

Sunday November 10, 2024

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost



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MISSION STATEMENT

*We will **LIVE** and **SERVE** through **FAITH**
we will **ACT** with **LOVE** and **KINDNESS**
we will **GIVE** hope and **SUPPORT** to all.*

CALL TO WORSHIP: “Lord I Lift Your Name on High” #857 ELW

Lord, I lift Your name on high.

Lord, I love to sing Your praises.

I'm so glad You're in my life.

I'm so glad You came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth to show the way.

From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay.

From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky.

Lord I lift Your name on high.

(Repeat 3 times)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER & CARE LIST: Ron & Jan Aho, Carol Bakken.

COFFEE SERVERS NEEDED Please sign up so we may continue to enjoy coffee & fellowship after service. The signup sheet is on the bulletin board mounted in the Fellowship Hall next to the serving window.

TREATS NEEDED FOR THE FREEZER If you can't sign up for Sunday Hospitality, please bring some treats to keep in the freezer.

LECTORS NEEDED If you can't sign up for Sunday Hospitality, please bring some treats to keep in the freezer.

RAFFLE BASKET this month's raffle basket for supporting Villages of Hope in Zambia. A tree fell onto the roof of the community center causing \$20,000 worth of damage. The raffle basket includes a casserole dish, 4 placemats, 4 napkins with decorative rings and 2 lbs. of Ray's Wild Rice. \$1/ticket or free will offering.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S CLUB will meet on November 21st at 12:30pm at Tulibee Tavern in Wahkon. Luncheon and a speaker, \$15.75. See more details on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Call Lois Johnson for reservations: 320-674-0136.

COFFEE FOR THE PANTRY It's that time of year when we ask every coffee drinking family to bring one can of coffee for the pantry so we can continue to enjoy hospitality after worship service every Sunday.

THIS WEEK AT Bethesda November 11, 2024 – November 17, 2024

Monday	11/11	9:00 am	Women's Devotion
		10:00 am	Property Meeting
		11:30 am	Cards
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	11/12	9:00 am	Chair Yoga
		4:00 pm	Bell Practice
		5:30 pm	Choir Practice
		5:45 pm	Cantata Practice
		6:30 pm	Praise Team Practice
Wednesday	11/13	9:00 am	Women's Bible Study
Thursday	11/14	8:00 am	Romeos
		9:15 am	Chair Yoga
Sunday	11/17	9:00 am	Worship in Person & live stream

OPENING HYMN: "Our God is an Awesome God" CCLI# 41099
(Please Stand on the last Verse)

Chorus **Our God is an awesome God,
 He reigns from heaven above
 with wisdom, power, and love.
 Our God is an awesome God (repeat)**

When He rolls up His sleeve, he ain't just puttin' on the Ritz
Our God is an awesome God
There's thunder in His footsteps and lightning in His fists
Our God is an awesome God.
And the Lord wasn't jokin' when He kicked them out of Eden.
It wasn't for no reason that He shed His blood.
His return is very close and so you better be believing
That our God is an awesome God

Chorus **Our God is an awesome God,
 He reigns from heaven above**

with wisdom, power, and love.

Our God is an awesome God

And when the sky was starless in the void of the night

Our God is an awesome God.

He spoke into the darkness and created the light.

Our God is an awesome God.

The judgment and the wrath He poured out on Sodom

The mercy and the grace He gave us at the cross

I hope that we have not too quickly forgotten

That our God is an awesome God

Chorus **Our God is an awesome God,**

He reigns from heaven above

with wisdom, power, and love.

Our God is an awesome God (repeat 3 times)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our refuge, our delight, our beginning and our end.

Amen.

Let us come in truth before the one who loves us and has freed us from our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection

Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,

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.

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.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

PRAISE TEAM ANTHEM: “Lord Regn in Me”

SCRIPTURE

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 17:8-16

⁸ The word of the LORD came to [Elijah,] saying, ⁹ “Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” ¹⁰ 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.” ¹¹ As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” ¹² 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.” ¹³ 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. ¹⁴ 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.” ¹⁵ She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶ 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.

Word of God, Word of Life. Thanks be to God

PSALM: Psalm 146

¹ Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

² **I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

³ Put not your trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there is no help.

⁴ **When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish.**

⁵ Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help, whose hope is in the LORD their God;

⁶ **who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps promises forever;**

⁷ who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger. The LORD sets the captive free.

⁸ **The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.**

⁹ The LORD cares for the stranger; the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

¹⁰ **The LORD shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

SECOND READING: Hebrews 9:24-28

²⁴ 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. ²⁵ 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; ²⁶ 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. ²⁷ And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, ²⁸ 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.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL: Mark 12:38-44

Glory to you, O Lord

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

⁴¹ He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴² A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³ 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. ⁴⁴ 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.”

The gospel of the Lord ~ **Praise to you, O Christ**

SERMON

SERMON HYMN: “Blessed Be Your Name” CCLI# 1755602

Blessed be Your name, In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow, Blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness, Blessed be Your name.

Chorus Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord... Still I will say
Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your glorious name.

Blessed be Your name, When the sun's shining down on me,
When the world's all as it should be, Blessed be Your name,
Blessed be Your name, on the road marked with suffering,
Though there's pain in the offering, Blessed be Your name.

Chorus Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord... Still I will say
Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your glorious name.

You give and take away, You give and take away
My heart will choose to say, Lord blessed be Your name.
You give and take away, You give and take away
My heart will choose to say, Lord blessed be Your name.

Chorus Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord... Still I will say
Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your glorious name.

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.

PRAYERS of INTERCESSION

Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Renew your church, O God. Make us servants to one another for the sake of the gospel. Instill a heart for service and a passion for justice in our bishops, deacons, pastors, and lay leaders (*local church leaders may be named*). Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Renew your creation, O God. Sustain the earth and seas and all that is in them. Kindle in us a reverent awe for all creatures great and small, and strengthen us in our pursuit of climate justice. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Renew the nations, O God. Heal our nation's veterans from the unseen wounds of war. Tend to their trauma and soothe burdened consciences. Guide leaders of the world to end conflicts (*current places of war and conflict may be named*) and pursue peace. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Renew your people, O God. Protect those in our communities who are vulnerable or ill (*especially*). Accompany persons who are unemployed or underemployed, children who are in foster care, and those who live alone. Watch over and uphold them. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Renew this congregation, O God. Give us clarity in our mission and boldness in our witness. Bless our ministries that attend to basic needs of any who lack sufficient resources, that all may live with dignity. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Happy are those whose help was in you. We give thanks for all your faithful ones who praised you as their God all their life long. As we eagerly wait for you, inspire us by their lives of service. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please be seated for the passing of the offering plate.

OFFERING - *Please stand as the ushers bring the offering to the altar.*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup,
you offered yourself in love for the world, and in this meal you nourish us with your life. Fill us with your abundance, that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger, trusting in your name. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER ~ Lead by the Praise Team

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Faithful God,
you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink in the body and blood of your Son. Now send us out to labor with you, in service to the world you have made, and among the people you have made your home, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

The Ancient One, enthroned,
the Crucified One, now risen,
the Indwelling One, poured out,
✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: "Give Thanks" CCLI# 20285

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son. *(repeat)*

And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say,
"I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us!"

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son.
Give thanks. Give thanks.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

Thanks be to God.

*Visitors! It has been great having you join us for worship!
Please come again.*

THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Music: Praise Team

Lector: LuAnn Gordon

Ushers: Chuck & Elsa Carlson

Greeters: Wally & Bev Swenson

Hospitality: Elsa & Chuck Carlson; Barb & Lee Forrester

Thank you for your service!

Response to God's Word Last Week

Sunday, November 3, 2024: In Person: 9:00am 59 Online: 22