

The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 15, A+D 2026

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DIVINE SERVICE
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Lutheran Service Book

God's Gift of Forgiveness Engenders Our Forgiveness of Others

The Day of the Lord is "near and hastening fast," and it will be "a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation" (Zeph. 1:14, 15). The Lord will search out and punish "the men who are complacent" concerning His Word, "who fill their master's house with violence and fraud" (Zeph. 1:9, 12). Then all their works and efforts will be for nothing: "Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them" (Zeph. 1:13). But those who fear, love and trust in the Lord are "good and faithful" stewards of His property (Matt. 25:21). They live by faith in His free gift of forgiveness, and they multiply His goods in the loving forgiveness of their neighbor, and "the master of those servants" settles His accounts with them by the gracious reckoning of His Gospel (Matt. 25:19). Likewise, "God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Thess. 5:9). Therefore, let us also "put on the breastplate of faith and love" in our dealings with one another (1 Thess. 5:8).

Ringing of the Bells

Welcome

Confession and Absolution

785 We Praise You, O God

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

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

C **Amen.**

Exhortation *184*

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins *LSB 184*

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

Absolution *LSB 185*

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Stand

Service of the Word

Introit *Psalm 143:2, 5–6, 10–11; antiphon: v. 1*

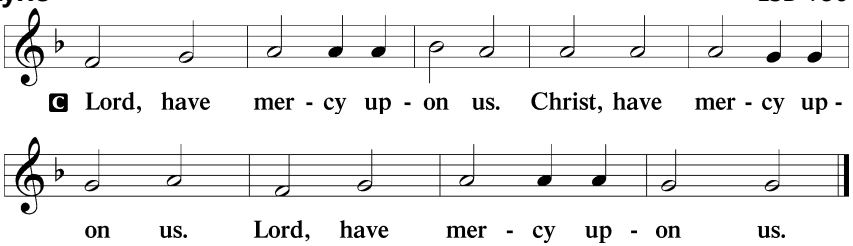
P Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!
C In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!
P Enter not into judgment with your servant,
C for no one living is righteous before you.
P I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that you have done;
C I ponder the work of your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

Gloria Patri *LSB 186*



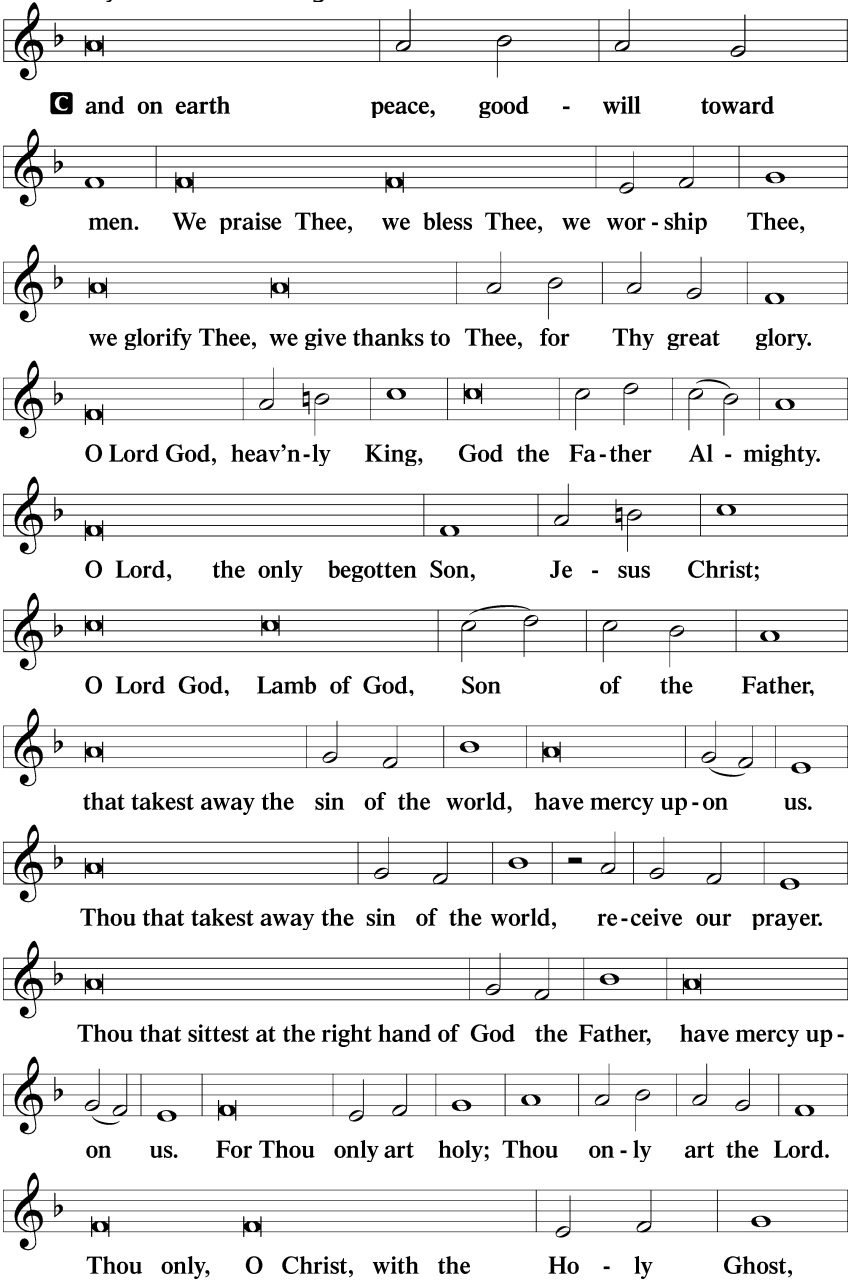
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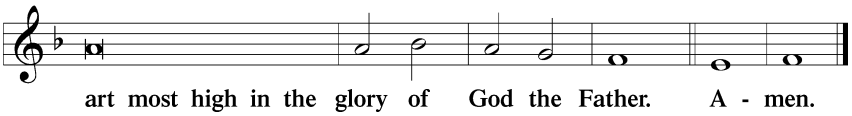
Kyrie *LSB 186*



Gloria in Excelsis *LSB 187*

P Glory be to God on high:





Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be 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.



Sit

Old Testament Reading *Zephaniah 1:7–16*

A The Old Testament Reading for The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost is from the first chapter of the prophecy of Zephaniah.

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.

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

Epistle *1 Thessalonians 5:1–11*

A The Second Reading is from the fifth chapter of the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Thessalonians.

[1]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.**

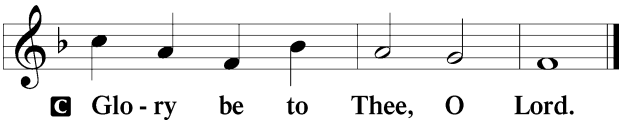
Stand

Alleluia *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. [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. 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 sowed 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.



Nicene Creed

℣ **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 worshipped 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.**

Sit

508 The Day Is Surely Drawing Near

Sermon

Stand

Offertory *LSB 192*





Sit

Gathering of Tithes & Offerings

Stand

Prayer of the Church *Responsive Form*

P . . . Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

Service of the Sacrament

Preface *LSB 194*

P The Lord be with you.



P Lift up your hearts.



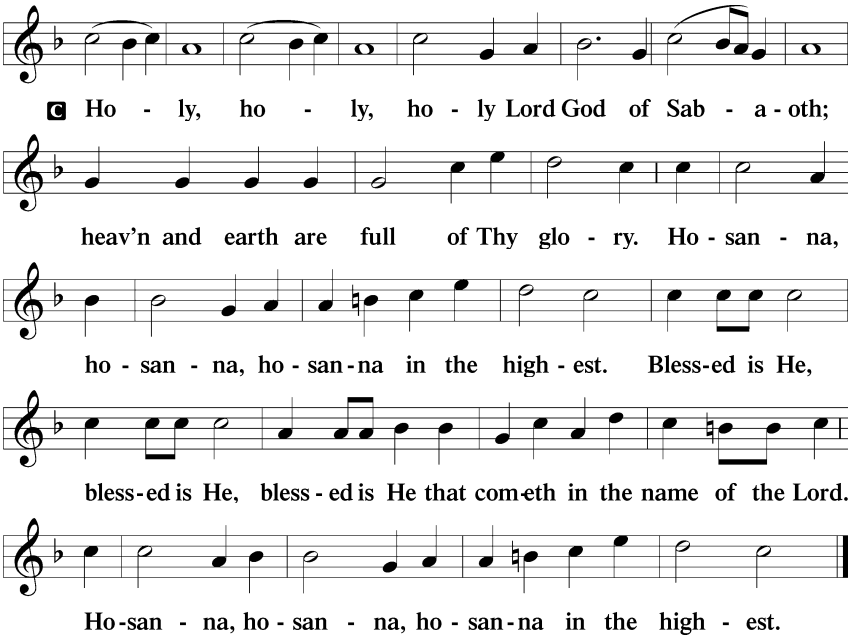
P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



Proper Preface (Full)

℗ It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus *LSB 195*



Lord's Prayer *196*

℗ 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





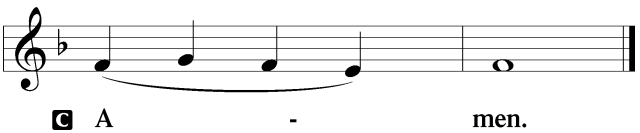
The Words of Our Lord *LSB 197*

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✢ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✢ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini *LSB 197*

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



Agnus Dei *LSB 198*





Sit

Distribution of Christ's Body and Blood

Members of other Christian denominations who are present may come forward to receive a blessing from the Pastor during the distribution. It is requested that you cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you desire this blessing.

Silent Prayer Just Before Communing: *Dear Savior, at your gracious invitation, I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

Silent Prayer Just After Communing: *Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament. I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace the forgiveness of sins unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.*

779 Come, My Soul, with Every Care

584 Faith and Truth and Life Bestowing

Stand

The Dismissal

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ☩ in peace.

C **Amen.**

Nunc Dimittis *LSB 199*



Thanksgiving *200*

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



Post-Communion Collect

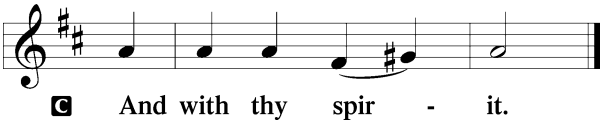
A Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your

Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



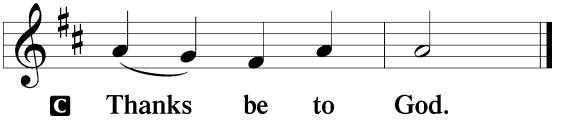
Salutation *LSB 201*

P The Lord be with you.



Benedicamus *LSB 202*

A Bless we the Lord.



Benediction *LSB 202*

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✢ give you peace.



783 Take My Life and Let It Be

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The Glad Spirit
St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church

November 15, 2026

REMEMBER IN PRAYER



ST. PAUL'S FAMILY

Erik & Teresa Schassburger
Alec Schassburger
Aaron Schassburger
Ethan Schassburger
Tara Schassburger
Laura Schassburger

BIRTHDAYS

Nicholas Carr, 11/21

SPECIAL CONCERNS

Pray for Diane Andrasco, Dean Bloom, Sandy Bodza, Pastor Collins, Sophia Cromey, Carmen Dampier, Judy Diekleman, Shirley Emerick, Pastor Fluechtling, Latricia Harris, Ed Hoeksema Jr., Marge Loitz, Beverly Oaks, Chester Orendorff, Violet Rich, Pastor Simon, Bill Sommer, Dolly Tagenhorst, Warren & Chris Van Mynen, Jean and Gene Wiltjer, Ray Zander.

Serving in the Military – Austin Brandy, Dakoda Gaut and Nathan Lopez.

Serving as First Responders – David Allen, Dave Bloom, Harrison & Arianna Cromey, Brianne Giba, Melanie Hudson, Brian Orth, Noah Russell, Dana Tatgenhorst, Taylor VanDommelen and Dan Zander.

NEWS UPDATE



Sunday, November 22, 4:00 p.m. N.I.D. President Rev. Dr. Allan Buss will be our pastor. You are invited to the annual Turkey Dinner following the service. Please RSVP by November 16th sign up sheet is located in the parish hall, call or text the Church cell: 312-533-1896 or email office@splcms.org, with number of guests and the name of a side dish or dessert to share, turkey and drinks are provided.

In The Zoom Room

Let's Discuss



Monday – Friday Devotions
Portals of Prayer 8:00am to 8:15am
Lutheran Hour 8:00pm to 8:15pm
For the Link:
Call or Text Church Cell: 312-533-1896
Email: letsdiscuss@splcms.org

Saturday Bible Study
8:00 am – 9:00am Women of the Bible
Contact Co-Hosts for more info:
Casey or Deb: biblestudy@splcms.org

St. Paul Book Club

Will meet on Tuesday December 15th at 10:00 am, to review *The 13th Gift: A True Storyof a Christmas Miracle* by Joanne Huist Smith. We always welcome new members. We enjoy fellowship and lunch following the discussion.

Social Ministry

We continue to help those in need with gift cards for food during the year and during the holiday season. Your monetary donations are greatly appreciated and much needed. Please help us help others by contributing to Social Ministry marked on your Offering Envelopes.

Thanksgiving and Christmas are just around the corner and time seems to speed up this time of year. At the present time we are currently assisting

5 families. We try to get the gifts cards out to the families a week or more before the holiday, so they have time to plan and shop.
In the Church is a box marked OPERATION KINDNESS! Food donations of canned goods, Boxed meals, Snacks, Kleenex, Soap, Toothpaste are also collected to be passed out to Stock the local Micro Pantries. TOGETHER WE CAN HELP LOCAL FAMILIES IN NEED.

The Parable of the Talents



But the man who had received the one talent went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. Matthew 25:18

Based on Matthew 25:14-30 (NIV)

W O R T H L E S S T R E S N R
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JOURNEY	WORTHLESS	TALENT	MASTER
SERVANT	PROPERTY	SHARE	MONEY
ABILITY	WICKED	FAITHFUL	WEEPING
GAINED	HAPPINESS	LAZY	ENTRUSTED

GOD'S PEOPLE IN ACTION

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS

November 8th Attendance 22, 22 Communed, 15 Online

Budgeted		Non-budgeted	
Envelopes	$886.00	Weekly Missions	$45.00
Basket	100.00	LCC	10.00
General Fund	467.10	Church Maint	10.00
Total	**1,453.10**	Social Ministry	230.00
Offering Needed	-1,342.00	**Total**	**$ 295.00**
Surplus	**$ 111.10**		

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Today	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:30 am	Coffee &…
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday		
Sunday	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:30 am	Coffee &…
	4:00 pm	Thanksgiving Worship Service
	5:00 pm	Thanksgiving Dinner

SERVANT SCHEDULE

	Sun, Nov 15, 9:30 AM	Sun, Nov 22, 9:30 AM
Pastor	Pastor Stumpf	
Lay Reader	Bill Sommer	Jolene Bruning

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