Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 15, 2026

9:30 a.m. Worship



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We welcome all to worship here: those who are strong in faith and those who are seeking, those who are hurting and those who give comfort; all who are drawn to worship, community, and faith.

We acknowledge and celebrate the rich diversity within and around us. As a community rooted in the body of Christ, we commit ourselves to creating a space where people of all races, ages, ethnicities, abilities, sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions are not only included but deeply valued and seen as essential to our shared journey.

Together, we value human diversity as a divine gift and blessing—a reflection of God's boundless creativity and love. Because of this, we commit ourselves in ministry to fully embracing all people and advancing racial equity in our ministry.

We recognize that we hold a variety of beliefs, perspectives, and lived experiences; and yet we gather in Christ to worship God together. If you have questions, feedback, or needs for assistance, please ask. We seek to grow together in ministry, community and faith, and we are glad that you are here with us today.

~ The People of Como Park Lutheran Church

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Today's coffee hour will immediately follow the service.
Please join us for some coffee and light snacks in Narthex.

TODAY Pastor Chris Smith: Friends of Huruma Adult Forum

Regular - Liturgist
Bold - Congregation
✠ - Stand as able

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE Tim Strand, Guest Organist

WELCOME, GREETING, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPLE TALK David Osterhouse

What do you hope Como Park Lutheran Church will offer the next generation?

✠CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father,
and of the + Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

~ Silence is kept for reflection. ~

Merciful God,
you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.

You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of + Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.
Amen.

✠OPENING HYMN

We Praise You, O God **ELW 870**

✠THE APOSTOLIC GREETING (2 Corinthians 13:14)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

✠KYRIE

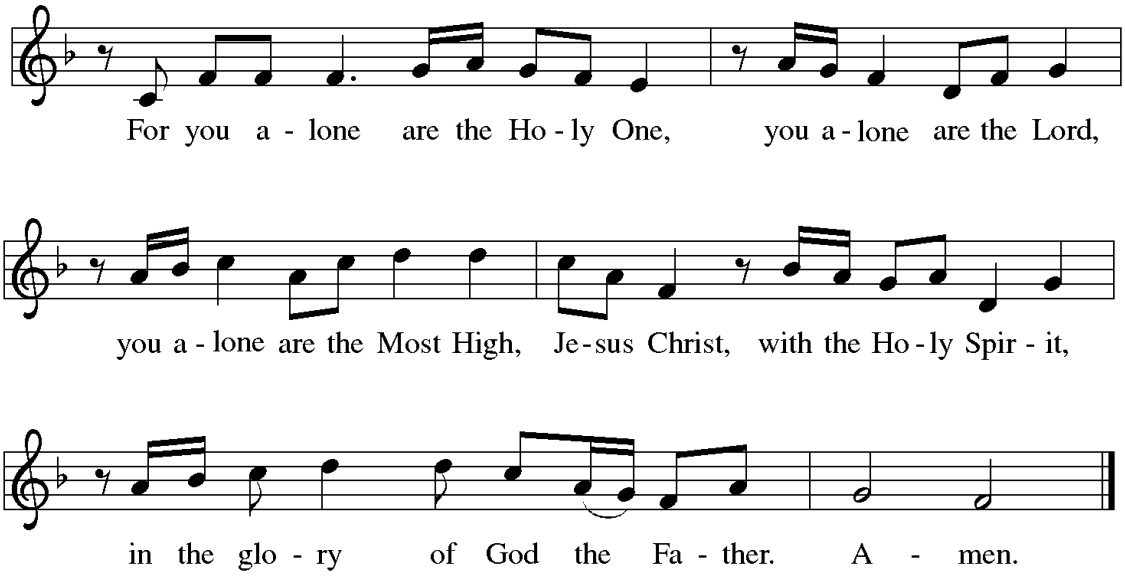
ELW pg. 138-139



✠GLORY TO GOD

ELW pg. 139-140





✠PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray...

Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, 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 Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

7 Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is at hand; the
Lord has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests.

12 At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the
people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts,
"The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm."
13 Their wealth 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 warrior cries aloud there. 15 That day will be
a day of wrath, 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. 17 I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like
the blind; because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be
poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. 18 Neither their silver nor their
gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of
his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he
will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 90:1-8 [9-11] 12



1 Lord, you have | been our refuge
from one generation | to another.
2 **Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the | earth were born,**
from age to age | you are God.
3 You turn us back to the | dust and say,
"Turn back, O child- | ren of earth."
4 **For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when | it is past**
and like a watch | in the night;
5 you sweep them away | like a dream,
they fade away suddenly | like the grass:
6 **in the morning it is | green and flourishes;**
in the evening it is dried | up and withered.
7 For we are consumed | by your anger;
we are afraid because | of your wrath.
8 **Our iniquities you have | set before you,**
and our secret sins in the light | of your countenance.
9 When you are angry, all our | days are gone;
we bring our years to an end | like a sigh.
10 **The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength | even eighty;**
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly and | we are gone.
11 Who regards the power | of your wrath?
Who rightly fears your | indignation?
12 **So teach us to num- | ber our days**
that we may apply our | hearts to wisdom.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

1 Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do
not need to have anything written to you. 2 For you yourselves know very
well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. 3 When they
say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon
them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no
escape! 4 But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you
like a thief; 5 for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are
not of the night or of darkness. 6 So then let us not fall asleep as others do,
but let us keep awake and be sober; 7 for those who sleep sleep at night, and
those who are drunk get drunk at night. 8 But since we belong to the day, let
us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet
the hope of salvation. 9 For God has destined us not for wrath but for
obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 who died for us, so that
whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. 11 Therefore
encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Mary Ann Schmidt

(Jesus Loves Me! ELW 595)

✠GOSPEL VERSE

ELW pg. 142



✠GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14-30

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mathew the Twenty-Fifth Chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

14 "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and
entrusted his property to them; 15 to one he gave five talents, to another two,
to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. 16 The
one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with
them, and made five more talents. 17 In the same way, the one who had the
two talents made two more talents. 18 But the one who had received the one
talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. 19
After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with
them. 20 Then the one who had received the five talents came forward,
bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five
talents; see, I have made five more talents.' 21 His master said to him, "Well
done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things,
I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'

22 And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' 23 His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' 24 Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter 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 replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? 27 Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. 28 So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. 29 For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. 30 As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pastor Chris Smith

✠HYMN OF THE DAY

Listen God Is Calling **ELW 513**

✠APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.

✠PRAYERS

… Lord, in your mercy,
… hear our prayer.

✠THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

(In sharing God's Peace we share with each other our hope for God's blessing by shaking hands, or turning to one another and nodding, or bumping fists and saying "God's peace be with you.")

THE MEAL

OFFERING

As Rain From The Clouds — arr. Thomas Keesecker

CPL Choir, Sue Woodhall, flute

Electronic offerings can be made using smart phones and tablet devices by going to www.ComoParkLutheran.org and clicking on the "donate" button.

✠OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray…

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

✠WORDS OF INSTITUTION (1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

In the night in which he was betrayed…
… Do this for the remembrance of me.

✠THE LORD'S PRAYER (Matthew 6:9-13; Revelation 11:15)

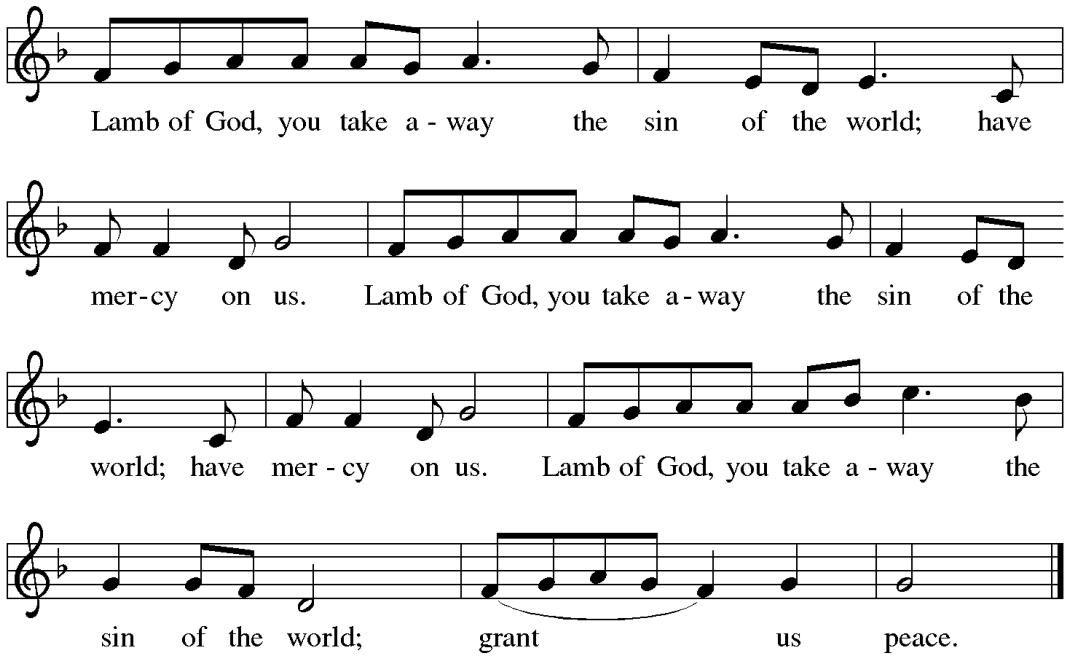
Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever.
Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

Everyone is welcome at the Lord's table. If you come forward and extend your hand, you will be served the bread. A gluten free option is available. If you do not extend your hand, you will be given a blessing. Both red wine and white grape juice are at the second station, and there is a basket for empty cups as you return to your seat.

LAMB OF GOD (John 1:29) *ELW pg. 146*



COMMUNION HYMN

Light Dawns on a Weary World **ELW 726**

✠POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

✠POST COMMUNION PRAYER

We give you thanks, O God, that you make your home with us, bringing heaven to earth in this holy meal. Fill us with your Spirit as we go from here, that we may wipe away tears, tend to those in mourning and pain, seek the healing of the nations, and bring to earth the presence of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

THE SENDING

✠BENEDICTION (Numbers 6:24-26)

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Amen.

✠CLOSING HYMN

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ **ELW 674**

✠DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Tim Strand, Guest Organist

Please pray for...

Kathy H.
Gina K.
Gary
Heidi G.
Betty H.
Charlie S.
Julia L., Father, Family
Heather D.
Heidi B.
Arlene M.
Mark
Tyler F.
J.J. K.
Joe
Mary C.
Ginger F.
Carol B.
Andrew
Mary H., Brother-In-Law
Joy W.
… and all in need of prayers

In Loving Memory † Duane Ervin Brekken

We remember Duane Ervin Brekken, who passed away November 2, 2026, and extend our sympathy to his family and loved ones.

A service of remembrance will be held at Como Park Lutheran Church on Saturday, November 21, with visitation at 1:00 p.m. and the service at 2:00 p.m.

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Serving in the Military

Dane Beecham, Jonathan Lund, Kristian Nelson
… and all others who serve

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We pray regularly for all members and friends of our congregation.
This week in worship, we pray for:

Adam & Virginia McMorrow, Estella, Lorelai, Ryder
Jason & Deborah Meggitt, Vivienne
Erik Meints
Jean Milton
Pam Mix
Warren & Jo Modell
Brian Molde & Sherry Rolow

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP

Pastor: Peter Coen-Tuff, Chris Smith

Guest Organist: Tim Strand

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

Date	November 15, 2026
Time	**9:30 AM**
Acolyte	Isaac Hakanson
Communion Prep	Pam Ballis & Jan Lathrop
Assisting Minister	Craig Canada
Communion Asst 1	Mary Sommerfeld
Communion Asst 2	Deb Spivey
Greeter	Janice Kragness
Coffee Servers	Pam Ballis & Raija Wietzke
Children's Message	Mary Ann Schmidt
Reader	Craig Canada
Liturgist	Dan Garvin
Ushers	Family Team Bracewell
Welcome Desk	Connie Parizek
Bus Driver	Tom Spivey
Video Tech	Ken Purdham

USHER TEAM

Family Team Bracewell: Larry & Sara, Morgan and Spencer



ADULT FORUM SURVEY

We're gathering feedback from the congregation to help plan future Adult Forum topics and programming. Whether you attend regularly, occasionally, or haven't attended before, we'd appreciate your input!

You can complete the survey using the insert in today's bulletin, online at https://bit.ly/4sKvcFz, or by scanning the QR code here.

WE'D LIKE YOUR INPUT!



PARENTS' NIGHT OUT | DECEMBER 4

The Family and Education Committee is hosting a Parents' Night Out for Littles and Middles on **Friday, December 4, from 6–9 p.m.**

Kids will make Christmas gifts for their parents and enjoy snacks, a holiday movie, and games, including Bingo!

Please RSVP so enough gift-making kits can be prepared. Contact Angie Branson at angbran100@gmail.com or text 651-348-9367.



CRAFT GROUP - EVERY 3RD THURSDAY

Craft Group meets in the Fireside Room on the third Thursday of each month from 6–8 p.m. Bring your current project and join us!

Questions? Contact Meg Duncan at melauarak@msn.com or Cathy Gagné at cmtm@comcast.net.

PASTORAL TRANSITION | TRANSITION TEAM

We're looking for congregation members interested in serving on the Transition Team.

This team will help gather input from the congregation and develop our Ministry Site Profile, a document that describes who we are and what we're looking for in our next pastor.



The Transition Team is separate from the Call Committee and is an important first step in the process. If you're interested or have questions, contact Pastor Peter at pastor@comoparklutheran.org or speak with a Council member.

CLASH OF THE CANS FOOD DRIVE



VS



NOVEMBER 1-30

Help restock Keystone's shelves for the holidays

Support your team by dropping items in one of the barrels in the Narthex

Drop-off hours:
Walk-in: Sunday mornings, or
M-F 9am-1pm
By appointment: M-F 1pm-5pm

Items must be non-perishable and unopened.

DROP-OFF LOCATION

Como Park Lutheran Church, Narthex
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651-646-7127; comoparklutheran.org

ITEMS NEEDED

- Cereal
- Canned fruit
- Peanut butter
- Pasta
- Quick to prepare meals
- Canned meat/protein
- Cooking staples (flour, oil)
- Culturally specific items (soy sauce, fish sauce, masə)
- Baby care items (diapers, wipes, formula)
- Hygiene items
- Cash or check (to Keystone or CPLC, memo line line *Food Collection for Keystone*)

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Keystone COMMUNITY SERVICES

Please visit the Welcome Desk in the narthex if you have any questions about our facility or upcoming events.

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