COME AGAIN!

THE BENEDICTION
C: Amen!

CLOSING HYMN: “Take My Life and Let it Be” (783)

Pastor: We have gathered this morning to worship the Lord, to be renewed and strengthened in God’s love and the forgiveness of sins. As we go, let us remember who we are and what we do:

C: “We are rooted in God’s love, united in connecting people to Jesus.”

Pastor: You are dearly loved and treasured by God, planted and growing in God’s love. As God’s beloved children, go in peace! Love one another! Be a blessing! Share the faith! Serve the Lord with gladness!

C: Thanks be to God!

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Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost November 15th, 2026

PRELUDE MUSIC

WELCOME and INVOCATION

OPENING PRAISE: "O Worship the King" (804)

CONFESSION OF SINS AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

P: Beloved in the Lord, let us draw near to God in faith and repentance, confessing our sins. We confess together:

C: Heavenly Father, I confess all my sins to You, the sins that I know of and I acknowledge that there are others that are unknown to me. Your Word teaches that I will be held accountable for my sins. But, Your Word also teaches me about Jesus and that He is the Savior of the world. Lord, I ask that You forgive me of my sins, that my sins not stay with me. "God, have mercy on me, a sinner" (Luke 18.13b).

P: Friends of God, heaven rejoices when we acknowledge our sins for God desires to shower His mercy and love upon us. Know, therefore, that your sins, your known and unknown sins, are removed from you as far as the east is from the west (Psalm 103.12). The words I speak, I now speak for God: You are forgiven of your sins! They are no longer with you!

C: Amen! Thanks be to God!

HYMN OF PRAISE: "We Praise You and Acknowledge You" (941)

KYRIE PRAYER (Spoken)

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

P: The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you!

P: Let us pray together:

C: Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. 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; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever., Amen!

PRINCE OF PEACE CHOIR (10:30):

"The King of Love My Shepherd is" arr. by Mack Wilberg

Katie Merdass and Vasa Ray, Flutes

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (10:30)

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Today's Old Testament reading is **Zephaniah 1:7–16**. The prophet Zephaniah warns that the day of the Lord is near, calling God's people to take His judgment seriously.

The Epistle reading is **1 Thessalonians 5:1–11**. Paul encourages us to live as children of the light, watching for Jesus' return and trusting in the salvation He has won for us.

Today's Gospel is from **Matthew 25:14–30**. Through the parable of the talents, Jesus teaches us to faithfully use what He has entrusted to us as we await His return.

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel

L: These are the Words of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

CONFESSION OF OUR FAITH Apostles' Creed (Screens)

SERMON HYMN: "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" (733)

SERMON: 1st Thessalonians 5.1-11

OFFERING & OFFERTORY

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Congregational response to each petition is: ***"Hear our prayer"***

AFFIRMATION OF HOPE

P: To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, in Your holy Church forever and ever. Amen!

C (Loudly): CHRIST HAS COME! CHRIST IS RISEN! CHRIST SHALL