

25th Sunday after Pentecost
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To
God
be the
GLORY



Great Things He Hath Done!

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
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SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP, SETTING 3 (PAGES 138-145)

*The **liturgy** is in the front of the ELW with numbers at the bottom of the pages.
The **hymns** begin in the middle of the ELW with numbers at the top of the pages.*

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our refuge, our delight,
our beginning and our end.

C: Amen.

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

P: Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,

**C: 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.**

P: 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.

C: Amen.

HYMN #685 “TAKE MY LIFE, THAT I MAY BE”

GREETING (PAGE 138)

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

C: And also with you.

♫ KYRIE & CANTICLE OF PRAISE (PAGE 138-141)

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation,
let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the
church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and
praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

♫ This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,
and honor, blessing, and glory are his.**

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Sing with all the people of God
and join in the hymn of all creation.**

**Blessing, honor, glory and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**For the Lamb who was slain
has begun his reign. Alleluia.**

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. (*concluding...our Savior and Lord.*)

C: Amen

READINGS

1 KINGS 17:8-16 | PSALM 146 | HEBREWS 9:24-28

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (PAGE 142)

✠ Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

GOSPEL [MARK 12:38-44]

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 12th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

YOUTH SERMON – BISHOP AMY CURRENT

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HYMN #679 “FOR THE FRUIT OF ALL CREATION”

CONFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES’ CREED

P: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**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

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

(Each petition ends: P: Merciful God, C: receive our prayer.)

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

C: Amen.

PEACE (PAGE 143)

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

(Greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray. *(concluding...our Savior and Lord.)*

C: Amen.

♫ GREAT THANKSGIVING (PAGE 144)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right....and join their unending hymn:

**♫ Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna, Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER (PAGE 145)

**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.**

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome at the Lord's Table

Gluten-free wafers and white grape juice are available

**♪ Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace.**

HYMN #638 "BLESSED ASSURANCE"

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C: Amen

POST-COMMUNION HYMN (DOXOLOGY)

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Let us pray. (*concluding...* Jesus Christ our Lord.)

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

HYMN #434 “JESUS SHALL REIGN”

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

RINGING OF THE BELL

POSTLUDE

Presiding Minister: Rev. Leah Holloway-Nilsen

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This Week At A Glance

Tuesday	12:00 pm	“Meet and Eat” at Buck’s Corner
Wednesday	10:00 am	Naomi Circle at Marsha Witte’s home
	6:00 pm	Confirmation at Faith
	7:00 pm	Bible Jam at Faith
	7:00 pm	Education committee at Faith
Thursday	6:00 pm	Outreach committee at Faith
	6:30 pm	Worship committee at Faith
	7:00 pm	Council meetings at Faith
Sunday	8:00 am	Worship service at Our Savior’s
	9:25 am	Sunday School at Faith
	10:30 am	Worship service at Faith

Those to keep in prayer: Mallory Boussetot, Cathy Goddard, Jade Jensen, Larry Schau, Diane Sievers, Margaret Travaille ; the homebound: Carol Christensen, Ron Gasper, Delores Lahann, Myrna Kay Peterson, Rusty Porth, Vera St. John, Betty Schau and Bus Seastrand; and those serving in the military.

We welcome the **Southeastern Iowa Synod Bishop, Amy Current**, to Our Savior’s and Faith churches today. Following worship at Faith, you may proceed to the fellowship hall for a potluck meal.

Join Bishop Current for a light dinner and conversation on Sunday, November 17th, at 4:30 pm at Trinity Lutheran in Pleasant Valley (Rev. Stephen Nilsen’s congregation). No RSVP needed. This is an **Evening of Gratitude** for the ministry we share in our synod.

During November, paper products and canned goods will be collected for the Carroll Assistance Center in Wheatland.

The **noisy offering** will be collected on Sunday, November 17th. The 2024 recipient is Calamus Wheatland Schools.

Thanksgiving Worship will be held at Our Saviors Church on Sunday, November 24th, at 5:30 pm. Pie and ice cream will be served in the fellowship hall following worship. The free-will offering will go ELCA World Hunger.

“Of Land and Seasons” will be the liturgy used at the Thanksgiving Service. All are welcome to learn this new music at practices from 9:25-9:45 at Faith on the Sunday mornings during November.

The Greatest Gift

Mark 12:38-44 When Jesus had sat down opposite the treasury, he was watching how the crowd threw their money into the treasury, and many rich people threw in large sums. A poor widow woman came and threw in two mites which make up half a farthing. He called his disciples and said to them, "This is the truth I tell you--this poor widow woman has thrown in more than all the people who threw money into the treasury, for all of them threw their contributions in out of their abundance, but she out of her lack has thrown in everything that she had, all she had to live on."

Between the Court of the Gentiles and the Court of the Women there was the Gate Beautiful. It may well be that Jesus had gone to sit quietly there after the argument and the tension of the Court of the Gentiles and the discussions in the cloisters. In the Court of the Women there were thirteen collecting boxes called "The Trumpets," because they were so shaped. Each of them was for a special purpose, for instance to buy corn or wine or oil for the sacrifices. They were for contributions for the daily sacrifices and expenses of the Temple. Many people threw in quite considerable contributions. Then came a widow. She flung in two mites. The coin so called was a lepton (Greek #3016), which literally means a thin one. It was the smallest of all coins and was worth one fortieth of one pence. And yet Jesus said that her tiny contribution was greater than all the others, for the others had thrown in what they could spare easily enough and still have plenty left, while the widow had flung in everything she had.

Here is a lesson in giving:

(i) Real giving must be sacrificial. The amount of the gift never matters so much as its cost to the giver, not the size of the gift, but the sacrifice. Real generosity gives until it hurts. For many of us it is a real question if ever our giving to God's work is any sacrifice at all. Few people will do without their pleasures to give a little more to the work of God. It may well be a sign of the decadence of the church and the failure of our Christianity that gifts have to be

coaxed out of church people, and that often they will not give at all unless they get something back in the way of entertainment or of goods. There can, be few of us who read this story without shame.

(ii) Real giving has a certain recklessness in it. The woman might have kept one coin. It would not have been much but it would have been something, yet she gave everything she had. There is a great symbolic truth here. It is our tragedy that there is so often some part of our lives, some part of our activities, some part of ourselves which we do not give to Christ. Somehow there is nearly always something we hold back. We rarely make the final sacrifice and the final surrender.

(iii) It is a strange and lovely thing that the person whom the New Testament and Jesus hand down to history as a pattern of generosity was a person who gave a gift of half a farthing. We may feel that we have not much in the way of material gifts or personal gifts to give to Christ, but, if we put all that we have and are at his disposal, he can do things with it and with us that are beyond our imaginings.

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