Twenty-Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

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

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Confession & 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 us with his mercy. We are forgiven. We are blessed. **Thanks be to God, Amen.**

Opening Hymn "Blessing and Honor" Red #854

Blessing and honor and glory and pow'r,
wisdom and riches and strength evermore,
be to the Lamb who our battle has won,
whose are the kingdom, the crown, and the throne;
whose are the kingdom, the crown and the throne!

Let all the heavens sound forth Jesus' name;
let all the earth sing his glory and fame.
Ocean and mountain, stream, forest, and flow'r
echo his praises and tell of his pow'r;
echo his praises and tell of his pow'r.

Ever ascending the song and joy,
ever descending the love from on high;
blessing and honor and glory and praise
this is the theme of the hymns that we raise;
this is the theme of the hymns that we raise.

Give we the glory and praise to the Lamb!
Take we the robe and the harp and the palm;
sing we the song of the Lamb who was slain,
dying in weakness and rising to reign;
dying in weakness and rising to reign!

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 power and might, **your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

First Reading – 2 Corinthians 9:6-15 *God provides every blessing in abundance.*

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

Psalm 65 *You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty.*

You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; to you shall vows be fulfilled.
To you, the one who answers prayer, to you all flesh shall come.
Our sins are stronger than we are, but you blot out our transgressions.
Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there! They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple.
Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation, O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans far away.
You make firm the mountains by your power; you are girded about with might.
You still the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.
Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs; you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.
You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is full of water. You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.
You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.
You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty.
May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, and the hills be clothed with joy.
May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; let them shout for joy and sing.

Gospel – Matthew 25:31-46 *The coming of the Son of Man; the separation of sheep and goats.*

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 "Jesus Shall Reign" Red #434

Jesus shall reign where e'er the sun does its
successive journeys run: his kingdom stretch from
shore to shore, till moves shall wax and wane no more.

To him shall endless prayer be made, and praises
throng to crown his head; his name like sweet
perfume shall rise with ev'ry morning sacrifice.

People and realms of ev'ry tongue dwell on his
love with sweetest song; and infant voices
shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where e'er he reigns: the prisoners
leap to lose their chains, the weary find eternal
rest, and all who suffer want are blest.

Let ev'ry creature rise and bring peculiar
honors to our king; angels descend with
songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen.

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

Eternal God, **our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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 us with wisdom to welcome the reign of God, today and always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn "Prepare the Royal Highway" R#679

Prepare the royal highway; the King of kings is near!
Let ev'ry hill and valley a level road appear!
Then greet the King of glory, foretold in sacred story:

Refrain: Hosanna to the Lord, for he fulfills God's word!

God's people, see him coming: your own eternal king!
Palm branches strew before him! Spread garments!
Shout and sing!
God's promise will not fail you! No more shall doubt assail you! *Refrain*

Then fling the gates wide open to greet your promised king!
Your king, yet ev'ry nation its tribute too many bring.
All lands will bow before him; their voices join your singing: *Refrain*

His is no earthly kingdom; it comes from heav'n above.
His rule is peace and freedom and justice, truth, and love.
So let your praise be sounding for kindness so abounding: *Refrain*

Dismissal

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

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