NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Ezekial 34:11-16, 20-24;
Psalm 95;
1 Corinthians 15:20-28;
Matthew 25:31-46

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GENERAL FUND GIVING

Last Sunday $10,227
Budget per Sunday $9,927

Everything we do is made possible through your faithful and generous giving.

LIFE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Tragedies are a reminder that we do live in a fallen world, and we all need to repent. We thank God for the time He has given us in this life to repent. We recognize our sin. We confess our sin. We trust that Jesus did everything for our forgiveness. Out of thanks for God's gift of forgiveness, let's be living fig trees. Each day let's bear good fruit, showing our faith, and giving glory to God in everything we do." Rev. Darren Green, – lutheransforlife.org

WAYS TO GIVE

GIVE IN PERSON
Every service we take time to receive a tithe. You can also stop by the church office, Monday - Friday 9am - 5pm



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PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Cameo Kieffer, Barb Hanvey, Gail Stubbs, Carole Soderman, Bamma Taylor, Tim and Gaynel McLendon, Mildred Hensley, Quincy Floerchinger, Joan Steffens, Janet Winhofer, Ben Ide, Charley Lannin, Sandra Cinko, Elisabeth Gibbs, Jim Chappell, Jim Freeman, Becki Kateley, Oliver Mills, Roxann Buumfulk-Lee, Jerry and Robin Goroski, DeeAnna Corn, Art Pearson, Robert Cochran, Rick Urick, Roine Grosvold, Pat Strand, Donna Parsons, Tom Moring, Rod & Lou Ann Guy, Callie DiFulgentis, Justin Tews, Tara Knight, Eleanor Jandt, Bob Haensel, Char Schram, Jim & Diane Lowry, Becca Thompson, Leona Wenaas, Robbie Stubbs, Nancy Radford, Monica Fournier, Judy Stubbs, Barb Clark

NEED PRAYER?
Call or email the office to be added to this list or to the prayer chain.

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NOVEMBER 15, 2026

"During this Thanksgiving Season, as We Thank God for our Blessings, Let us Remember to be a Blessing to Others"

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME

Welcome to our church. We trust God will bless you through your worship here today. We believe that the bread and wine we receive in Holy Communion are the true body and blood of Christ, for the forgiveness of sins, so that in receiving them we receive our Lord. If this is your belief, and you have been baptized into the body of Christ, you are welcome to receive the sacrament here. White grape juice is available for those who do not wish to receive wine. Individually wrapped Gluten-free wafers are also available. If coming up to the front is difficult for you, please tell an usher and we will serve you communion where you are seated.

Out of gratefulness for God's blessings, the ministries of Faith are supported by members and friends who give their tithes and offerings in support of the church, the need in our community, and around the world.

We have a family room located to the right of the sanctuary entrance. Our nursery is open ask an usher to show you where it's at.

If it's your first visit please pick up your welcome gift and sign our guest book at the Welcome Table. If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to join us at Faith!

ABOUT US

We are a loving church — *called to love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength, and to love our neighbor as ourselves.*

We are a praying church — *people of prayer who pray for one another and for the needs of our community, world and all in need.*

We are a disciple-making church — *committed to living and sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ and bearing witness to our Christian faith in inviting others to know and follow Jesus.*

We are a serving church — *serving others in Jesus' name by feeding the hungry, helping the poor and being the presence of Christ in a tangible way.*



Matthew 28:19-20 "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age."













Also On the Calendar this Week

Tuesday
5:30 pm Council Meeting
5:30 pm Bell Choir Practice
6:30 pm Choir Practice

Wednesday
10:30 am Bible Study
1 pm Grief Share
3 pm Navigating the Holidays
6 pm Praise Team

Thursday
6:30 am Men's Breakfast/Bible Study
2 pm Biblical Citizenship
5:30 pm Security Team

Saturday
2 pm Women's Crafting

LORD'S PRAYER

DISTRIBUTION

BENEDICTION
Leader: The Lord bless us and keep us.
The Lord make His face shine on us and be gracious to us.
The Lord look upon us with favor and ✠ give us peace.
People: Amen.

SONG "I Surrender All" [CCLI Video]

DISMISSAL
Leader: Go in peace as you serve the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God and WE WILL!

NOTES AND DOODLES!

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—PROPER 28



No Time for Complacency!

November 15, 2026

AS WE GATHER
As we reach the end of the Church Year, there is a heightened sense of urgency in all the Readings, hymns, and other propers. These remind us that Christ will certainly come again, that this return draws closer with each passing day, and that we do not know when that day will be. Therefore, we are to be ready and prepared for Jesus to come again—and to meet Him at our own death. Paul, in writing to the Thessalonians in the Epistle, warns that "the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night" (1 Thessalonians 5:2). Paul warns against complacency, exhibited by those who say, "There is peace and security" (v. 3). In the Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the talents, warning again that we do not know when He, the master, will return; the precious gift of faith must be invested in His means of grace now (Matthew 25:14–30). In the Old Testament Reading, the prophet Zephaniah warns about complacency and misjudging God's character, so that he can point us to God's true nature: "a mighty one who will save" (Zephaniah 3:17).

PRESERVICE MUSIC "You Are My All in All" [CCLI Video]
"God I'm Just Grateful" [CCLI Video]

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ PREPARATION ✠

RINGING OF THE BELL/LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

HYMN "Take My Life and Let it Be" [REC 233 vs. 1 - 3, & 5]

INVOCATION
Leader: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.

OPENING PRAYER *1 John 1:8-9*
Leader: Let us pray together. We pray:
People: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Leader: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
People: **But if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** *(1 John 1:8-9 ESV)*

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION
Leader: Most merciful God,
People: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. 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.

Leader: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

SONG "Run to the Father" [CCLI Video]

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Zephaniah 1:7–16*
Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *Thessalonians 5:1–11*
Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 25:14–30*
Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN OF GOD MESSAGE (Anne Derr)

SERMON "During this Thanksgiving Season, as We Thank God for our Blessings, Let us Remember to be a Blessing to Others." Various texts

SERMON HYMN "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" [REC 49 sung 2X]

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH
Leader: Hear our prayer, O Lord,
People: give ear to our pleas for mercy.

Leader: Believing that You have not destined us for wrath but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, we trust that You hear and answer us according to Your good and gracious will. We pray this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
People: Amen.

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD
Leader: We declare ourselves to be Easter people:
People: We have come to share in the table that He has prepared for us.

Leader: Jesus took the bad news of sin and guilt and changed it to good news through His dying and rising for us.
People: We are here to celebrate that Good News and the presence of Christ with us.

Leader: And Jesus took the bread, blessed it and broke it. He said to His disciples -
People: "Take, eat; this is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

Leader: Also, He took a cup of wine. After saying thanks, He gave it to them saying -
People: "Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant. It is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me."

Leader: We thank You, Lord God, for these elements given in love for us. Accept us, forgive us, and heal us - that we might live lives that are pleasing to you. For as often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Leader: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray: