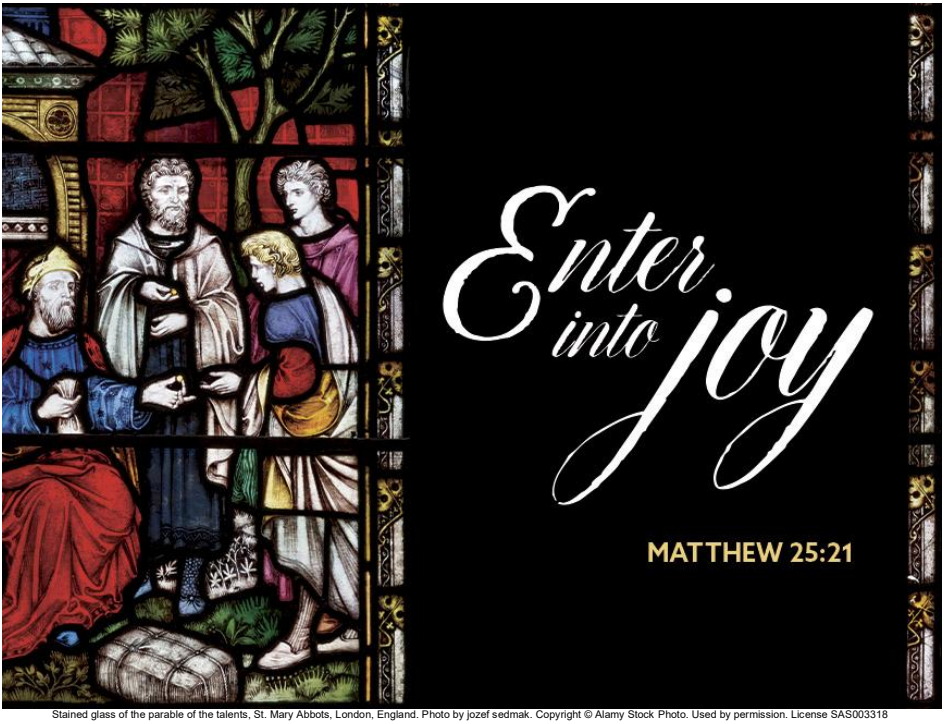
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LAKEVIEW LUTHERAN

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
November 15, 2026



Stained glass of the parable of the talents, St. Mary Abbots, London, England. Photo by jozef sedmak. Copyright © Alamy Stock Photo. Used by permission. License SAS003318

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.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our dwelling place for all generations,
whose compassion never slumbers.
Amen.
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,
we confess that we have trusted in our preparation
instead of your invitation.
We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved.
We trust the voice of our shame and fear,
which keeps us from entering fully
into relationship with you and others.
We are not awake to the coming of your reign.
Rouse us and rescue us,
that we may enter into your joy.
Amen.
Inherit the riches of God's grace.
☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.
You are forgiven.
Blessed are you.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN - GOOD GOOD FATHER

I've heard a thousand stories
Of what they think You're like
But I've heard the tender whisper
Of love in the dead of night
You tell me that You're pleased
And that I'm never alone

You're a Good Good Father
It's who You are
It's who You are
It's who You are

And I'm loved by You
It's who I am
It's who I am
It's who I am

I've seen many searching
For answers far and wide
But I know we're all searching
For answers only You provide
Because You know just what we need
Before we say a word

You're a Good Good Father
It's who You are
It's who You are
It's who You are
And I'm loved by You
It's who I am
It's who I am
It's who I am

You are perfect
In all of Your ways
You are perfect
In all of Your ways
You are perfect
In all of Your ways to us *(x2)*

Instrumental

Love so undeniable
I can hardly speak
Peace so unexplainable
I can hardly think
As You call me deeper still
As You call me deeper still
As You call me deeper still
Into love love love

You're a Good Good Father
It's who You are
It's who You are
It's who You are

And I'm loved by You
It's who I am
It's who I am
It's who I am *(X3)*

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GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

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.

FIRST READING – Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

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.

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.

17 I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the LORD,
their blood shall be poured out like dust
and their flesh like dung.
18 Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them
on the day of the LORD's wrath;
in the fire of his passion
the whole earth shall be consumed,
for a full, a terrible end
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

Word of God, Word of Life.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 90:1-8, 12

1 Lord, you have been our refuge
from one generation to another.
2 **Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, from age to age you are God.**
3 You turn us back to the | dust and say,
"Turn back, O child- | ren of earth."
4 **For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past and like a watch in the night;**
5 you sweep them away like a dream,
they fade away suddenly like the grass:
6 **in the morning it is green and flourishes;**
in the evening it is dried up and withered.
7 For we are consumed by your anger;
we are afraid because of your wrath.
8 **Our iniquities you have set before you,**

and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
12 So teach us to number our days
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

SECOND READING – 1 THESSALONIANS 5:1-11

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.

Word of God, Word of Life.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL - MATTHEW 25:14-30

The Gospel according to Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 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.’ ”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON - Pastor Jon

HYMN OF THE DAY - WHAT A BEAUTIFUL NAME

You were the Word at the beginning
One with God, the Lord most high
Your hidden glory in creation
Now revealed in You our Christ

What a beautiful name it is
What a beautiful name it is
The name of Jesus Christ, my King
What a beautiful name it is

Nothing compares to this
What a beautiful name it is
The name of Jesus

You didn't want heaven without us
So Jesus, You brought heaven down
My sin was great, Your love was greater
What could separate us now

What a wonderful name it is
What a wonderful name it is
The name of Jesus Christ, my King
What a wonderful name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a wonderful name it is
The name of Jesus

Death could not hold You
The veil tore before You
You silenced the boast of sin and grave
The heavens are roaring
The praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life again

You have no rival
You have no equal
Now and forever God, You reign
Yours is the Kingdom
Yours is the glory
Yours is the Name above all names

What a powerful name it is
What a powerful name it is
The name of Jesus Christ, my King
What a powerful name it is
Nothing can stand against
What a powerful name it is
The name of Jesus
What a powerful name it is
The name of Jesus

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION - RESPONSE: Hear our prayer.

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

PASSING OF THE PEACE

OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERING HYMN - THE OLD RUGGED CROSS

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross
The emblem of suff'ring and shame
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross
Till my trophies at last I lay down
I will cling to the old rugged cross
And ex-change it some day for a crown

O the old rugged cross so despised by the world
Has a wondrous attraction for me
For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above
To bear it to dark Calvary

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross
Till my trophies at last I lay down
I will cling to the old rugged cross
And ex-change it some day for a crown

In the old rugged cross stained with blood so divine

A wondrous beauty I see
For ‘twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died
To pardon and sanctify me

So I’ll cherish the old rugged cross
Till my trophies at last I lay down
I will cling to the old rugged cross
And ex-change it some day for a crown

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true
It’s shame and reproach gladly bear
Then He’ll call me some day to my home far away
Where His glory for-ever I’ll share
George Bennard

OFFERING PRAYER

Eternal God,
our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you.
Receive what we offer,
and all that you entrust to us,
until hungry no more, all the world is fed,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION HYMN - O COME TO THE ALTAR
Are you hurting and broken within
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin

Jesus is calling
Have you come to the end of yourself
Do you thirst for a drink from the well
Jesus is calling

O come to the altar
The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes
Come today, there's no reason to wait
Jesus is calling
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy
From the ashes a new life is born
Jesus is calling

O come to the altar
The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ *(x2)*

Interlude

Oh what a Savior, isn't he wonderful
Sing hallelujah, Christ is risen
Bow down before Him
For He is Lord of all
Sing hallelujah, Christ is risen *(x2)*

O come to the altar
The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ *(x2)*

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POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Holy God,
we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal.
You continuously seek the lost,
bind the injured,
and feed your people abundantly.

Now send us out,
awake to your presence,
now and forever.
Amen.

COMMUNITY LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN - KING OF MY HEART

Let the King of my heart
Be the mountain where I run
The fountain I drink from
Oh He is my song
Let the King of my heart
Be the shadow where I hide
The ransom for my life
Oh He is my song

You are good good oh
You are good good oh
You are good good oh
You are good good oh

Let the King of my heart
Be the wind inside my sails
The anchor in the waves
Oh He is my song
Let the King of my heart
Be the fire inside my veins
The echo of my days
Oh He is my song

You are good good oh
You are good good oh
You are good good oh
You are good good oh

You're never gonna let
Never gonna let me down
You're never gonna let
Never gonna let me down
You're never gonna let

Never gonna let me down
You're never gonna let
Never gonna let me down

You are good good oh, You are good good oh

You are good good oh, You are good good oh
(When the Night is holding on to me, God is holding on)

You are good good oh, You are good good oh
(When the Night is holding on to me, God is holding on)

You are good good oh, You are good good oh

When the night is holding on to me
God is holding on
When the night is holding on to me
God is holding on

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Encourage one another.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Announcements

Statistics
Attendance last Sunday, November 8 was 78.
Online: 26

This week's offerings to General Fund: $6,680.05
Received online: $1,103.33

Upcoming Dates:

November 15	Commitment Sunday
November 21	Men's Breakfast - 9:00 AM
	Come Tie with Us - 9:30 AM
November 22	Joint Service at Eternal Flame - 11:00 AM
	Thanksgiving Potluck to follow
November 25	Thanksgiving Eve/Pie Fest - 7:00 PM
November 26	Happy Thanksgiving
November 28	Women's Bible Study - 9:30 AM

Come Tie with Us!
CSLC Piecemakers Quilting Group
Saturday, November 21, 9:30 AM to 2:00 PM
Baked Potato Bar

Book Club
Monday, December 7 at 10:30 AM
Book: The Prayer Box by Lisa Wingate

Lions Club Toy & Food Drive
Unopened/unwrapped toys and gifts for under age 13
Non-parishable foods
Monetary donations are also accepted
Drop off starting November 17 until December 14

Save the Date!
Twins vs. NY Yankees!
June 23 | Evening Game

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST THE SERVANT

Today: Sunday, November 15 – 25th Sunday after Pentecost
8:30 AM - Bible Study
9:30 AM - Worship
10:30 AM - Fellowship
Monday, November 16
9:00 AM - Package Bread and Delivery
12:00 PM - Piecemakers (FH)
6:00 PM - Birch Lake Villas
Tuesday, November 17
7:00 AM - Bread Preparation (FH)
8:30 AM - Bread Distribution (FH)
6:30 PM - AA (FH)
Wednesday, November 18
10:00 AM - Bible Study (FH)
6:00 PM - Youth
6:30 PM - Church Council Meeting
7:00 PM - AA Meeting (Class A)
Thursday, November 19
3:45 PM - Chair Yoga
6:00 PM - Vadnais Heights Book Club
Friday, November 20
9:00 AM - Piecemakers
Saturday, November 21
8:30 AM - Men's Breakfast
9:00 AM - Project Day (K/FH)
9:00 AM - Come Tie with Us
12:00 PM - UCG Church (S/K/FH)
Sunday, November 22 – Christ the King
11:00 AM - Worship at Eternal Flame
12:00 AM - Thanksgiving Potluck

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY! THANK YOU!

Greeter: Katie Wright
Ushers: Splittstoesser Family
Reader: Will S.
Sound Booth: Tim, Tom, Peter, Kim, Tony
Communion Assistants: Carol & Robin
Musician: Revelation
Coffee Servers: OPEN
Cub Bread Pickup: Mike W.
Counters: Ron H. & Glen J.
Flowers: Tom & Jacquelyn Farm in celebration of their 55th anniversary

PRAYER REQUESTS…

We pray for those in need of healing and mercy: Keith, Jim, Kayla, (Tasha's friend), Norma, (Leila's Mother), Jennifer C. (best friend of Angie M), Brian I. (son of Pam I.), Salomie (sister-in-law of Peter S.), Patty W. (sister of Mike W.), Clarice, Jean A, Pat S., Katie W.

We pray for our service men and women:
Laiden S (deployed to Germany)

(Please call the church office with prayer concerns or updates.)

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