TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST "Where Do I Belong?" – 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

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We warmly welcome you in the name of Jesus!

We are always glad to have you worship with us. If you do not have a regular church home, we invite you to make our church home yours.

- ⁺ Our worship services are on Sunday mornings at 8:30 and 11:00 AM. We also invite and encourage you to join us in Sunday School and Bible Study at 9:45 AM.
- + Assisted hearing devices, children's bulletins, and large print service folders are available -please ask an usher for one.
- ⁺ While we encourage children to be present in worship, the upstairs cry room opposite the elevator is available for you.
- ⁺ Our worship services can now be viewed on the church's Facebook page (live or after the service), as well as on our YouTube channel. *The Lutheran Hour* can be heard on Sundays at 9:00 AM at KAWZ (102.7FM).

Prayer before worship: O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

AS WE GATHER The Last Day may come soon, but in the meantime, many people are neglecting to use their abilities and opportunities for God's purposes. Zephaniah writes that it will be a day of wrath and mourning. But for those who have realized God's blessings over the years, as Psalm 90 recalls, though the times are mean, each day is an opportunity to "encourage one another and build one another up" (1 Thessalonians 5:11). Today is an opportunity to hear God's very gracious Word, "well done!" and be strengthened to respond by using the talents He has loaned to us.

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This Chorale Service follows the tradition of Luther's German Mass (1526), in which parts of the liturgy for Holy Communion are replaced with hymns (metrical paraphrases).

Confession and Absolution

Prelude and Ringing of the Bell

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn

At the Name of Jesus

LSB 512

Please stand for final Trinitarian verse. \triangle

0. 1 At the Je Ev -'ry knee shall bow, name of sus _ 2 At tion His voice cre - a -Sprang at once to sight, 3 Hum - bled for а sea son. To re - ceive а name 4 Bore it up phant With hu - man light, tri - um its 0 of glo-ry Ev tongue con - fess Him King 'ry now. All the an gel fac es. All the hosts of light, -From the lips of sin ners Un to whom He came, Through all ranks of crea tures To the cen-tral height, 0. 'Tis We should call Him Lord, the Fa - ther's plea - sure Thrones and bright do - min ions, Stars up - on their way, Faith - ful - ly He bore Spot - less the it to last, То the throne of God - head, To the Fa-ther's breast. Who from the be - gin - ning Was the might y Word. All the heav'n - ly or - ders In their great ar - ray. When from death Brought it back vic - to - rious He passed; Filled it with the glo - ry Of that per fect rest. In your hearts enthrone Him; 5 There let Him subdue All that is not holy. All that is not true: Crown Him as your captain In temptation's hour: Let His will enfold you In its light and pow'r. Christians, this Lord Jesus 6 Shall return again In His Father's glory, With His angel train; For all wreaths of empire Meet upon His brow, And our hearts confess Him King of glory now. Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

 △ 7 Glory then to Jesus, Who, the Prince of light, To a world in darkness Brought the gift of sight; Praise to God the Father; In the Spirit's love Praise we all together Him who reigns above.

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Invocation / Opening Sentences

Zephaniah 1:7b; 1 Thessalonians 5:11; Matthew 25:29a

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- People: Amen.
- Leader: The LORD has prepared a sacrifice
- People: and consecrated His guests.
- Leader: Encourage one another
- People: and build one another up.
- Leader: To everyone who has will more be given,
- People: and he will have an abundance.

Confession and Absolution

1 John 1:8–9; Psalm 90:17

- 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, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- Leader: Let us in all honesty hear His Word again and confess our sins. The Lord has consecrated His guests,
- People: but we have been more attentive to the things of this world. Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us.
- Leader: Build one another up,
- People: but we are used to the darkness of this world and fear His coming like a thief in the night. Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us.
- Leader: To everyone who has will more be given,
- People: but we seldom recognize the abilities and opportunities He has given. Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us.
- People: Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Service of the Word

[tune: ST. ANNE]

Have mercy on Your people, Lord. Have mercy, Christ, our King; Renew us by Your mercy, Lord; Accept the prayers we bring.

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Hymn of Praise

Kyrie

[tune: GOTT SEI DANK]

Glory be to God on High, You we praise and glorify. Peace on earth, goodwill toward all. Praise the Lord of great and small.

O Lord God, our heav'nly King, We to You our praises bring. God Almighty, Father kind, Hear the praise of all combined.

O Lord Jesus, God's own Son, Lamb of God, You make us one. You take all our sins away, Lord, have mercy, hear us pray.

You, Lord, are the Holy One, Over all, the Lord alone. Jesus Christ, we glorify with the Spirit, Lord Most High.

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

- Leader: The Lord be with you.
- People: And also with you.
- Leader: Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You.
- People: Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting;
- Pastor: through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- People: Amen.

Please be seated.

Old Testament Reading

A day of wrath is coming.

Zephaniah 1:7-16

Reader: Be silent before the Lord GOD!

For the day of the LORD is near;

the LORD has prepared a sacrifice

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and consecrated his quests. 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. On that day I will punish everyone who leaps over the threshold, and those who fill their master's house with violence and fraud. "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. Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar! For all the traders are no more: all who weigh out silver are cut off. 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.' 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." 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. 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, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm (Sung by ALL.)

Psalm 90:1–12; antiphon: v. 17

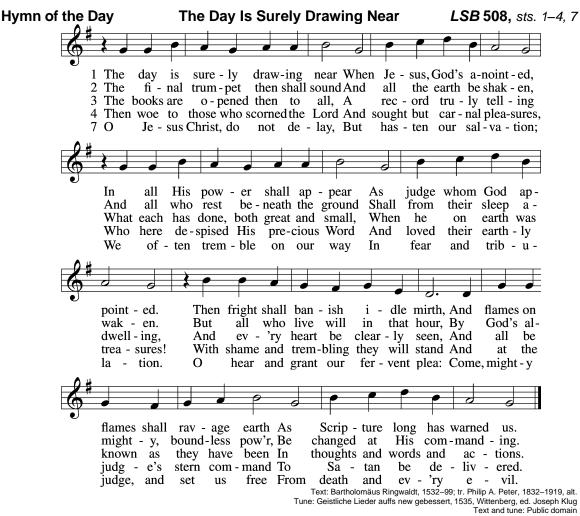
Lord, you have been our | dwelling place* in all gener- | ations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth | and the world,* from everlasting to everlasting you are God. You return | man to dust* and say, "Return, O chil- | dren of man!" For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when | it is past,* or as a watch | in the night. You sweep them away as | with a flood;* they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning: in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;* in the evening it fades and withers. For we are brought to an end by your | anger;* by your wrath we | are dismayed. You have set our iniquities be- | fore you,* our secret sins in the light of your presence. For all our days pass away un- | der your wrath;* we bring our years to an end like a sigh. The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength | eighty;* yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we | fly away. Who considers the power of your | anger,* and your wrath according to the | fear of you? So teach us to number | our days* that we may get a heart of wisdom.

Epistle Reading Encourage one another to live in God's light. 1 Thessalonians 5:1–11 Reader: Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. 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. But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober.

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For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. 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. For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

- Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
- People: Thanks be to God.



Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.

Holy Gospel God gives talents, expecting them to be used for His purposes. Matthew 25:14–30

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

Pastor:

[Jesus said:] "For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. 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.' 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.' 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.' 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.' 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, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' 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? 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. So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. 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. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Please stand.

Sermon

Creedal Hymn	We All Believe in One True God	LSB 953
We all be	lieve in one true God,	
Father,	Son, and Holy Ghost,	
Ever-present help in need,		
Praisec	I by all the heav'nly host;	
All He ma	de His love enfolds,	
All creation	on He upholds.	

We all believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary's son, Who descended from His throne And for us salvation won; By whose cross and death are we Rescued from all misery. We all confess the Holy Ghost,

We all confess the Holy Ghost, Who from both in truth proceeds, Who sustains and comforts us In all trials, fears, and needs. Blessèd, holy Trinity, Praise forever be to Thee!

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Prayer of the Church

Pastor: Let us pray for the Church around the world, for ourselves in this place, for people in positions of authority, for families, and for all in need.

Guide and protect Your Church, Lord Jesus, as it endeavors to share the Gospel in the many circumstances of this sin-ridden world. Embolden leaders to speak Your Word with conviction, open the ears of those who hear the Good News in all circumstances, and grant increase of faith and numbers wherever people gather around Word and Sacrament.

- People: Hear our prayer, O Lord, and let Your favor be upon us and all for whom we pray.
- Pastor: O Holy Spirit, strengthen this congregation so that we are a beacon of Your gracious love, calling one and all to join us to celebrate the Good News shining in this darkened world.
- People: Hear our prayer, O Lord, and let Your favor be upon us and all for whom we pray.
- Pastor: Lord over all, guide and protect the officers of nations; armed forces deployed and police at home; leaders of large corporations; those who work in the media; those who grow, tend, and distribute food; and all who respond in emergencies, that together they work for the common good.

People: Hear our prayer, O Lord, and let Your favor be upon us and all for whom we pray.

Pastor: Heavenly Father, grant peace and love in families, give wisdom to parents and willingness to learn to children, and provide faithful congregations, caring friends, and extended relatives to support them through all the changes in life.

People: Hear our prayer, O Lord, and let Your favor be upon us and all for whom we pray.

Pastor: Lord our God, hear the prayers of Your people near and dear to us, [*including*...], as well as those known only to You. As fits Your gracious plans for them, give healing, relief, and comfort, so that they may live out each day in peace and joy.

People: Hear our prayer, O Lord, and let Your favor be upon us and all for whom we pray.

Pastor: These and any other things You would have us ask of You, heavenly Father, grant us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

Please be seated.

Offering

During this time, we invite you to sign and pass the Friendship Book. All communicants are invited to read and prayerfully consider the following.

We believe that...

- † Holy Communion is a Sacrament since it was instituted by Christ Himself.
- We are truly worthy and well prepared to partake of Holy Communion when we repent of our + sins and have faith in these words. "Given and shed for you for the remission of sins."
- We receive the bread and wine and the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ when, + as repentant, true believers we partake of Holy Communion.

Our Savior Lutheran Church practices close communion. What does this mean?

Confirmed members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod are welcome to commune with us. If you are not a confirmed member of our church or one of our sister congregations, we encourage you to speak to the pastor about preparing to participate in communion at Our Savior.

+ Children and those not communing are welcome to come forward for a blessing (indicated by folded hands), or to remain seated for individual prayer. When the wine is offered, communicants have the choice of an individual cup or the common cup. Individual cups containing DARK WINE are alcohol-free for those with medical need only, please.

Stand

Offertory Hymn

Create in Me

LSB 956

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

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Service of the Sacrament

Preface

- Pastor: The Lord be with you.
- People: And also with you.
- Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
- We lift them to the Lord. People:
- Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise. People:
- It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give Pastor: thanks to You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we may give heed to the testament of Your Son in true faith and, above all, firmly take to heart the words with which Christ gives to us His body and blood for our forgiveness. Grant that we may Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of His salvation. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

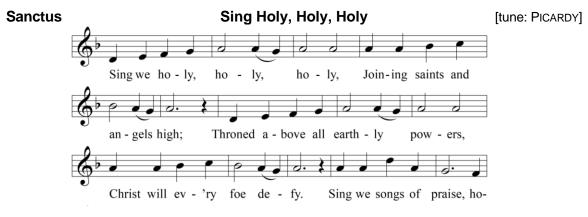
Lord's Prayer

People: 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.

Pastor: In the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, at His command, and with His own words, we receive His testament:

The Words of Our Lord

- Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
- Pastor: In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My H blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."



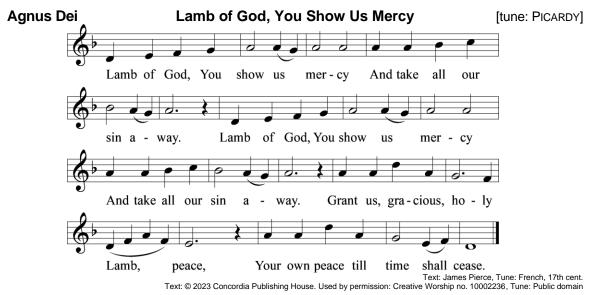


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Pax Domini

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.



Distribution

Please be seated. If you are communing, please follow the directions of the ushers.

Distribution	Song C	hrist Our Hope in Life and Death
		by J. Kauflin, K. Getty, M. Boswell, M. Papa, & M. Merker
What is our hope in life and death?		
Christ alone, Christ alone.		
	What is our only confidence?	
	That our souls to Him belong.	
	Who holds our days within His hand?	
	What comes, apart from His command?	
	And what will keep us to the end?	
		hrist, in which we stand.
Chorus:	O sing hallelu	ijah! Our hope springs eternal;
	O sing hallelu	jah! Now and ever we confess
	Christ our ho	pe in life and death.

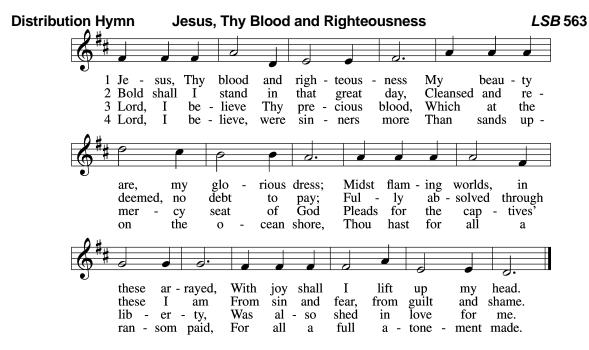
What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good. Where is His grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood. Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial? Who sends the waves that bring us nigh Unto the shore, the rock of Christ. *Chorus*

Unto the grave, what will we sing? "Christ, He lives; Christ He lives!" And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him. There we will rise to meet the Lord, Then sin and death will be destroyed, And we will feast in endless joy, When Christ is ours forevermore. Chorus

Now and ever we confess Christ our hope in life and death.

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- 5 When from the dust of death I rise To claim my mansion in the skies, This then shall be my only plea: Jesus hath lived and died for me.
- 6 Jesus, be endless praise to Thee, Whose boundless mercy hath for me, For me, and all Thy hands have made, An everlasting ransom paid.

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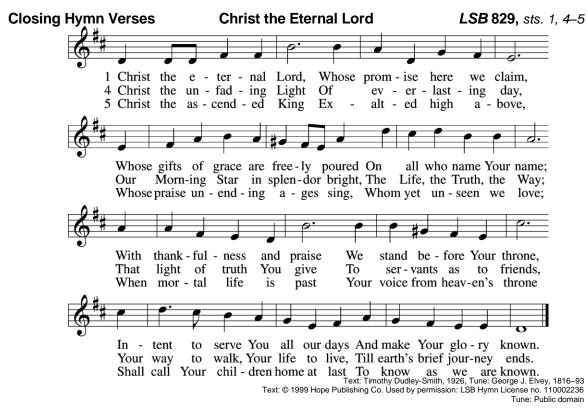
Post-Communion Collect

Pastor: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift,

- People: and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another;
- Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- People: Amen.

Benedicamus and Benediction

- Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.
- People: Thanks be to God.
- Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.
- People: Amen.



Silent Prayer / Postlude

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> Readings for next Sunday, November 26: Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24 Psalm 95:1–7a 1 Corinthians 15:20–28 Matthew 25:31–46