

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 10, 2024

PRE-SERVICE VIDEO

WELCOME

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Out of respect and in the spirit of truth, we acknowledge that we gather in community on land which is Treaty 7 territory and the traditional territory of the Blackfoot people of the Canadian Plains. We honour the Blackfoot people past, present and future, and the Metis Nation of Alberta, Region III. May our actions and choices demonstrate open hearts, kindness, and compassion towards all who call this place home.

COMMUNITY LIFE

Please sign up to attend our Congregational Appreciation Supper on **Saturday, December 7**, beginning with a short presentation at 3:30 followed by supper provided by the Men's Breakfast Fellowship Group and prepared by Smitty's South. Come and meet Bishop Trish, who will be with us for this Saturday event and will also preach and preside at Sunday worship on December 8.

INTRODUCTION

Widows are visible everywhere in today's readings. Jesus denounces those scribes who pray impressive prayers but devour widows' houses. Through the words of Psalm 146, we praise the One who lifts up those who are bowed down.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **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.**

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,
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.**

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 "Now the Feast" ELW 157

Leader



In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly



Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have



For the reign of God, and for



mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.



peace through-out the world, for the u-ni-ty of all, let us pray to the



Lord.



For your



Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

word, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have
Help, save, and de-fend us, O God.

mer - cy. **A - men.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE "Now the Feast and Celebration" ELW 167

Refrain



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free - dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit - ed us to be one great peo - ple of God. *Refrain*



2 Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er. *Refrain*



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo - ple of



God; to make all things new. *Refrain*

GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

It is our delight to pray. God, Protector of the widow, the orphan, and the stranger – in a world where many know despair, you raised your Son Jesus to give hope for humanity and renewal to the earth. Strengthen and unify your Church in its struggle against the forces of death in the world, that all may know the hope of the new life you offer through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PSALM 146 – Responsive Reading

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.

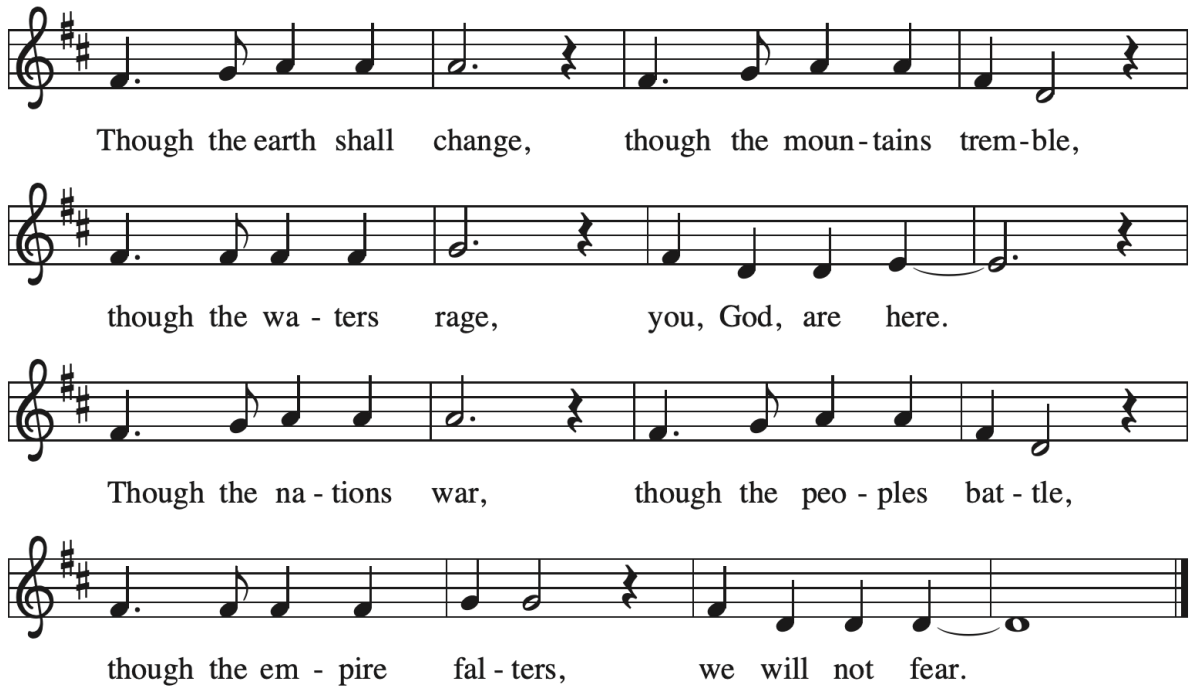
The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Though the Earth Shall Change" ACS 1035 – piano – sing twice



Though the earth shall change, though the moun-tains trem-ble,
though the wa - ters rage, you, God, are here.
Though the na - tions war, though the peo - ples bat - tle,
though the em - pire fal - ters, we will not fear.

GOSPEL: Mark 12:38-40

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."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY "Yours, Lord, is the Glory" ELW 849



Tu - ya es la glo - ria, la hon - ra tam - bién;
1 Yours, Lord, is the glo - ry, and hon - or as well;
2 Yours, Lord, the do - min - ions, and pow - er as well;
3 To you I sur - ren - der my be - ing, my life;
4 Glo - ry in the high - est, and on earth as well.



tu - ya pa - ra siem - pre. A - mén, a - mén.
yours, Lord, now and al - ways.
yours, Lord, now and al - ways. A - men, a - men.
all, Lord, I sur - ren - der.
Glo - ry, al - le - lu - ia.

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.

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. Guide leaders of the world to end conflicts and pursue peace. Heal our nation's veterans from the unseen wounds of war. Tend to their trauma and soothe burdened consciences. Protect those who seek to keep our country safe. Give grace to see each other as you see us that your peace may abound. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Renew your people, O God. Protect those in our communities who are vulnerable or ill especially Myrtle, Arne, Kate, Thelma, Margaret, Karen, Eva, Dave, Tiffany, Blair, Corrie, Patrick, Linda, Tim, Jack and Shirley, Nicola, Reinhold and Isabel, Derek, Carter, Margaret and Clayton, Alan, Nancy, Sheila, and Cherylee, Cindy, Jody, Cliff, Rae, and those we name silently now. . . [silence]. 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. Inspire creative visions for our life together through the ministry of Ecumenical Campus Ministry. Watch over Roelof and Fern Heinen and Helen Holland and hold them in your care. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

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, and we pray for those who miss them. 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

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

We set our table for the communion meal.

"As the Grains of Wheat" ELW 465

Refrain



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from



all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when



Refrain

may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious God, the bread we break and the wine we pour come from you. As we eat and drink with thanksgiving, fill us with your love; let that love flow through us to others; and join us to the saints before us in a holy and boundless communion; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

"Holy Holy" ELW 191

Congregation:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!
Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

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 your Holy Spirit,
that by this Holy Communion we may know
the unity we share with all your people
in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen**

Uniting our prayers with the whole company of heaven, as our saviour taught us, so we pray...

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

INVITATION

Hunger no more. Thirst no more.
Come to the banquet of life.

Together let us take and eat, the body of Christ given for you
Together let us take and drink, the blood of Christ shed for you

COMMUNION VIDEO "Behold the Lamb of God" (from LOTB)

COMMUNION SONG "Lamb of God" - NTF



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 you break the chains of ha - tred and
 you are the way of jus - tice and
 you are the way of mer - cy and



world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
 fear:
 peace:
 love.

Final Stanza



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,



grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION SONG "Day by Day" ELW 790 (in key of C)



1 Day by day, your mer-cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing com - fort
2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to serve and
3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur - dens



to my anx-ious soul. Day by day, the bless-ings, Lord, you send me
wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me
grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will hear me



draw me near - er to my heav'n-ly goal. Love di - vine, be - yond all
o'er the paths I strug - gle day by day. I will fear no e - vil
when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no mat - ter



mor - tal mea - sure, brings to naught the bur - dens of my quest; Sav - ior,
of the mor - row, I will trust in your en - dur - ing grace. Sav - ior,
what be - tide me, you will hold me ev - er in your hand. Sav - ior,



lead me to the home I trea - sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.
help me bear life's pain and sor - row till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.
with your pres - ence here to guide me, I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Faithful God, you have nourished our hearts. Through this feast of life may we be strengthened to serve in the world you have made and among people you have made your home, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING OF COMMUNION

Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care, pour out your Spirit on all who share your word and sacrament with those who are sick or homebound. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. Amen

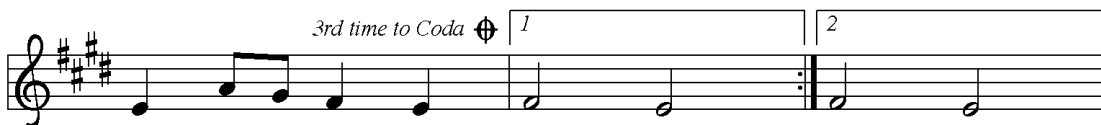
SENDING SONG "Praise to You, O God of Mercy" ELW 208



1 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -
2 From of old you loved and sought us: thanks be to you for -
3 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -



ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:
ev - er! Truth and jus - tice you have taught us:
ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:



thanks be to you for - ev - er!
thanks be to you for - ev - er!
thanks be to you for -



Strong is your faith - ful-ness, strong is your love, re -



mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.

⊕ Coda



ev - er! Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

SENDING

Led on by the saints before us,
go in peace to serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God. We will!

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