

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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WELCOME

PRELUDE

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Thanks Be to God!

Marilyn Thompson

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

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.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive 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.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✚ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Day by Day

ELW 790 (vv. 1, 2)

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| 1 Day by day, your mercies, Lord, attend me,
bringing comfort to my anxious soul. Day by
day, the blessings, Lord, you send me draw me
nearer to my heav'nly goal. Love divine,
beyond all mortal measure, brings to naught the
burdens of my quest; Savior, lead me to the
home I treasure, where at last I'll find eternal
rest. | 2 Day by day, I know you will provide me strength
to serve and wisdom to obey; I will seek your
loving will to guide me o'er the paths I struggle
day by day. I will fear no evil of the morrow, I
will trust in your enduring grace. Savior, help me
bear life's pain and sorrow till in glory I behold
your face. |
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(Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832-1903; tr. Robert Leaf, 1936-2005; Music: Oskar Ahnfelt, 1813-1882; Text © 1992 Augsburg Fortress)

GREETING

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

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen,

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

WORD

FIRST READING

1 Kings 17:8-16

The word of the LORD came to Elijah, saying, "Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you." So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink." As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." But she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die." Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the LORD the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the LORD sends rain on the earth." She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Read responsively; congregation reads bold verses

Psalm 146

Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Put not your trust in rulers,

in mortals in whom there is no help.

When they breathe their last, they return to earth,

and in that day their thoughts perish.

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,

whose hope is in the LORD their God;

who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;

who keeps promises forever;

who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.

The LORD sets the captive free.

The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

the LORD loves the righteous.

The LORD cares for the stranger;

the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

The LORD shall reign forever,

your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

SECOND READING

Hebrews 9:24-28

Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, so 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

Mark 12:38-44

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

As Jesus taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.” He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Take My Life, That I May Be

ELW 685

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| 1 Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise. | 2 Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love; take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee. |
| 3 Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King; take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee. | 4 Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold; take my intellect and use ev'ry pow'r as thou shall choose. |
| 5 Take my will and make it thine, it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is thine own, it shall be thy royal throne. | 6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store; take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee. |

(Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879, alt.; Music: William H. Havergal, 1793-1870)

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

After each petition Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

PEACE The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

We offer each other a sign of God's peace. Afterwards, the assembly is seated.

MEAL

OFFERTORY MUSIC
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Cantabile

Beethoven, arr. Gary Davidson

*An offering is gathered for the mission and ministry of God's Church.
Please stand as you are able.*

OFFERING HYMN

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

ELW 885

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

(Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711, alt.)

OFFERING PRAYER

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And al - so with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

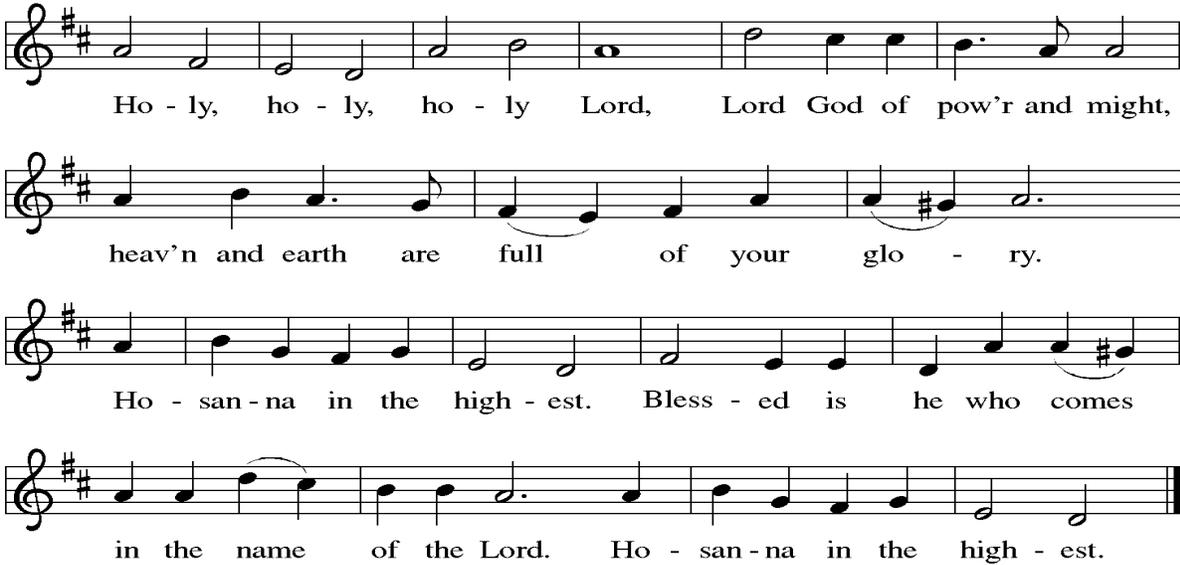
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

FRACTURE

The breaking of the bread.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

COMMUNION

The body and Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.
Amen.

The assembly is seated.

COMMUNION HYMN

Blessed Assurance

ELW 638

1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior, all the day long: this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

2 Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight; angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. *Refrain*

3 Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest, watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love. *Refrain*

(Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915; Music: Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830-1908)

Please stand as you are able.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

The assembly is seated.

SENDING ANTHEM

Song of Hope

Adult Choir

(Text: Alvin Schutmaat; Music: Argentine Folk Melody; arr. Richard E. Frey; Text and arrangement © 1996 The American Guild of English Handbell Ringers Publishing)

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL MUSIC

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Let All Who Have Breath Praise the Lord!

Douglas E. Wagner

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November Worship Schedule – 10 am - In-person & live streamed worship

- **A special thank you to the Property Committee for all of the projects they have completed in the last year. Our property looks beautiful. We are so lucky to have such dedicated people who care about the church.**
- **If you have chosen an item from the poster board to purchase for Michael Rash's Eagle Scout project, please have your donation in by Thursday, November 18th. You may place your item in the box in the 2nd floor stairwell or bring your donation to the church office.**
- **On Sunday, November, 21st we will have our Congregational Meeting after the 10 am worship service. We will be voting on the 2022 Budget and our new council members. We need your vote, so please plan to attend.**



The beautiful flowers gracing our worship service today are given in honor of Bonnie Rogers' birthday by her sister, Linda Farrell.

We are taking flower dedications for 2022. The dates available are: January 2nd, February 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th, March 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th, April 3rd, 10th and 17th, May 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th.

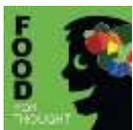
Contact Rachel Hills at rm_hills@yahoo.com if you would like to sponsor the flowers.

Save the date for our next Restaurant Night at Ledo Pizza & Pasta located at 5350 Campbell Blvd., on Monday, November 22nd from 5 – 9 pm. Flyers may be found on the counter outside of the Sanctuary, in the weekly emails and on our website.



We are taking orders for Christmas plants. Flyers are located on the counter outside of Sanctuary, in the weekly emails and on our website. Please have your orders in by Sunday, November 28th.

The Busy Bees invite you to participate in their Jelly and Jam Sale. They are offering the same delicious flavors as in the past along with bread & butter pickles and apple butter. Order forms are on the third floor counter, in the weekly emails, and on the website. You may also contact the church office to place your order.



Social Ministry is participating in the "Food For Thought Program". With your help, we are providing weekend take home food bags for children in need. This program would not be possible without the help of our congregation and community. **Our greatest need at this time is shelf stable white milk, chicken & tuna salad kits, pudding cups, and single serving cereal.**

Thank you for your support of the Veterans Counseling Center. At this time, we are no longer in need of supplies. We truly appreciate your donations over the past few years.



Our clothing shed is open. All donations must be bagged. Acceptable donations are: All clothing, shoes, belts, purses, blankets, sheets, pillowcases, drapes, and stuffed toys. Thanks for your cooperation.

Are you doing any online shopping? Is so, support St. John's when you shop. Go to: smile.amazon.com/ch/52-6012034 and Amazon donates to Saint John's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Parkville Inc



Don't forget to support Victor's Vittles, the food pantry at Christus Victor Lutheran Church. You can drop off your donations to St. John's. Items needed are cereal, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, instant mashed potatoes, can potatoes, hamburger and tuna helper and taco kits.

This week's schedule

Today	9 am	Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
	10 am	Live & Online Worship
Mon.	7 pm	Council Meeting (Smith Building)
Tues.	7 pm	Altar Guild (Smith Building)
Wed.	9 am	Busy Bees (Smith Building)
	6:45 pm	Handchimes Rehearsal (Music Room)
	7:45 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
Thurs.		
Fri.		
Sat.		

Those Serving Today	10 am
Assisting Minister Crucifer Acolyte (s) Lector Communion Assistant	Claire Miller Emily Rash Gabby & Johanna Gray Amanda Portera Amanda Portera

Prayer List



Please remember the following individuals in your prayers.

For health & healing: Julie Hastings, Kelly Sanford, Elaine Reid, Bett Murphy, Laurie Krieger, Mike McDonough, Dave Kocan, Debbie Miller, Pat Denk, Sandy Scott, John McLaughlin, Tony Jasinski, Patty Schwab and Vickie Jasinski

For family & friends: Marcie Rother, Roy Kline, Michael Albrecht, Rose Alexander, Cynthia Shepler, Rita Brady, Zita Dabars, Anna Meyers, Norma Weber, Lou Ermer, Helen Marcomin, Rosemay Balmos, Roberta Wiessner, Helen & Don Bender and Doug Adams

For the military and their families: Leroy Keller, Seaman E-3 Carson Anthony Bowser, Lance Corporal Justin Ferro, Sgt. Stephen Peck, Staff Sgt. Brandan Hartmann, Michael Anthony Tucker, Chaplain A. J. Striffler and all those in harm's way

For those grieving family & friends of:

For St. John's Caring Friends: Trudy Anderson, Helen Baker, Agatha Biensach-Daniels, Gladys Downs, Margaret Eubert, June Franz, Betty Glassband, Audrey Lentz, John Lotterer, Patrick O'Connell, Arthur Pulket, Mary Ann Reek, Janet Roth, Patricia Sollanek, Cass Tracey, Emma Volz, Doris Warfield, and Clara Westphal

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