

**Twenty-Fifth Sunday of Pentecost**  
**Sunday, November 10, 2024**  
**9:00 a.m.**

**Speak to an usher if you would like a hearing assistive device**  
**\* All who are able may stand; congregation reads bold print**

*Widows are visible everywhere in today's readings. Jesus denounces those scribes who pray impressive prayers but devour widows' houses. He commends the poor widow who in his view gave far more than the major donors. Jesus doesn't see her simply as an object of compassion or charity. She, like the widow of Zarephath who shares her last bit of food with Elijah, does something of great importance.*

**WELCOME**

**PRELUDE**

*Day by Day*  
Jill Nelles-Voss, piano

arr Rachel Trelstad Porter

**\*CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, our refuge, our delight, our beginning and our end. **Amen.**

Let us come in truth before the one who loves us and has freed us from our sin.

***Silence is kept for reflection.***

**Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy, we confess that sin has taken hold of us and we are complicit in its power. We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest. Unbind us and set us free. Lead us again to the waters of rebirth, that we may live just and generous lives for the good of your world and the care of our neighbors, following in the servant way of Jesus. Amen.**

These words are trustworthy and true: Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross, swallowing up death forever. For his sake, you are ✝ forgiven and God remembers your sin no more. Let your heart be glad again, and rejoice in your salvation. **Amen.**

**\*GATHERING SONG**

*For the Fruit of All Creation*

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1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.  
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.  
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.  
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.  
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,  
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,  
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.  
in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.  
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional

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**\*GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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.**

Let us pray. 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.**

## FIRST READING

1 Kings 17:8-16

A reading from 1<sup>st</sup> Kings, the 17<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

<sup>8</sup>The word of the LORD came to [Elijah,] saying, <sup>9</sup>“Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” <sup>10</sup>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.” <sup>11</sup>As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” <sup>12</sup>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.” <sup>13</sup>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. <sup>14</sup>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.” <sup>15</sup>She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. <sup>16</sup>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

Psalm 146

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

<sup>2</sup>**I will praise the LORD as long as I live;**

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

<sup>3</sup>Put not your trust in rulers,

in mortals in whom there is no help.

<sup>4</sup>**When they breathe their last, they return to earth,**

**and in that day their thoughts perish.**

<sup>5</sup>Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,

whose hope is in the LORD their God;

<sup>6</sup>**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;**

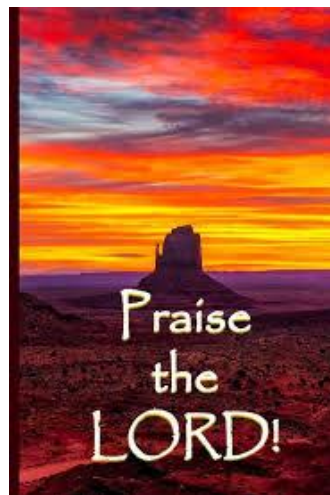
**who keeps promises forever;**

<sup>7</sup>who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.  
The LORD sets the captive free.

<sup>8</sup>**The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;  
the LORD loves the righteous.**

<sup>9</sup>The LORD cares for the stranger;  
the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

<sup>10</sup>**The LORD shall reign forever,  
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**



## **SECOND READING**

**Hebrews 9:24-28**

A reading from Hebrews, the 9<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

<sup>24</sup>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. <sup>25</sup>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; <sup>26</sup>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. <sup>27</sup>And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, <sup>28</sup>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.**



## **\*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 INTERCESSION**

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

*A brief silence.*

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**     May the peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

## **OFFERING**

### **MUSIC OFFERING**

*Offertory in F Major*  
Lincoln Wright, organ

Christian Rinck

## \*OFFERING RESPONSE

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be-low;

praise him a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711  
Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

## \*OFFERING PRAYER

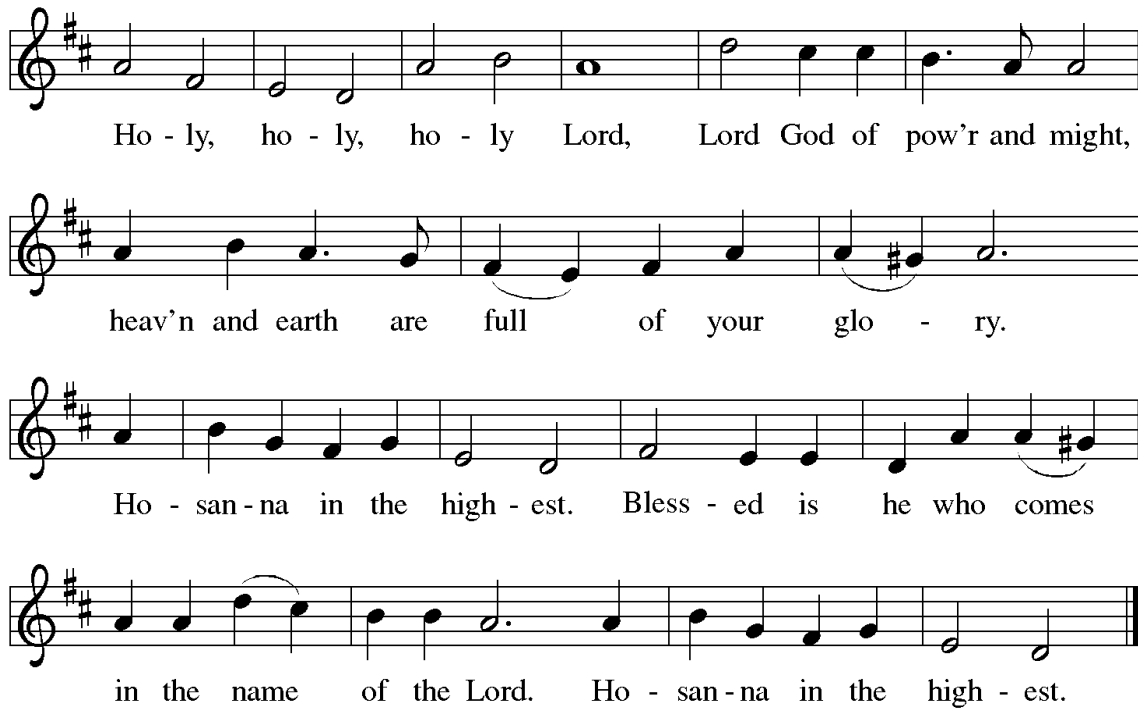
Let us pray. Lord Jesus, **our portion and our cup, you offered yourself in love for the world, and in this meal you nourish us with your life. Fill us with your abundance, that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger, trusting in your name. Amen.**

## \*GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.  
Lift up your hearts.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**And also with you.  
We lift them to the Lord.  
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. . .we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



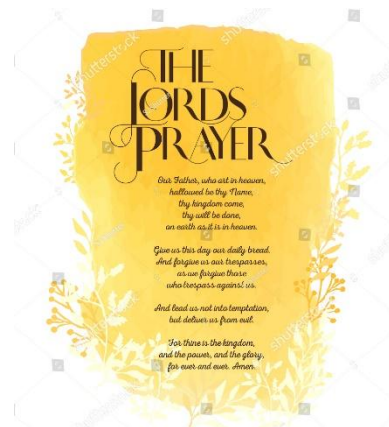
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

**\*EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

**Pastor Anna Rieke**

**\*THE 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 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**

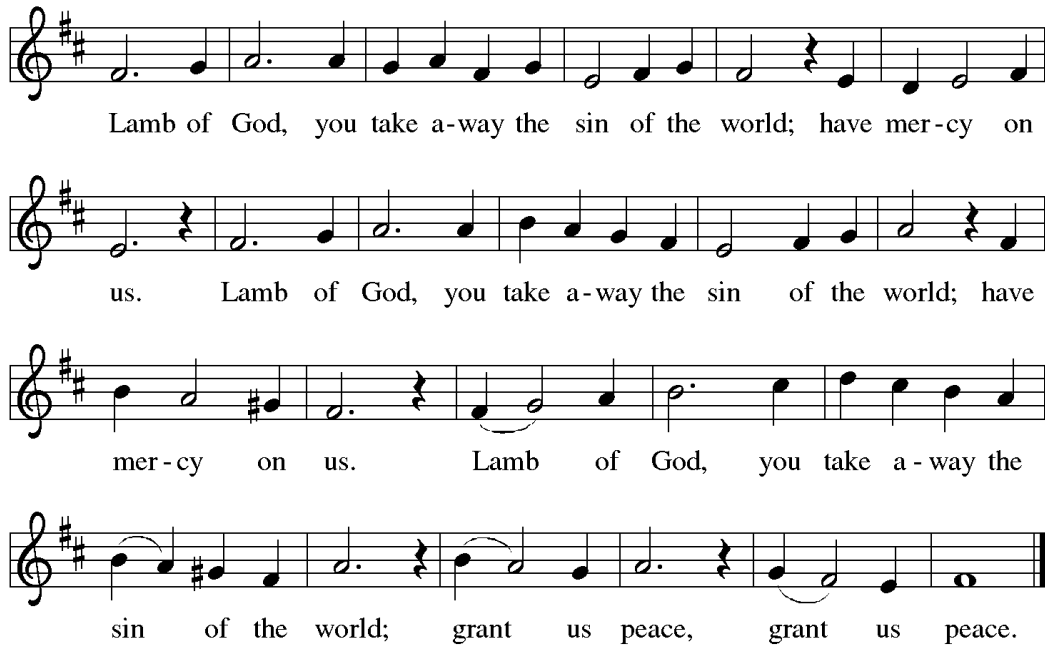




## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All are welcome to commune

## LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## \*BLESSING AND PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

Let us pray. Faithful God, **you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drinking the body and blood of your Son. Now send us out to labor with you, in service to the world you have made, and among the people you have made your home, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## \*BLESSING

The Ancient One, enthroned, the Crucified One, now risen, the Indwelling One, poured out, ✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

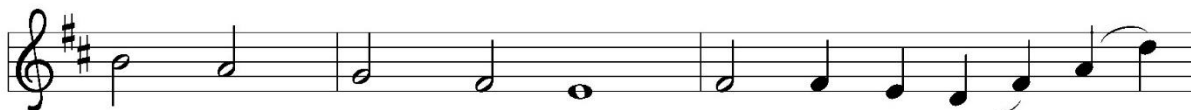
**\*SENDING SONG**

*Jesus Shall Reign*

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1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -  
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es  
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his  
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners  
 5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from  
 thron - g to crown his head; his name like sweet per -  
 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es  
 leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -  
 hon - ors to our king; an - gels de - scend with



shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
 fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.  
 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.  
 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.  
 Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

**\*DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

*Allegro Moderato* in D  
 from Water Music Suite  
 Lincoln Wright, organ

George F. Handel

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## Today's Service Participants

Ushers: Jon & Brent  
Lector: Grace Farrington  
Communion Assistants: Grace Farrington & Jill Nelles-Voss  
Hospitality: Loraine Morris & Sue Mayfield

Thank you for assisting with the service this morning. **If anyone is interested in assisting with the service, please place your name onto the sign-up sheet in Nelles Fellowship Hall.**

## CtL Prayer List

New Requests in green

### Special Intentions

Michael (son)  
Donna (Doug's sister)  
Sophia Bradley (niece)  
Todd Kennedy (Mark's brother)  
Alexander Deleon (AF) (nephew)  
Michael Naber Jr. (AF) (grandson)

Doug & Nancy Besemer

Sal Martello

Gerald & America Naber

### Home Bound

Jean Bente



Health Issues

**Trevor & Patti Graetz, Mary LaValley (friends)**

**Sue Mayfield**

**Pete Carpenter**

Keith Kittle

Nancy Hales (Heart Issues)

Brent Saunders

Jason Wright

Susie Bradstock (friend)

John Anderson (brother-in-law)

Jim & Sandy Nelson

Jim Johnson (friend)

Bill and Patty Coulter (cousin)

Mike & Jackie Strosnider (friends)

Susan & Scott Farrington

Dave & Gretchen Clark

Jerry Graunke

Bonnie Kodis' friends

Brent & Pam Saunders

Susan Farrington

Ken Mulzer (friend)

Bob & Dian Flach

Ron Flanders (brother)

Marilyn Flanders

Krystin Flanders

Gene (son's father)

Larry & Joyce Vetch (friends)

Keith & Kristy Hainy

Toni Lusk (friend)

Jaren David Corral (friend's brother)

Mark & Valerie Kennedy

Erika (friend)

Michelle (friend)

Brenda Schotter (niece)

Skip & Joan McGinnis

George (cousin)

Bill (brother)

Lyn

Dan & Diane Nelson's friends

Charles

Paula (daughter)

Jan & Carla Skladany

Cancer

Doug Besemer  
Ted Pederson (brother-in-law)  
Steve Boccieri (friend)  
Pat Miller  
Linda Lamphier (friend)  
Pat Moran (friend)  
LaRoy Luther (friend)  
Dr. Ian Akiyama (friend)  
Joe Marotta (friend)  
Jim & Sandy Nelson (friends)  
Charissa & Becky (friends)  
Nicholas Teknos (family)  
Debbie Chevalier (best friend)  
Ellen Murphy (friend)  
John White (friend)  
Marilyn Bennett (sister-in-law)  
Chuck Vandenberg (brother-in-law)  
Mike Stevens (husband)  
Larry Glenn (friend)

Tom McIntyre (friend)  
Renaë Hampton (friend)

Karen (daughter)  
Travis Brown (family)  
Ruth Mueller (friend)

Mary Anderson (sister)

Paul Skoog (friend)  
Tom (friend)  
Eileen Hovey (friend)  
Jamie Smith (friend)  
Kirsten Wampler (Dan's sister)  
Anna DeLeon (niece)  
Steve Chaudet (friend)  
Mike Shanklin (friend)  
Amy Andrejko (Diane's cousin)  
Joel Lassman (friend)

Carol Albers  
Doug & Nancy Bessemer  
Pete Carpenter  
Frances Emerson  
Grace Farrington  
Owen & Ruth Germundson  
Kennedys and Nelsons  
Mark Kennedy  
Bonnie Kodis  
Susan Mayfield  
Frank & Joan McGinnis  
Pam McGinnis  
Bill Murphy  
Jan Murphy  
Brent & Pam Saunders  
Tom & Luann Spraker  
Dorothy Stevens  
Robin Coleman & Kay Krueger

Frances Emerson

Bob & Dian Flach

Jerry Graunke

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