Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost **Sunday, November 15, 2026**
Including Annual Meeting of the Congregation
Theme: Lessons in Leadership - Genuine Care



"So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us." I Thessalonians 2:8

GATHERING

Prelude: Pastorale on "Blessed Assurance" Robert Lau

Call to Worship
Leader: We are chosen children of God, bound together by the Holy Spirit.
People: We belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another.
Leader: When we feel tested by hard decisions, accepting opportunities for change, or worrying about the future, we remember:
People: We belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another.
Leader: When we struggle with damaged trust and the need to repair our relationships with God and one another, when we are called to go against the social current to build communities of mercy and justice, we remember:
People: We belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another.
Leader: Come, let us worship God whose grace surrounds us when the path forward opens into new territory.
People: We are empowered to remain faithful disciples of Jesus Christ in the midst of change and new opportunities.
Leader: We come to worship God who chooses us, empowers us, and inspires us to live as the Body of Christ in a broken and hurting world. AMEN

*Hymn: #626 "As the Deer" and #627 "I Love You, Lord"

*Prayer of the Day and Confession
Almighty God, you love us, but we have not always loved you; you call, but we have not always listened. We sometimes walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped up in our own concerns. We have gone along with darkness at times rather than light, with pride rather than humility, with quarreling and division rather than harmony and peace. Holy God, help us to face up to ourselves, so that, as you move toward us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive mercy, Happy then, O God, are we when our hearts are full, our ways are yours, and our spirits enlivened by your call. Happy are we, O God, when our lives are guided by delight. We gather here today for just that, holy God. We gather to draw on all you would give us to be more fully yours. In Jesus' name, we pray..."Our Father, who art in heaven. . . (*using debts and debtors*), **AMEN**

Words of Assurance
Leader: Receive this good news: God, who tests our hearts, gives us abundant grace to turn away from all that is unfruitful toward an abundant harvest of mercy and grace. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
People: In the name of Jesus Christ, we ARE forgiven. Glory to God! AMEN

Sung Response: #654 "In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful"
"In the Lord I'll be ever thankful; and the Lord I will rejoice! Look to God; do not be afraid. Lift up your voices; the Lord is near. Lifted up your voices; the Lord is near."

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Scripture: Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18 and 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Sermon: **"Surviving and Thriving"**

Hymn: "Take Time to Be Holy" (*please see insert*)

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Thanksgiving
Loving God, you call us not only to believe the gospel, but to live it. You test our hearts not with trials meant to break us, but through the daily invitation to serve and share our lives with one another. Receive our gifts as often as we give

them as signs of our gratitude and our willingness to embody the good news of Christ. Use what we offer to nurture communities of compassion, where faith is lived gently, courageously, and with humility. May our witness—as was Paul's—be rooted not in pride or gain, but in love that gives itself freely for others. AMEN

Announcements and Concerns

Prayers of the People

*Hymn: #738 "O Master Let Me Walk with Thee"

Charge and Benediction
Leader: May God bless you with the courage to embrace the journey ahead with vigor and wisdom.
People: As imitators of Christ and agents of change, we partner together for a vibrant future, working for the flourishing of all God's creation today and every day. AMEN

The End of Worship
The Beginning of Service
*Those who wish may stand

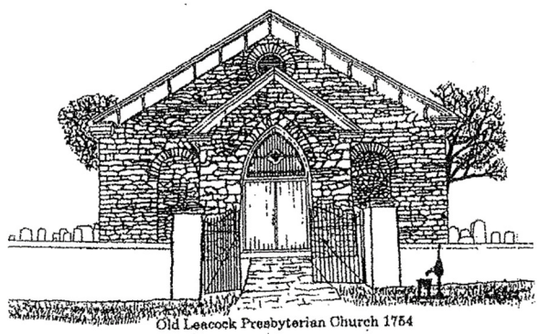
Rev. James Shuler, Interim Pastor
Dianne Yuninger, Organist

Prayers of the Congregation
The Prayer Family this week is: **Joseph & Sharon Lee Williams**

The Sanctuary Flowers are in Celebration
of my November Boys' Birthdays
Happy Birthday to Michael, Jaxson, Steve and Ryder
Given by Sue Funk

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