank you for your generosity and for helping to support our brothers and sisters in Christ!

- Registration is now open for the 2027 CLC Midwest Women's Retreat. Theme: *"Planted in the House of the Lord"* (Psalm 92:12-14). Dates: April 23-25, 2027. Location: Banquets of Minnesota, Fridley, MN. Host Congregation: Grace Lutheran Church (Fridley). Cost: $100 before February 15. Register at: womensretreat.clclutheran.net/midwest-womens-retreat/. Questions? Contact Annette Kuehne at: womensretreat.midwest@gmail.com.

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Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions
November 9-14

Mon Matthew 22:15-22 The Pharisees set a trap for Jesus by pitting God against the ruling government. Which should we serve? Jesus answer: Give Caesar what you owe him AND give God the love you owe Him.

Tues Philippians 3:17-21 Paul urges believers not to live like the enemies of the cross, but rather to live as citizens of heaven, who are eagerly awaiting the glorious return of their Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ.

Wed Isaiah 32:1-8 A king who will reign in righteousness reminds us of the Messiah, who is our Shelter and Refuge, Shade and Refreshment. In His Kingdom, His people walk not as fools, but walk in the truth.

Thurs Psalm 31:17-24 Though David is beset by lying lips (v18), his trust is in the Lord to deliver him. He looks to the Lord to hide him from the schemes of men (v20). When he feels alone (v22), God still hears him.

Fri Psalm 124 Without the Lord, those against us would swallow us, submerge us, sweep us away. But by Him we have escaped with our lives (v7)! Truly our help is in the name of the Lord, the Maker of all (v8).

Sat Mark 12:41-44 Jesus is watching how the crowds of people bring their offerings and sees it differently than most. The poor widow with two coins brought the greatest offering to God: all she had.

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