# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL

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## The Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost
## November 14 & 15, 2026

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### Welcome

The author of Psalm 42 remembers going with the crowd to the house of God "with the voice of joy and praise" (Psalm 42:4, NKJV). May we share that same spirit of gladness today as we gather to worship our Creator and approach his throne of grace. A warm welcome to all!

### Prayer Before Worship

Open our spiritual eyes, blessed Lord, that we may catch a glimpse of Your holiness.

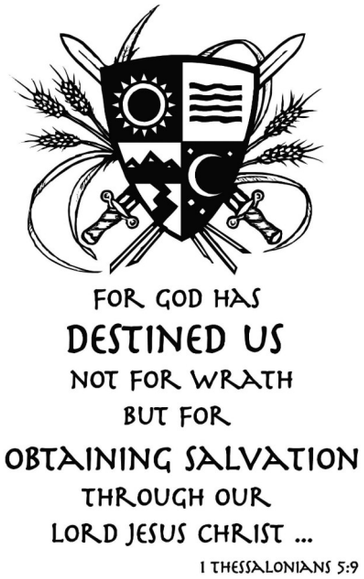
### The Altar Flowers

The Altar Flowers are given by Wendy and Sean Flynn in honor of Christian Flynn's 14th birthday and everyone celebrating a November birthday.

### Eternal Light

The Eternal Light is lit by Jan Kirby in memory of her grandparents Garwood and Yvonne Tompkins.

***Theme:*** ***"Entering into the Joy of Our Master"***




The prophet Zephaniah calls for silence as the day of the Lord draws near. The Lord has prepared the sacrifice and invited His guests to witness what happens next (Zephaniah 1:7). The people believe that the Lord is apathetic and indifferent (v. 12), which has given them license to do as they please. The day is coming when the people will realize how wrong they are. Paul has a similar warning for the Thessalonians and anyone who believes that everything is fine just the way it is, especially those who act in the darkness (1 Thessalonians 5:2–4). Finally, Jesus describes the day of the Lord with the parable of the talents (Matthew 25:14–30). In the end, the Lord will reveal the ways we have misjudged His character. Until then, He points us to the place where His most crucial character trait is revealed. It is the sacrifice of the only One worthy of hearing those words, "Well done, good and faithful servant," so that you might be invited to enter into the joy of your Master.

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**Our Worship to The Lord**

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| **Saturday** | **5:00 pm** |
| Liturgy: | Page 203, Holy Communion |
| Hymns: | #621 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence |
| | #651 I Love Your Kingdom, Lord |
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