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November 15, 2026 **The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

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Prelude

Processional Hymn *Please Stand* "Jerusalem the Golden"

♩ Jerusalem the golden, With milk and honey blest— The promise of salvation,
The place of peace and rest— We know not, oh, we know not What joys await us there:
The radiancy of glory, The bliss beyond compare!

♩ Within those walls of Zion Sounds forth the joyful song, As saints join with the angels
And all the martyr throng. The Prince is ever with them; The daylight is serene;
The city of the blessed Shines bright with glorious sheen.

♩ Around the throne of David, The saints, from care released, Raise loud their songs of triumph
To celebrate the feast. They sing to Christ their leader, Who conquered in the fight,
Who won for them forever Their gleaming robes of white.

♩ O sweet and blessèd country, The home of God's elect! O sweet and blessèd country
That faithful hearts expect! In mercy, Jesus, bring us To that eternal rest
With You and God the Father And Spirit, ever blest.

Lutheran Service Book, Hymn 672–Text: Bernard of Cluny, 12th cent.;
tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–66, alt.; Text: Public domain

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. *Matthew 28:19b*

Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Hear my prayer, O Lord;

Give ear to my pleas for mercy! *A Time of Silence* *Psalm 143:1*

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

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.

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.

Amen.

Hymn of Praise *Please Be Seated* "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

♩ Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father; There is no shadow of turning with Thee.
Thou changest not: Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

~Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided; Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

♩ Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. ~Great…

♩ Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! ~Great….

Lutheran Service Book, Hymn 809–Text: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1866–1960; Text: Public domain

Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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.

Amen.

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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The 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.

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Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn *Please Stand* "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

♩ 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.

♩ 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.

♩ 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.

♩ 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.

Lutheran Service Book, Hymn 660–Text: George Duffield, Jr., 1818–88, alt.; Text: Public domain

The Holy Gospel Matthew 25:14–30

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

[14]"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 sown 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.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

Children's Message *Please Be Seated*

The Hymn "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

♩ What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry Ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit; Oh, what needless pain we bear—
All because we do not carry Ev'rything to God in prayer!

♩ Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness— Take it to the Lord in prayer.

♩ Are we weak and heavy laden, Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a solace there.

Lutheran Service Book, Hymn 770–Text: Joseph M. Scriven, 1819–86; Text: Public domain

Proclamation of the Word

"Dead Is Dead?" Zephaniah 1:7–16

Offering and Musical Offering

Prayer of the Church *Please Stand Each petition is concluded with the following:*

Hear our prayer, O Lord,

Give ear to our pleas for mercy.

Preface

The Lord be with you.

And also with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord. *Colossians 3:1*

Let us give thanks to Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise. *Psalm 136*

Proper Preface

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy!
Holy, holy, holy Lord God of power 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.

Lord's Prayer

Words of Our Lord

The Peace of the Lord

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Amen.

Agnus Dei

Lord Jesus Christ,
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 Hymns *Please Be Seated* "O Worship the King"

♩ O worship the King, all-glorious above. O gratefully sing His pow'r and His love;
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

♩ O tell of His might, O sing of His grace, Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

♩ This earth, with its store of wonders untold, Almighty, Thy pow'r hath founded of old,
Established it fast by a changeless decree,
And round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

♩ Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

♩ Frail children of dust and feeble as frail, In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail.
Thy mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,
Our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend!

♩ O measureless Might, ineffable Love, While angels delight to hymn Thee above,
Thy humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
With true adoration shall sing to Thy praise.

Lutheran Service Book, Hymn 804–Text: Robert Grant, 1779–1838, alt.; Text: Public domain

"Draw Near and Take"

♩ Draw near and take the body of the Lord, And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;
Offered was He for greatest and for least, Himself the victim and Himself the priest.

♩ He who His saints in this world rules and shields, To all believers life eternal yields;
With heav'nly bread He makes the hungry whole, Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.

♩ Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere, And take the pledges of salvation here.
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow As in this feast of love You bless us now.

Lutheran Service Book, Hymn 637-Text: Latin, 7th cent, tr. John Mason Neale 1818-66; Public domain

Nunc Dimittis

Lord, now let Your servant go in peace;

Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of every people:

A light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on You with favor and + give You peace. *Numbers 6:24–26*

Amen.

Recessional Hymn

Music: "Joyful, Joyful" Hymn 803 "Come, Thou Long-Expected"

♩ Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us; Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, Hope of all the earth Thou art,
Dear desire of ev'ry nation, Joy of ev'ry longing heart.

♩ Born Thy people to deliver; Born a child and yet a king!
Born to reign in us forever, Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all-sufficient merit Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

Lutheran Service Book, Hymn 338 -Text: Charles Wesley 1707-88; Public Domain;

Postlude

Hymn Sing Sunday is in two weeks on Sunday, November 29th. Select your favorite hymn by writing in the hymn title and hymn number on the comment section of the communication card! Remember, some hymns have different melodies, so don't forget the number. Also, since that Sunday marks the beginning of Advent, request especially hymns # 331- 393 in the Advent and Christmas section of the hymnal. Thank you!