✢ Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost ✢
November 15, 2026
8:15 & 10:45 AM



Gathering People to Christ,
Building Believers in Christ,
Serving the World as Christ

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THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION . . .

The word "Sacrament" means that God is at work here. A Sacrament is an act of God, not just a pious ritual of the Church. What God does here is present us with the true Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, "in, with, and under" the bread and wine. It is more than just a reminder or a symbol of Christ. It is Christ. And so the proper approach is one of repentance for sin, and trust in God's promise. "He is truly worthy who has faith in the words: Given and shed for you," as Dr. Luther often said. We ask those who have never communed with us to please speak with the pastor before doing so. Everyone is welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.

Welcome: As we reach the end of the Church Year, there is a heightened sense of urgency in all the Readings, hymns, and other propers. These remind us that Christ will certainly come again, that this return draws closer with each passing day, and that we do not know when that day will be. Therefore, we are to be ready and prepared for Jesus to come again—and to meet Him at our own death. Paul, in writing to the Thessalonians in the Epistle, warns that "the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night" (1 Thessalonians 5:2). Paul warns against complacency, exhibited by those who say, "There is peace and security" (v. 3). In the Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the talents, warning again that we do not know when He, the master, will return; the precious gift of faith must be invested in His means of grace now (Matthew 25:14–30). In the Old Testament Reading, the prophet Zephaniah warns about complacency and misjudging God's character, so that he can point us to God's true nature: "a mighty one who will save" (Zephaniah 3:17).

Assisted Listening Devices: are available for those who have trouble hearing the service. Please see an usher to use one.

Communication Cards: Please fill out the bright yellow communication cards located by the bulletins as you enter. If you are a visitor or your address has changed, please include that in the space provided. Prayer requests for next week may be written on the back.

Communion Procedure: Then, ushers will release one side at a time from the middle. The pulpit side will fill in the front starting at the side closest to the street and fill in all the way to the other wall. The lectern side does the same in reverse—start from the wall closest to the lectern and fill in the entire way across to the other wall. Grape juice is in the outer ring and is lighter in color than the wine. The wine is darker in color. After communing, return to your seat via the side aisle. The entire congregation will be dismissed after all have communed. There are baskets for the used communion cups hanging on the outside edge of the first pew. If you are unable to come forward to receive communion, alert an usher and the Pastor will bring communion to you.

Cushions are available for those who may need them; ask an usher for assistance.

Nursery Welcomes Your Child: The church nursery is available during both Sunday worship services and Sunday school for preschool age children and younger. The nursery is staffed with a professional Nanny. It is located to the right as you enter the building, just past the coat room.

Prayer Requests: Please use the pink sheets to request prayers to be read during the service. Place in the offering plate.

Quiet Room: The Luther Room (located at the end of the hall to the left as you enter the building) is available for use as a "quiet room." It is equipped with comfortable chairs and a TV that shows the service.

Members and Visitors: Please take a moment to fill out the bright yellow Guest & Member Communication Cards and place it in the offering plate during the Offering time. Thank You.

Prelude **"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" arr. Victor Labenske**

Hymn (8:15) **"O Worship the King" LSB 804, sts. 1–2, 4–5**

Hymn (10:45) **"A Christian's Daily Prayer"**

As morning dawns and day awakes, to You I bring my need.
O Gracious God, my source of strength, in You I live and breathe.
Each hour is Yours, by Wisdom planned, each deed empower'd by sovereign hands.
Renew my spirit, help me stand. Be glorified today.

As day unfolds, I seek Your will in all of life's demands.
And though the tempter tries me still, I cling to Your commands.
Let every effort of my life display the matchless worth of Christ.
Make me a living sacrifice. Be glorified today.

As sun gives way to darkest night, Your Spirit still is here.
And though my strength fades like the light, new mercies will appear.
I rest in You. Abide with me, until our trials and suffering
Give way to final victory. Be glorified today.
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Holy Baptism (10:45) **See Insert**

Invocation (8:15)

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

Memory Verse 1 Corinthians 15:21-22

C **21 For as by a man came _____, by a man has come also the _____ of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.**

Confession and Absolution

P Hear my prayer, O Lord; C **give ear to my pleas for mercy!**

Silent reflection on God's Word and for self-examination

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we have not lived as children of the light. We have fallen into complacency, forgetting who You are and who we are. We have grown comfortable in habits that do not honor You. We have buried what You have given us rather than loving our neighbor with those gifts. We have become complacent in our thoughts, our words, and our actions. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. God has not destined you for wrath but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P 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.**

Hymn (8:15) "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" LSB 805

Hymn (10:45) "All Praise to Him"

All praise to Him, the God of light, Who formed the mountains by His might.
All praise to Him Who names the stars that sing His fame in skies afar.
All praise to Him Who reigns in love, Who guides the galaxies above,
Yet bends to hear our every prayer with sovereign pow'r and tender care.

All praise to Him Whose love is seen in Christ the Son, the servant King,
Who left behind His glorious throne to pay the ransom for His own.
All praise to Him Who humbly came to bear our sorrow, sin and shame.
Who lived to die, Who died to rise, the all-sufficient sacrifice.

All praise to Him whose pow'r imparts the love of God within our hearts.
The Spirit of all truth and peace, the fount of joy and holiness.
To Father Son and Spirit now, our souls we lift, our wills we bow.
To You, the Triune God, we raise with loving hearts our song of praise.

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Old Testament Reading: Zephaniah 1:7–16

7 Be silent before the Lord God! For the
day of the Lord is near; the Lord has
prepared a sacrifice and 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 array
themselves in foreign attire. 9 On that
day I will punish everyone who leaps
over the threshold, and those who fill
their master's house with violence and
fraud. 10 "On that day," declares the
Lord, "a cry will be heard from the Fish
Gate, a wail from the Second Quarter,
a loud crash from the hills. 11 Wail, O
inhabitants of the Mortar! For all the
traders are no more; all who weigh out
silver are cut off. 12 At that time I will
search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will
punish the men who are complacent,
those who say in their hearts, 'The
Lord will not do good, nor will he do
ill.' 13 Their goods 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 mighty man cries
aloud there. 15 A day of wrath is that day,
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.

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

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

1 Now concerning the times and the
seasons, brothers, you have no need to
have anything written to you. 2 For you
yourselves are fully aware that the day
of the Lord will come like a thief in the
night. 3 While people are saying, "There
is peace and security," then sudden
destruction will come upon them as

labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. [4]But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. [5]For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. [6]So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. [7]For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. [8]But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. [9]For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, [10]who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with Him. [11]Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

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

Holy Gospel: Matthew 25:14–30

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

[14][Jesus said:] "For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. [15]To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. [16]He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. [17]So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. [18]But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. [19]Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. [20]And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.' [21]His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' [22]And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.' [23]His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' [24]He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, [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 answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed and gather where I scattered no

seed? [27]Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. [28]So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. [29]For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. [30]And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

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

Apostles' Creed (8:15)

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.

Children's Message — Pr. Tritten

Hymn (8:15) "Your Kingdom, O God, Is My Glorious Treasure" — LSB 654, sts. 1–3

Hymn (10:45) "Speak to Me"

I am Your servant, and I am list'ning. Speak to me, Lord, speak to me.
I need Your wisdom, Your truth and comfort. Speak to me, Lord, speak to me.

Chorus
Speak to me. Speak to me through Your word, through Your Spirit,
Speak Your words of life.
Speak to me. Speak to me. I am waiting, I am list'ning, speak to me.

I am Your servant, and I am list'ning. Speak to me, Lord, speak to me.
My heart is silent, my soul is longing; Speak to me, Lord speak to me. *Chorus*

I am waiting, I am list'ning, speak to me.

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Offertory "Beautiful Savior" Keith Hoover

Pastoral Prayers

Prayer of the Church

A As children of light, we cry out to the Lord who sees and hears us and deals bountifully with us in our time of need.

O Lord, our God, our dwelling place from generation to generation, You gather us around Your gifts of Word and Sacrament as we await the return of Christ. Thank You for entrusting us with these gifts, and help us to remain faithful in our waiting as we proclaim the Gospel to the world. Lord in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Loving Father, You claimed us as children in Holy Baptism, bringing us out of darkness and into Your marvelous light. Help us to walk as children of light, encouraging and building one another up, that Your works may be displayed in us while it is still day. Lord in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Sovereign Lord, as You have called us to keep watch and to not grow weary, You have also given us leaders to watch over us. Strengthen all who are in authority over us, that they may see and care for the needs of Your people and Your creation. Lord in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Merciful Lord, a thousand years in Your sight are but as yesterday when it is past. Be with those who are in long or difficult seasons of life, those who are sick, those who are grieving, and those who are in distress and anguish. Give them peace in their waiting that they be comforted in knowing that their strength is in You. Lord in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Ever-present Lord, You have prepared the Table and consecrated Your guests. Bring us to receive the gift of Christ's body and blood with repentant and thankful hearts that we be strengthened in our waiting for Your return. Lord in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Believing that You have not destined us for wrath but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, we trust that You hear and answer us according to Your good and gracious will. We pray this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer (8:15)

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.**

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

A As often as we eat of this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

Hymn (8:15) **"The Clouds of Judgment Gather"** **LSB 513, sts. 1–4**

Hymn (8:15) **"Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"** **LSB 655, sts. 1–3**

Hymn (8:15) "I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus" LSB 729, sts. 1–6

Hymn (10:45) "Lord Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"

Verse 1
Lord, keep us steadfast in Your word;
Curb those who by deceit or sword would seek to overthrow Your Son
And to destroy what He has done.

Verse 2
Lord Jesus Christ, your pow'r make known,
For You are Lord of lords alone;
Defend your Christendom that we may sing Your praise eternally.

Verse 3
O Comforter of priceless worth,
Send peace and unity on earth.
Support us in our final strife, and lead us out of death to life.

(Musical Interlude)

Repeat Verse 1

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Hymn (10:45) "Even So, Come"

All of creation, all of the earth, make straight a highway, a path for the Lord.
Jesus is coming soon.

Call back the sinner, wake up the saint. Let ev'ry nation shout of Your fame.
Jesus is coming soon.

Chorus 1
Like a bride waiting for her groom, we'll be a Church ready for You.
Ev'ry heart longing for our King, we sing,
"Even so, come, Lord Jesus come. Even so, come, Lord Jesus come."

There will be justice, all will be new. Your name forever faithful and true.
Jesus is coming soon. *Chorus 1*

Bridge
So we wait, we wait for You. God we wait. You're coming soon.
So we wait, we wait for You. God we wait. You're coming soon.

Chorus 2
Like a bride waiting for her groom, we'll be a Church ready for You.
Ev'ry heart longing for our King, we sing,
Like a bride waiting for her groom, we'll be a Church ready for You.
Ev'ry heart longing for our King, we sing,
"Even so, come, Lord Jesus come. Even so, come, Lord Jesus come.

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Benedicamus

A Let us bless the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

P 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.

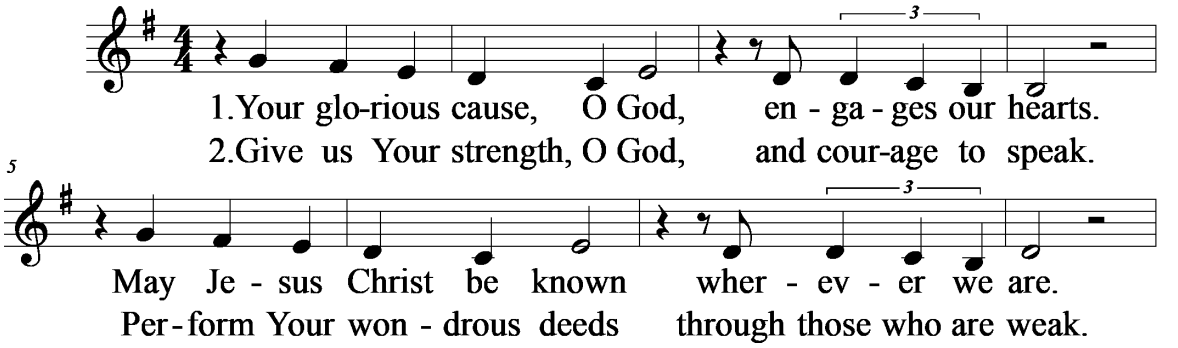
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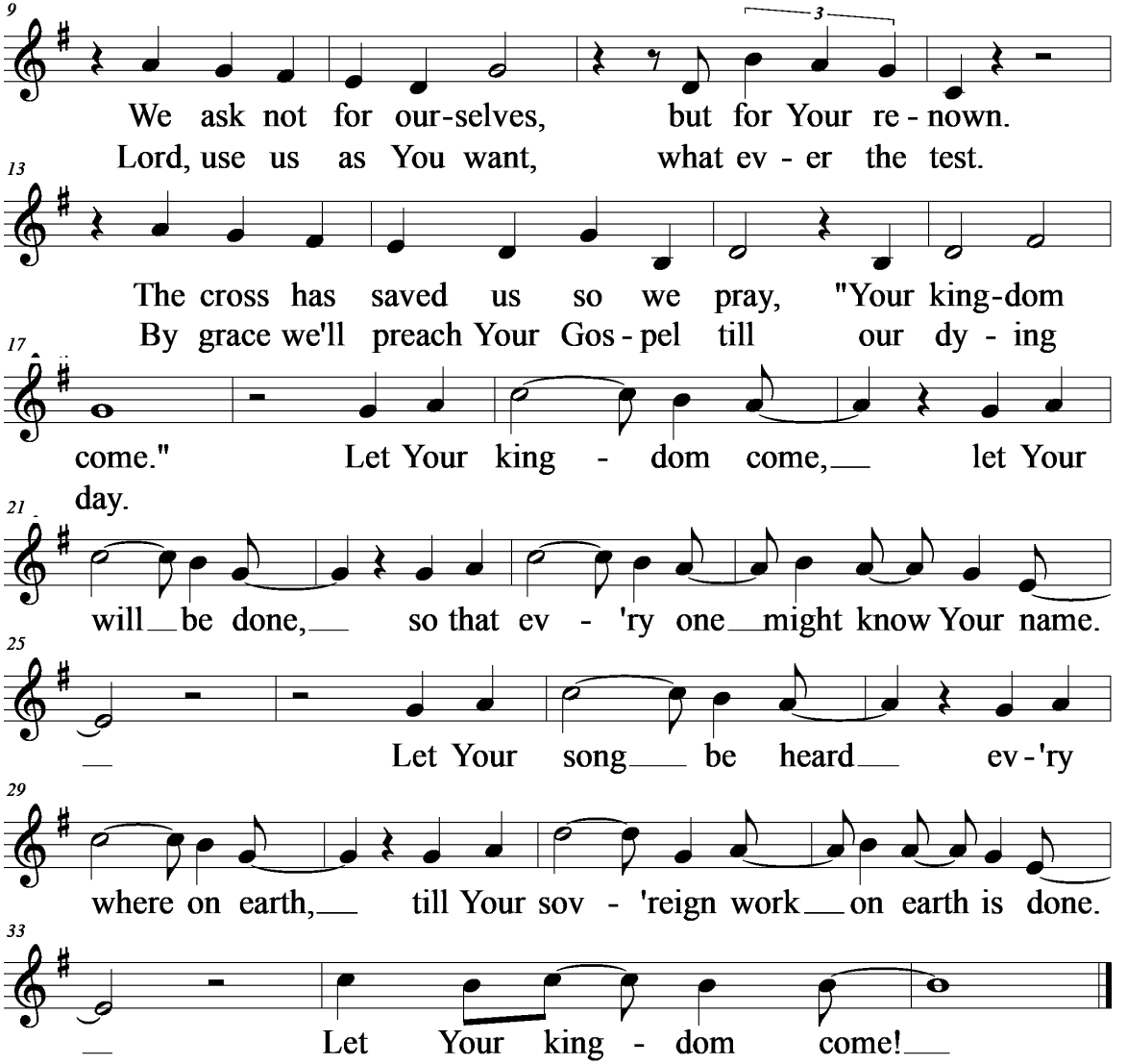
Memory Verse — 1 Corinthians 15:21-22

C **[21] For as by a man came _____, by a man has come also the _____ of the dead. [22] For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.**

Hymn (8:15) "Jesus, Lead Thou On" LSB 718, sts. 1–4

Hymn (10:45) "Let Your Kingdom Come"





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Postlude **"Postlude in C"** **by Michael Thomas**

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