

THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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WELCOME

We're glad you're here and want you to feel comfortable!

WHAT TO EXPECT

The service is printed here except for hymns which are found in the blue hymnal in the pew. Join in as you're comfortable.

FOR FAMILIES

Children are welcome here! We know and Jesus knows that little kids have a hard time sitting quietly sometimes. They are still welcome here. Jesus said: Let the little children come to me! If needed, the entryway has audio so you can still participate.

NEED HELP?

Ask anyone—we're glad to help.
Pastors Boettcher and Peil would love to meet you - please introduce yourself!

HOLY COMMUNION

If you're a visitor today, please see our note to you about Holy Communion on page 8.

Thanks for being with us. God bless you through His Word.

THE CLOSING SCENE

It's the final scene on this planet and it gives us comfort, joy and understanding. We know our destiny and we know our purpose as the children of God, redeemed by the Lord Jesus Christ! Let your heart be joyed as you think about welcoming Jesus for the closing scene.

The Christian Church year ends as it began - under the gracious rule and reign of the Lord Jesus. In two weeks, we begin the journey again, through Bethlehem and onto Jerusalem, watching, wondering, being changed and strengthened in faith that we might trust Him and honor Him with our lives until we see Him again.

A PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

This is Your day, Lord, and we will praise You.
This is Your day and we will declare Your name.
This is your day, and we will worship our risen Savior and our King! Amen.

THE DIVINE SERVICE

*The congregation speaks and sings the words in **BOLD** type.*

HYMN 561 STANZAS 1+2 Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea;
a great High Priest whose name is Love,
who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands,
my name is written on his heart.
I know that while in heav'n he stands
no tongue can bid me thence depart,
no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair
and tells me of the guilt within,
upward I look and see him there
who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died,
my sinful soul is counted free;
for God the just is satisfied
to look on him and pardon me,
to look on him and pardon me.

INVOCATION

We call on the NAME that saves, the royal name of our everlasting God and King, the name given to us when we were baptized, confident that where two or three come together in His name, He is right there with them.

Please stand at the minister's direction if you are able

In the name of the Father and of the Son ✙ and of the Holy Spirit. *Matthew 28:19*
Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

We come in repentance before His throne and receive PARDON from the King

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. *1 John 1:8*

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:9*

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,
I am sinful by nature
and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.
I have not loved you with my whole heart;
I have not loved others as I should.
I deserve your punishment both now and forever.
But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins
with his innocent suffering and death.
Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

silence for reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✙ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY *At peace by forgiveness, we ask the King to give us everything we need in the mercy that marks His reign*

In peace let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

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

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 mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE *Awash in forgiveness, grace and mercy, we are standing before the throne to sing of the One who has opened the way to the throne of God and made us His.*

Behold him there, the risen Lamb,
my perfect, spotless righteousness,
the great unchangeable I am,
the King of glory and of grace.
At one with him, I cannot die;
my soul is purchased by his blood.
My life is hid with Christ on high,
with Christ my Savior and my God,
with Christ my Savior and my God.

HYMN 561, ST 3

PRAYER OF THE DAY *We ask our King for gifts based on the promises we hear in His Word today and confess that He LIVES and REIGNS as King, now and forever.*

The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*
And also with you.

Let us pray.

Eternal God, merciful Father, you have appointed your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of his return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for your own from the foundation of the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated.

THE WORD OF GOD

The royal decrees from the throne of the King read to his people

FIRST READING — Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

The prophet Daniel sees a vision of the Last Judgment that is filled with fire and thrones and books...and a Savior who will establish an everlasting kingdom.

As I looked, thrones were set in place,
and the Ancient of Days took his seat.
His clothing was as white as snow;
the hair of his head was white like wool.
His throne was flaming with fire,
and its wheels were all ablaze.
A river of fire was flowing,
coming out from before him.
Thousands upon thousands attended him;
ten thousand times ten thousand stood
before him. The court was seated,
and the books were opened."

"In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING — 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

St. Paul gives us the encouragement that when Christ comes again he shall raise the dead, and death shall be forever ended.

Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

BEFORE YOU I KNEEL

This anthem is sung by members of the Prince of Peace Junior Choir.

Before you I kneel, my Master and Maker,
to offer the work of my hands.
For this is the day you've given your servant;
I will rejoice and be glad
for the strength I have to live and breathe,
for each skill your grace has given me,

for the needs and opportunities
that will glorify your great name.

Before you I kneel and ask for your goodness
to cover the work of my hands,
for patience and peace to shape all my labor;
your grace for thorns in my path.
Flow within me like a living stream;
wear away the stones of pride and greed,
till your ways are dwelling deep in me
and a harvest of life is grown.

Before you we kneel, our Master and Maker;
establish the work of our hands,
and order our steps to seek first your kingdom
in ev'ry small and great task.
May we live the gospel of your grace,
serve your purpose in our fleeting days,
then our lives will bring eternal praise
and all glory to your great name.

Please stand

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 25:31-46

This lesson is the basis of the sermon this morning.

When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

"Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

"Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'

"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

"Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.'

"They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?'

"He will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.'

"Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to You, O Christ!

Be seated.

HYMN 487 | Lo! He Comes With Clouds Descending

SERMON

Please stand

APOSTLES' CREED *We confess to one another and to our King that we believe that He made us, won us for His own by coming into human flesh and dying and rising for us, and that He has called us into His Kingdom of grace and life by His Holy Spirit. We speak back to the King what He has told us to His great praise and to keep us grounded in His great saving truth.*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Be seated

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power for ever and ever!
Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory.

You are worthy, O Christ our King, to receive honor and glory and praise, for you created all things and by your will they were created and have their being.
Alleluia! For our Lord God Almighty reigns!

You are worthy, O Christ our King, to receive honor and glory and praise because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased us for God. From every tribe and language and people and nation, you have called us into your kingdom and have made us priests to serve you, our God and Father.
Help us live as royal priests.

We give thanks to you, O Christ our Shepherd-King, because you have searched for us and found us. Lead us to the green pastures and quiet waters of your saving love, so that we may enjoy peace and comfort for our souls.
Heal our hearts when they are broken.
Strengthen us when we are weak.

We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, because you have taken your great power and have begun to reign. Come with your mighty power to break and defeat every evil plan and purpose of the devil. Use your power to calm unrest among nations and peoples so that your kingdom may spread

and grow.

Strengthen our confidence in knowing that your kingdom will never be destroyed.

O Christ our King, you have supremacy over all. You will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity. You have destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Reign in our hearts that we may serve you more faithfully and speak more boldly to others of your saving love.

Praise be to the Lord God, who alone does marvelous deeds. May the whole earth be filled with his glory.

We pray for… Mike and Joeleen Jones, Betty Moser, John Farrel (all with health struggles), Judy (Nancy Brandt's sister in cancer treatment), Brent's son and baby Gentri (both in need of transplant), Jean Beifuss (recovering from surgery), Corina Huff (sister of Brandon Huff with bladder cancer), Sam Traugott (Al Perry's sister preparing for open heart surgery), Jaqueline Allbee (Joe Fraser's mother in hospice care)

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

Look, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him. The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign for ever and ever, King of kings and Lord of lords.

The Lord God Almighty reigns! Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory!

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.

OFFERING

Moved by God's love in Christ, we return to God our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to Him.

There is an offering plate in the entry way for those who wish to give in that way.

One time or recurring GIFTS can be given through an account on our app: Church Center (QR Code on the left.)

*Or, for a one time gift, text **Give + dollar amount (example: Give$5)** to **1 (844) 791-0302**. You'll receive a link to follow in response.*

A NOTE TO OUR GUESTS

Children and those who are not communicant members of our church may come forward for a blessing. Those who do are asked to cross their arms on their chest to indicate this.

Prince of Peace practices closed communion, because the Bible teaches it and because we love you. That means we ask that only members of Prince of Peace or other congregations in our fellowship take the Lord's Supper this morning. This is not a judgment of anyone's faith, it is simply our desire to uphold what God says in 1 Corinthians 10 and 11 about who should receive Holy Communion and how. Because we believe from these words that Jesus' body and blood is really present in and with the bread and wine, we want to be sure that it is received in the manner He has commanded us.

Please speak to Pastor Boettcher or Pastor Peil about communing with us in the future if you're not part of our congregation. **Thank you for your understanding!**

THE SACRAMENT

THE KING SERVES A FORETASTE OF THE ROYAL BANQUET OF HEAVEN

Stand

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.



THE WORDS OF OUR LORD JESUS

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my ✙ body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my ✙ blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Amen.



Be seated

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

HYMN 696 Take My Life and Let It Be

HYMN 748 Brothers, Sisters, Let Us Gladly

After the distribution, the minister speaks this blessing:

The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you to life everlasting. Go in peace. Your + sins are forgiven.
Amen.

Please stand

PRAYER

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;
His mercy endures forever. *Psalm 118:1*

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. *1 Corinthians 11:26*

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

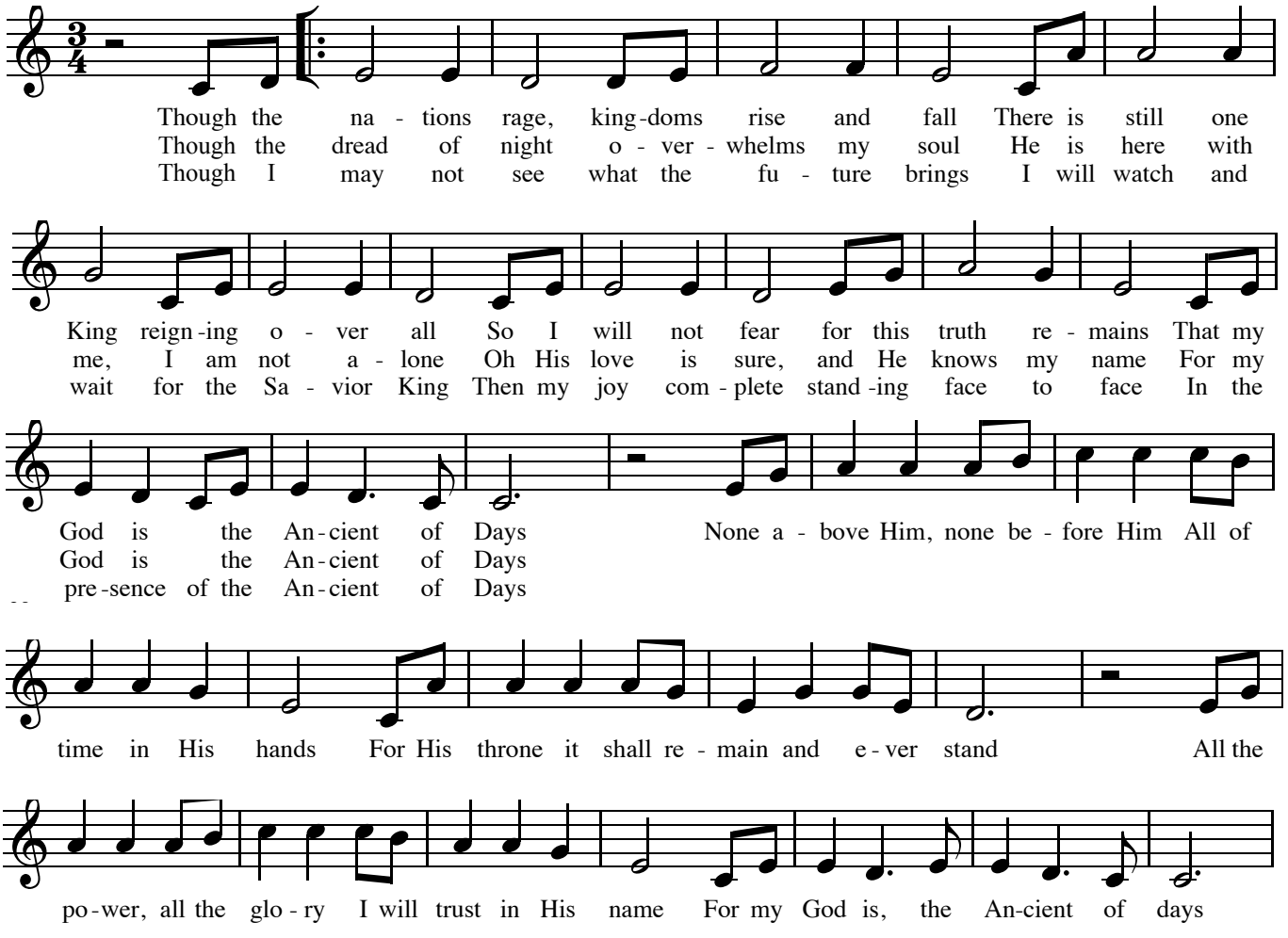
BLESSING *Fed with the bread of God for the journey, we receive the King's NAME again before we go. He is for us and with us to bless us. And God's people say, AMEN!*

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and ✙ give you peace.
Amen.

Be seated

CLOSING HYMN | ANCIENT OF DAYS *words and music by City Alight*

The soloist will sing the first verse, the congregation is invited to join in singing for verses 2 and 3.



We thank our Lord for Ali Wiedmann, Chandra Lange and our Junior Choir for their gifts used to serve us our Savior with music this morning!