

Order of Worship

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, November 16, 2025 – 10:15 a.m.

WELCOME

OPENING SONG

"Forever"

Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King,
His love endures forever.

For He is good, He is above all things, His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise.

With a mighty hand and outstretched arm, His love endures forever.
For the life that's been reborn, His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise. Sing praise, sing praise.

Forever God is faithful; forever God is strong.
Forever God is with us; forever, forever.

From the rising to the setting sun, His love endures forever.
By the grace of God we will carry on, His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise. Sing praise, sing praise.

Forever God is faithful; forever God is strong.
Forever God is with us; forever.

Forever God is faithful; forever God is strong.
Forever God is with us; forever, forever.

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INVOCATION

Pastor: In the Name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

All: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

All: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, Who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

MALACHI 4:1-6

¹“For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ²But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. ³And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the Lord of hosts. ⁴“Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and just decrees that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel. ⁵“Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes. ⁶ And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.”

SONG

“Rock Of Ages You Will Stand”

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand;
Great is Your faithfulness, great is Your love, oh God;
My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
Great is Your faithfulness, great is Your love, oh God.
Rock of ages, You will stand, our foundation 'til the end;
Never failing, God unchanging, Rock of ages, You will stand.

When darkness seems to hide Your face, I rest on Your unchanging grace;
Great is Your faithfulness, great is Your love, oh God;
In ev'ry high and stormy gale, My anchor holds within the veil;
Great is Your faithfulness, great is Your love, oh God.
Rock of ages, You will stand, our foundation 'til the end;
Never failing, God unchanging, Rock of ages, You will stand.

THE EPISTLE READING

2 THESSALONIANS 3:1-13

¹ Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored, as happened among you, ² and that we may be delivered from wicked and evil men. For not all have faith. ³ But the Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you against the evil one. ⁴ And we have confidence in the Lord about you, that you are doing and will do the things that we command. ⁵ May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ. ⁶ Now we command you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from any brother who is walking in idleness and not in accord with the tradition that you received from us. ⁷ For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸ nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you. ⁹ It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate. ¹⁰ For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. ¹¹ For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. ¹² Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³ As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good.

Please stand for the Reading of the Holy Gospel.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

LUKE 21:5-28

⁵ While some were speaking of the temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, [Jesus] said, ⁶ "As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down." ⁷ And they asked him, "Teacher, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?" ⁸ And he said, "See that you are not led astray. For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is at hand!' Do not go after them. ⁹ And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not be at once." ¹⁰ Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. ¹¹ There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. ¹² But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name's sake. ¹³ This will be your opportunity to bear witness. ¹⁴ Settle it therefore in your minds not to meditate beforehand how to answer, ¹⁵ for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. ¹⁷ You will be hated by all for my name's sake. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ By your endurance you will gain your lives. ²⁰ "But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has come near. ²¹ Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, and let those who are inside the city depart, and let not those who are out in the country enter it, ²² for these are days of vengeance, to fulfill all that is written. ²³ Alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! For there will be great distress upon the earth and wrath against this people. ²⁴ They will fall by the edge of the sword and be led captive among all nations, and Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

²⁵ “And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, ²⁶ people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷ And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸ Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SONG

“Your Love O Lord”

Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens.
Your faithfulness stretches to the sky.
Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains.
Your justice flows like the ocean’s tide.

Chorus:

**I will lift my voice to worship You, my King.
I will find my strength in the shadow of Your wings.**

Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens.
Your faithfulness stretches to the sky.
Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains.
Your justice flows like the ocean’s tide. *Chorus twice.*

Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens.
Your faithfulness stretches to the sky.

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THE SERMON

REV. GLENN A. LUCAS

“But the Lord is Faithful”

2 Thessalonians 3:3

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.

OFFERING

At this time, you may give your offering electronically.

Use the e-Giving Card in the pew or visit

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You may also place your offering in the offering plate as it passes.

MUSICAL OFFERING

"You Are"

You are holy, You are faithful, You are Savior, You are friend,

You are all I'll ever need; Lord, You are.

You are ev'ry question's answer, You are ev'ry reason why,

You are moving, You are still; Lord, You are.

Chorus:

**You are the Lord on high. You are the way, the truth, the life.
You are the Word made flesh, You are the bright Morning Star, You are.**

You are Glory, Hallelujah! You are hope of peace on earth,

You are Alpha and Omega; You are.

You are comfort, You are refuge, You are love personified,

You are kindness and compassion; You are. *Chorus*

You are my God and my King, You are the words that I sing.

You are the reason I make this offering. *Sing 3 times.*

You are the Lord on high, You are the way, the truth, the life.

You are the Word made flesh, You are the bright Morning Star.

And You are the Word made flesh, You are the bright Morning Star; You are.

You are my God and my King, You are the words that I sing.

You are the reason I make this offering.

You are my God and my King, You are the words that I sing.

You are the reason I make this offering.

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE 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 for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

All: Amen.

CLOSING SONG

"Your Grace Is Enough"

Great is Your faithfulness, O God. You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart.
You lead us by still waters into mercy and nothing can keep us apart.

So, remember Your people, remember Your children, remember Your promise, O God.
Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough for me.

Great is Your love and justice, God of Jacob; You use the weak to lead the strong.
You lead us in the song of Your salvation, and all Your people sing along.

So, remember Your people, remember Your children, remember Your promise, O God.
Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough for me.
Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough for me.

So, remember Your people, remember Your children, remember Your promise, O God.
Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough for me.
Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough for me.

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Flower Arrangements

The flower arrangements which grace our altar this weekend are dedicated to the glory of the Lord by **Karissa Wong** in celebration of her children's Baptismal Birthdays.

Keep in Your Prayers

Prayers for strength and healing, guidance and blessing for:

Brian Adams
Terri Green

Alexander Hernandez
Jeanne Kelly

Brad Morton