St. Paul Lutheran Smithville

25th Sunday after Pentecost – November 15, 2026

*Please stand, as able, where marked with an asterisk**
Congregational responses are in bold

Prelude & Welcome

****Confession and Forgiveness***

P: …whose compassion never sleeps.
C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Holy God,
C: we confess that we have trusted in our preparation instead of your invitation.
We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved.
We trust the voice of our shame and fear, which keeps us from entering fully into relationship with you and others.
We are not awake to the coming of your reign.
Wake us and rescue us, that we may enter into your joy. Amen.

P: …You are forgiven in the name of Christ.
C: Amen.

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

****Greeting & Call to Worship***

P: …be with you all
C: And also with you.

A: God is here!
C: All Glory be to God!

A: May the presence of the holy open us to truth.
C: and transform our hearts.

A: Let us listen, learn, and heal.
C: That we would leave here ready to serve in God's name.

A: Righteous God,

C: you own the earth and all its people, 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 our Lord. Amen.

First Reading: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

R: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Reading: Psalm 90:1-12

R: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

C: Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born,
from age to age you are God.

R: You turn us back to dust and say, "Turn back, you mortals."

C: For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday
when it is past or like a watch in the night.

R: You sweep them away; they are like a dream,
like grass that is renewed in the morning;

C: in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;
in the evening it fades and withers.

R: For we are consumed by your anger;
by your wrath we are overwhelmed.

C: You have set our iniquities before you,
our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

R: For all our days pass away under your wrath;
our years come to an end like a sigh.

C: The days of our life are seventy years
or perhaps eighty, if we are strong;

R: even then their span is only toil and trouble;
they are soon gone, and we fly away.

C: Who considers the power of your anger?
Your wrath is as great as the fear that is due you.

R: So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

R: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

P: The Holy Gospel according to the book of Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

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

P: The Gospel of the Lord **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Sermon

Sermon: Pastor Kristy Buyok

Hymn of the Day: "Lord of Light" ELW 688

The Apostles' Creed ***ELW pg. 105***

The Prayers

A: …God, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: …name of Jesus, your beloved. **C: Amen.**

****Sharing of the Peace***

C: And also with you.

Offering: "In Christ Alone" Choir

Words and Music by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend
Arranged by Mark Hayes
c. A Lorenz Company

Offertory Prayer

Holy Communion

P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.
C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: …as we offer our unending praise:
C: Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

P: In the night in which he was betrayed…

P: Remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

The Lord's Prayer ***ELW pg. 112***

Communion Hymn: "Well Done" video
Mhia Music

Communion Hymn: "Light Dawns on a Weary World" ELW 726

****Final Blessing***

****Sending Hymn:*** "Oh God, Our Help in Ages Past" ELW 632

****Dismissal***

A: Go, share the Good News!

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

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