

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

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

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Children of God, when wars and rumors of wars circle all around, Jesus says:

All: Do not be alarmed. This is not the end.

L: When earthquakes, hurricanes, fires, famines, and floods produce chaos and destruction, Jesus says:

All: Do not be alarmed. This is not the end.

L: When misinformation and disinformation try to dismantle relationships of trust in our families, churches, cities, and nation, Jesus says:

All: Do not be alarmed. This is not the end.

L: Children of God, whatever leaves you feeling unsteady, insecure, scared, and confused today--do not be alarmed. This is not the end.

**All: We come to worship God who inscribes our ending,
our beginning, and everything in-between in Love.
Thanks be to God! Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

“Rise Up, O Saints of God!”

ELW #669

CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

L: Let us open our hearts and minds to the truth of our lives, and let us offer that truth to God.

All: O God who loves us, hear our prayer. So often we come to you at a loss – at a loss for the right words, the right deeds, the right feelings. We know all is not right, but we cannot say with certainty what is wrong. There are deep divisions between us and others. There are too many who live in poverty and fear. There are too many horrific stories, and not enough hopeful ones. So we pray to you, our Creator and Redeemer, to make things right, and to make us right with you and each other. Turn us around from that which destroys toward that which heals and brings joy. And hear us again, as we offer you our confession in silence.

SONG OF PRAISE

“Christ, Be Our Light”

ELW #715

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

Continue to strengthen and unify your Church in its struggles against the forces of death in the world and obscures the hope of the new life you offer. This we pray in the name of the Risen Lord, in the power of His Spirit. Amen.

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Elizabeth Streng

SUNDAY SCHOOL SINGING

FIRST READING

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

¹⁷ So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; look, new things have come into being! ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰ So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ: be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake God made the one who knew no sin to be sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

L: The Word of our Lord C: **Thanks Be to God**

THE WORD

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



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GOSPEL READING

John 8:31-36

³¹ Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” ³³ They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free?’”

³⁴ Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶ So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

L: The Good News of our Lord C: Thanks Be to God

MESSAGE

Rev. Larry Streng

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word” ELW #517

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.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOISY OFFERING

Messiah Community Food Shelf

OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

L: then Hear Us

C: Have mercy on us, Lord

HOLY COMMUNION

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



THE SENDING

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



Serving Today

Pastor

Rev. Elizabeth Strenge

Rev. Larry Strenge

Musician

Solveig Englund

Sound and Video

Jeremy Mann

*Thanks to all those who helped make worship possible.

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.**

BLESSING

PRAYER OF GOOD COURAGE

Lord 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

SENDING HYMN

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

ELW #504

POSTLUDE

**Special thanks to
Revs. Elizabeth and Larry Strenge
for leading us in worship today!**

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