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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
GREEN PARK SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 15, 2026
THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME TO PEACE! If you are a guest, please fill out the Visitor side of one of the attendance cards found in the pew rack. Let us know if you would like us to contact you. We are happy to have you worshipping with us today!

CHRIST'S BODY AND BLOOD, for the forgiveness of sins, are truly present in Sacramental Union with the bread and wine in the Sacrament of the Altar. Due to theological differences among Christians regarding beliefs about this Supper, only communicant members of an LCMS church are invited to the Lord's table. Ask a pastor if you have questions or concerns. Please register your taking of communion on your attendance card.

NEWS AND NOTES for this week can be found on the Commons Counter. Please take one home to stay informed about upcoming events at Peace Lutheran Church.

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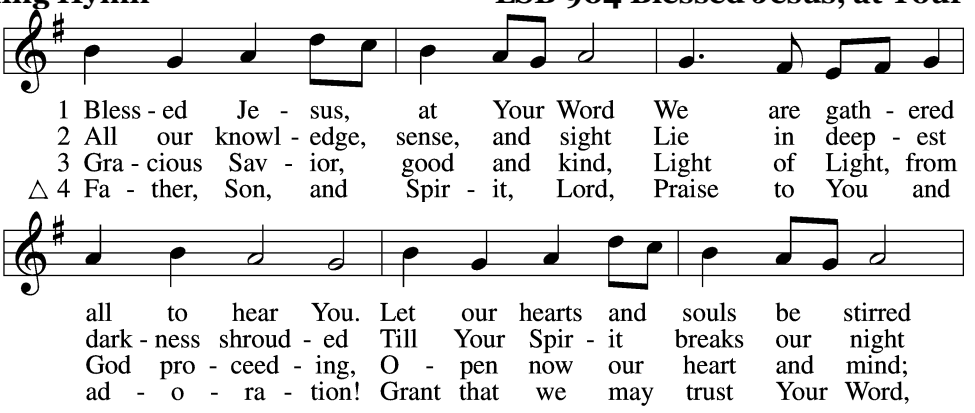
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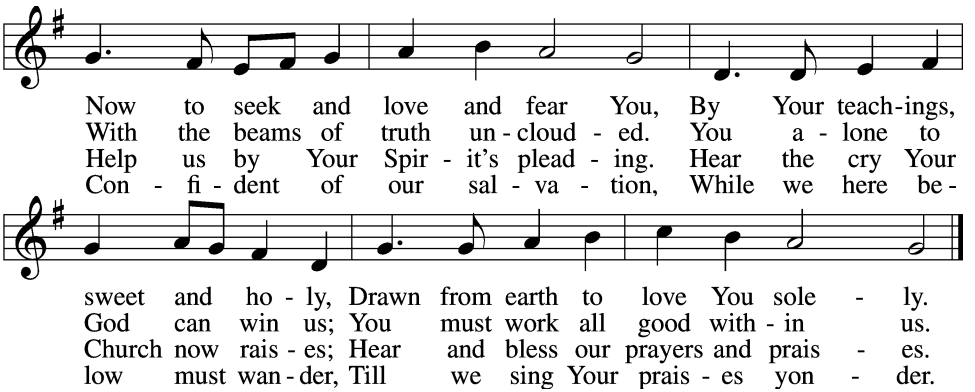
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Green Park Choir

Opening Remarks

Ken Werkmeister
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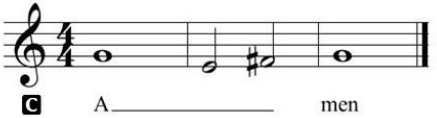
***Opening Hymn** **LSB 904 Blessed Jesus, at Your Word**





***Invocation**

P In the name of the Father and of the ✢ Son and of the Holy Spirit.



***Exhortation** *1 John 1:8-9*

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

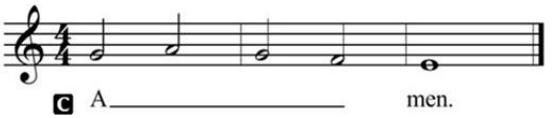
C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

***Confession of Sins**

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

***Absolution**

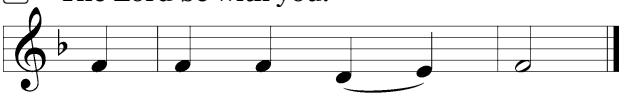


***Hymn of Praise** **LSB 941 We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God**



***Salutation and Collect of the Day**

P The Lord be with you.



P Let us pray...



Old Testament Reading *Zephaniah 1:7–16*

7 Be silent before the Lord GOD!
For the day of the LORD is near;
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice
and consecrated his guests.
8 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.
9 On that day I will punish
everyone who leaps over the threshold,
and those who fill their master's house
with violence and fraud.
10 "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.
11 Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar!
For all the traders are no more;
all who weigh out silver are cut off.
12 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.'
13 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."
14 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.
15A 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,
16a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.

P This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem (10:30) **Luther's Morning Prayer**
Green Park Choir

Epistle *1 Thessalonians 5:1–11*

1Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. 2For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. 3While 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. 4But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. 5For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. 6So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. 7For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. 8But 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. 9For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. 11Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

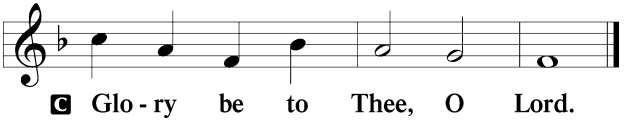
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C **Thanks be to God.**

***Alleluia** *LSB 190*



***Holy Gospel** *Matthew 25:14–30*

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



14[Jesus said:] "For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants
and entrusted to them his property. 15To one he gave five talents, to another two, to
another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. 16He who had received
the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. 17So
also he who had the two talents made two talents more. 18But he who had received the
one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. 19Now after a long
time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. 20And 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.' 21His 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.' 22And he also who had the two
talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have
made two talents more.' 23His 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.' 24He 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, 25so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the
ground. Here you have what is yours.' 26But 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? 27Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and
at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. 28So take the
talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. 29For 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. 30And cast the worthless servant into the outer
darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



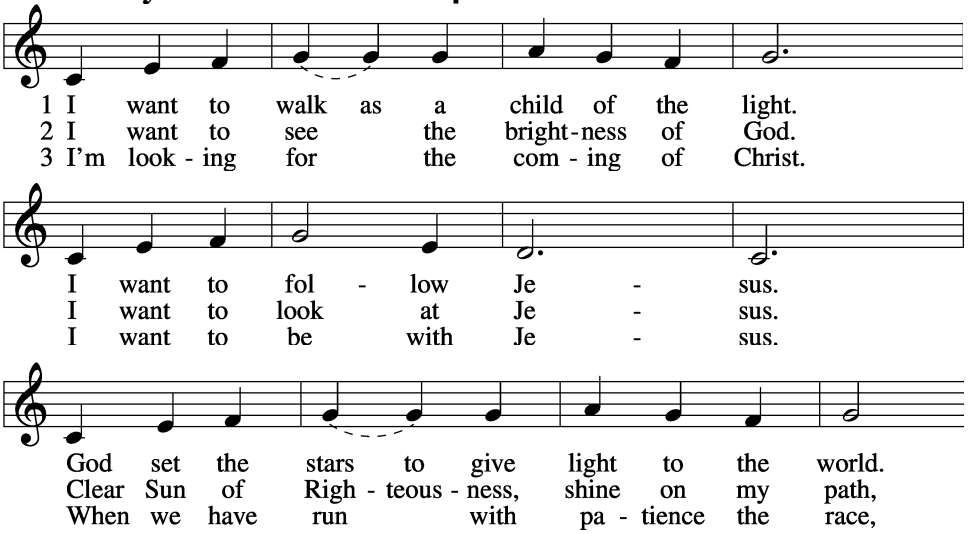
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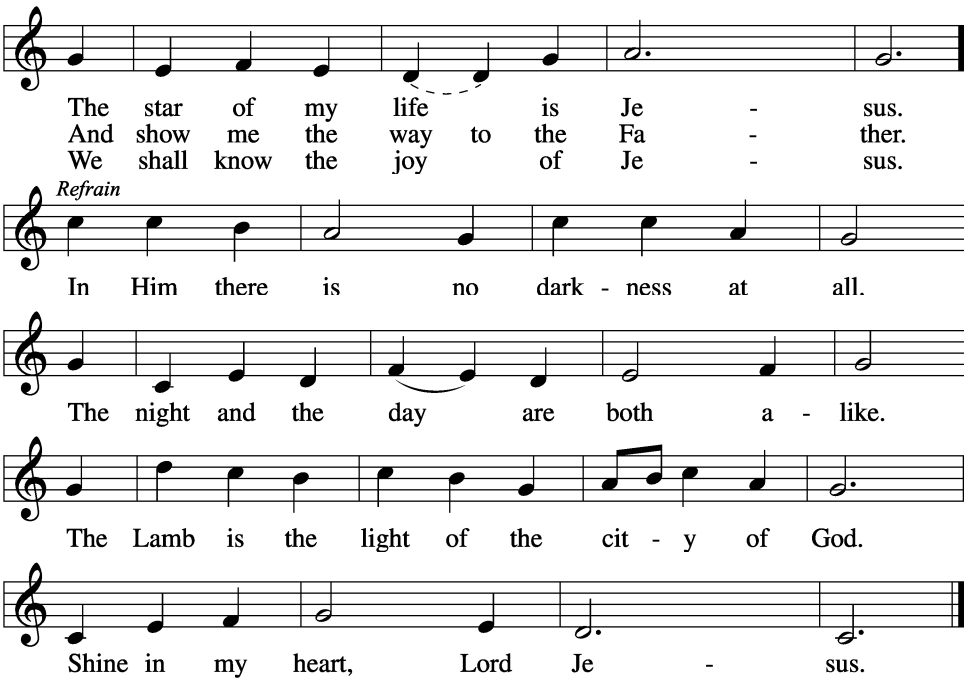
C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,**
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✢ everlasting. Amen.

Hymn of the Day **LSB 411 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light**



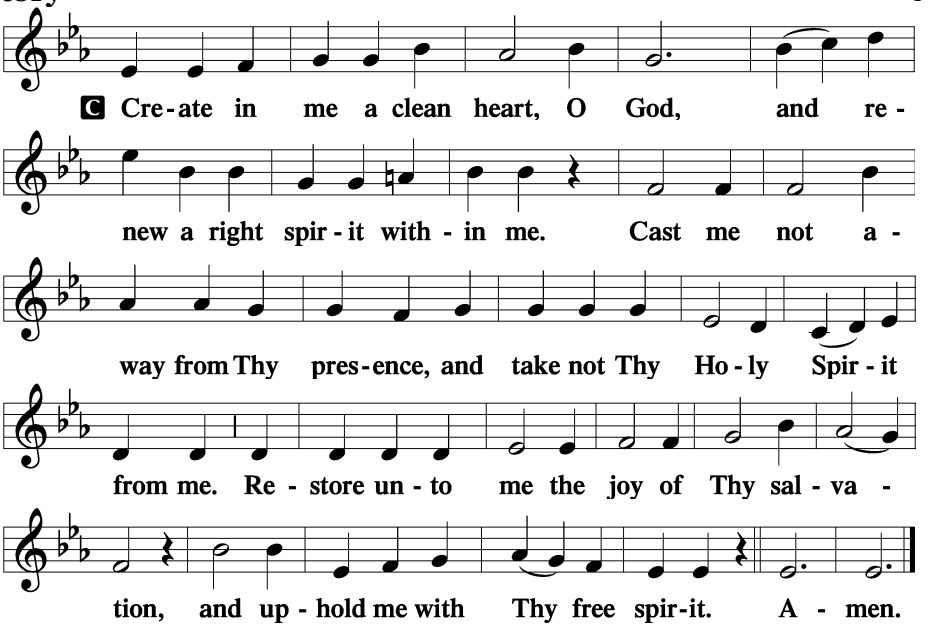


Sermon "Raising Them for Eternal Splendor" (Matthew 25:14–30)

Sermon Notes:

Gathering of the Offering *Please fill out an attendance card and place it in the offering plate*

***Offertory** *Psalm 51:10-12*



***Prayer of the Church**

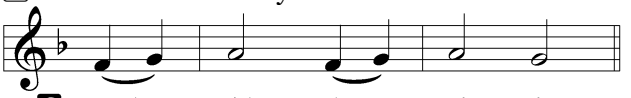
***Lord's Prayer** *Matthew 6:9-13*

C 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.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

***Preface**

P The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*



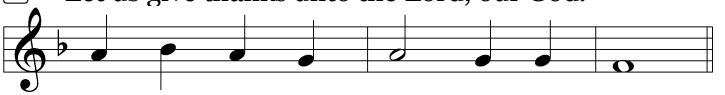
C And with thy spir - it.

P Lift up your hearts. *Colossians 3:1*



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God. *Psalm 136*



C It is meet and right so to do.

***Proper Preface**

***Sanctus** *Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*



C **Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;**



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

***The Words of Our Lord** *Matthew 26:26-28*

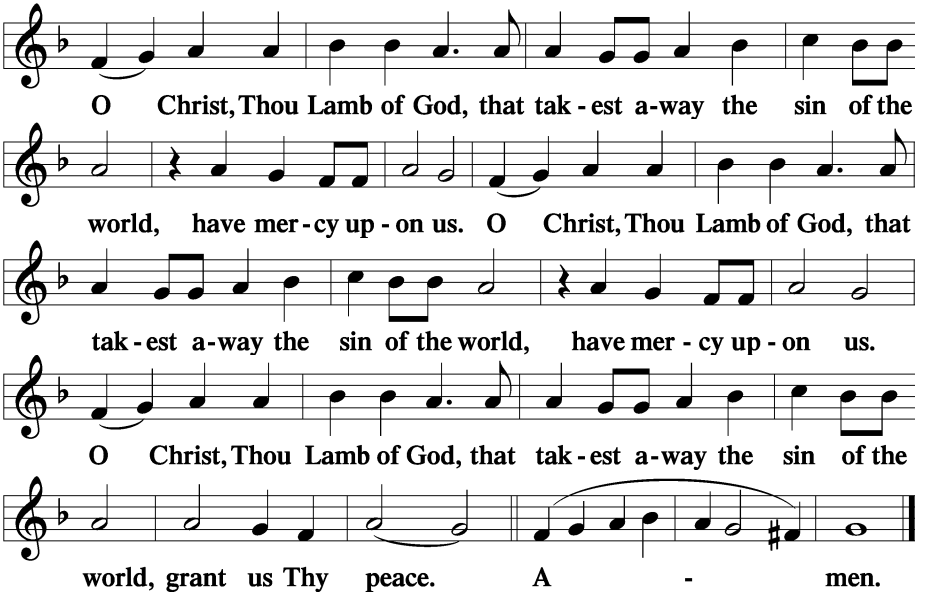
***Pax Domini** *John 20:19*

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C A - men.

***Agnus Dei** *John 1:29*



Distribution Hymns

LSB 628 Your Table I Approach

LSB 637 Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord

LSB 641 You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

LSB 733 O God, Our Help in Ages Past

*Nunc Dimittis

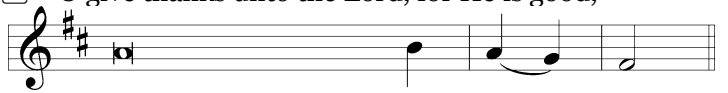
Luke 2:29-32



*Thanksgiving

Psalm 107:1

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



P Let us pray...



℗ The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*



℃ And with thy spir - it.

*Benedicamus *Psalm 103:1*

℗ Bless we the Lord.



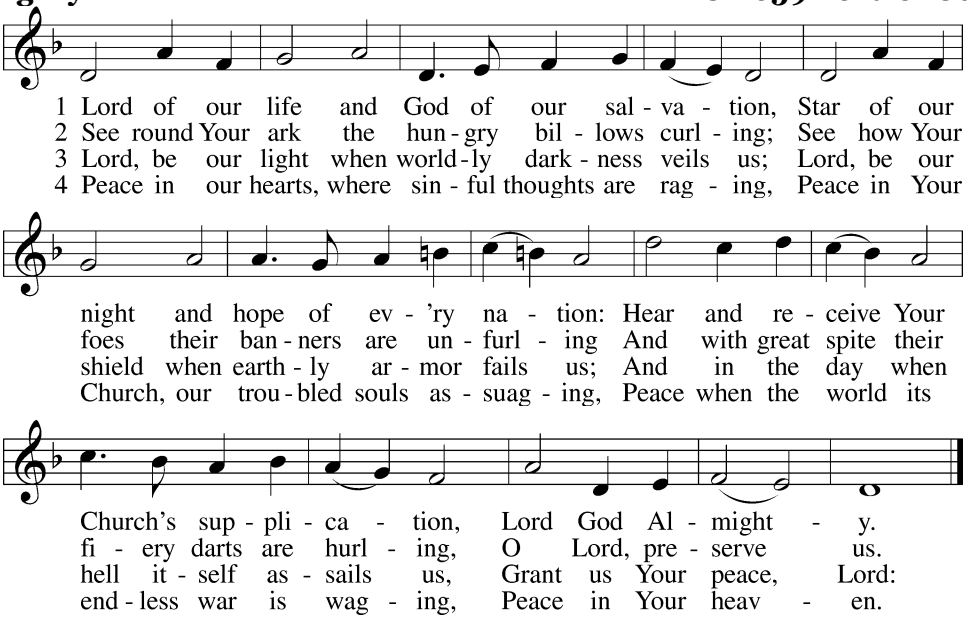
℃ Thanks be to God.

*Benediction *Numbers 6:24-26*



℃ A-men, a-men, a - men.

*Closing Hymn LSB 659 Lord of Our Life



*Silent Prayer

Postlude

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Organist: 8:00, 9:20, & 10:30: Justin Knabach; 5:00: Michelle Sliger
Music: Green Park Choir
KFUO AM 850 Announcer/Audio Engineer/Video Engineer: Alan Hopfer/B. Dressel/Alex Hopfer
Elders: 5:00: Rick Goodman, Greg Wirtel; 8:00: John Roesch, Bob Wolff;
9:20: Aaron Baese, Bob Uthoff; 10:30: Jonathan Gathman, Rob Uthoff
Ushers: 5:00: Team #16 – Don Hopkins, Captain; 8:00: Team #1 – Joe Sneed, Captain;
9:20: Team #11 – John Roesch, Captain; 10:30: Team #8 – Mike Murphy, Captain
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