

DIVINE SERVICE

Setting Two Modified

Standing in the Shadow of the Cross

Twenty Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday November 15, 2026



Please stand

Processional Hymn: LSB # 892 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

1. Come, ye thankful people, come; Raise the song of harvest home.
All is safely gathered in Ere the winter storms begin.
God, our maker, doth provide For our wants to be supplied.
Come to God's own temple, come, Raise the song of harvest home.

2. All the world is God's own field, Fruit unto his praise to yield.
Wheat and tares together sown, Unto joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade and then the ear, Then the full corn shall appear.
Lord of harvest, grant that we Wholesome grain and pure may be.

3. For the Lord our God shall come And shall take his harvest home,
From his field shall in that day All offenses purge away.
Give his angels charge at last In the fire the tares to cast
But the fruitful ears to store In his garner evermore.

4. Even so, Lord quickly come To thy final harvest home.
Gather Thou thy people in, Free from sorrow, free from sin,
There, forever purified, In thy garner to abide.
Come, with all Thine angels, come, Raise the glorious harvest home.

Greeting and Announcements

Confession and Absolution

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

ℂ **Amen.**

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

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

Kneel/Stand, Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

℗ Let us then confess our sins to God our Father

℃ **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 neighbor as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and 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.**

℗ Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the ✢ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

℃ **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise: LSB # 805 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above Ye heavenly hosts, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

The Sunday School students are released to their teachers

Service of the Word

Introit *Ps. 143:2, 5-6; antiphon: Ps. 143:1*

℗ Hear my prayer, O Lord; give ear to my pleas for mercy!
℃ **In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!**
℗ Enter not into judgment with your servant,
℃ **for no one living is righteous before you.**
℗ I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that you have done;
℃ **I ponder the work of your hands.**
℗ I stretch out my hands to you;
℃ **my soul thirsts for you like a parched land.**
℗ Teach me to do your will, for you are my God!
℃ **Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground!**
℗ For your name's sake, O Lord, preserve my life!
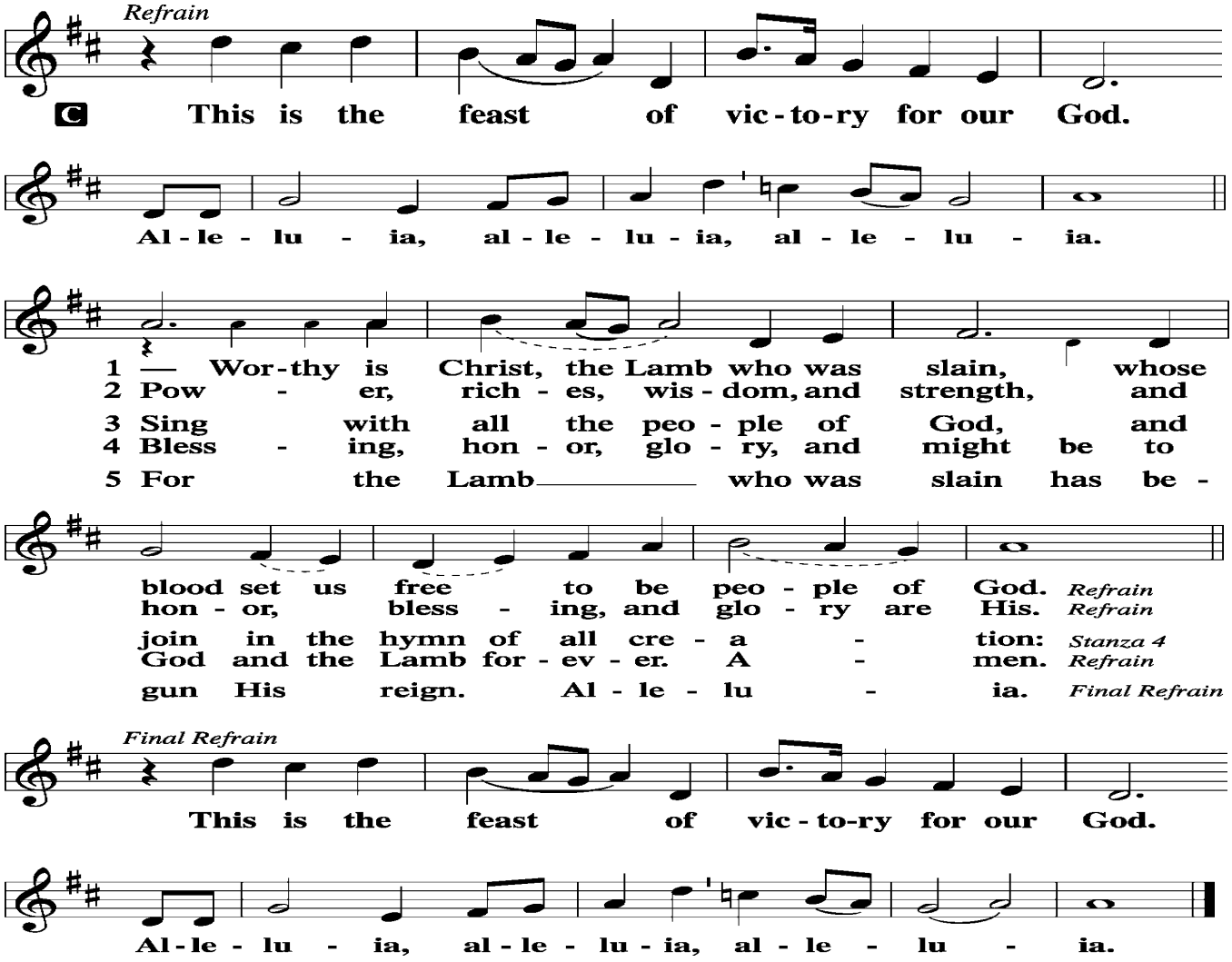
C In your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!

C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P Hear my prayer, O Lord; give ear to my pleas for mercy!

C In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!

This is the Feast



Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

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.

C Amen.

Please be seated

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. **15** 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, **16** a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against
the lofty battlements.

Gradual *Rev. 7:14b; Ps. 84:5*

C These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Blessed are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

Epistle *1 Thessalonians 5:1-11*

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

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

SOTC Praise Choir "Grateful"

Please stand

Hymn: # 98 TFBF "Open Our Eyes, Lord"

Open our eyes, Lord We Want to see Jesus, To reach out and touch Him And say that we love Him. Open our ears, Lord And help us to listen, Open our eyes, Lord, We want to see Jesus

Holy Gospel *Matthew 25:14-30*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[14] [Jesus said] "For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. [15] To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. [16] He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. [17] So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. [18] But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. [19] Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. [20] 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.' [21] His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant.[c] You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' [22] 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.' [23] 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.' [24] 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, [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 answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? [27] 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. **28** So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. **29** 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. **30** And 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.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Please be seated

Hymn: LSB # 506 "Glory Be to God the Father"

1. Glory be to God the Father, glory be to God the Son,
glory be to God the Spirit, Great Jehovah, Three in One!
Glory, Glory, while eternal ages run.

2. Glory be to him who loved us, washed us from each spot and stain!
glory be to him who bought us, made us kings with him to reign!
Glory, Glory, to the Lamb that once was slain!

3. Glory to the King of angels, glory to the church's King,
glory to the King of nations; heav'n and earth your praises bring!
Glory, Glory, To the King of glory sing!

4. "Glory, blessing, praise eternal!" Thus the choir of angels sings.
"Honor, glory, power, dominion!" Thus its praise creation brings.
Glory, glory Praise the mighty King of kings!

Sermon: "The Parable of the Talents"

Sermon Text: Matthew 25:14-30

Sermon Notes: _____

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SOTC Praise Choir "Oh Give Thanks"

Please stand

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God, begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven and was incarnate
by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again
according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory
to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together
is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

Please be seated

Offering

Please stand.

Offertory

C 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

Prayer of the Church

🅿 Feel free to remain standing, be seated, or come to the altar to pray

Hymn: TFBF # 247 “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

🅒 Lord, listen to Your children praying; Lord, send Your Spirit in this place.
Lord, listen to Your children praying; send us love, send us power, send us grace.

🅿 You may return to your seats, the Lord has heard your prayers