

November 10, 2024
25th Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” LOBE DEN HERREN

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SENTENCES Ps. 146:1-2, 5-10

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!
I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God all my life long.
Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
who made heaven and earth, the sea,
and all that is in them,
who executes justice for the oppressed
and gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets prisoners free
and lifts up those who are bowed down.
The Lord watches over the stranger
and upholds the orphan and the widow.
The Lord will reign forever.
Praise the Lord!
Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

+HYMN: GTG #463 “How Firm a Foundation” FOUNDATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us, Lord, when we think too highly of ourselves
and clamor after privilege and honor.
Forgive us, Lord, when we cannot lift our gaze
because we do not believe we have anything to give.
You have given us the best gift of all:
freedom from all that harms us
and the way to abundant life.
Have mercy on our foolishness
and heal our lovesick hearts,
that we may live faithfully for you.
In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

... Remember your baptism and be glad!
Thanks be to God! Amen.

HYMN: GTG #137 “He Came Down” HE CAME DOWN

(The choir will sing this song in its entirety,
then we will sing it a second time all together.)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

... Heal us, O God; make us whole.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

HONORING OUR VETERANS

Children and youth are dismissed to Sunday School

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY “O God, Our Help in Ages Past” ST. ANNE

+RESPONSE: GTG #606 OLD HUNDREDTH
“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from A Brief Statement of Faith
(United States, 1991)

In life and death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.
With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Kings 17:8-16 O.T. page 254
God feeds Elijah and the widow

PSALM Psalm 146
Help and hope come from God

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.
The LORD shall reign forever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Hebrews 9:24-28 N.T. page 175
The sacrifice of Christ

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 12:38-44 N.T. page 38
A widow's generosity

RESPONSE TO SCRIPTURE Ps. 112:1
Happy are those who delight in God’s word. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM “Lord, Make Us Holy and Pure” Parker / Lantz III

SERMON Rev. Bill Pinches
“I Will Praise the Lord as Long as I Live!”

+HYMN: GTG #363 “Rejoice, the Lord Is King!” DARWALL’S 148TH

+CHARGE
... trusting God to supply your every need. **Amen.**

+BLESSING
... until the coming of God’s joyous reign. **Alleluia!**

+CHORAL BENEDICTION “God Be with You” GOD BE WITH YOU

POSTLUDE “Waltz No. 15” Brahms

*You are invited to join us
for fellowship and refreshments
after worship in the Memorial Room.
It is not necessary to remain seated during the postlude.*

SERVING US TODAY

Liturgist: Katharine Wise
Greeters: Vicki Drown and Nancy Sue MacDonald
Next Week’s Greeters: Susan Chien and Marge Welch
Sound: Marty Subject
Livestream: Tami Chapman
Security: Barry Chapman

Today’s flowers are given by
Mary Garland Jackson and Rex Hauser
in memory of
Sharon Shouse and Sandy Hernandez

<u>BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK</u>			
Suzanne Caltrider	Nov. 10	Ginnie Gibson	Nov. 12
Kyle McGonigal	Nov. 15	Jason Blonshine	Nov. 16

CHURCH HISTORY IN MINIATURE

#7: Pentecost (part 2):

A 500-year-old prophecy from the prophet Joel is fulfilled when the disciples of Jesus begin talking in real languages they did not previously know. (*Acts 2:5-21*)

THE STUDY CATECHISM

Question 31. What do you affirm when you confess your faith in Jesus Christ as “our Lord”?

That having been raised from the dead he reigns with compassion and justice over all things in heaven and on earth, especially over those who confess him by faith; and that by loving and serving him above all else, I give glory and honor to God.

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Class of 2024: Donna Hujsak (*Secretary*), Issie Nielsen, Camille Subject.

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Class of 2026: Ron Dlouhy (*Treasurer*), Bill Leutscher, Sandy Leutscher, Nancy Sue MacDonald, Laurie McGonigal

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today	Adult Sunday School (<i>The Chosen</i>)	11:30 am
Tuesday	Friends!	3:30 pm
	Worship and Music Committee	6:00 pm
Wednesday	Lunch Packing for Advent House	10:15 am
	Parish Life Committee	12:00 pm
	Prayer Fellowship (in the Chapel)	12:00 pm
	Wonderful Wednesday (children/youth)	4:00 pm
	NO Wednesday Night Dinner this week	
	Bell Choir Rehearsal	6:30 pm
	Choir Rehearsal	7:10 pm
Thursday	Finance Committee	8:00 am
	Spiritual Growth Committee	6:00 pm
	Bridge Builders Task Force	6:15 pm
Thu. / Fri.	Rummage Sale	9:00 am—5:00 pm
Friday	Church Office closed / Pastor’s Sabbath	
Saturday	Fall Yard and Garden Clean Up	9:00 am
	Yarners	10:00 am

This week’s birthdays are listed on the preceding page

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*Prophet Elijah with the Widow of Zarephath and her Son
by Abraham van Dijck, c. 1650-1672*

*A warm and caring Christ-centered community of faith,
actively serving and nurturing one another and our neighbors,
embracing diversity, and fostering spiritual growth*