TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Music and Hymns:

Gathering	*We Praise You, O God*	ELW 870
Hymn of Day	*If You But Trust in God to Guide You*	ELW 769
Sending	*My Faith Looks Up to Thee*	ELW 759
Prelude	*Chorale: Our Father Who Art in Heaven Above*	
Anthem	*Gather Your Children, Dear Savior, in Peace*	*Schalk*
Communion	*Nun Freut Euch, Lieben Christen*	
Postlude	*Plein Chant Du Premier Sanctus*	*Couperin*

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.

Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12

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 children 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.

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.' "

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Flowers: These flowers are given by Charles and Ruth Nicholson to the glory of God and in loving memory of Marie Shealy who entered the Church Triumphant on October 23rd. We give thanks for a life of faith and commend her to God's eternal care.

- The **weekly bulletin** is printed on **Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.** Please submit any announcements to the church office before then. Thank you.
- The **Grapevine deadline** for submission of articles is the **20th of every month**. Please submit any articles/information to the church office before then. Thank you.
- Denise's new office hours starting in November: Monday – Wednesday, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- God's Helping Hands current needs are: miscellaneous canned vegetables, canned meats, peanut butter, jelly, cereal, crackers, canned fruit and Jiffy cornbread mix. Please place donations in the container in the Cameron Hallway.
- **We need blessing box supplies**! Thank you for continuing to support the Blessing Box. The need for food and basic supplies remains strong. Please drop supplies off in the Cameron Hallway or in the kitchen. Thank you for helping keep it stocked! **Helpful items include:** Peanut butter crackers, canned meats, canned pasta, canned fruit, soup, cereal, shelf-stable milk, granola bars, rice or pasta sides, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, deodorant. *Please choose items that do not require refrigeration. Pop-top cans are especially helpful.*
- **2027 Church Directory:** As we prepare the 2027 Church Directory, please take a few minutes to review the updated membership information sent through Evine and confirm that your family's information is correct. If you notice any changes that need to be made, please email them to the church office. We would also love to include your most current family photo. Please let us know if you have a new photo you would like us to use. Additionally, sign-up sheets for church teams and ministries are available on the table in the Narthex. Please take a moment to sign up for any opportunities that interest you. While you're there, don't forget to verify that your church directory information is accurate.
- **Mark Your Calendars**: The annual OSLC Christmas Dinner will be held on December 14th at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. More details and ticket sales will be forthcoming.
- **Poinsettias**: Help us beautify the sanctuary for Christmas. Poinsettia order forms are available on the table in the Narthex. Please complete a form and return it by the designated deadline.

In our prayers this week, we commend the following individuals to God's gracious care. If a name belongs to someone outside our congregation, please let the office know your connections. If there are any names to update, please also let us know additions or changes.

Melanie Amick
Gerald Bush (Friend of Sandra Hughes)
Greg Chapman
Jeannie Chapman
Virginia M. Cromer
Katie Doble
Jerry Hite
Dolores Hopkins
Steve Rucker
Herman Shealy
The Shealy family as they grieve the loss of their dear Marie
Amanda Williams and family upon the death of her brother

SERVERS	**Today**	**Next Week**
Greeters	Isma Boland	**need volunteer*
Lector	Marie Lybrand	Beverly Nivens
Worship	Marie Lybrand	Gail Marcum
	NOVEMBER	**DECEMBER**
Ushers	Steve Nivens, Chief Mark Satterwhite	Jim Garner, Chief Wayne Lybrand
Tellers	Beth Cleland/Melba Murphy	Pam Hanfland/Linda Griffith/ Caroline Raszewski
Offering Pickup	Steve Nivens	Wayne Lybrand
Property	Steve Nivens	Jim Garner
Altar Guild	Steve and Beverly Nivens	Isma Boland/Melba Murphy

Sunday, ***November 15***	10:15 a.m.	Youth Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Holy Communion
	11:30 a.m.	Congregation Meeting
Monday, ***November 16***	9:00 a.m.	Lutheran Men Breakfast
Wednesday, ***November 18***	10:30 a.m.	Bible Study
Sunday, ***November 22***	10:15 a.m.	Youth Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Holy Communion