The Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

November 15, 2026

Pre-service Music

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: Give Me Oil In My Lamp *Text, traditional public domain, Tune, John Perovich*

Confession and Absolution

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✣ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

P Blessed are the ones who trust in the Lord. For the Lord God withholds no good thing from those who trust in Him. Therefore, let us go to our God and confess our sins knowing that,
C **our God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

C **Gracious and merciful God, we confess that while we have been made new creations through the waters of our baptism, we still live ensnared by sin, and are unable to free ourselves. We have not always lived our lives in accordance with the identity that you have given us in Jesus. We have not always done the things that you have called us to do. We have not always loved you above all else and with all our hearts, souls, minds, and strength. We have not always loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us all our sins. Renew our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that our lives would show the identity you have given us in baptism, and the new creations that you have made us to be. Amen.**

P The Lord hears our prayers. Our God gives ear to us and answers us. In mercy, Almighty God 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.**

Peace of the Lord

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

Service of the Word

Gathering Hymn *LSB 411 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus. Refrain

ref In Him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

2 I want to see the brightness of God.
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path,
And show me the way to the Father. Refrain

3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ.
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
We shall know the joy of Jesus. Refrain

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

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

L Let us pray.
Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Children's Message

The Old Testament Reading *Zephaniah 1:7–16 (NRSVue)*

A The Old Testament reading is from the first chapter of the book of Zephaniah.

7 Be silent before the Lord God, for the day of the Lord is at hand! The Lord has prepared a sacrifice; he has
consecrated his guests. 8 And on the day of the Lord's sacrifice I will punish the officials and the king's sons
and all who dress themselves in foreign attire. 9 On that day I will punish all who leap over the threshold, who
fill their master's house with violence and fraud. 10 On that day, says the Lord, a cry will be heard from the
Fish Gate, a wail from the Second Quarter, a loud crash from the hills. 11 The inhabitants of the Mortar wail,
for all the traders have perished; all who weigh out silver are cut off. 12 At that time I will search Jerusalem
with lamps, and I will punish the people who settle like dregs in wine, those who say in their hearts, "The
Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm." 13 Their wealth shall be plundered and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine
from them. 14 The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is
bitter; the warrior cries aloud there. 15 That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of

ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, [16] a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

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

The Psalm *Psalm 90:1–12; antiphon: v. 17 (NRSV)*

L Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.
C **Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**
L You turn us back to dust, and say, "Turn back, you mortals."
C **For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past, or like a watch in the night.**
L You sweep them away; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning;
C **in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.**
L For we are consumed by your anger; by your wrath we are overwhelmed.
C **You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your countenance.**
L For all our days pass away under your wrath; our years come to an end like a sigh.
C **The days of our life are seventy years, or perhaps eighty, if we are strong; even then their span is only toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away.**
L Who considers the power of your anger? Your wrath is as great as the fear that is due you.
C **So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.**
L Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
C **as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

The Epistle Reading *1 Thessalonians 5:1–11 (NRSVue)*

A The Epistle reading is from the fifth chapter of the book of 1 Thessalonians.

[1] Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written
to you. [2] For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. [3] 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! [4] But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness,
for that day to surprise you like a thief; [5] for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of
the night or of darkness. [6] So, then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober, [7]
for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. [8] 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. [9] For
God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, [10] who died for
us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. [11] Therefore encourage one another and
build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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

Gradual

L These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.
C **They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.**
L Blessed are those whose strength is in you,
C **in whose heart are the highways to Zion.**

Gospel Acclamation

C **Halle, halle, halle_lujah!**
Halle, halle, halle_lujah!
Halle, halle, halle_lujah!
Hallelujah! Halle_lujah!

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Verse

P Alleluia. For to everyone who has will more be given,
C **And they will have an abundance. Alleluia.**

The Holy Gospel *Matthew 25:14–30 (NRSVue)*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

14 "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; 15 to
one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away.
At once 16 the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more
talents. 17 In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. 18 But the one who had
received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. 19 After a long
time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. 20 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.' 21 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.' 22 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.' 23 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.' 24 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, 25 so I
was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' 26 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? 27 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. 28 So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the
ten talents. 29 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. 30 As for this worthless slave, throw him into the
outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day *LSB 783 Take My Life and Let It Be*

1 Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

2 Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love;
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee.

3 Take my voice and let me sing
Always, only for my King;
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee.

4 Take my silver and my gold,
Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect and use
Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it Thine,
It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is Thine own,
It shall be Thy royal throne.

6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee.

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Apostles' Creed

L We make confession of our faith together in the words of the creed.

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ✢ everlasting. Amen.

Blessing of Those Celebrating Anniversaries

All who are celebrating a wedding anniversary this month are invited to come forward for a prayer and blessing.

P Dear friends, our merciful God and Father has sustained and blessed you throughout your wedded life. May He, who is ever faithful in love and compassion, continue to grant you His grace so that, with true fidelity and steadfast love, you may always honor and keep your promises, grow in love toward Him and for each other, work together to join him in his mission in this world and to make his love in Jesus known, and come at last to the eternal joys that He has promised. In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P The almighty and gracious God continue to bless you that you may please Him in both body and soul and live together in holy love until your life's end.

C **Amen.**

P Let us pray.
Lord God, heavenly Father, You instituted holy matrimony, blessed and honored it with the presence of Your Son at the marriage at Cana in Galilee, and continue to protect and preserve it. We thank You for the love and grace which You have bestowed upon these your dear people throughout their marriage. You have accompanied them with loving-kindness and tender mercy, visited them with Your comfort, strengthened them in sorrow and sickness, and crowned their life with every blessing. You have enabled them to walk in marital love and fidelity, holding them to each other in sickness and in health, in adversity and prosperity, and granting them strength, patience, and faithfulness. Be with them, O Lord, until the end of their days, even as You have guided them in the past. Be their health, strength, refuge, and life. When the days of their earthly pilgrimage have ceased, graciously bring them to the marriage supper of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, where they shall dwell with You and all Your faithful and rejoice in Your joy forever; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P Dear friends, may your hearts continue to be united in love and faithfulness and your home remain a dwelling place of the Lord. At the end of your pilgrimage here on earth, may you together see God face to face and enjoy that glory which He has promised to all who abide in His love to the end.

C **Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

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

P Loving and Gracious God, you have gathered us together to be your people in this world. You give us your Holy Spirit, your word, and the sacraments. Work through Your means of grace to transform our lives, so that they would always show your love and forgiveness and grace. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

L Lord God, You enter not into judgment with Your servants, for while no one living is righteous before You, Your Son has purchased, won, and redeemed us. Have mercy on those haunted by guilt and shame, and faithfully convince them of Your grace and holiness for them in Christ Jesus. Give us joy and zeal for living as your disciples who join you in your mission in this world. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Teach us to do Your will, for You are our God. Strengthen Your people to meditate on all You have done and proclaim Your Word in its truth and purity, that Your good Spirit may lead us on level ground, holy and righteous before You. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

L Father in heaven, You have made us children of the light and of the day. Bless our homes, as we learn and live Your ways, that we Your people may walk as those armored in faith, love and salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Creator of all things, You call into existence what does not exist and govern it for good. Remember those You have given authority among the nations, that the laws they administer might reflect Your order and maintain peace. Bless and protect those who serve in our military, especially those serving in places of danger and far away from home. Bless all those who serve at home to protect and keep safe, all firefighters, police officers, first responders, EMTs, and emergency room workers. Allow justice, mercy, peace, and compassion to grow and increase in us, among us, and through us. And heal our world from the evils of injustice, prejudice, inequality, and hatred. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

L Almighty God, give ear to our pleas on behalf of the afflicted and all those in need *[We especially lift up to you those we love, who need your healing and care, that we name before you now, out loud or in our hearts _____]*. For Your name's sake, preserve their life and grant them healing according to Your will. In Your righteousness, strengthen their faith through all trials and bring their souls out of trouble. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Holy God, You have not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord, Jesus Christ. Until the day of His coming in glory, grant that we may welcome Him at the altar, even as we are welcomed to Him, receiving His body and blood for our forgiveness. Work through your means of grace to strengthen our faith and to increase our love and service to you, to one another, and to our neighbors. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

L God of life, Your Son died for us so that, whether awake or asleep, we might live with Him. Receive our thanks for Your kindness to all who have died in the faith. Comfort those who mourn with the consolation that all who die in Christ live with Him forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P All these things and everything else for which we should ask, we pray through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Offering

C **Offer, offer, offering, we give our gifts to say,**
"Thank you Lord for loving us and blessing us each day."
Time to share our gifts and say,
"Thank you Lord for each new day."

Offertory Prayer

L O, Giver of all good things, we give thanks to You, for You are good and Your steadfast love endures forever. All that we have is a gift from You and signs of Your love and care. Grant that we would faithfully and joyfully use what You have entrusted to us to join You in the work that You are doing in this place. Accept the offerings that we give in the various ways that we give them throughout the week, as part of our work of joining You in Your work. Increase and grow our trust in You through the giving of our offerings. Be glorified in the giving of them as we give them in thanksgiving and with gratitude for all Your blessings and gifts to us. Use them to further the work that You are doing in this place and all around our world. In Jesus' name we pray,

C **Amen.**

Offertory

C **What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?**
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
P Lift up your hearts.
C **We lift them to the Lord.**
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Proper Preface

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:**
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✢ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✢ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Proclamation of Christ

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

The Lord's Prayer

P God, remember us in your love 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.**

Pax Domini

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

Agnus Dei

C **Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Distribution Hymn *LSB 785 We Praise You, O God*

1 We praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before You, we kneel and adore You;
We bless Your holy name, glad praises we sing.

2 We worship You, God of our fathers, we bless You;
Through trial and tempest our guide You have been.
When perils o'ertake us, You will not forsake us,
And with Your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.

3 With voices united our praises we offer
And gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With You, Lord, beside us, Your strong arm will guide us.
To You, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

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Distribution Hymn *LSB 801 How Great Thou Art*

1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed; Refrain

ref Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; Refrain

3 But when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in—
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin; Refrain

4 When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!" Refrain

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The Dismissal

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.**

Thank the Lord

C **Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.**
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

Post-Communion Collect

L Let us pray.
O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Benedicamus

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

L Bless we the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

L As we depart from this place, we celebrate the ways God has blessed us in this service.
We have received forgiveness of all our sins and remembered the identity given to us in our baptism.
C **Our God has equipped us for life lived in His kingdom.**

L We have heard the good news of the gospel and the word of God read and proclaimed.
C **Our God has encouraged us in discipleship and following Jesus.**

L We have received the gifts of God given in Holy Communion.
C **As our God has served us, so we go from this place to be engaged in service to God, to one another and to our neighbors.**

L As we depart from this place, we go as people who have been equipped for life, encouraged in discipleship, and who engage in service.
C **We go as people who have been invited by God to join God in the work that He is doing in this place.**

P As you go, receive the blessing of our God:
The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.
C **Amen.**

Sending Hymn *LSB 660 Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus*

1 Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
Ye soldiers of the cross.
Lift high His royal banner;
It must not suffer loss.
From vict'ry unto vict'ry
His army He shall lead
Till ev'ry foe is vanquished,
And Christ is Lord indeed.

2 Stand up, stand up for Jesus;
The trumpet call obey;
Stand forth in mighty conflict
In this His glorious day.
Let all His faithful serve Him
Against unnumbered foes;
Let courage rise with danger
And strength to strength oppose.

3 Stand up, stand up for Jesus;
Stand in His strength alone.
The arm of flesh will fail you,
Ye dare not trust your own.
Put on the Gospel armor;
Each piece put on with prayer.
Where duty calls or danger,
Be never wanting there.

4 Stand up, stand up for Jesus;
The strife will not be long;
This day the din of battle,
The next the victor's song.
The soldiers, overcoming,
Their crown of life shall see
And with the King of Glory
Shall reign eternally.

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