

November 8-9, 2025
22nd Sunday after Pentecost

5p/9a Worship Service



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discover more : **together**

God of the Fertile Fields



1 God of the fer - tile fields, sha - per of
 2 We would be stew - ards true, hold - ing in
 3 As grows the hid - den seed to fruit that
 4 God of the coun - try - side, dear to the



earth that yields our dai - ly bread: forth from your
 trust from you all that you give; help us in
 serves our need, so your reign grows. Let all our
 Christ who died to make us one: we pledge our



boun - teous hand come gifts your love has planned,
 love to share, teach us like you to care
 toil be used, no gift of yours a - busied,
 lives a - new in faith - ful love to you.



that all in ev - 'ry land be clothed and fed.
 for peo - ple ev - 'ry - where, that all may live.
 no hum - ble task re - fused your love be - stows.
 Guide all we say and do. Your will be done.

Text: Georgia Harkness, 1891–1974, alt.

Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716–1796

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Prelude 9am:

"Te Deum Laudamus" & "We Pray Now to the Holy Spirit" ... Buxtehude
Stephen Hamilton, Guest Organist

"Thine is the Glory" Brass Ensemble

Welcome

Stand

Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

All: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
(*brief silence*) Faithful God,

**All: you have shown us the ways of your heart, yet we stray from your paths.
We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression and do not embrace the
freedom of your faithful promises. We ignore our neighbors. We exploit
the earth. We reject your abundance, trusting our impulses instead of
your steadfast love. Repair our relationships, restore what we have
broken, renew our hearts, and bring us to new life. Amen.**

P: Hear the good news: God the Faithful One loves you, in Christ Jesus
your sins are forgiven, and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free.

All: Amen.

Opening Hymn: ACS #1063

"God of the Fertile Fields"

Greeting

P: 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.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us Pray. O God, our eternal redeemer, by the presence of your Spirit you renew and direct our hearts. Keep always in our mind the end of all things and the day of judgment. Inspire us for a holy life here, and bring us to the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

(9a) Special Music by the Junior Choir: “Walk With Me” by Murray

(9a) Children’s Message

Sit

Intro to the Reading: Today we begin a new series Helping Hands, Helping Hearts with a focus on helping those in need around us. In today’s reading, Jesus implores his listeners to help him whenever they find him down and out in life. When the people question Jesus when have they ever seen him in this state, he fires a shot straight to their hearts and says, “whenever you’ve helped the least of my people, you’ve done it to me.”
Please stand for the reading of the Gospel...

Gospel Acclamation pg. 124



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

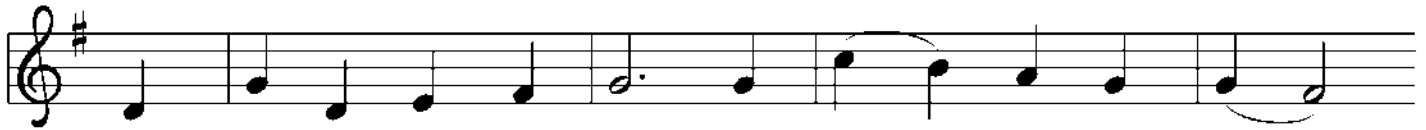
Repeat alleluia

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

P: The Gospel according St. Matthew chapter 25...

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

We Give Thee but Thine Own



- 1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,
3 The cap - tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,
4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be:



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.
to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ-like thing.
what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897, alt.

Music: HEATH. L. Mason and G. Webb, *Cantica Lauda*, 1850

The Gospel: Matthew 25:31-40 *NRSVue*

P: ³¹“When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.’

P: The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you O Christ.

Sermon ... Pr. Steve Knudson

Stand

Hymn of the Day: *ELW* #686

“We Give Thee but Thine Own”

Lector: Go to the Ambo for the Prayers

The Apostles' Creed...Page 105

All: 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.

THE PRAYERS →

L: God of grace,

All: receive our prayer.

Passing of the Peace:

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you

P: Let us turn to one another, offering a sign of Christ's peace.

Invitation to Generosity

Offering of Gratitude:

(Sit) P: You may be seated.

We give God our thanks and praise in response to God's mercy and abundance.

We invite you to place your gratitude card along with any offering you have in the plate at this time or make an offering electronically.

Would the ushers please come forward.

Lector—Go to Ambo before Prayer; remain up front for communion.

(9a) Special Music: "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" — IG Brass Ensemble

(9) Offertory Hymn: *ELW* #692 "We are an Offering"

All: We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:

We are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands

Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering.

All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be

We give to you, we give to you.

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you.

We are an offering, we are an offering.

Offertory Prayer:

L: *(5p) Please Stand and*

(9a) Let us pray.

Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us.

Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving: ... page 129

P: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Words of Institution

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

P: You may be seated. Please follow the direction of the ushers to come forward. There is gluten free bread and juice available upon request. The table is set and all are welcome. (optional) Taste and see that the Lord is good.

We Come to the Hungry Feast



- 1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.
2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased
3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,



To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is
from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,
and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay



not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943

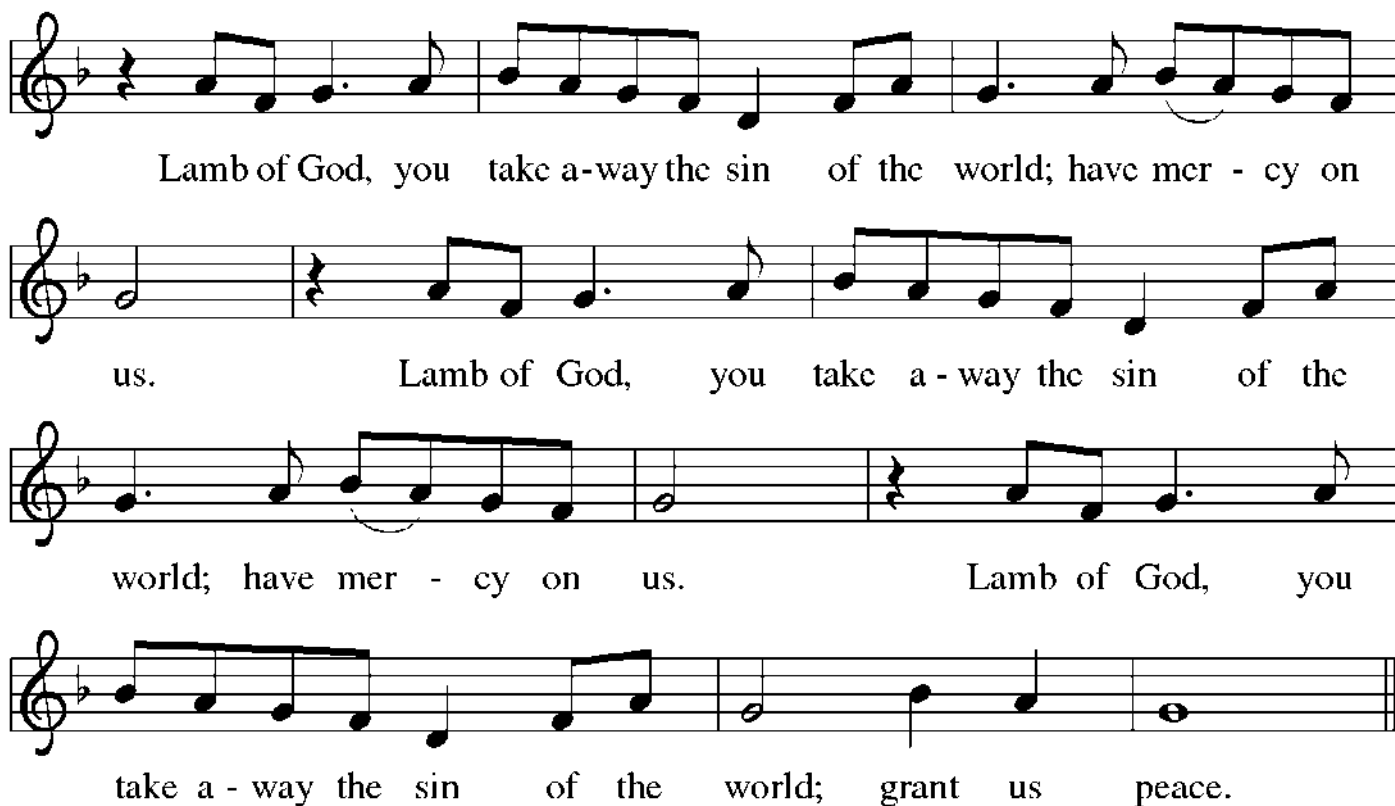
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Distribution of Holy Communion

The Lamb of God ... page 135



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.

Communion Hymn: *ELW* #479 “We Come to the Hungry Feast”

Lector—go to the ambo as Pastor covers communion elements.

Stand

The Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you,
and keep you in his grace.

All: Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

L: God of field and flower, wheat and grape, you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world. Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ’s name.

All: Amen.

To Be Your Presence



1 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion here, to show com -
 2 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion bold, to feed the
 3 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion blest, to speak for
 4 We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice, to serve your



pas - sion's face and lis - t'ning ear, to be your heart of mer - cy
 poor and shel - ter home - less cold, to be your hands of jus - tice,
 all the bro - ken and op - pressed, to be your voice of hope, your
 peo - ple is our call and choice, and in this mis - sion we, the



ev - er near,
 right up - hold, al - le - lu - ia!
 love ex - pressed,
 church, re - joice,

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

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Benediction:

P: The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you, God the Son save you,
and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead. The Holy Trinity
bless you and grant you a faithful and courageous heart now and forever.

All: Amen.

Closing Hymn: *ELW* #546

"To Be Your Presence"

Dismissal:

L: Go in peace. Share the harvest.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Prelude in B Major, Op. 7, No. 1 – Marcel Dupré
Stephen Hamilton, Guest Organist

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