Worship Service ~ November 15, 2026, 9:00
25th Sunday after Pentecost

VISION: Be the body of Christ:
welcoming all, inspired by God, and sent out to live our Faith.
MISSION: Led by the Spirit to share God's grace.

Today's Worship Broadcast is sponsored by Judy Klemm in memory of family members.

PRELUDE *"Gigue"* by Douglas Wagner; Bells of Faith, Dean Jensen director

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SHARING OF THE PEACE
L: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.
C: And also with you.

OPENING SONG *BLESSED BE YOUR NAME*

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INVOCATION
L: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS
L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence for Reflection

L: Holy God,
C: 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.

L: Inherit the riches of God's grace. ☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy. You are forgiven. Blessed are you.
Amen.

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HYMN OF PRAISE ELW page 149

PRAYER OF THE DAY
L: Let us pray.
C: Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its people, 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.

PRAYER LAB MINUTE

R: A reading from Judges.

Judges 4:1-7

1 The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after
Ehud died. 2 So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of
Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was
Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. 3 Then the Israelites cried
out to the Lord for help, for he had nine hundred chariots of iron
and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.
4 At that time Deborah, a prophet, wife of Lappidoth, was judging
Israel. 5 She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah
and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim, and the Israelites came up
to her for judgment. 6 She sent and summoned Barak son of
Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali and said to him, "The Lord, the
God of Israel, commands you, 'Position yourself at Mount Tabor,
taking ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of
Zebulun. 7 I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet
you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops, and I will
give him into your hand.' "

R: The Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW page 151 *ALLELUIA*

R: A Gospel reading from the 25th chapter of Matthew.
C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Matthew 25:14-30

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.'

R: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to You, O Christ.

MESSAGE Bishop Justin Grimm, St. Paul Area Synod

SONG OF THE DAY ELW #688 *LORD OF LIGHT* stz 1, 3, 4

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OFFERTORY ELW #692 *WE LIFT OUR VOICES*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH
L: Lord, in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

HOLY COMMUNION
L: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.
L: Lift up your hearts.
C: We lift them to the Lord.
L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION *You are invited to come forward at the direction of the ushers to receive communion.*

LAMB OF GOD ACS page 40

COMMUNION MUSIC *"With Grateful Heart"* arr. Mark Schweitzer; Faith Choir; Alan Ball, piano; Linda Ek, director

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

BLESSING
The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD's face shine upon you and be gracious unto you, The LORD look upon you with favor, ☩ and give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG ELW #715 *CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT*

DISMISSAL
L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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