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25th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 15, 2026 – 10:00 AM
Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 6
Worship in-person and livestream

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

GATHERING

Prelude
Welcome and Acknowledgement of Lands

Gathering Song	***God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending***	*red book* **No. 678**
Greeting		
Kyrie		Page 165
This is the Feast		Page 169
Prayer of the Day		

WORD

Children's Message		
First Reading	**Judges 4:1-7**	**…Thanks be to God.**
Psalm 123		
Second Reading	**1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**	**…Thanks be to God.**
Gospel Acclamation		Page 171
The Gospel Reading	**Matthew 25:14-30**	**…Glory to you, O God.**
		…Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day	***Lord of Light***	*red book* **No. 688**

Prayers of the People — God in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Peace Sharing — The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

MEAL

In the church community we give our time, our gifts, and our resources.
We collect an offering as one way of giving.

Offering of Gifts		
Offering Song	*O Christ the Same vs 1 solo*	*red book* **No. 760**
Offering Prayer		
Great Thanksgiving		Page 172
Holy		Page 173
Thanksgiving Prayer		
The Lord's Prayer		Page 173
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All are welcome at Christ's table. The wine is served in individual glasses and the common cup. Red grape juice is in the centre of the trays. Gluten-free bread is available by asking the server. You may commune with bread or wine alone or ask for a blessing. Those worshipping online are invited to commune where you are.

Communion Songs	***All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly***	*red book* **No. 461**
	Come to the Table	*blue book* **No. 961**
	Nothing Can Trouble	*blue book* **No. 1033**

Prayer

SENDING

Announcements
Blessing

Sending Song	***Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ***	*red book* **No. 674**
Dismissal	…**Thanks be to God.**	
Postlude		

Everyone present is invited to a time of hospitality in the Upper Hall.
Thank you to Gisela W. and friends for hosting.

Worship Assistants

Assisting Minister	Marta Lefsrud
Kantor	Nathan McDonald
Musician	Karen Johnson-Lefsrud
Artist in Residence	Kira Gill
Choral Scholars	D.J. McGrath, Sabrina Blaase
Livestreaming	Skylar Smith
Communion	Iris Schoffer, Beverley Norman
Ushers	Murray Nelson, Grant Froyland

You are invited to Holy Communion Worship, Sundays, 10AM PT in-person and online.
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for the Crossroads newsletter, calendar, and events.
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Psalm 123

Refrain: Our eyes look to you, O God, until you show us your mercy.

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To you I lift | up my eyes,
to you enthroned | in the heavens.
2 **As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, and the eyes of a maid to the hand | of her mistress,**
so our eyes look to you, O Lord our God, until you show | us your mercy.
3 Have mercy upon us, O | Lord, have mercy,
for we have had more than enough | of contempt,
4 **too much of the scorn of the in- | dolent rich,**
and of the derision | of the proud. R

Judges 4:1-7

Livestream Text

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.' "

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.

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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.' "