

## WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost



### WELCOME FAMILIES!

We are glad that you are worshipping with your children and want you to feel welcome.

There is a “**Pray Ground**” for quiet play in the front right of the sanctuary. We ask that families stay with their little ones and try to keep noise to a minimum.

If you or your little one needs “a break” or “louder play”, there is an “**Active Worship**” room on the West side of the sanctuary. You can see and hear the service from this room.

### GATHERING



The Holy Spirit gathers us together during this time of worship

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*Inviting All to Live the Gospel through Faith, Love, and Compassion*

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### Welcome to Family of Christ

You are welcome to participate in worship this morning  
the way you feel comfortable.

**All Are Welcome, No Exceptions!**  
**Everybody Is Somebody Here**

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### PRELUDE

### WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN “Christ, Be Our Light” ELW #715

### CONFESSION

L: We confess our sins before God and one another.

*Pause for silence and reflection.*

**Merciful Lord, It is so easy, Gifting-God, to diminish the gifts you give us. We keep them hidden under claims of inadequacy; we complain about what we lack and want for more; we believe our gifts are unnecessary or unimportant. God of every good and perfect gift, when we hide, encourage us to be bold in sharing our gifts. When we are wanting, help us to trust in your provision. When we see ourselves as less than, give us the confidence that the talents you give us are just what are needed. Knowing that your mercy covers all our failings and fears, we give ourselves to you.**

### FORGIVENESS

SONG of PRAISE “Change My Heart, O God” ELW #801

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Your servants have gathered, O God, receiving the gifts you have entrusted into our care. We confess that when times are tight, when the stock market is unstable and inflation is high, we are tempted to hide our money and diminish our gifts. Help us to set aside our fears and to trust that when we invest in your kingdom’s work, blessings return to us in ways big and small. We gather to learn, to serve, and to grow in your ways of abundant grace, and ask your blessing for the journey. Amen.

All young and young at heart are invited forward during the Children's time.

## THE WORD



God speaks to us through scripture reading, preaching, and song.

## CHILDREN'S TIME

### CHILDREN'S CHOIR

#### GOSPEL READING:

**Matthew 25:14-30**

Jesus taught "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground.

Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents.

For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

*L: The Gospel of the Lord      C: Thanks be to God*

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Just as I Am (I Come Broken)”

Travis Cottrell

*Just as I am, without one plea  
But that Thy blood was shed for me  
And that Thou bidst me come to Thee  
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!*

*Just as I am, and waiting not To rid my soul of one dark blot  
To Thee whose blood can cleanse each spot  
O Lamb of God I come! I come!*

CHORUS: *I come broken to be mended  
I come wounded to be healed  
I come desperate to be rescued I come empty to be filled  
I come guilty to be pardoned By the blood of Christ the Lamb  
And I'm welcomed with open arms Praise God, just as I am*

*Just as I am, I would be lost  
But mercy and grace my freedom bought  
And now to glory in Your cross O Lamb of God I come! I come!*

CHORUS

*Praise God, just as I am Just as I am*

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*L: Lord, in Your Mercy*

*C: Hear our prayer*

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## THE MEAL

God feeds us with the forgiveness and presence of Christ.



All are invited to receive these gifts of God.

No Exceptions!

Children are welcome to come forward and receive communion or a blessing and Goldfish Crackers.

## THE SENDING

We are blessed and sent out into the world to share God's Love with all people



## Serving Today

Pastor

Brent Erler

Assistant

Dana Sahlin

Musician

Ann Mikiska

Sound and Video

Nathan Blilie

\*Thanks to all those who helped make worship possible.

## HOLY COMMUNION

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### 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 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.

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

### BLESSING

### PRAYER OF GOOD COURAGE (said)

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

### CLOSING HYMN

"Take My Life, That I May Be"

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### SENDING

### POSTLUDE

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