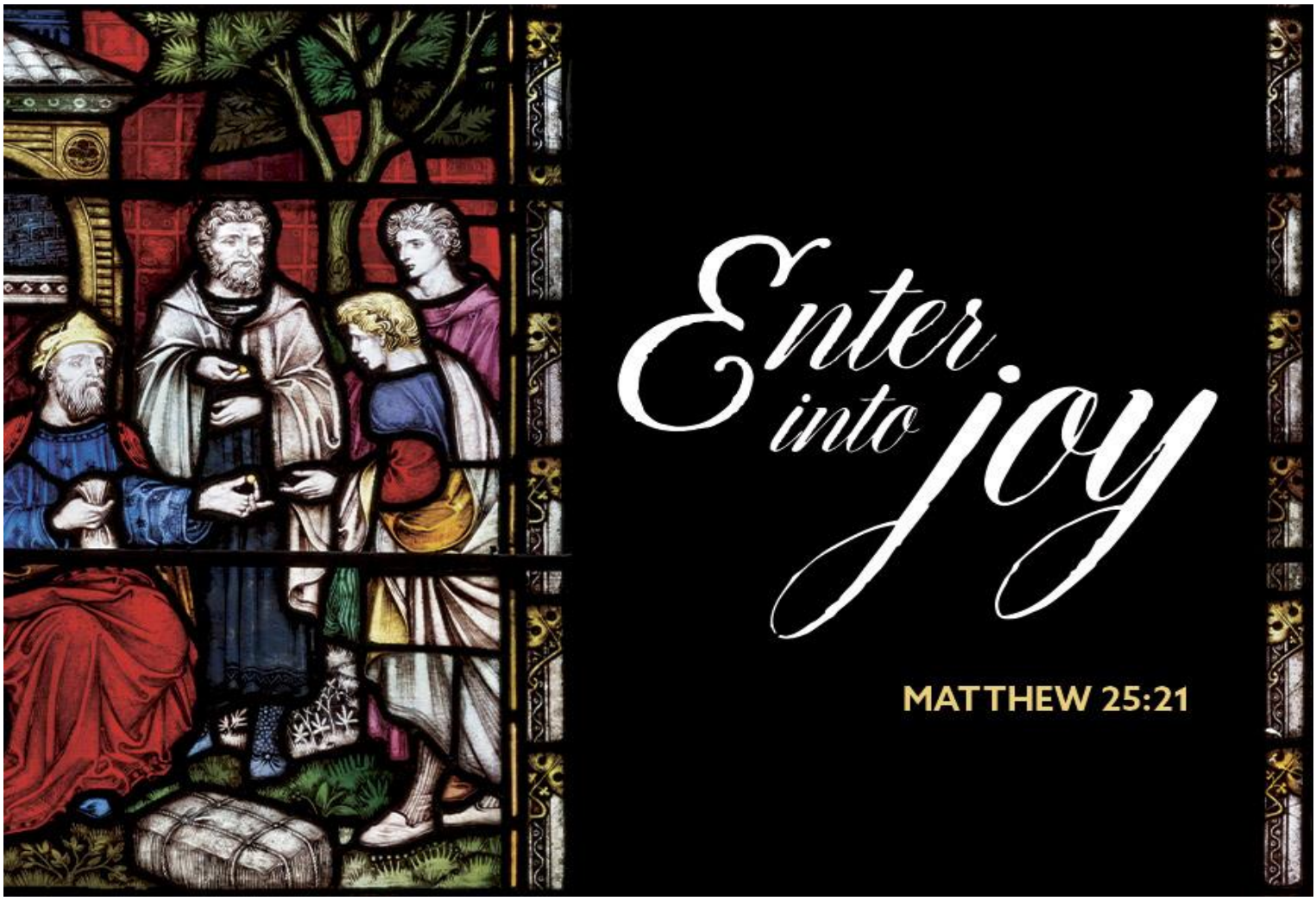
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Sunday, November 15, 2026
The 25th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Announcements

Congregation please stand

OPENING/CALL TO WORSHIP

P: Lord, you have been our dwelling place
in all generations;

C: You have been our home throughout all the ages.

P: You were there before the world was made
and will be forever

C: From everlasting to everlasting you are God.

From: *Feasting on the Word: Worship Companion – Year A Vol. 2,* ed. Kimberly Bracken Long, p. 253.

PREPARING

Brief Order for 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.

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 ***"On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand"*** **ELW 437**

On Jordan's Stormy Bank I Stand



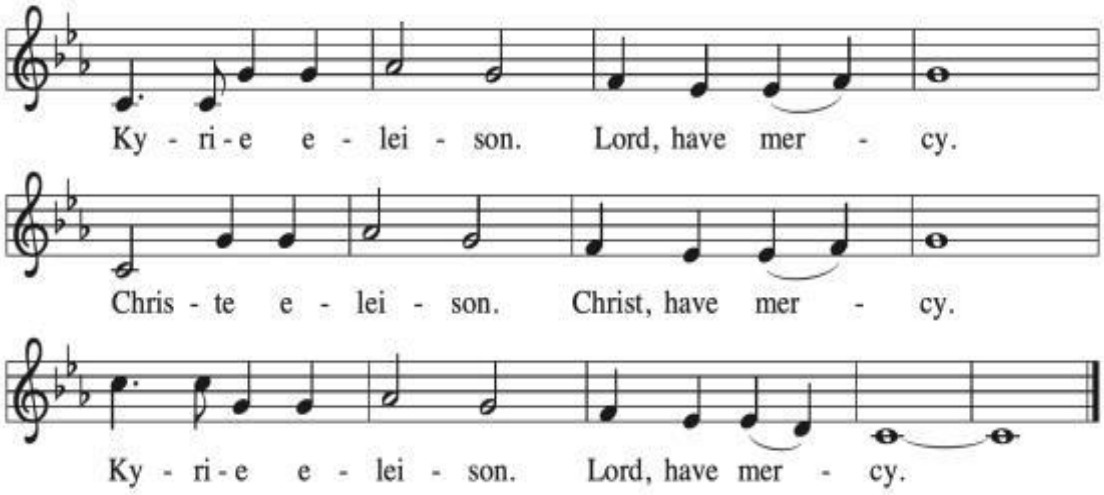
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APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

C And also with you.

Kyrie



Hymn of Praise



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

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 [9-11] 12



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[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.
[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 num- | ber 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.

Congregation please stand

Gospel Acclamation



The holy gospel according to St. Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 25:14-30
[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 Jennifer**

Hymn of the Day ***"Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us"*** **ELW 707**

Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us



Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.*

On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.

Sign of Peace
P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C And also with you.

Prayers of Intercession

United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

You build up the church as a community of faithful witnesses throughout the generations. Enliven the worship, outreach, and service work of our congregations and ministries with the hope of your good news……God, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

As the nights grow longer in the northern hemisphere, make us mindful of the earth's need for rest. Provide for fallow fields and hibernating animals; show us how to curb human impact on vulnerable lands and species……God, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

Rescue all nations and peoples from violence, displacement, or famine. Disrupt complacency among national and local leaders. Recommit our communities to transforming the systems that divide and oppress into those that empower and unite……God, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

In your embrace, we find refuge from all trials and troubles. Care for families who are separated or estranged, accompany all undergoing medical procedures or mental health treatment, and reassure any who are ill or despairing. We pray for Shirley, Charlotte, Jack, Cathy, Roxy, Karen, Darlene, Chuck, Jessie, Millie, Peggy, Glenn, Carol, Marian, Bing, Sandy and Allan…..God, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

Bless all who serve in congregational leadership: council members and finance committees. We ask for your guidance and wisdom in all conversations and decisions made at the congregational meeting today. Encourage healthy stewardship of time, talents, and resources for the mission of the gospel…….God, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

The faithful of every age trust in the hope of your saving grace. In thanksgiving for the ways our ancestors have journeyed before us, we remember all who have entered eternal life in you……..God, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.
Amen.

Stewardship Snippet: Psalm 90:12 – "So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom."

Our days are limited and they are entrusted to us. We cannot preserve them indefinitely. They are gifts from God meant to be lived. This is when faithful stewardship happens. We pray that God would give us wisdom to use the days ahead for the work to which we are called. We have been entrusted with resources, certainly, but also with time, relationships, voices, opportunities, communities, traditions, and the good news itself. The goal is not to preserve these things untouched until Christ returns. They are meant to be used for the sake of God's world.

We will now worship God with our offering.

Offertory

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful
Offering Song



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MEAL

P Let us pray,

C 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.

Great Thanksgiving

P The Lord be with you
C And also with you.

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

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

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.
By the witness of your saints
you show us the hope of our calling
and strengthen us to run the race set before us,
that we may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory.
And so, with all the saints,
with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy



Eucharistic Prayer

We praise you, all-holy God,
our maker, our lover, our keeper,
for the universe beyond our knowing,
for lands and seas and all their animals,
and for friends and strangers and family,
for homes and grocery stores and schools,

We praise you for your covenant people,
for Abraham and Sarah, Moses and Miriam,
and for centuries of faithful Christians,
for Mary and Mary Magdalene, Peter and Paul,
We praise you for your Son Jesus Christ,
who saves us from sin and from evil,

who on the night before he died took bread, and gave thanks,
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

And so we proclaim the mystery of our faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We pray for your Holy Spirit,
your breath, your fire, your wisdom,
Nourish us with the body and blood of Christ,
inspire your people for service,
and renew the world with your mercy,
with your healing, your justice, and your peace,
We praise you, all-holy God,
the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit,
today, tomorrow, and forever. **Amen.**

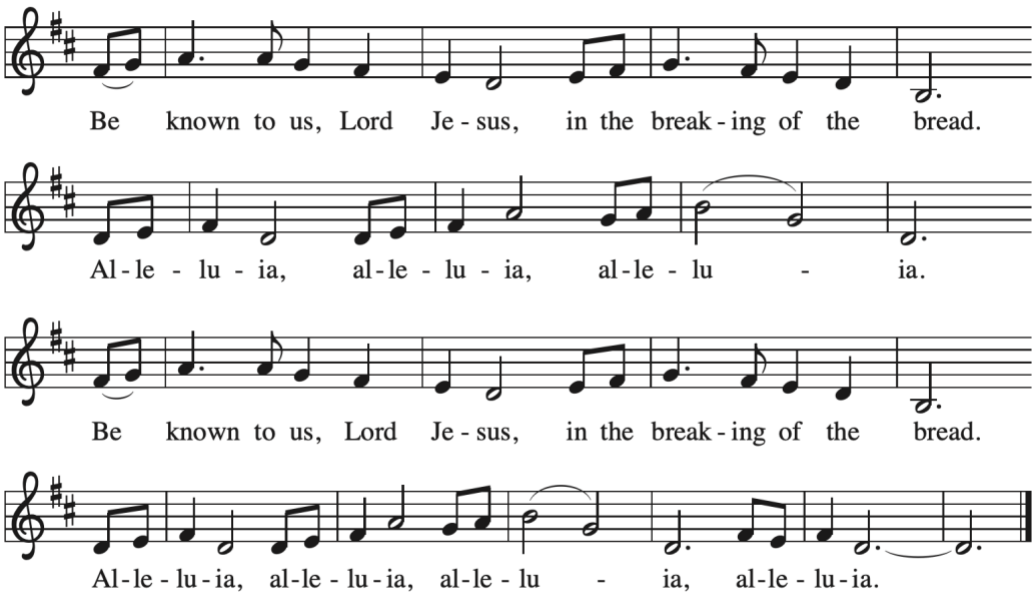
P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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

P So come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a while; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who are wandering still.
Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.
Amen.

Please be seated

Be Known to us, Lord Jesus



Holy Communion

Prepackaged communion is available for those who wish to remain in the pews.

COMMUNION HYMNS: 496, 493, 494

Congregation please stand

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
C Amen.



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.

SENDING

Charge

God in Christ has given us the glorious treasure
of eternal life.
Do not leave this treasure hidden,
but rather enjoy its abundance with everyone.

Blessing

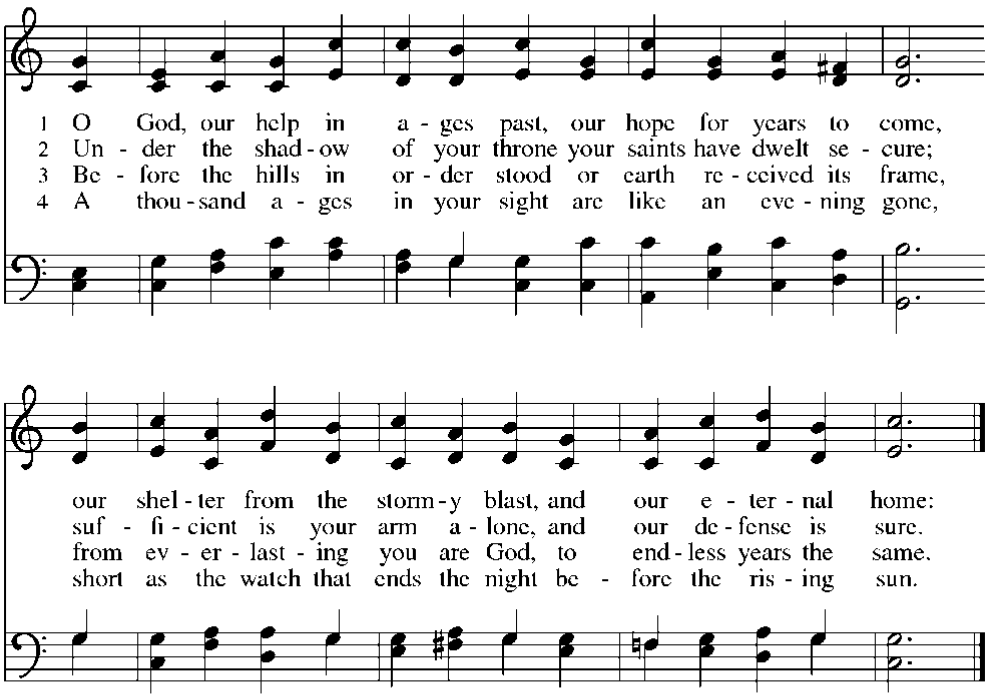
P May God, who creates, redeems, and sustains,
keep you fervent in faith, cheerful in hope,
brimming in justice, and overflowing in love.
And the blessing of God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Dismissal

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.
Thanks be to God.

Sending Hymn ***"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"*** **ELW 632**

O God, Our Help in Ages Past



5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
we fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last
and our eternal home!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.
Music: ST. ANNE, William Croft, 1678–1727

P We at Christ Lutheran Church are
C God's called, Loved Children who serve.
P Go in Peace. The living Word dwells in you.
C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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The Altar Flowers are Presented to the Glory of God
By Jean & Clyde Tota.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Lector/prayers – Pam Dobbs
Next Sunday – Ernie Meisel

Wine – Ann Fleisher
Next Sunday – Becky Yohe

Grape Juice – Beverly Reifsnyder
Next Sunday – Cindy Brookhart

Altar Guild – Clyde Tota
Next Sunday – Cindy Brookhart

Counters – Sandy Hoover, Charlene Lentvorsky
Next Sunday – Brianne Chubb, Clyde Tota

Ushers – Team 2
Ernie Meisel, Sue Masser, Kendra Masser

Acolytes – Bill Brookhart, Hatch Dobbs, Clyde Tota

SUNDAY, November 15th, 2026
The 25th Sunday after Pentecost
Worship Service 11:00am – Holy Communion
Annual Congregational Meeting following worship
NO Bible Study

MONDAY, November 16th, 2026

TUESDAY, November 17th, 2026
Bible Study – 1pm – Zoom

WEDNESDAY, November 18th, 2026

THURSDAY, November 19th, 2026
Anniversary -Ernie & Becky Meisel

FRIDAY, November 20th, 2026

SATURDAY, November 21st, 2026
"Understanding Eve" watch party – 2pm

SUNDAY, November 22nd, 2026
Christ the King Sunday
Worship service – 11:00 am - Holy Communion
NO Bible Study

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Congregational Meeting - The annual Congregational Meeting will be held today following the worship service. A quorum is needed to conduct church business. This meeting is extremely important to the life of this congregation. Each person's attendance and input is valuable. Please plan to stay. If you are a member who watches the service online, you will be able to participate and vote. A Zoom link will be sent prior to the meeting.

Noisy Offering Sunday – The offering will go to the Memorial Blanket Project.

Pumpkin Rolls – You may pick up in the Fellowship hall following worship on November 22nd. All proceeds come back to CLC. **Thank you Stephanie!**

Christmas Poinsettias – The cost is $15.99 for a 6 ½" pot. Please give your order and payment to Jean Tota. The deadline to order is November 17th.

Christ the King Sunday – Next Sunday we will offer a blessing of thanksgiving for the altar guild during the service.

Understanding Eve - The Bible for Normal People released an online class entitled **"Understanding Eve"** which relates to some of the topics we have been discussing in bible study and our CLC book club surrounding the demonization/denigration of women in the Bible and the unhealthy interpretations that have followed this train of thought for millenia. Pastor Jenn and Lisa are hosting a "watch party" at their house for those who would be interested on Saturday, November 21st at 2pm. Their address is: 4 Cobblestone Drive, Carlisle.

Harvest Home – We are collecting items for the Neighbor Helping Neighbor Food Bank. They have asked for: canned pumpkin, evaporated milk, pie crust mix and coffee (instant or brewed). Please bring your donations to the church through November 22nd.

Merry Elderly Christmas Gifting – Please bring your wrapped gifts by Sunday, November 29th.

Hanging the Greens – We will hang the greens and decorate the Christmas tree on Thursday, December 3rd at 6pm.

Toys for Tots – The deadline to bring in your gift for Toys for Tots is December 6th.

Christmas Tree Lighting – The tree lighting will take place at the Clark's Ferry Tavern on Sunday, December 6th from 3-5pm. CLC will be sponsoring the Free Hot Cocoa Bar.

November Meetings/Events

November 15 – Annual Congregational Meeting following worship.
November 17 – Deadline to order poinsettias.
November 21 – "Understanding Eve" watch party – 2pm – Pastor Jenn & Lisa's home.
November 22 – Harvest Home
November 23 – CLC Book Club Discussion – 7pm – Zoom.
November 29 – Advent begins.

December Meetings/Events

December 2 – Midweek Advent service – 7pm.
December 3 – Hanging of the Greens & decorate the Christmas tree.
December 4th & 5th – Christmas Cookie Sale & Bazaar
December 6 – Family Advent Time following worship. Bring a snack to share.
Tree Lighting at the Clark's Ferry Tavern – 3-5pm.
December 7 – Finance meeting – 7pm – Zoom
December 8 – Community Outreach committee meeting – 7pm – Zoom.
December 9 – Midweek Advent service - 7pm.
December 10 – Church Council meeting – 6:30pm.
December 13 – Congregational Christmas Party & Cookie Auction following worship.
December 16 – Midweek Advent service – 7pm.
December 23 – Longest Night service – 7pm.
December 24 – Candlelight Christmas Eve service – 5pm.
December 27 – Service of Lessons & Carols.

CLC CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE & BAZAAR



Calling All Bakers – The CLC Christmas Cookie Sale & Bazaar will be held on Friday, December 4th from 4-6pm and Saturday, December 5th from 9am-2pm. Cookies will be purchased by the pound. Your baking skills are needed! There is a sign up sheet to indicate the type of cookie you will bring. Please bring your cookies to the church on Friday afternoon, December 4th.

GOSPEL MESSAGE

November 15, 2026
LECTIONARY 33
Politics, Religion, and Money

A strong impulse to avoid discussing certain contentious subjects exists within many communities. Perhaps you have heard the conventional wisdom to avoid talking about politics or religion at a dinner party, for instance. Or maybe you have been in family or social relationships in which money was never discussed. Sometimes we even prefer not to engage these aspects of our lives through the lens of faith.

Throughout the gospels, however, Jesus challenges his followers not to avoid difficult topics. He challenges systems of economic and political inequality, overturning the tables of temple money changers and dining with those who lived on the margins of society. He has conversation after conversation with religious leaders whose views differ from his own. And in the parable of the talents, he tackles matters of wealth head-on. These events and stories in the life of Jesus invite us not to shy away from challenging topics of faith and life.

Are there aspects of our lives—within ourselves or in our community—that we would prefer to exclude from deeper examination? What is it about those parts of our lives that makes us wary of deeper introspection and conversation? The life of faith involves the *whole* of our lives, including our political action, religious convictions, and financial choices. Just as the enslaved ones in this parable were charged with carefully stewarding the resources entrusted to them, we are invited to probe our own choices around money and wealth through the lens of faith. Nothing is outside the bounds of our call to live faithfully!