Insert for November 15, 2026

25th Sunday after Pentecost

WORSHIP MUSIC

Prelude: *"When Morning Gilds the Skies"* arr. Robert Lind

Offertory: **"***Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"* arr. Michael Helman
Jamaican folk tune

Communion: **"***Tuya es la Gloria (Yours, Lord, Is the Glory)"*
Latin American melody arr. Susan T. Sylvester

Postlude: **"***Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"* Joseph Haydn/Rex Koury

Gathering Hymn: *"Christ, Be Our Light"* ELW 715

vs. 1,2,5

1 Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

Refrain

Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

2 Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice. ***Refrain***

5 Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
signs of your kingdom come.

Refrain

Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

Prayer of the Day,

Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, 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

WORD

First Reading: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

7 Be silent before the Lord GOD, for the day of the LORD is at hand!
The LORD has prepared a sacrifice; he has consecrated his guests.
12 At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the
people who settle like dregs in wine, those who say in their hearts,
"The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm."
13 Their wealth 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 warrior cries aloud there.
15 That day will be a day of wrath, 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.
17 I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out
like dust and their flesh like dung.
18 Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of
the LORD's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be
consumed, for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the
earth.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12 *(Read Responsively)*

1 Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another.
2 **Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, from age to age you are God.**
3 You turn us back to the dust and say, "Turn back, O child- ren of earth."
4 **For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past and like a watch in the night;**
5 you sweep them away like a dream, they fade away suddenly like the grass:
6 **in the morning it is green and flourishes; in the evening it is dried up and withered.**
7 For we are consumed by your anger; we are afraid because of your wrath.
8 **Our iniquities you have set before you, and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.**

[9 When you are angry, all our days are gone; we bring our years to an end
like a sigh.
10 **The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength even eighty;
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly
and we are gone.**
11 Who regards the power of your wrath? Who rightly fears your
indignation?]
12 **So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to
wisdom.**

Second Reading: 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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

* **Gospel**: Matthew 25:14-30

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[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.' "

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day: *"O Christ the Same"* WOV 778

1 O Christ the same, through all our story's pages--
our loves and hopes, our failures and our fears;
eternal Lord, the king of all the ages,
unchanging still amid the passing years:
O living Word, the source of all creation,
who spread the skies and set the stars ablaze;
O Christ the same, who wrought our whole salvation,
we bring our thanks for all our yesterdays.

2 O Christ the same, the friend of sinners, sharing
our inmost thoughts, the secrets none can hide;
still as of old upon your body bearing
the marks of love in triumph glorified.
O Son of Man, who stooped for us from heaven--
O Prince of life, in all your saving power;
O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are given:
we bring our thanks for this the present hour.

3 **O Christ the same, secure within whose keeping**
our lives and loves, our days and years remain;
our work and rest, our waking and our sleeping,
our calm and storm, our pleasure and our pain:
O Lord of love, for all our joys and sorrows,
for all our hopes when earth shall fade and flee;
O Christ the same, beyond our brief tomorrows,
we bring our thanks for all that is to be.

Sending Hymn: *"Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us"* ELW 707

1 **Lord of glory, you have bought us**
with your lifeblood as the price,
never grudging for the lost ones
that tremendous sacrifice;
and with that have freely given
blessings countless as the sand
to the unthankful and the evil
with your own unsparing hand.

2 **Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you**
gladly, freely, of your own.
With the sunshine of your goodness
melt our thankless hearts of stone
till our cold and selfish natures,
warmed by you, at length believe
that more happy and more blessed
'tis to give than to receive.

3 Wondrous honor you have given
to our humblest charity
in your own mysterious sentence,
"You have done it all to me."
Naked, sick, in prison, hungry—
in the least, your face we view,
saying by your poor and needy,
"Give as I have giv'n to you."

4 Lord of glory, you have bought us
with your lifeblood as the price,
never grudging for the lost ones
that tremendous sacrifice.
Give us faith to trust you boldly,
hope, to stay our souls on you:
but, oh, best of all your graces,
with your love our love renew.

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Upcoming Dates

November 17:	LAMB's Basket Volunteer Day, 9:00 a.m.
November 22:	Congregational Meeting following the service
November 26:	Thanksgiving Meal for Lakeside Police Food in kitchen by 11:00 a.m.
November 29:	Sunday Seminar on the Gospel of Matthew
December 1:	Sit & Stitch, 10:00 a.m.
December 6:	Chrismons, Cookies, and Carols following the service

Community Thanksgiving Service: This is a change. There will not be a service this year.

CLC Faith in Action: We thank everyone for their participation and continuing generosity in supporting our LAMBS Basket ministry. This week we donated 49 pounds of food to help our neighbors in need.

Music Notes: One of our beloved hymns has been arranged for handbells: *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ,* a beloved Jamaican folk tune. During communion you will hear a lovely meditative arrangement of *Yours, Lord, Is the Glory* (Tuya es la Gloria), also played by our Bell Choir.

It is time to Order Poinsettias

- Colors available: Red, pink, or white
- Price: $17.50 each (minimum order of 10)
- Order Deadline: November 30th

There will be a congregational meeting after church services on November 22. We will be voting for new Council members, approving changes to the church constitution and approving a budget for 2027.
If you have any business to add or questions, please contact Patty Franz at 804-387-3750 or pdsfranz@gmail.com.

Support of CLC Ministries as well as maintaining our facility is made possible by your continuing donations towards our special projects and needs as well as through normal weekly and monthly donations. As of the end of October, our treasurer reports show we have received $220,000 in donations and have incurred expenses of $221,600 during 2026. Our October expenses included $1,550 for the replacement of our kitchen water heater.

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