# THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



November 10, 2024
ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

# Welcome to ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

# **SUNDAY SERVICES**

8:15am | Service with Holy Communion in Nave

9:00am | Choir Practice

9:30am | Education Hour with Sunday School, Confirmation Class and Adult Forum

10:30am | Service with Holy Communion in Nave and Online

11:30am | Coffee Hour

# **LIVESTREAMING**

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# WEEKLY UPDATE NEWSLETTER

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# **SERVING THE COMMUNITY TODAY ARE:**

Taryn Walsh and Lydia Zuehsow, Altar Guild Luther O. and Sinclair O., Acolytes Eric Haugen, Lector Kerri Frick, Deacon Peter Schmidt, Cantor Dan Ries, Usher Matt Carter, Livestream Broadcast Peter and Hollie Schmidt, Coffee Guild

We welcome Chris Porter today as guest musician.

When the instruction for standing \* appears, please stand as you are able and as seems comfortable. At the  $\boxtimes$ , you may make the sign of the cross, which reminds us of our baptism.

The congregational responses are printed in **bold**.

# **GATHERING**

# **PRELUDE**

"Fling Wide the Door"

Jan Bender

**WELCOME** 

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

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.

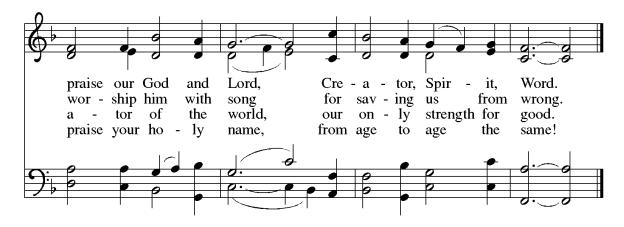
Amen.

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  $\pm$  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.

"Fling Wide the Door" ELW 259





Text: Georg Weissel, 1590-1635; tr. Gracia Grindal, b. 1943

Music: MACHT HOCH DIE TÜR, J. A. Freylinghausen, Geistreiches Gesangbuch, 1704; arr. hymnal version

# \*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.

# \*KYRIE

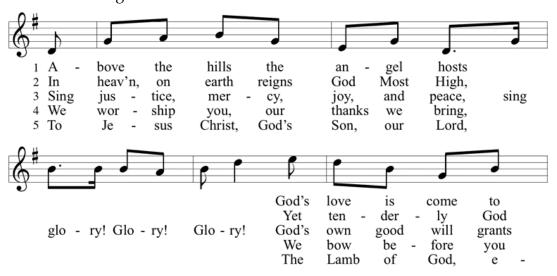




Text: Beth Bergeron Folkemer, based on the Kyrie Music: My Father, How Long, African American spiritual

# HYMN OF PRAISE

"Above the Hills the Angel Hosts"





Text: Beth Bergeron Folkemer, based on the Gloria in excelsis Music: The Devil's Nine Questions, Appalachian traditional

# \* 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.** 

# **WORD**

FIRST READING 1 Kings 17:8–16

This chapter begins the story of Elijah. God sends a drought on Israel because of the sins of King Ahab. This passage depicts God's saving acts not only on behalf of Elijah, but also on behalf of those who are associated with the prophet, even a foreigner, the widow of Zarephath.

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 afterward 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.



Hal- | lelujah!

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 re- | turn 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 promis- | es forever;

who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to 1 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 1 of the wicked.

The Lord shall | reign forever,

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

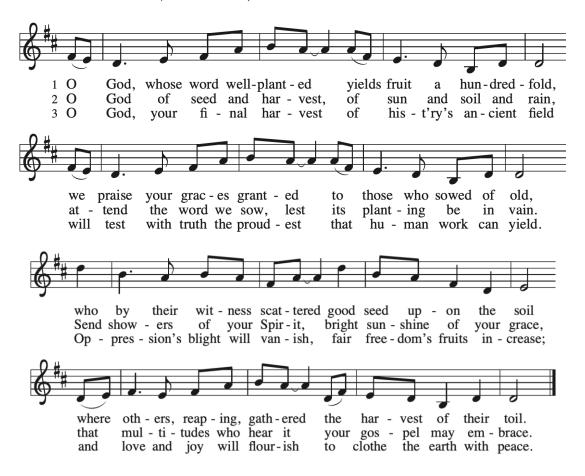
SECOND READING Hebrews 9:24–28

The letter to the Hebrews describes Christ as a high priest who offers himself as a sacrifice for our sin. Christ does not die again and again each year. He died once, is alive with God, and will reveal himself on the last day.

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 ages 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.



Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 1923–2007 Music: ABIDING PRESENCE, Stephen P. Folkemer, b. 1952

\* 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.

SERMON "At All Times and In All Places"

Pastor Ross Goodman

#### \* HYMN OF THE DAY

"God Whose Giving Knows No Ending" **ELW 678** 1 God, whose giv-ing knows no end-ing, from your rich and end-less store:
2 Skills and time are ours for press-ing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
3 Trea-sure, too, you have en-trust-ed, gain through pow'rs your grace con-ferred; na-ture's won-der, Je - sus' wis-dom, cost-ly cross, grave's shat - tered door, all at peace in health and free-dom, rac - es joined, the church made one. ours to use for home and kin-dred, and to spread the gos - pel word gos - pel word. you, we turn to you, of-f'ring up gift - ed by our - selves in praise; Now di - rect our dai - ly la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone; O - pen wide our hands in shar-ing, as we heed Christ's age-less call, self a - lone; thank-ful song shall rise for - ev - er, gra-cious do - nor of our days. born with tal - ents, make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne. heal - ing, teach-ing, and re - claim-ing, serv-ing you by lov-ing all.

Text: Robert L. Edwards, 1915–2006 Music: RUSTINGTON, C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848–1918

# APOSTLE'S CREED

In response to the gospel, let us confess the faith of the church:

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 into hell. 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 INTERCESSION

The leader will read the first and last prayer, those in the congregation are invited to read aloud the other prayers as they feel called.

Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Renew your church, O God. Make us servants to one another for the sake of the gospel. Instill a heart for service and a passion for justice in our bishops, deacons, pastors, and lay leaders. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.** 

Renew your creation, O God. Sustain the earth and seas and all that is in them. Kindle in us a reverent awe for all creatures great and small, and strengthen us in our pursuit of climate justice. Merciful God, **receive our prayer**.

Renew the nations, O God. Heal our nation's veterans from the unseen wounds of war. Tend to their trauma and soothe burdened consciences. Guide leaders of the world to end conflicts, especially in the Middle East, Ukraine, Sudan, and Haiti, and pursue peace. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.** 

Holy Trinity, one God, you show us the splendor of diversity and the beauty of unity in your own divine life. Make us, who came from many different nations with many languages, a united people that delights in our many different gifts. Defend our liberties, and give those whom we have entrusted with authority the spirit of wisdom, that there might be justice and peace in our land. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.** 

Renew your people, O God. Protect those in our communities who are vulnerable or ill, especially Dan, Lynn, Marilyn, Meredith, Owen, Paul, and Susan. Accompany persons who are unemployed or underemployed, children who are in foster care, and those who live alone. Watch over and uphold them. Merciful God, **receive our prayer**.

Renew this congregation, O God. Give us clarity in our mission and boldness in our witness. Bless our ministries that attend to basic needs of any who lack sufficient resources, that all may live with dignity. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.** 

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Happy are those whose help was in you. We give thanks for all your faithful ones who praised you as their God all their life long, especially Martin, Bishop of Tours and Søren Kierkegaard. As we eagerly wait for you, inspire us by their lives of service. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

# \* PEACE

Keep your hands close together or make the peace sign if you'd rather not pass the peace with touch.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

# TEMPLE TALK

ANTHEM (10:30 service)

Day by Day ELW 790

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.

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.

Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my burdens grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will hear me when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no matter what betide me, you will hold me ever in your hand. Savior, with your presence here to guide me,

I will reach at last the promised land.

# **MEAL**

# \* OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

# **OFFERING**



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# \* GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

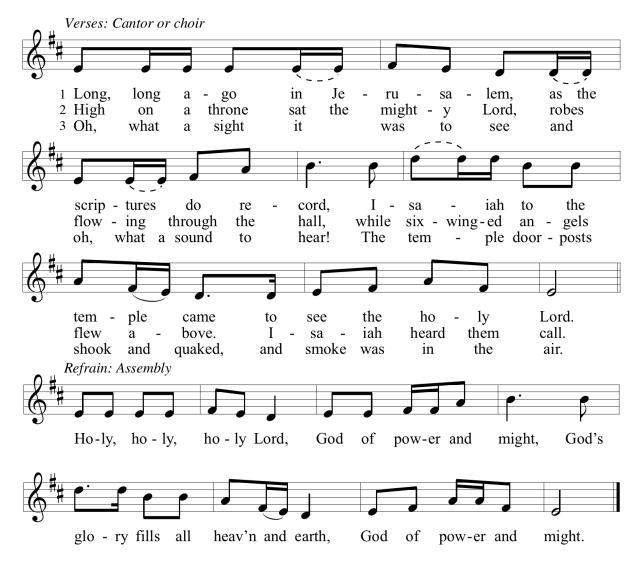
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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:



Text: Beth Bergeron Folkemer, based on the Sanctus Music: Shady Grove, Appalachian traditional

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.

# \* LORD'S PRAYER

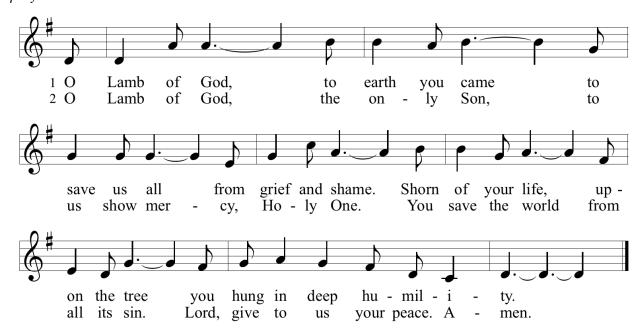
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,

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.

# **COMMUNION**

All are welcome to receive the bread and the wine. Gluten free wafers are available on request. Both wine and grape juice are available in each tray; the wine is red and the grape juice is white.

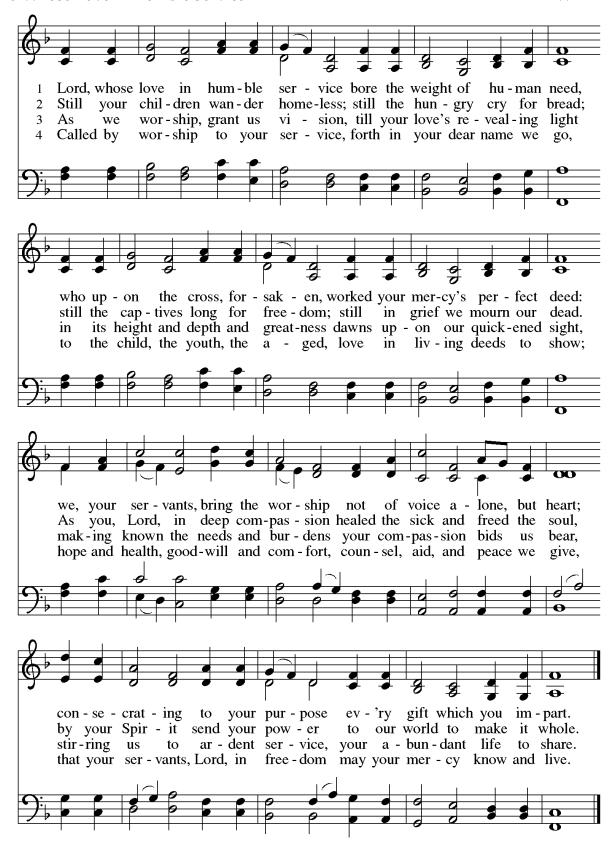
Come forward in the center aisle starting at the front of the church. The pastors will motion the first people forward.



Text: Beth Bergeron Folkemer, based on the Agnus Dei Music: The Suffolk Miracle, Appalachian traditional

"Lord Whose Love in Humble Service"

ELW 712



Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901-1984

Music: BEACH SPRING, The Sacred Harp, Philadelphia, 1844; arr. Selected Hymns, 1985

# \* TABLE BLESSING

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

Amen.

# \* POST COMMUNION CANTICLE (10:30 service. Sing verses 3 and 5 only.)



Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr.

Music: Prospect, W. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1835

# \* PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey.
Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

# **SENDING**

# \* BLESSING

May God bless and keep us. May God's face shine on us and be gracious. May God look on us with favor and + give us peace. **Amen**.

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# \* SENDING HYMN

"Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand

**ELW 441** 



Text: Wilhelm A. Wexels, 1797–1866; tr. composite Music: LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN, Nikolaus Herman, 1480–1561

# \* DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE** 

"O Happy Day When We Shall Stand"

Dietrich Buxtehude

# ANNOUNCEMENTS and UPCOMING HAPPENINGS

# at SAINT PAUL



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# ADULT FORUM ON NEW CONSTITUTION | November 17 at 9:30am

We will review our new constitution during the Adult Forum hour.

# YOUTH GAME NIGHT | November 10, 7-8:30PM

We will be doing "Minute to Win It" night of games on November 10th from 7:00-8:30. Prizes for winners, snacks, and lots of fun. Open to 5th grade and older. See you then!

# THE BOOK OF RUTH ADULT FORUM STUDY | November 3, 10, and 24 at 9:30am

The Book of Ruth is about how certain ordinary people respond to hardships and how their response is part of the larger story of God and God's people. Written ages ago for people of a different culture, it continues to speak to the experience of life for ordinary people today. We'll explore this book together over the span of three weeks. The 2nd session (11/10) will feature a visit from Andrew Teeter, Professor of Hebrew Bible at Harvard Divinity School. All are welcome to join!

# SUPPER CLUB AT ST. PAUL | December 7, 6:00, ongoing

We have started a Supper Club which will take place on the 1st Saturday of the month. Come when you are able, bring a dish to share and enjoy some time with other members of the congregation. All are welcome to join!





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