

# Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

## November 10, 2024



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*Bethany's Mission Statement: Reaching out in Worship, Fellowship, Learning and Love - we are God's people.*

We are so glad you chose to worship with us this morning. We hope everyone feels welcome as we strive to serve and strengthen each other in faith toward God and in love toward all. Now, as you wait for the service to begin, please relax, enjoy the music, and quiet your heart before God.

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*ELW indicates that hymns or liturgy are taken from Evangelical Lutheran Worship-red hymnal*

## PRELUDE

Welcome, Announcements, Celebration Bank

*(money given to Human Concerns Fund)*

## We Gather to Acknowledge God's Presence

*(Please stand)*

### 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.

*(Silence is kept for reflection.)*

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.**

*(Please stand)*

### OPENING HYMN

*"For the Fruit of All Creation"*

ELW Hymn 679

### GREETING

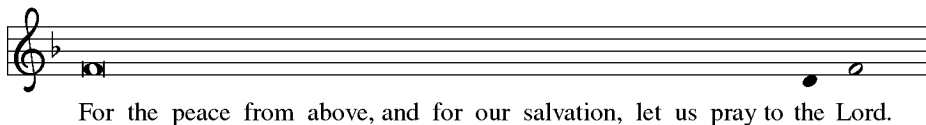
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

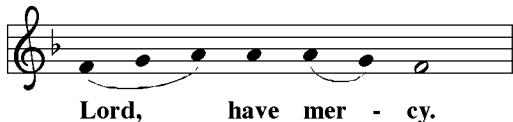
# Kyrie



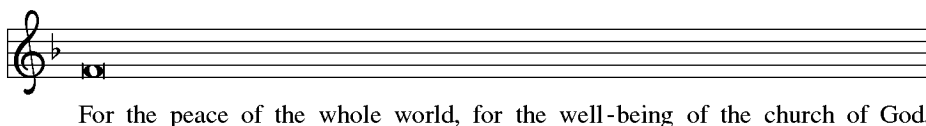
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



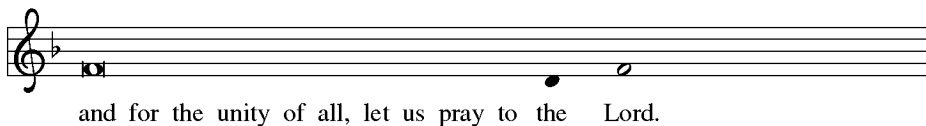
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



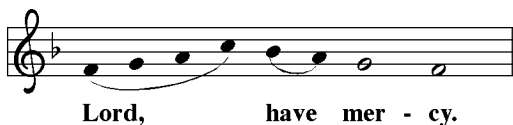
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



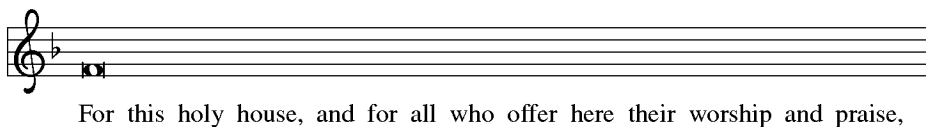
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



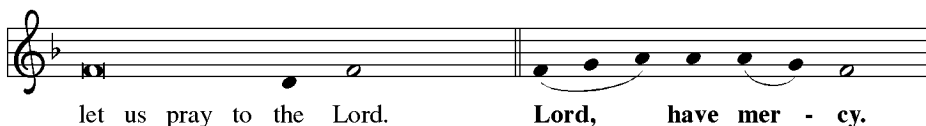
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



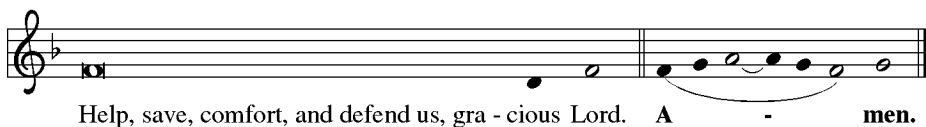
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

# Hymn of Praise

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.


*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Final refrain*

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: **O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

## We Listen to God's Word

*(Please be seated)*

### FIRST READING

**1 Kings 17: 8-16**

<sup>8</sup>The word of the LORD came to [Elijah,] saying, <sup>9</sup>“Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” <sup>10</sup>So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.” <sup>11</sup>As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” <sup>12</sup>But she said, “As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.” <sup>13</sup>Elijah said to her, “Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. <sup>14</sup>For thus says the LORD the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the LORD sends rain on the earth.” <sup>15</sup>She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. <sup>16</sup>The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

L: Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

**C: I will praise the LORD as long as I live;  
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

L: Put not your trust in rulers,  
in mortals in whom there is no help.

**C: When they breathe their last, they return to earth,  
and in that day their thoughts perish.**

L: 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.

**C: The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are  
bowed down;  
the LORD loves the righteous.**

L: The LORD cares for the stranger;  
the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the  
wicked.

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

## SECOND READING

## Hebrews 9: 24-28

<sup>24</sup> Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. <sup>25</sup> Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; <sup>26</sup> for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. <sup>27</sup> And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, <sup>28</sup> so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

L: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand)*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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

C: **Glory to you, O Lord**

## GOSPEL

Mark 12: 38-44

<sup>38</sup> 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, <sup>39</sup> and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! <sup>40</sup> They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

<sup>41</sup> He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. <sup>42</sup> A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. <sup>43</sup> Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. <sup>44</sup> For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

L: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*(Please be seated)*

## SERMON

*Todd Chelf*

*(Please stand)*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*“Day By Day”*

ELW Hymn 790



# We Respond to God's Word

## THE APOSTLES' CREED *(unison)*

**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.**

*(Please Stand)*

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

**P:** The peace of the Lord be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

*(Please be seated)*

## THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

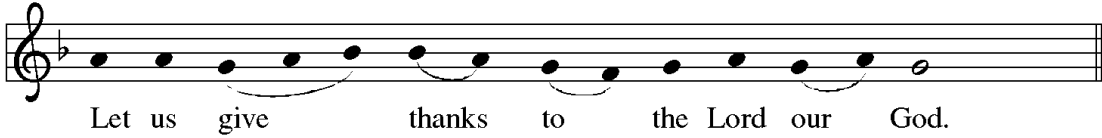
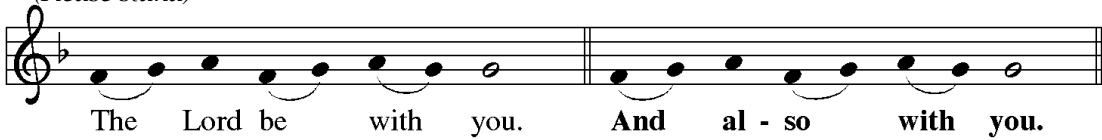
*Each petition concludes:*

**P:** Merciful God,

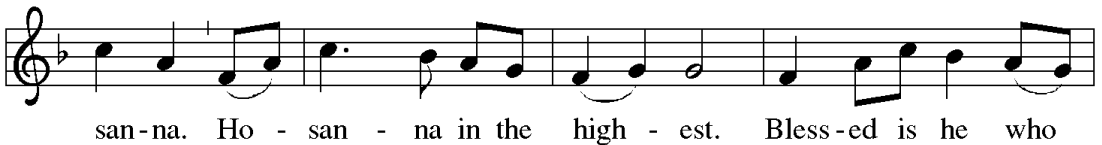
**C:** **receive our prayer.**

# We Share in the Holy Meal

*(Please stand)*



P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...  
...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



# WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## THE LORD'S PRAYER *(unison)*

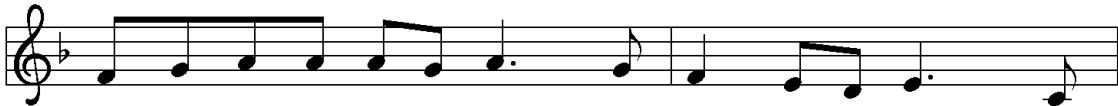
Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Behold, God is making all things new. Take your place in the new creation.

*(Please be seated)*

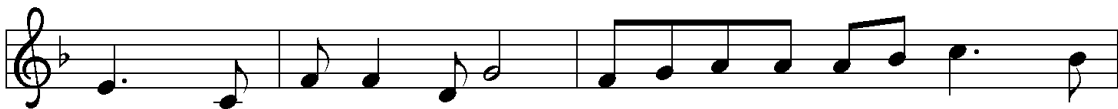
## LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.



## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Lector:	Pam Taylor
Usher:	Susan Swanson
Communion:	Scott & Jan Creighton
Greeters:	Lynda Johnson
Missionary Support:	Open
Altar Flowers:	Deb Hoxie
Remember in prayer:	Eleonore Benninghoven, Marian Chaddock, Jim & Bev Felland

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A Cry Room for infants is available up the stairs and to the right.  
There are Kids Celebrate children's bulletins available for youngsters  
who'd like to have their own reference to the lessons for this week.  
Ask our usher for help.

Please join us for coffee and donuts in the fellowship  
hall following the worship service. We would like to  
get to know you and offer our friendship.

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## ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Today:	<b>Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost</b>
	9:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion
	<b>10:15 a.m. Church Life</b>
	<b>10:15 a.m. Lighted Holiday Parade meeting</b>
	10:55 a.m. Lutheran Church of Hope Service
<b>Monday:</b>	<b>6:30 p.m. Property Meeting</b>
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>6:30 p.m. Joint Council mtg @ Messiah</b>
<b>Thursday:</b>	9:30 a.m. Bible Study @ Messiah Lutheran Church
	<b>6:00 p.m. Exec. Comm. Mtg.</b>
	<b>6:30 p.m. Finance mtg.</b>
<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast</b>
Next Sunday:	<b>Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost</b>
	9:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion
	10:55 a.m. Lutheran Church of Hope Service

## PASTOR MISHA ON VACATION

Pastor Misha is on vacation, starting Friday, Nov 8-Tues., Nov. 12. She will return on Wed., Nov. 13. If you have a pastoral emergency while she is away, please contact Pastor Nathaniel Adkins from First Lutheran in Fairfield. He can be reached at 641-458-4516.

## BICYCLE DRIVE

You may have noticed the red envelopes in the pews! Our Annual Bicycle Drive has started! To donate, place your donation inside a red envelope with the bicycle on it

and drop in the offering plate on Sunday! Last day to donate for the Bike Drive is November 24! Thank you for your generosity!

**OUTREACH FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS**

For November, food donations will be “Holiday helpers”! Items you would use for a holiday meal (dry goods), example: boxed stuffing, pie filling, green beans, cookie mixes, etc... Thank you all for your generosity!

**POINSETTIA ORDERS**

It’s that time of the year again! Poinsettia orders will be starting today (Sunday, Nov. 10)! Order forms will be provided in your bulletins until Sunday, December 1. Plants will be \$17.50 each. Order forms are also available in the November issue of the Chimes. Extra order forms will also be available in the office. Deadline to order is Sunday, December 1.

**HAT AND MITTEN TREE**

We have filled our tree with lots of hats and mittens! The hat and mitten tree will come down this weekend and be distributed to local schools next week! Thank you so much for your generosity!

**ANGEL TREE**

As the hat and mitten tree comes down this weekend, the angel tree will go up! This Sunday will start the angel tree! Please choose an angel (or angels), from the tree to fulfill the wish on the tag. Return your gift in a sack, with the angel tag, and place under the tree. All angel tree tags and gifts must be under the tree by December 11.

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