25th Sunday after Pentecost – November 15, 2026

"No matter where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!" Grounded in God's love, grace, and mercy, we are a community ***Where Welcome Grows*** *through Inclusive Refuge, Compassionate Justice, and Environmental Advocacy."*

Connection Cards: Please complete a Connection Card from the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. Cards may also be used for prayer requests or comments.

Children: Children are always welcome in worship! Toys and activity bags are available in the Children's Corner.

Offerings: Physical offerings may be placed in the offering plate following the sermon. Or give electronically using the QR code in this bulletin or by texting COA and your gift amount to 73256.

We give thanks for the volunteers who share their time and gifts in worship each week. Today we are grateful for: Holly, Bill, Jim S, Barb G, Carol, Our Praise Band (Ramey, Doug, Ian, Nate, Jan & Johanna) and our Apostles Choir

Gathering Music: "Your Grace is Enough" – Maher

Welcome

Invitation to the Season

Prayer

All: Wondrous God: you touch our lives with healing and justice; new life is your gift. We praise you for the Good News which is ours through Jesus Christ. May this time of worship nourish us with your promise of meaning and purpose. May we be empowered to be changemakers of your goodness. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Song: "I Come with Joy" St. 1-4 (Chalice #420)

Remembering Who We Are

Leader: Holy One, you have shown us… It is your work. It is important work that must continue beyond us, and after us.

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All: Forgive us.

Leader: Forgive us for making your work small…Embolden us.

All: Make us willing to take the risk as we do our work of changemaking. Amen.

Remembering Who God Is

Song: "Make Us One"

Children's Time

Song: "Be a Changemaker"

We can be a changemaker, change the world.
Make a better place for everyone! Changemaker!
Just one small change can make a difference every day
make a difference every day!

Scripture Readings: Acts 2: 37-42 & Acts 2:43-47

Leader: Holy Wisdom. Holy Words **People: Thanks be to God.**

Contemporary Words

Generosity Moment

Special Music: "I Will Praise You, O Lord" – Patterson

Doxology

All: Praise to the Maker, the One who gives breath.
Praise to Christ Jesus, who reigns over death.
Praise to the Spirit, our strength and our friend.
Three-in-One present, world without end.

Prayers of the People

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us as we forgive others. And let us not fall into

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temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Song: "They'll Know We Are Christians" (Chalice #494)

Benediction

Leader: And all God's people said, **All: Amen!**

Leader: Church of the Apostles, what are we to do?

All: God's love guides us to welcome and include people as they are, serve compassionately, and champion environmental care and social justice.

Announcements

Passing of the Peace

Leader: You are not alone. **All: You are not alone.**

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you. **All: And also with you.**

Sending Music: "They'll Know We Are Christians" – Clark/Clark

Give Online Through Realm

Text 'COA' to 73256 with the amount you want to give

Prayers of Joy and Concern

(as of printing on 11/11/2026)

Joys: Megan Hope & Kit Mariah; Steve & Monica Daniels; Holly Kleimo's granddaughter; Mark Actermann's success; peaceful elections; Nova's new job

Concerns: Pat DiDomenico; Judith Frable; Elizabeth's Friend, Jennifer; The Carr's Friend, Joann; Hess' Grandson, Coleton; the Wilson's friend, Ramon; family & friends of Charles DeToma; Luke & Katelyn Walp; Klu Klux Klan literature.

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To add your prayers of joy and concern, email office@apostlesucc.org
or call 717-392-5718 ext 8200

APOSTLE ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOV. INCLUSIVE CHURCH FOCUS – Hospitality goes beyond coffee and conversation. It means making our spaces easy to navigate, greeting people without assumptions, and treating everyone with care and respect.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – Sunday, November 15th, immediately following worship.

DRUM CIRCLE – Join Music Director Lars Potteiger for a drum circle on November 15th at 3 PM in the Sanctuary. Drums are provided; bring yourself and your love for rhythm.

MOCKTAILS & MEANING – Understanding Vision Loss with Jennifer Eaton on Thursday, November 19th at 6:30 PM. Mocktail is an Apple Cider Mock Sangria.

COZY COATS FOR KIDS – We're collecting new and gently used coats and jackets, plus new hats, gloves, scarves, and socks for children from preschool through 8th grade.

HOLIDAY GRIEF WORKSHOP – Megan Malick leads this workshop on December 5th at 10 AM. Cost: $25/person (scholarships available). Register through Realm or by emailing office@apostlesucc.org.

HOLIDAY GIFTING MINISTRY – Pick a tag from the Outreach Bulletin Board and purchase a gift for a student from Martin Elementary School. Gifts due by 12/20.

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