25th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, November 15, 2026 ❖ 8:00 am

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Jason Shelby
Deacon: The Rev. Deacon Celeste Stump

Saint Francis Church

We warmly welcome you if you are here with us for the first time today. We joyfully welcome all people into our community without exception. Whoever you are, and whatever the status of your relationship with God, you will find fellow travelers here. Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the service.

St. Francis Episcopal Church welcomes all people to receive Holy Communion. If you have not been baptized but would like to be, please talk to Father Jason after the service.

Flowers for the Altar: Consider making a donation of altar flowers in honor of a special occasion or in memory of someone you love. (The suggested donation is $50.) Contact Gina in the church office at 310-375-4617 or Gina.McQueen@stfrancispalosverdes.org.

Please take a moment to silence your cellphone. Thank you.

This Week at St. Francis

Sunday, November 15
- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite I, Chapel)
- 9:10 am "Who is Jesus" Spiritual Formation Class
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite II)
- 11:30 am Episcopal Church Women Meeting (Board Room)

Monday, November 16
- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday, November 17
- 6:00 pm Finance Meeting
- 7:00 pm Vestry Meeting

Wednesday, November 18
- 10:00 am Service of Healing and Reconciliation (Chapel)
- 11:00 am Good Grief Group Meeting
- 6:00 pm Women's Lectionary Study (Library)

Thursday, November 19
- 7:00 am Morning Prayer (Chapel)

1:00 pm Quilting and Knitting Group

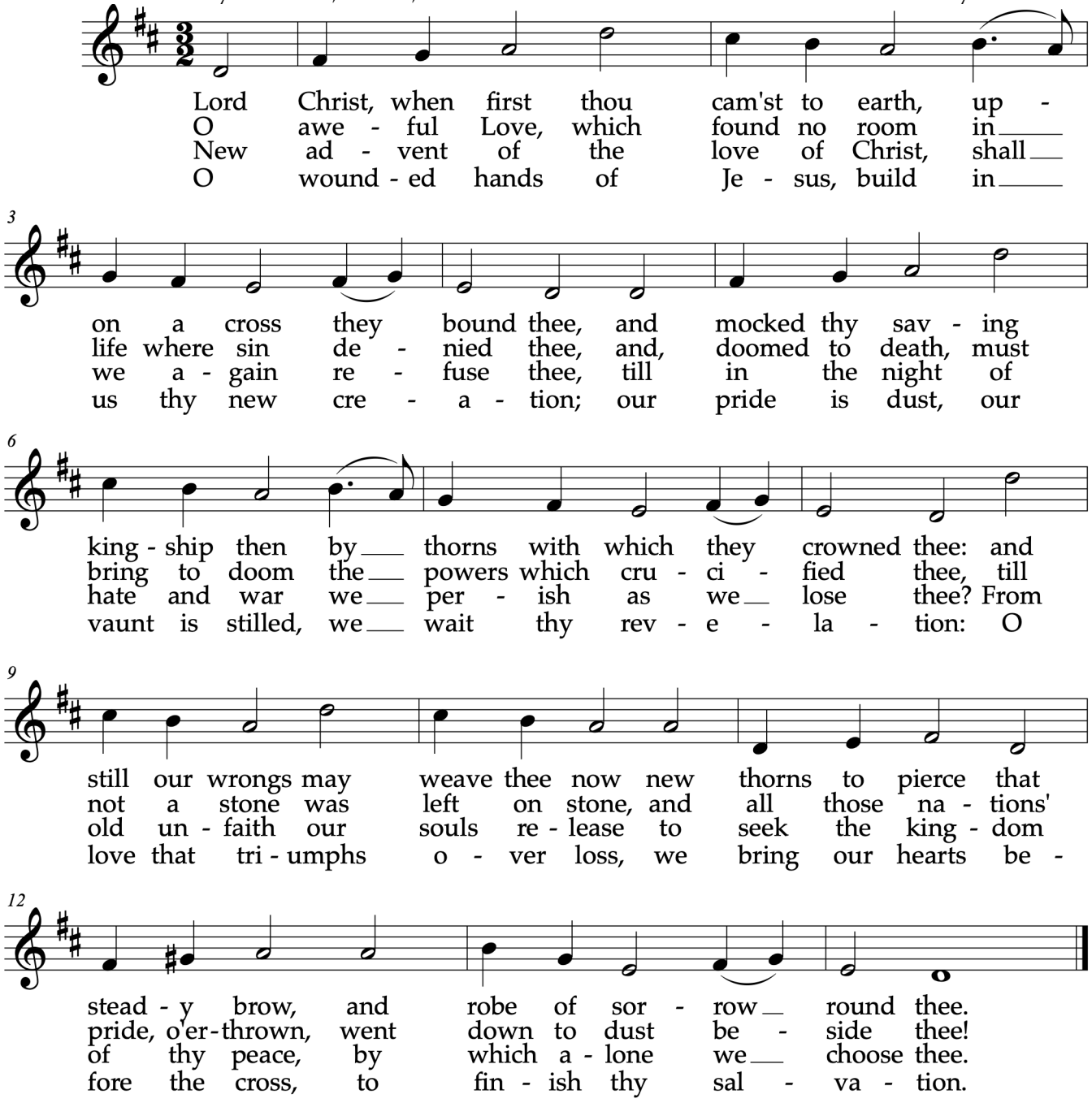
Friday, November 20
- 4:00 pm St. Luke's Breakfast Prep

Saturday, November 21
- 7:15 am St. Luke's Breakfast (Long Beach)

Sunday, November 22
- 8:00 am Morning Prayer (Rite I, Chapel)
- 9:10 am "Who is Jesus" Spiritual Formation Class
- 10:00 am Morning Prayer (Rite II)
- 11:30 am Faithful Families Potluck (Board Room)

Prelude *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme (Sleepers, Awake!)* *J.S. Bach*

The Processional Hymn: Lord, Christ, When First Thou Cam'st to Earth ..... Hymnal #598



Words: Walter Russell Bowie (1882-1969), alt. Music: "Mit Freuden zart,"
melody from "Une pastourelle gentille," 1529; adapt. "Psaumes cinquante de David," 1547,
and "Kirchengesang darinnen die Heubtartikel des Christlichen Glaubens gefasset, 1566;
harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), after Henirich Reimann (19 cent.).

The Opening Acclamation .....Book of Common Prayer p. 323
The Collect for Purity .....Book of Common Prayer p. 323
The Summary of the Law.....Book of Common Prayer p. 324
The Gloria.....Book of Common Prayer p. 324

The Collect of the Day

Blessed Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them; that, by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

The First Lesson..... 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 Response ..... Psalm 90:1-8, 12 (Book of Common Prayer p. 717)

The Epistle ..... 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

1Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have
anything written to you. 2For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will
come like a thief in the night. 3When 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! 4But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief;
5for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness.
6So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; 7for those who
sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. 8But 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. 9For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord
Jesus Christ, 10who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him.
11Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

The Holy Gospel ..... Matthew 25:14-30

14Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven will be as when a man, going on a journey, summoned
his slaves and entrusted his property to them;15to one he gave five talents, to another two, to
another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. 16The one who had received
the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. 17In the
same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. 18But the one who had
received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.
19After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. 20Then 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.' 21His 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.' 22And 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.' 23His 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.' 24Then 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; 25so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent
in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' 26But 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?
27Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would
have received what was my own with interest. 28So take the talent from him, and give it to the
one with the ten talents. 29For 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. 30As
for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and
gnashing of teeth.' "

The Sermon ..... The Rev. Jason Shelby

The Nicene Creed ..... Book of Common Prayer p. 327

The Prayers of the People ..... Book of Common Prayer p. 328

The Confession .....Book of Common Prayer p. 331
The Peace .....Book of Common Prayer p. 332

The Welcome and Announcements
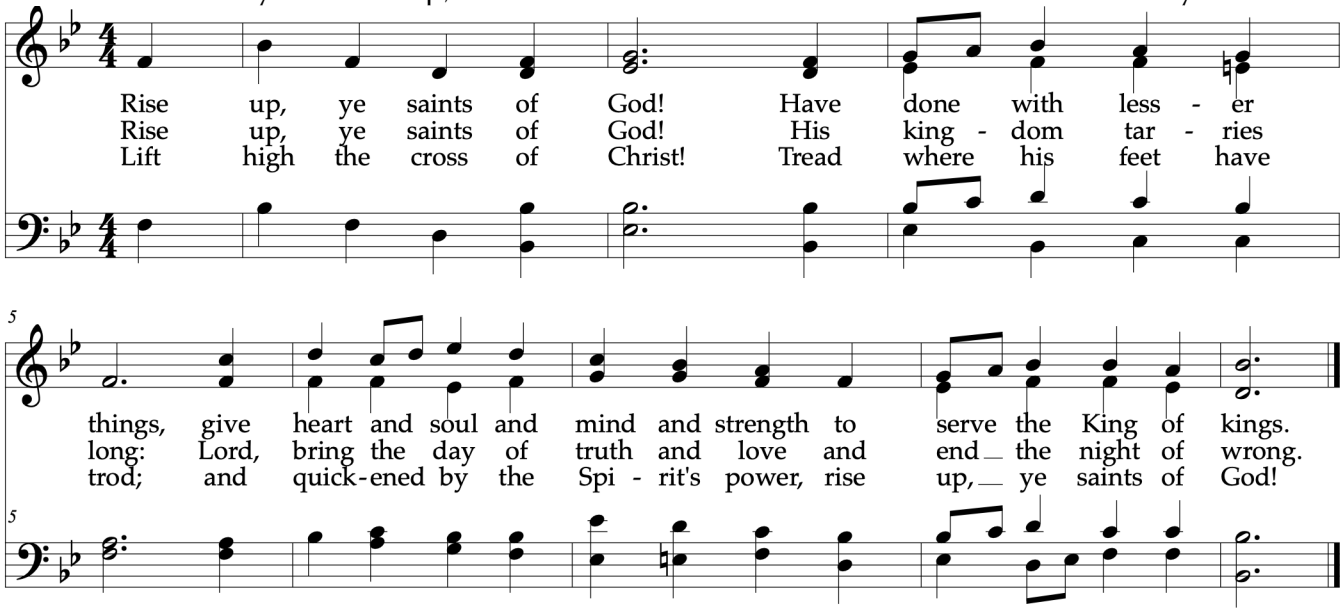
Anyone who has a birthday or anniversary in the next week is invited to come forward for a blessing:
Watch over your child(ren), O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may the peace which passes all understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving .....Book of Common Prayer p. 333
The Post-Communion Prayer.....Book of Common Prayer p. 339
The Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

The Blessing and Sending Forth.....Book of Common Prayer p. 339

The Recessional Hymn: Rise Up, Ye Saints of God..... Hymnal #551



Words: William Pierce Merrill (1867-1893), alt. Music: "Festal Song," William H. Walter (1825-1893).

The Postlude *Praise To the Lord the Almighty* *arr. Mark Hayes*

Announcements

Carol Lin at {pages} bookstore

Thursday, November 19 at 6:00 pm

{pages} is pleased to host **Carol Lin**, celebrating her new book, *When News Breaks: A Memoir of Love and War* on **Thursday, November 19th at 6:00 pm.** Carol will be in conversation with Sandra Endo. Carol Lin is best known for being the first national anchor to report the first 9/11 attack on the World Trade Center. Carol was a long-time anchor and correspondent for CNN and ABC News. During her career, she covered the war in the Middle East, the aftermath of the Kosovo War, the 2002 Winter Olympics, and every imaginable natural disaster from hurricanes, tornadoes, historic wildfires, and floods. This is a free event but we hope you will consider supporting the author and {pages} by purchasing a copy of the book.

Give the Gift of Warmth This Winter

Sunday, November 22 • After Church • Under the Arches

Your donation makes a direct impact:

- $20 → Jacket for yourself
- $10 → Jacket for a homeless neighbor (St. Luke's or St. Andrew's)
- $5 → Jacket for a child at Camp Pendleton
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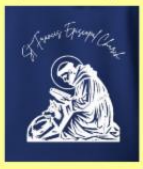
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Prayers this Week

We pray for all those who serve in the armed and foreign services, and for their families, especially Alyssa Capellino Baxter, Barry Witt, Drew Deley, Jonathan Zimmerman, Joseph Leahy, Mark Kappelmann, Michael Strong, Michael Valiquette, Scott Ruston, Steve, Thomas Dawson, TJ Malzahn, and Will Piepenbring.

Those who are ill, recovering from surgery, or in any other kind of need or trouble: Amy Clute, Andrea, Angel Lara Gonzalez, Anne Sharp, Barbara Shelby, Billy Whelan, Bob, Bruce Schaefer, Carlos, Celeste Stump and her family, Chris, Colette Furbush, Connie, Dana Genzel-Diaz, Irena Dybeic, Jayne Bray, Jeff, Jerry Pinkston, Joseph and Danielle Diestel, Kathy Falk, Kerry Myers, Kristen, Krystal, KT Martyniak, Liz, Marilyn and Dale Ghere, Mary Sharp, Miguel Diaz, Patt Parker, Phyllis Niski, Rex Claytor, Rob Ramsay, Robert, Robert Harris, Roxanne Wall, Roz Hadley, Sally Hill, Sofia, Susan Crouse, Tess Jones, Tommy, the people of the Middle East, and for victims of violence everywhere.

We pray for all who have died that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

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