Sunday, November 15, 2026
The Twenty-fifth Sunday After Pentecost



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Sunday, November 15, 2026

9:30am Worship Service

PRELUDE
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God,

C we confess that we are captive 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.

P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C Amen.

Gather Us In Red Hymnal #532

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


Refrain
Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.
Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.
1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the
u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you
this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out . . . . . truth and jus - tice and grace,
life and for love, ... for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,
Refrain
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A Let us pray. 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.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

FIRST READING

L A reading from Zephaniah.

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.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

L A reading from 1 Thessalonians.

[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 The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able.)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14-30

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the Twenty-Fifth Chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

P [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.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S TIME

SERMON

Please stand as you are able.

Built on a Rock Red Hymnal #652

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.

PRAYERS

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

Please be seated.

OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC

Shout to the Lord **Chancel Choir**

Let the Vineyards be Fruitful



Please stand as you are able.

A Let us pray. Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

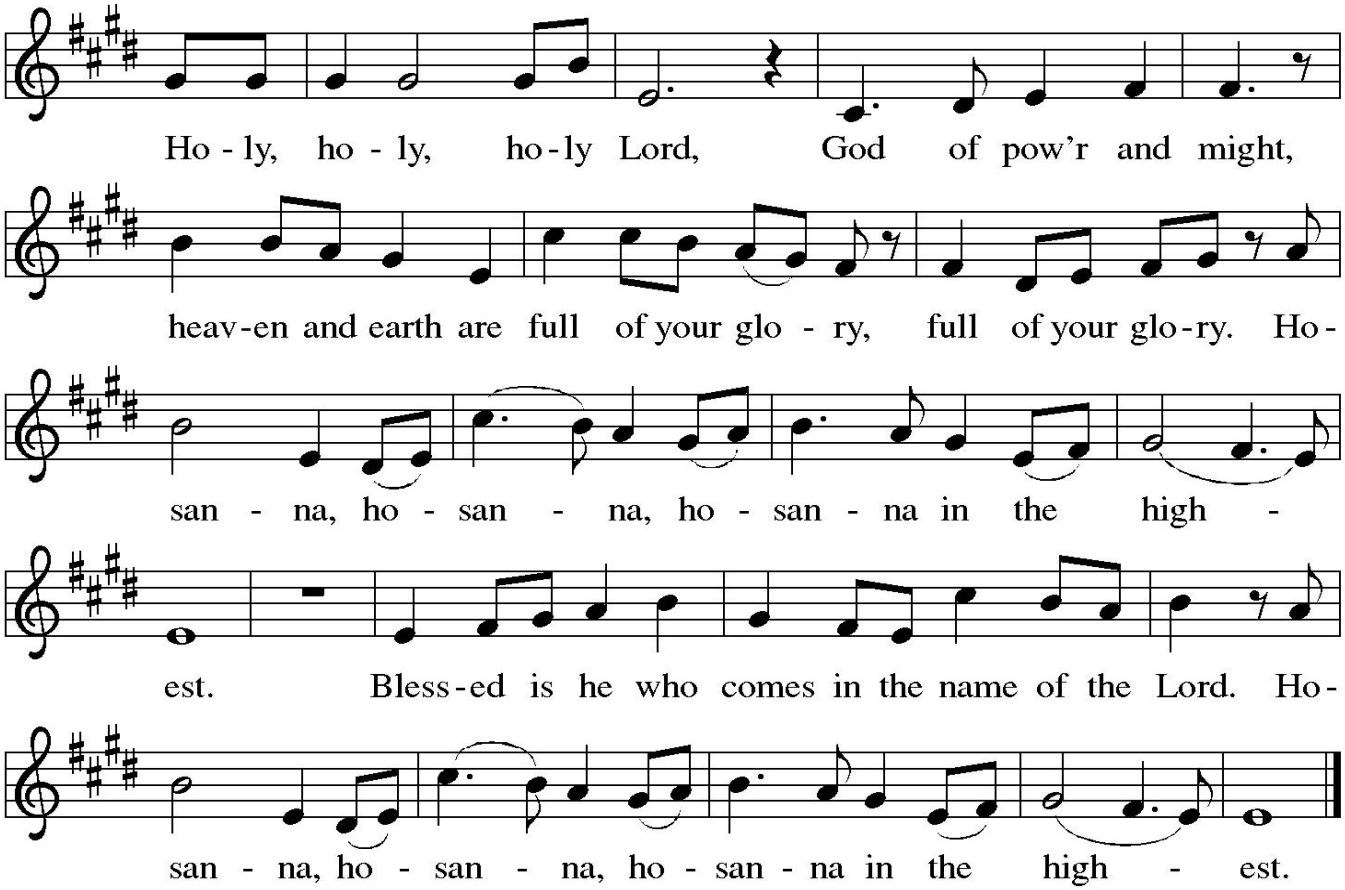
C We lift them to the Lord.

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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy



P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus 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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Poor out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

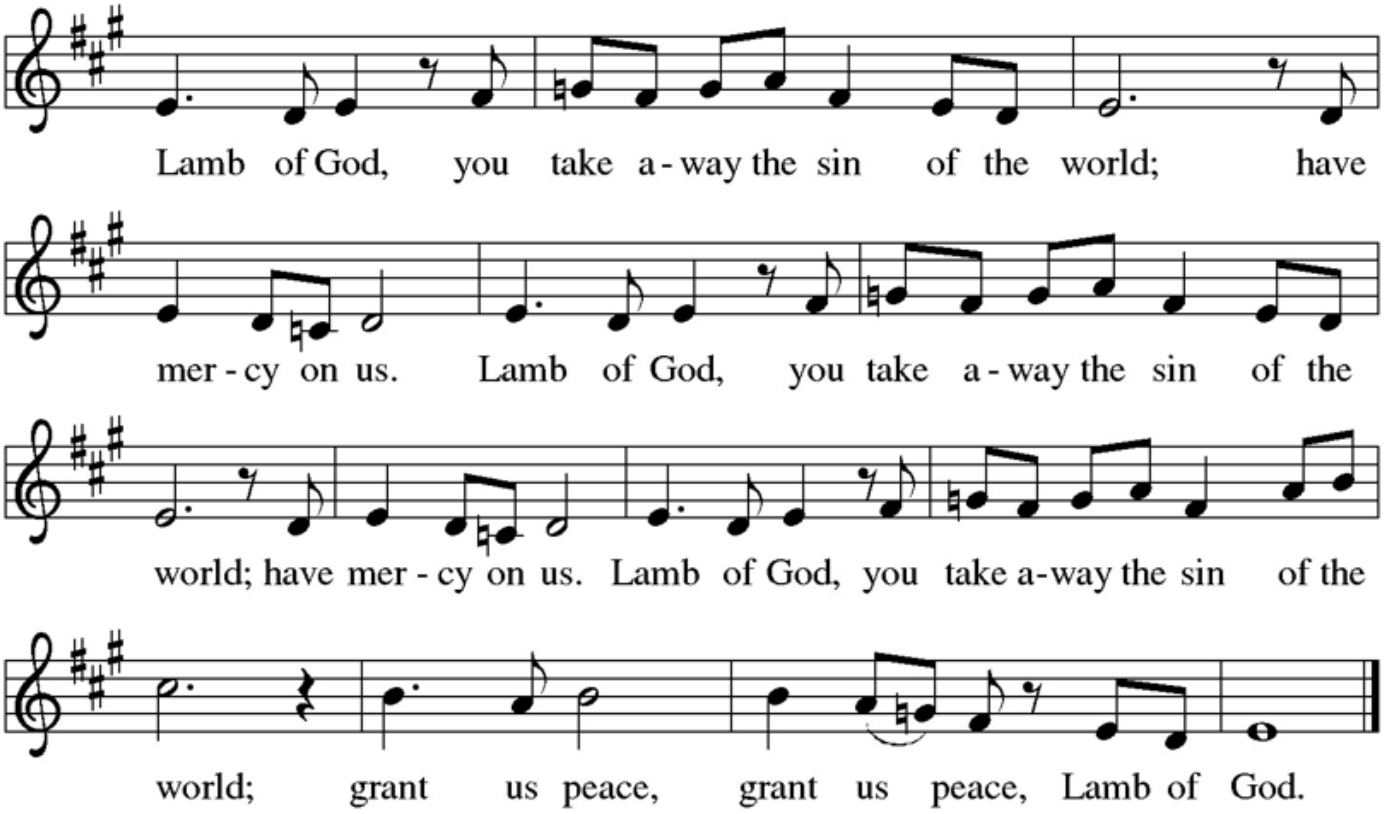
C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Please be seated.

Lamb of God



Hymns During Distribution:

You Are Holy	Red Hymnal #525
Let Us Go Now to the Banquet	Red Hymnal #523
O Living Bread from Heaven	Red Hymnal #542

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

Holy Communion will be celebrated at the base of the steps this day or at your seats. All are welcome to receive the bread and the wine. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are also available. Children are welcome to receive a blessing and a fish cracker.

Please stand as you are able.
When all have received Communion:

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

C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Let us pray. God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

BLESSING

P Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

On Our Way Rejoicing Red Hymnal #537

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Organist: Mark Jonkman
Audio/Video: John Costanzo
Worship Assistant: David Abel
Ushers: Sue Pettit and Kathy Brandt
Greeters: Ron Roth
Altar Guild: Debbie Ealer
Offering Counters: Donna George and Shirley Kerbaugh

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

Sunday, November 15	9:30am Worship
Monday, November 16	7:00pm Congregation Council Meeting via Zoom
	7:00pm Parent Partnership Support Group
Tuesday, November 17	7:00pm Easton Musical Arts Chorus
Wednesday, November 18	10:00am St. Andrew's Women Meeting – Social Room
Thursday, November 19	7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday, November 20	7:30pm Crossroads AA
Sunday, November 22	9:30am Worship

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Built on a Rock: OL #25722
On Our Way Rejoicing: Public Domian Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811–1875, alt. Music: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879 Tune: Hermas
You Are Holy: OL #00877
Let Us Go Now to the Banquet: OL #01713
O Living Bread From Heaven: Public Domain Text: Johann Rist, 1607–1667; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt. Music: Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876 Tune: Aurelia

MEMBERS CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Margaret Bennett, Chandra Bleice, Sharon Bleice, Heidi Butler, Michael Clark, Marjorie Drake, Dillon Hill, Lucy Lynch, Carter Sadler, Alexis Schoenberger, and Lyla Troxell.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

***Immediate Prayers:** Alex, Colleen Connlain, Curt, Steve Diehl, Donna Doran, Marge Drake, Guy Ehler, Eliana, David Fretz, Leo, Lori Gilbert, Lori Guillen, Sue Heater, Jerri Heebner, Jim Pennoyer, Kevin Prendergast, Walter Rankin, Steve, and Heather Ziccardi.

***Members Homebound/Nursing Home:** Margaret Bennett, Lisa Detweiler, Carol Ehler, Carl Fisher, Joan Holland, Theresa Lawhead, Irene Neel, Doris Neumeyer, Jean Pleiss, Doris Wanamaker, and Marge Weidner.

***Long Term Prayers:** Jessica Arnoldi, Elaine Bobeck, Rodney Burda, Charlie, Dianna Dillian, Crystal DiLonardo, Michael DiLonardo, Debbie DiLonardo, Carol Ehler, Maj-Britt Enblom, Kevin Gallagher, Ryan Gorrie, Lori Guillen, Rich Heater, Karen Israel, David Jackson, Sandy Joyce, Jennifer, Kamilah, Keith, Ingvar Kjellberg, Carol Laustsen, David Laustsen, Eric Laustsen, Laura Lee Laustsen, Barbara Lindner, Pete Merluzzi, Nancy, Paul, Penny, Dan Philipps, Rachel, Lisa and Jim Reinish, Shirley, Ethel Shive, Danielle Smith, Andi Steckel, Melissa Steckel, and Doug VonNessen.

Service Members: Courtney Baskwell, Matthew Baskwell, Levi Birchfield, Kyle Callantine, Anthony Duginski, Vince Franchino, Elizabeth Gordon, Derek Hartman, Kristina Himmelreich, Jan-Oskar Kjellberg, Rhiannon Perry, Mark Pollard, and Joseph Suhr.

**prayers as of November 10, 2026*

ZOOM

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