



TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, November 19, 2023



The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God
in thanksgiving for and in celebration of the life of LeAnna Walton

As you enter the nave—our worship space—we ask that you remember this room is holy: Set apart for prayer and praise. Please enter this space with reverence and keep silence, so that you may quiet your mind and be prepared for worship.

H82 is the shorter hymnal which says “The Hymnal 1982” on the front and spine.
ELW is the slightly taller hymnal which says “Worship” on the spine.

PRELUDE

All stand as the bell is tolled.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“O Crist, the Word Incarnate”

H82 #632

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

in front section of H82 #S 280

All **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

All **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

All

Amen

—

All are seated.

FIRST READING: Zephaniah 1:7,12-18

Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is at hand; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, “The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm.” Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

Reader

The Word of the Lord

All

Thanks be God

Psalm 90:1-8, 12

- 1 Lord, you have been our refuge *
from one generation to another.
- 2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born, *
from age to age you are God.
- 3 You turn us back to the dust and say, *
"Go back, O child of earth."
- 4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past *
and like a watch in the night.
- 5 You sweep us away like a dream; *
we fade away suddenly like the grass.
- 6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; *
in the evening it is dried up and withered.
- 7 For we consume away in your displeasure; *
we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.
- 8 Our iniquities you have set before you, *
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
- 12 So teach us to number our days *
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Reader The Word of the Lord
All Thanks be God

— *All stand.*

GRADUAL HYMN ***"God, Whose Giving Know No Ending"*** **ELW #678**

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
All **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus said, "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.'"

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**
— *All are seated at the invitation of the preacher.*

SERMON *Rev. Dr. Jim Bullion*
— *A moment of silence and reflection is observed. All stand with the Presider.*

NICENE CREED
All **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father, through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

— *All stand or kneel.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

After each petition

Intercessor Hear us, O God,

All **Your Mercy is Great.**
The Presider adds a concluding Collect. All respond 'Amen'.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
Silence is kept for reflection.

All **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

All **Amen**
— *All stand.*

PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**
The congregation is invited to greet one another with the peace of Christ.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY

Alms basins will be passed during the Offertory. If you don't carry cash or a check, you can give online at our website, or by texting "give" to 229.384.0050. Thank you for your generosity!

— *All stand.*

OFFERTORY CANTICLE *"Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow"* *Old Hundreth*
All **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. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING – PREFACE

Presider The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, ...for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

GREAT THANKSGIVING – SANCTUS *in front section of H82 #S 125*

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

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

— *All stand or kneel.*

GREAT THANKSGIVING – EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B *BCP pg. 368*

Presider We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness...Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All **We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;**

Presider And we offer our sacrifice of praise...all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

All **AMEN**

LORD'S PRAYER

Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All **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**

FRACTION ANTHEM *"My Flesh Is Food Indeed"* *in front section of H82 #S 169*

Cantor My flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed, says the Lord.

All **My flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed, says the Lord.**

Cantor Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood dwell in me, and I in them.

All **My flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed, says the Lord.**

INVITATION

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

— *All are seated.*

HOLY COMMUNION

At the direction of the ushers, you are invited to come forward to receive Holy Communion from the center aisle. Please place your hands open in front of you to receive the bread. If you wish to receive wine from the common cup (chalice) or if you wish to receive it by having the bread dipped and placed on your tongue (intinction) by the Chalice Administrator, please move to the Chalice Administrator standing off to either side. You may either stand or kneel at the Altar rail for the Chalice.

COMMUNION HYMN I

"On Jordan's Stormy Bank I Stand"

ELW #437

COMMUNION HYMN II

"Once He Came in Blessing"

H82 #53

— *All stand at the direction of the Presider.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Presider Let us pray.

All **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen**

BLESSING

The Presider proclaims God's blessing. All respond 'Amen'.

RECESSIONAL HYMN:

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

H82 #680

DISMISSAL

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Please join us for fellowship in the Parish Hall next door following the worship service.

PARISH SCHEDULE

Nov. 19	25 Pent. Holy Eucharist	10:00 AM
	Worship Committee Meeting	11:00 AM
	Thanksgiving Baskets Packing	11:00 AM
Nov. 20	Men's Steak Night	6:00 PM
Nov. 26	Christ the King Holy Eucharist	10:00 AM
Nov. 27	St. Clare's Kitchen	10:00 AM
Nov. 30	Advent Wreath Making	5:30 PM
Dec. 1	Parents Night Out	5:30 PM

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING OUTREACH | BOXES FOR LIBERTY HOUSE FAMILIES.

Thank you to everyone who brought items for the boxes. Help is needed to pack boxes after the service today. They will be delivered on Nov. 20th.

THANKSGIVING DINNER AT THE CHURCH | Bring your family, favorite side dishes and desserts! Ann and Bill Young will be hosting Thanksgiving Dinner for anyone who would like to join them at 3:00 PM on Thanksgiving Day. The Young's will furnish the turkey.

GREENERY FOR CHRISTMAS | We need donations of Christmas Greenery for making decorations, Advent Wreaths, etc. all during the Advent season. Please leave your donations outside the kitchen door beginning Sunday, Nov. 26th.

FAMILY ADVENT WREATH MAKING and DINNER | Thursday, Nov. 30th from 5:30 – 7:30. Includes dinner, wreath making and learning an Advent song! If you have clippers that cut through greenery and wire, please bring them. If you have your own Advent Wreath frame, feel free to bring that as well. We will have frames and all greenery for you to make a beautiful addition to your home holiday observance!

PARENTS NIGHT OUT | Friday, Dec. 1, 5:30 – 8:00 PM Parents! Do you need to shop or just have a quiet dinner out? Drop your kiddos off at the church. They will have a pizza dinner, make a craft item, play games, watch a movie and sing some songs. They will have fun and you will get a break!

PARISH PHOTOS - Tony Moreschi, our Parish Photographer, are taking pictures for our Church Directory. Please sign up for a photo session with Tony. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the parish hall.

ST. PATRICK'S CHOIR | Would you like a place in the Choir? Choir practice is at 6pm on Wednesdays and 9:15 am Sunday mornings, and all are welcome. Come and sing with us – we have a seat for you!

NURSERY | Our Nursery is available during the Sunday morning service on the first (1st) and third (3rd) Sundays of each month.

FLOWER GUILD | Do you like to arrange flowers, or would you like to learn how? Become a part of the Flower Guild! No experience necessary! If interested, talk with Celie Hogue or Trish Moreschi.

BACK FORTY | The Men of the Back Forty are looking for volunteers to help with the ground maintenance. If you are able, please contact Joe Wingard.

GIRL SCOUTS | Troop 40276 meets on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month from 12 noon until 2pm in the Parish Hall.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH | Every Sunday at 10a during the first half of our worship service children are invited to Sunday School in the Children's Classroom of the Parish Hall building. Here they will learn and do activities related to the lessons for that Sunday, and then they will return to worship with us beginning at the Offertory!

NOVEMBER CELEBRATIONS

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARY:

2nd – Riley Driggers **4th** – Ellie Driggers **6th** – Thomas Clements **16th** – Mallory Driggers **28th** – Bryce Northrop

BIRTHDAY:

2nd – Jennifer Combs **3rd** – Mary Gillespie **4th** – Jerra McDonald, Lindsey Stewart **13th** – Gretchen Hogue, Barbara Strickland **18th** – Avi Jones **19th** – Jim Durham **23rd** – Mallory Driggers **24th** – Lisa Schexnayder **25th** – Tom Voth **28th** – Sharyn Davis, Donna Timmons **30th** – Dale Schexnayder

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:

5th – Alan & Jean White **6th** – Jim & Melody Sheffield **7th** – James & Amanda Clements **18th** – Tom & Mary Shapard **28th** – Joe & Sandy Wingard.

KEEP IN PRAYER

Family of Arden Bramlett, Michael, Michael, Malcolm, Crystal Webb, Martha Holloway, Ray M., Bonnie Hough, Donna Timmons, Frank Acosta, Jan Ranew, Dante Walker, Doris Alley, Cheryl Girtman, Susan Cochran, Lana Blackwell, Bill Nordstrom, Hugh Waters, Christopher Bevington, Sue Jerina, Julie Bravo, Missy Simmons, Myra Hundley, Jeff Williamson, Michael Brunson, Stephen J., Butch Tiell, Elsbeth Hebert, the Wingo Family, Vivian Fleming, M. Johnson, David Hogue, Shavonya Wade, Steve Williams, Gary Shafer, Sue Young, Ann Young, Jackie Powell, Steve & Nancy Jackson, Michael Price, Steve Tanner, Jessica Thompson, Micki Hundley Addleman, Donna Prescott, Savannah Esway, Jay Howard & Family, Jim Howard, Al Seely-Wilson, and Evie Tsisis.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

COFFEE HOUR:

ALTAR GUILD

NURSERY ATTENDANTS:

OFFERTORY BEARERS:

GREETERS:

USHERS:

A/V TEAM:

READERS:

ACOLYTES:

THURIFER:

CHALICE ADMINISTRATOR:

VERGER:

TODAY

Volunteers

Jane Braun, Adia and Donna
Sakura-Lemessy

Marian White and Toyin Okafor

Teresa and Patton Jones

Joyce Bridges-Judkins

Jim Kempf, Steve Kender

Lucas Wingard

Tracey Stringer

Daniella Okafor

Sam Stringer, Lamon Branad

Carolyn Brunson

NEXT SUNDAY

Aida and Bob Cerney

Mary Shapard, Sonny LaFontaine

Aida and Bob Cerney

Aida Cerney

Tracey and Sam Stringer

Lucas Wingard

Joyce Bridges-Judkins

Bob Baranko

Riley Driggers

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Carolyn Brunson

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VESTRY

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