Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

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9 am



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Our Mission is to make Christ known.

We welcome all guests this morning.
We are very pleased to have you worship with us!
All are welcome to receive communion.

Sunday School for all ages 10:15-11:15. Everyone is welcome!
Grab some refreshments and join us!

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CARING CONVERSATION "What is Stewardship?"

PRELUDE Jacob's Ladder, When the Saints (arr. Waldrop) Hand Bells

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of Almighty God, the Father, and of the ✢ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✢ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

GATHERING HYMN For the Fruit of All Creation ELW 679

INVOCATION

P: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE Now the Feast and Celebration

Refrain

Now the feast and celebration,
all of creation sings for joy
to the God of life and love and freedom;
praise and glory forevermore!

1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain,
whose blood has freed and united us
to be one great people of God. ***Refrain***

2 Power and riches, wisdom and might,
all honor and glory to Christ forever. ***Refrain***

3 For God has come to dwell with
us, to make us people of God;
to make all things new. ***Refrain***

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

P: 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.**

Rejoice, the Lord is King! (arr. Larson) Hand Bells

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 settle like dregs in wine, 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 manure.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: 90:1-12 (Read Responsively)

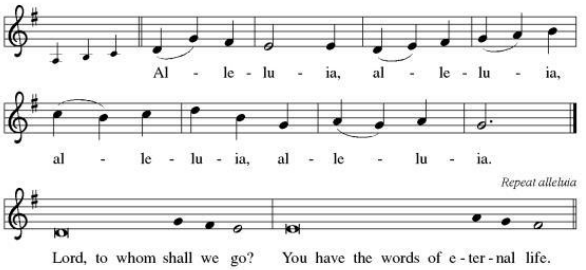
1 Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another.
2 **Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born,**
from age to age you are God.
3 You turn us back to the dust and say, "Turn back, O children of earth."
4 **For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday, 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 number 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, brothers and sisters, 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 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.***

*** GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ~** ***please stand if able***



P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew…. **Glory to you O Lord.**

GOSPEL **Matthew 25:14-30**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] [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. At once [16] the one who had received the five talents went off 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, [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.***

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE MESSAGE **Pastor Wayne Gallipo**

HYMN God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending **ELW 678**

APOSTLES CREED (inside back cover of hymnal)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH Response: God, in your mercy**…Hear our prayer.**

PEACE

RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERING PRAYER
C: Eternal God, our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING
P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**
P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them unto the Lord.**
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.
C: It is right to give God our thanks and praise. P: It is indeed right….
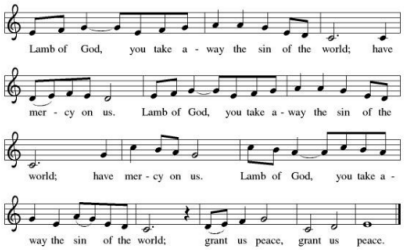
***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY:** Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER
P: On the night in which he was betrayed … for as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death, until he comes again.

LORD'S PRAYER

THE FRACTION AND INVITATION

LAMB OF GOD



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We practice "open communion" at St. John. ALL are invited to come forward as ushered to receive this life-giving sacrament. Those not receiving communion are invited to receive a blessing. As you are given the bread and wine an appropriate response is "Amen." Please be respectful of this meditative time within our worship.

COMMUNION HYMNS **Eternal Father, Strong to Save** **ELW 756**
Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ **ELW 674**

COMMUNION BLESSING

P: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Holy God, we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal. You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly. Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever. **Amen.**

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **Amen**

SENDING HYMN **May the God of Hope**

May the God of hope go with us ev'ry day, to a world in need with news of joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way, bringing light and hope to ev'ry land and race.

Praying, let us work for peace; singing, share our joy with all; working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call.

DISMISSAL

P: **"**Go in peace. Be Kind. Serve the Lord." **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE **Fanfare and Processional** **Lau**