

Sunday, November 15, 2026
25th Sunday After Pentecost
As you enter, you are invited into a time
to silently reflect and center for worship
Services are live-streamed on YouTube and Facebook
each week. Welcome to all to view.

PRELUDE
WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

GATHERING HYMN **ELW 870** *"We Praise You, O God"*
GREETING
P/ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
R/ 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.

WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Though we do not know and cannot calculate the day of Christ's return, we live faithfully in the here and now as we anticipate the day when we will be given eternal salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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.

L/Word of God, Word of Life **R/Thanks Be to God**

PSALM

So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. (Ps. 90:12)

Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 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 children 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.
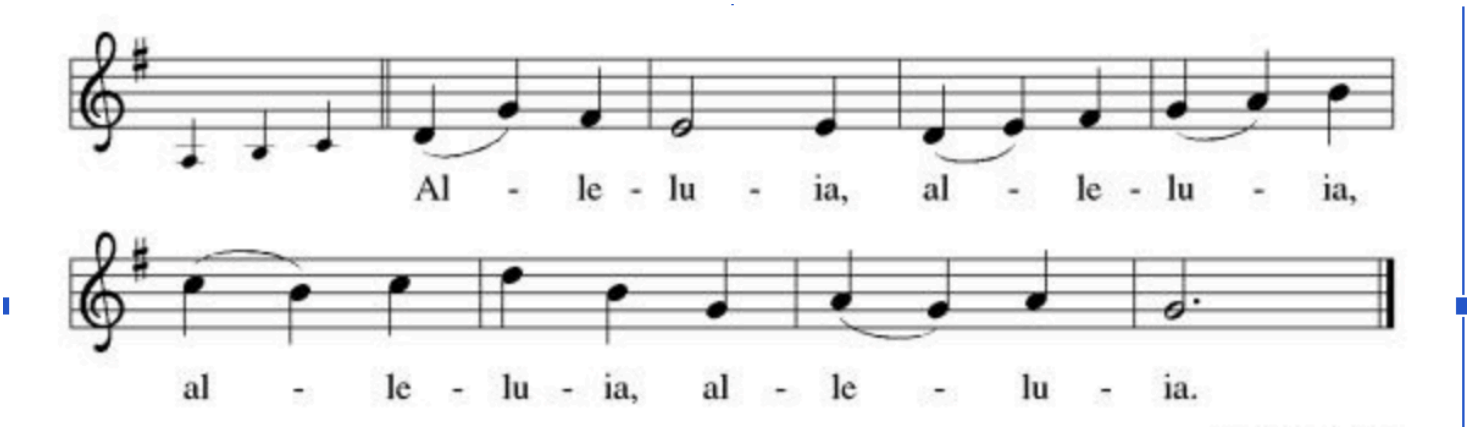
[9] When you are angry, all our days are gone; we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

[10] **The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength even eighty;**
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly
and we are gone.

[11] Who regards the power of your wrath? Who rightly fears your indignation?

[12] **So teach us to number our days**
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW pg. 102



GOSPEL

Jesus tells a parable about his second coming, indicating that it is not sufficient merely to maintain things as they are. Those who await his return should make good use of the gifts that God has provided them.

Matthew 25:14-30

P/ The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 25th chapter. **R/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.’ ”

P/ The Gospel of the Lord **R/ Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY **ELW 707** **“***Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us”*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P/ Lord, in your mercy **R/ Hear our prayer.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

MEAL

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN: **ELW 689** *“Praise and Thanksgiving”*

OFFERING PRAYER:

Almighty God, draw our hearts to you; guide our minds; fill our imaginations and control our wills so that we may be wholly yours. Use us and all we possess for your good purposes, always to your glory and for the welfare of your people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING:

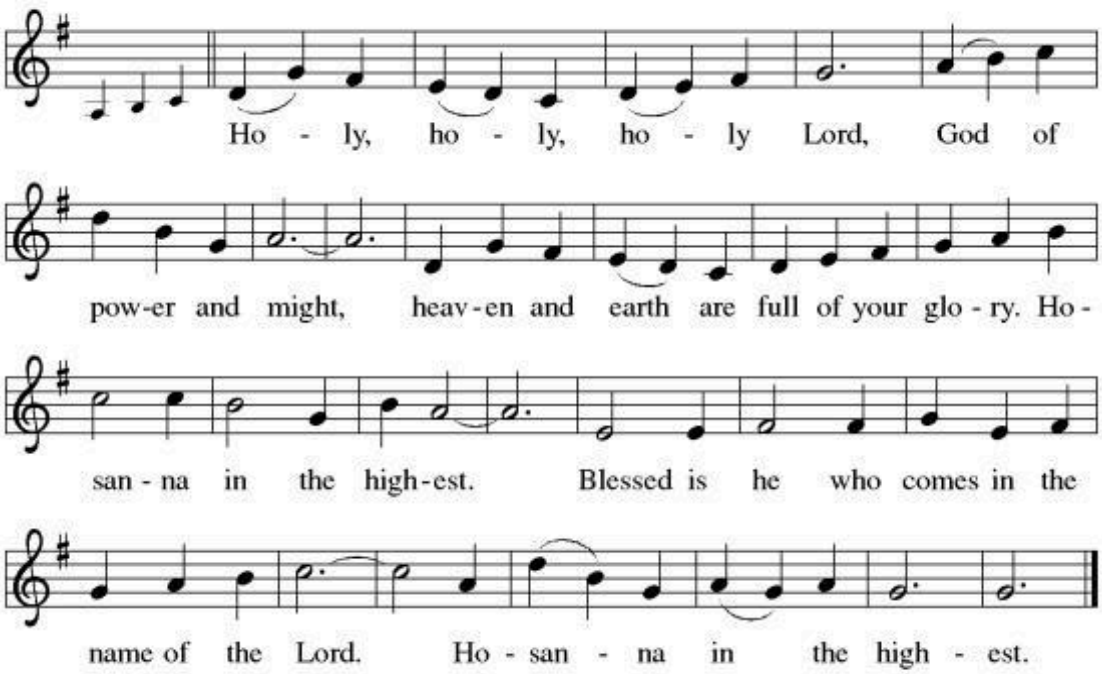
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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

Let us give thanks to our God. **It is right to offer our thanks and praise.**

PREFACE & HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

P/…… we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

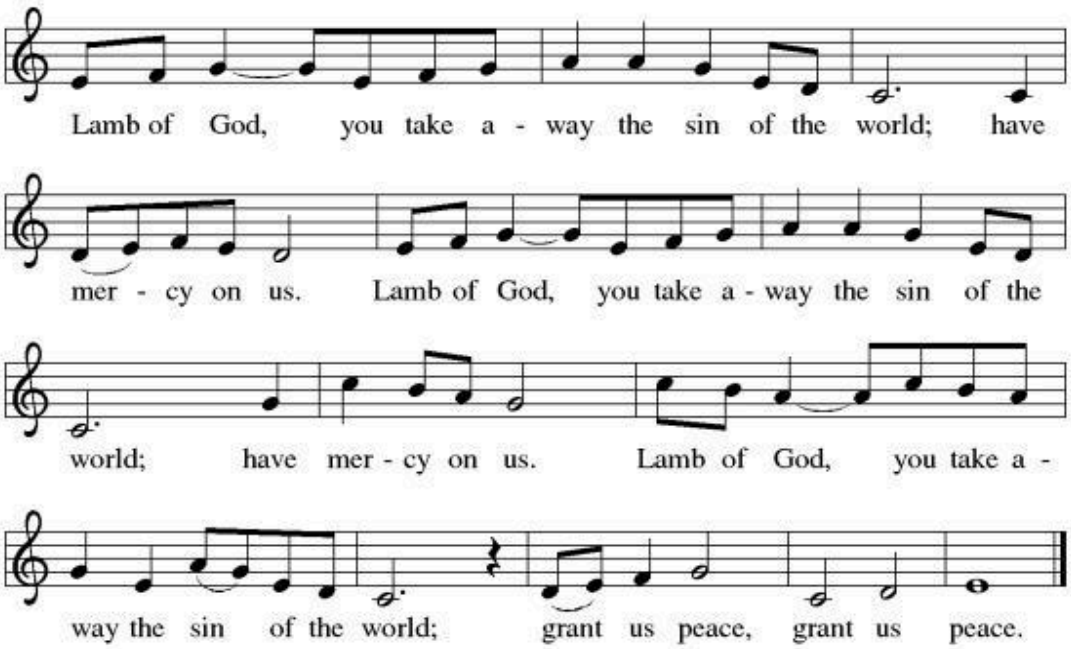
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in. Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

LAMB OF GOD ELW pg. 112-11



DISTRIBUTION HYMN **ELW 736** *"God the Sculptor of the Mountains"*
ELW 726 *"Light Dawns on a Weary World"*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord God, **you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us, and your love supporting us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING
The holy Trinity, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God,
today and always.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN **ELW 632** *"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"*
DISMISSAL
Go in peace. Encourage one another.
Thanks be to God.

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