

Sunday, November 10, 2024

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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Traditional Service – 8:30 am

Lutheran Church & School

Welcome in Jesus' Name

May God richly bless you as you worship Him. If you are a guest with us, we want you to feel welcome; you honor us with your presence, and we are glad to have you here. Please fill out the Attendance Registration located in your bulletin. Prayer requests can also be made on the same insert. If you have a specific prayer request that you would like the Pastor to pray for during the Prayers of the Church, please fill out the bulletin insert and give it to an usher, who will then deliver it to the Pastor.

Holy Communion

We celebrate the Lord's Supper as part of our worship service, on the 1st& 3rd Sunday of the month during the 8:30am service and the 2nd& 4th Sunday during the 10:30am service. We invite those who share our confession of faith, namely, that Jesus is truly present in, with & under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation to commune with us. Those who share a different confession or have not yet been instructed in the Lord's Supper are welcome to come forward and receive a blessing. We offer individual cups. The light-colored cups in the center are grape juice instead of wine. Pastor will be available prior to the worship service to answer any questions about Holy Communion.

To Our Guests

We often have guests in worship from all over the world. Please introduce yourself to Pastor or a Greeter before or after the worship service.

Restrooms

Restrooms and changing tables are located out the back of the sanctuary and down the hallway.

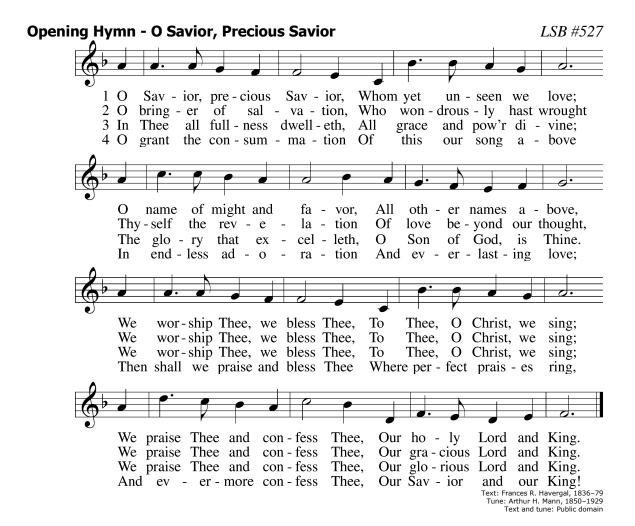
Out of respect for your fellow worshippers & those who have diligently prepared for this worship service, we ask that you **silence your cell phones** & keep conversation to a minimum prior to the service.

Large Print Bulletin: If you desire a sight-saving bulletin, please ask an usher.

Flowers on the Altar are given to the Glory of God by Jay Mindlin in recognition of Wanda's upcoming birthday.

Prelude: "A Quiet Prayer" by Phil Lehenbauer

Welcome and Announcements



Please Stand

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.
- **P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Responsive Reading

Ecclesiastes 5:8-20

- If you see in a province the oppression of the poor and the violation of justice and righteousness,
- do not be amazed at the matter, for the high official is watched by a higher, and there are yet higher ones over them.
- **P** But this is gain for a land in every way: a king committed to cultivated fields.
- He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves wealth with his income; this also is vanity.

- When goods increase, they increase who eat them, and what advantage has their owner but to see them with his eyes?
- Sweet is the sleep of a laborer, whether he eats little or much, but the full stomach of the rich will not let him sleep.
- There is a grievous evil that I have seen under the sun: riches were kept by their owner to his hurt,
- and those riches were lost in a bad venture. And he is father of a son, but he has nothing in his hand.
- As he came from his mother's womb he shall go again, naked as he came, and shall take nothing for his toil that he may carry away in his hand.
- This also is a grievous evil: just as he came, so shall he go, and what gain is there to him who toils for the wind?
- Moreover, all his days he eats in darkness in much vexation and sickness and anger.
- Behold, what I have seen to be good and fitting is to eat and drink and find enjoyment in all the toil with which one toils under the sun the few days of his life that God has given him, for this is his lot.
- Everyone also to whom God has given wealth and possessions and power to enjoy them, and to accept his lot and rejoice in his toil—this is the gift of God.
- For he will not much remember the days of his life because God keeps him occupied with joy in his heart.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And with thy spirit.
- **P** Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Grant us so firmly to believe in Your Son Jesus that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament 1 Kings 17:8-16

A God provides for those who have faith in Him, but what does it take to trust in Him? This morning, we encounter a woman who is down to her last small bit of food. Yet, Elijah tells her to just trust in the Lord. Could you do it? Listen to these words from 1 Kings chapter 17:

⁸Then the word of the LORD came to [Elijah], ⁹"Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you." ¹⁰So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink." ¹¹And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." ¹²And she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die." ¹³And Elijah said to her, "Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴For thus says the LORD the God of Israel, 'The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the LORD sends rain upon the earth." ¹⁵And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

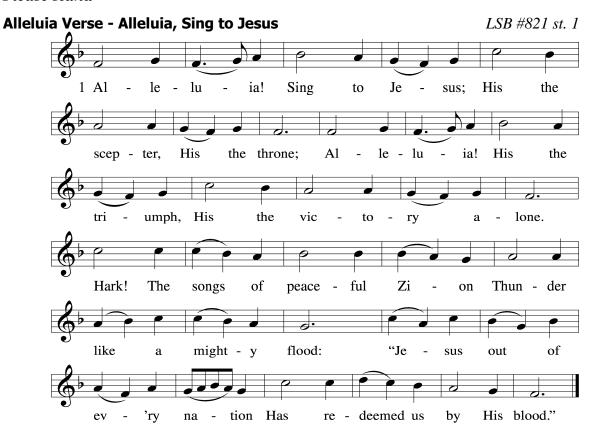
- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Epistle Hebrews 9:24-28

A The issues that sin causes are crazy. Yet, God had a plan to atone for that sin. By sending Jesus to pay the price, He did it once for all. Because of Jesus all sin is atoned for, and because of faith, we can trust in God's goodness. The Epistle is from Hebrews chapter 9:

²⁴For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ²⁵Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the holy places every year with blood not his own, ²⁶for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, ²⁸so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
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Holy Gospel Mark 12:38-44

This is a Gospel reading about trust. How do you give out of poverty? It comes down to how much you trust in God, or for that matter how much you believe in God's ability to provide. Do you believe as this widow does? The Holy Gospel according to Mark chapter 12:

³⁸In his teaching [Jesus] said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes and like greetings in the marketplaces ³⁹and have the best seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at feasts, ⁴⁰who devour widows' houses and for a pretense make long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

⁴¹And he sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴²And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny. ⁴³And he called his disciples to him and said to them, "Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. ⁴⁴For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints. the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen.

Please be seated



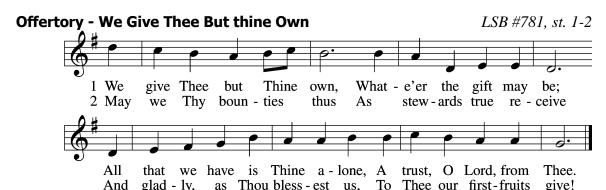
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Sermon

Gratitude for what God gives

Offering: "Praise and Thanksgiving" by David Cherwein

Please stand



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- P Hear my prayer, O Lord;
- **C** let my cry come to You.
- **P** In the day of my trouble I call upon You,
- **C** for You answer me.
- P Hide Your face from my sins,
- **C** and blot out all my iniquities.
- P Create in me a clean heart, O God,
- **C** and renew a right spirit within me.
- P Cast me not away from Your presence,
- and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.
- **P** Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,
- **C** and uphold me with a willing spirit.

- **P** Because Your steadfast love is better than life,
- **C** my lips will praise You.
- **P** For You have been my help,
- and in the shadow of Your wings I will sing for joy.
- **P** Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth;
- **C** unite my heart to fear Your name.
- **P** I give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,
- **C** and I will glorify Your name forever.
- P May all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You.
- May those who love Your salvation say evermore, "God is great!"
- **P** Save Your people and bless Your heritage!
- **G** Be their shepherd and carry them forever.
- **P** Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;
- C listen to my plea for grace.

Prayer of the Church

- Almighty God, we give thanks for all Your goodness and bless You for the love that sustains us from day to day. We praise You for the gift of Your Son, our Savior, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. We thank You for the Holy Spirit, the Comforter; for Your holy Church, for the means of grace, for the lives of all faithful and just people, and for the hope of the life to come. Help us to treasure in our hearts all that You have done for us, and enable us to show our thankfulness in lives that are wholly given to Your service. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.

- Save and defend Your whole Church, purchased with the precious blood of Christ. Strengthen Your faithful people through the Word and the holy Sacraments, making them perfect in love and in all good works, and establishing in them the faith once delivered to the saints. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Grant Your wisdom and heavenly grace to all pastors, missionaries, ministers of religion, and to those who hold office in Your Church that, by their devoted service, faith may abound and Your kingdom increase. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- In Your mercy strengthen all congregations that are faithful to Your Word, and support them in challenging times. Make them steadfast, abounding in the work of the Lord, and let their faith and zeal for the Gospel refresh and renew the witness of Your people everywhere. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- Preserve our nation in justice and honor that we may lead a peaceable life with integrity. Grant health and favor to all who bear office in our land, especially our president, governors, mayors, and all who hold public office. Help them to serve this people according to Your holy will. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- Take from us all hatred and prejudice, give us the spirit of love, and order our days in Your peace. Prosper the labor of those who work to bring peace and justice to the nations of the world that mutual understanding and common endeavor may be increased among all peoples. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.

- P Bless the schools of the Church and all colleges, universities, and centers of research and those who teach, learn, and work in them. Grant Your wisdom in such measure that people may serve You honorably in Church and state, and that our common life may be conformed to the ways of Your truth. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Sanctify our homes with Your presence, and bless them with joy. Keep our children in the covenant of their Baptism, and enable their parents to bring them up in lives of faith and devotion. Unite the members of all families in a spirit of affection and service that they may show Your praise in our land and in all the world. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- By Your Word and Holy Spirit comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity. Be with those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those to whom death draws near. Bring consolation to those in sorrow, and grant to all a measure of Your love, taking them into Your tender care. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.
- C Amen.

Prayer

- **P** Let us pray together:
- I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

- **P** Behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind.
- But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy, and her people to be a gladness.
- I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in my people; no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress.
- No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not fill out his days,
- for the young man shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed.
- They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
- They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat;
- for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.
- They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity, for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the LORD, and their descendants with them.
- **G** Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear.
- The wolf and the lamb shall graze together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent's food.
- They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain," says the LORD.

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P Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

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 our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

Thanksgiving 200

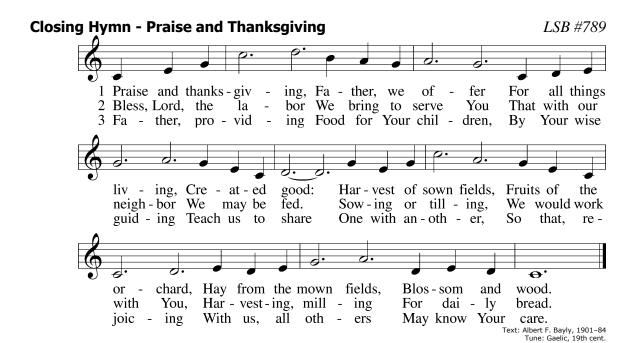
P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C and His mercy endures forever.

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C Amen.

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The Dismissal

P Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

Postlude: "Celebration" by Charles Callahan

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Opportunities at Shepherd of the Coast

\$8:30 am − A traditional worship service in the classic Lutheran liturgical style.

♥9:30 am – Sunday School

♥9:30 am – Adult Bible Study

†10:30 am − Praise Service − A contemporary worship service that is geared to families with young children.

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