# *November 15, 2026*
## *Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost*
### *Setting One*




***Offering is being collected in the narthex. Please fill out the friendship register.***

**Prelude** *The Heavens are Telling*
**Ringing of the Bell**
**Welcome & Announcements**

**Hymn** *We Praise You and Acknowledge You* *LSB 941*

### Confession and Absolution

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**Kyrie, Hymn of Praise** *(Gloria in Excelsis)*
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### Service of the Word

**Old Testament Reading** *Zephaniah 1:7–16*
**Epistle** *1 Thessalonians 5:1–11*
**Choir** *(8:00)* *In Christ Alone*
**Alleluia and Verse** *(omit 8:00)*
**Holy Gospel** *Matthew 25:14–30*

**Children's Message**
**Hymn** *The Day Is Surely Drawing Near* *LSB 508*
**Sermon**

**The Creed** *(Apostles')* *p 158/159*
**Bell Choir** *(8:00)* *Thaxted*
**Offertory** *(Create in Me)* *(omit 8:00)* *p 192*
**Prayer of the Church**

### Service of the Sacrament

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**The Lord's Prayer**
**The Words of Institution, Agnus Dei**
**Hymns during Holy Communion**
*The Clouds of Judgment Gather* *LSB 513*
*Lord of Our Life* *LSB 659*

**Canticle** *(Thank the Lord)* *p 164*
**Post-Communion Collect**

**The Benediction**
**Postlude** *Christ Our Fortress, Christ Our Cornerstone*

**Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

*If you are a member of an LCMS congregation, we invite you to join us today for Holy Communion. Lutherans believe that the celebration of the Lord's Supper is the eating and drinking of the body and blood of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sin and the strengthening of faith. We also believe that Holy Communion is a sign of oneness of faith, life, and worship.*

*If you have not communed with us before and would like to receive Communion, we ask that you please visit with one of the elders on duty or one of the Pastors so that we may be of help to you concerning your participation in this Holy Supper.*

*Anyone is welcome to come forward to receive a blessing. Simply indicate your desire by crossing your arms over your chest.*

**Readings for November 15, 2026 – Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

**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.

**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.

**Holy Gospel** *Matthew 25:14–30*

14 [Jesus said:] "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 sowed 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.'"