November 08, 2026 +24th Sunday After Pentecost

We are called to let our light shine as instruments of the Holy Spirit so all may know God's love.

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our dwelling place for all generations,
whose compassion never slumbers. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Holy God, **we confess that we have trusted in our preparation**
instead of your invitation. We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved.
We trust the voice of our shame and fear, which keeps us from entering fully
into relationship with you and others. We are not awake to the coming of your reign. Rouse us and rescue us, that we may enter into your joy. Amen.

Inherit the riches of God's grace. ☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy. You are forgiven. Blessed are you. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear now to his temple draw near,
joining in glad adoration!

2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning
and, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining
have you not seen all that is needful has been
sent by his gracious ordaining?

3. Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
If with his love he befriend you.

4. Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again.
Gladly forever adore him!

Greeting

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

Prayer of the Day

O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading – Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16

Wisdom makes herself known.

Response: Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Wisdom of Solomon 6:17-20 *The beginning of wisdom is sincere desire for instruction.*

The beginning of wisdom is the most sincere desire for instruction,
and concern for instruction is love of wisdom,
and love of wisdom is the keeping of wise laws,
and giving heed to wise laws is assurance of immortality,
and immortality brings one near to God;
so the desire for wisdom leads to a kingdom.

Gospel – Matthew 25:1-13 *The story of the wise and foolish bridesmaids.*

Before: The holy Gospel according to . . . **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After: The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Message

Message Pastor Liz Rossing

Hymn of the Day

"Rejoice, Rejoice Believers"

1. Rejoice, rejoice believers, and let your lights appear;
The evening is advancing, and darker night is near.
The bride-groom is arising and soon is drawing nigh.
Up, pray and watch and wrestle; at midnight comes the cry.

2. The watchers on the mountain proclaim the bride-groom near;
Go forth as he approaches with alleluias clear.
The marriage feast is waiting; the gates wide open stand.
Arise, O heirs of glory; the bride-groom is at hand.

3. The saints, who here in patience their cross and suff'rings bore,
Shall live and reign forever when sorrow is no more.
Around the throne of glory the Lamb they shall behold;
In triumph cast before him their diadems of gold.

4. Our hope and expectations, O Jesus, now appear;
Arise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this benighted sphere.
With hears and have uplifted, we please, O Lord, to see
The day of earth's redemption that sets your people free!

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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 the People

God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Offering & Giving Prayer

God of creation, **you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

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

Announcements

Blessing

The holy Trinity, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God, today and always. **Amen.**
The God of hope grant us strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit. **Amen.**
The God of grace ☩ bless us now and forever. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn "Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

1 Eternal Father, strong to save,
whose arm has bound the restless wave,
who bade the mighty ocean deep
its own appointed limits keep:
oh, hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.

2 O Savior, whose almighty word
the winds and waves submissive heard,
who walked upon the foaming deep,
and calm amid the storm didst sleep:
oh, hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.

3 O Holy Spirit, who didst brood upon the chaos
dark and rude, and bid its angry tumult cease,
and give, for wild confusion, peace:
oh, hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.

4 O Trinity of love and pow'r,
all trav'lers guard in danger's hour
from rock and tempest, fire and foe,
protect them where-so-e'er they go;
thus evermore shall rise to thee
glad hymns and praise from land and sea.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Encourage one another. **Thanks be to God.**

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