

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15 - 25TH PENTECOST

Prelude - "Nettleton" (Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing; arr. Witkowski)

Welcome

Call to Worship
Pastor: "O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
Congregation: ...his steadfast love endures forever!" (Psalm 118.1)

Brief Order of Confession
Pastor: Realizing that all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, (Romans 3.23)
Let us confess our sin before God and one another.

(silence for reflection)

Congregation: Gracious God, we confess that we have not always lived according to your will, nor have we loved you and our neighbors as we should. We have often been shortsighted in our stewardship of creation and have failed to live out the very things that we confess to be true. Forgive us, Lord, and create a new and right spirit within us.

Pastor: "God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely, therefore, since we have now been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God." (Romans 5.8-9) Let us give thanks to God for his mercy and live as those who belong to Christ.
Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Gathering Hymn - "Holy, Holy, Holy!" (Nicaea, ELW #413; arr. Witkowski)

Greeting
Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you always.
Congregation: And also with you.

Hymn of Praise - "Rise Up, O Saints of God" (ELW #669; vs. 1 & 5)

Prayer of the Day
Pastor: Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples,
and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom,
and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Congregation: Amen

Children's Message

Scripture - 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Gospel Acclamation - "Alleluia" (sing 2x; arr. Witkowski)

Gospel - Matthew 25:14-30

Message - Pastor Nate Montover

Hymn of the Day - "Just As I Am, Without One Plea" (Woodworth, ELW #592; arr. Witkowski)

Apostles' Creed | Prayers of the People
Pastor: Lord in your mercy... **Congregation: Hear our prayer.**

Sharing of the Peace

Thanksgiving for Offerings - "Let My Prayer Rise" (arr. Witkowski)

Holy Communion | Words of Institution | 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.

Communion Blessing
Pastor: Now may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in God's grace, now and for life everlasting.
Congregation: Amen

Communion Canticle - "On Our Way Rejoicing" (ELW #537; v. 2 & refrain)

Announcements | Benediction

Sending Hymn - "Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer" (CWM Rhondda, ELW #618; arr. Witkowski)

Dismissal
Pastor: "The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in...
Congregation: ...from this time on and forevermore." (Psalm 121.8)
All: Amen

Postlude - Improvisation on "Let My Prayer Rise" (arr. Witkowski)

Thanks to those serving in worship today!

Worship Team: Pastor Jeff Frohner, Pastor Nate Montover
Cantor: Matthew Lang | **Piano:** Deanna Witkowski
Greeters: Eloise & Dennis Heppler | **Ushers:** Kelly & Mark Fischer
Tech Team: Les Beck, Cari Redondo, Ralph Kendrick | **Nursery:** Jennifer McGowan
Café Hosts: Roger & Mary Jo Carlson, Kent Stock | **Donut Pick-up:** Brad Johnson
Counters: Curt Duwe, Greg Meier

Worship Guide

Gathering Hymn
"Holy, Holy, Holy!"

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns
around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim
falling down before thee,
which wert, and art,
and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy!
Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinfulness
thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name,
in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed trinity!

Hymn of Praise
"Rise Up, O Saints of God"

Rise up, O saints of God!
From vain ambitions turn;
Christ rose triumphant that your hearts
with nobler zeal might burn.

Commit your hearts to seek
the paths which Christ has trod;
and, quickened by the Spirit's pow'r,
rise up, O saints of God!

Gospel Acclamation
"Alleluia"

sing 2x:
Alleluia, alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia.
(Alleluia)

Worship Guide

Hymn of the Day
"Just As I Am, Without One Plea"

Just as I am, without one plea,
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am; thy love unknown
has broken ev'ry barrier down;
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Post-Communion
"On Our Way Rejoicing"

Unto God the Father joyful songs we sing;
unto God the Savior thankful hearts we bring;
unto God the Spirit bow we and adore,
on our way rejoicing now and evermore.

chorus:
On our way rejoicing;
as we forward move,
hearken to our praises,
O blest God of love!

Sending Hymn
"Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer"

Guide me ever, great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but you are mighty;
hold me with your pow'rful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain
where the healing waters flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,
shield me with your mighty arm,
shield me with your mighty arm.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs and praises, songs and praises
I will raise forevermore,
I will raise forevermore.