November 15, 2026 +25th Sunday After Pentecost

We are called to let our light shine as instruments of the Holy Spirit so all may know God's love.

Confession & 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.

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 us with his mercy. We are forgiven. We are blessed. **Thanks be to God, Amen.**

Opening Hymn

"Awake, Awake, and Greet the New Morn"

1. Awake! Awake, and greet the new morn, for angels herald its dawning. Sing out your joy, for soon he is born, behold! the Child of our longing. Come as a baby weak and poor, to bring all hearts together, he opens wide the heav'nly door and lives now inside us forever.

2. To us, to all in sorrow and fear, Emmanuel comes a singing, his humble song is quiet and near, yet fills the earth with its ringing: music to heal the broken soul and hymns of loving kindness, the thunder of his anthems roll to shatter all hatred and blindness.

3. In darkest night his coming shall be, when all the world is despairing, as morning light so quiet and free, so warm and gentle and caring. Then shall the mute break forth in song, the lame shall leap in wonder, the weak be raised above the strong, and weapons be broken asunder.

4. Rejoice, rejoice, take heart in the night, though dark the winter and cheerless, the rising sun shall crown you with light, be strong and loving and fearless. Love be our song and love our prayer and love our endless story; may God fill ev'ry day we share and bring us at last into glory.

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

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First Reading – 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 *Be alert for the day of the Lord.*

Response: Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 90:1-8, 12 *So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.*

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

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

Gospel Acclamation – Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go? Alleluia. You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel – Matthew 25:14-30 *The story of the slaves entrusted with talents.*
Before: The holy Gospel according to . . . **Glory to you, O Lord.**
After: The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Message

Message Pastor Liz Rossing

Hymn of the Day "All Things Bright and Beautiful"
All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all.

1 Each little flower that opens,
each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colors,
God made their tiny wings.

2 The purple-headed mountains,
the river running by,
the sunset and the morning
that brightens up the sky.

3 The cold wind in the winter,
the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden:
God made them every one.

4 God gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is God Almighty,
who has made all things well.

Apostles' Creed
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People
God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Offering & Giving 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.**

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Holy, Holy, Holy Blue pg. 36

Lord's Prayer

Communion Hymn "Lamb of God" Blue pg. 39

Prayer after Communion
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.**

Announcements

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

Closing Hymn "We Gather Together"

1. We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing
He chastens and hastens His will to make known
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing
Sing praises to His name He forgets not His own

2. Beside us to guide us our God with us joining
Ordaining maintaining His kingdom divine
So from the beginning the fight we were winning
Thou Lord wast at our side all glory be Thine

3. We all do extol Thee Thou Leader triumphant
And pray that Thou still our Defender wilt be
Let Thy congregation escape tribulation
Thy name be ever praised O Lord make us free.

Dismissal

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

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