

Pentecost 25, Year B  
November 10, 2024  
Pastor Kim Swenson



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*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

**GATHERING**

**Worship Volunteers**  
**Assisting Minister:** Doug Hanson  
**Reader:** Linda Wery  
**Altar Guild:** Karen Hervas  
**Communion Assistant:** Dar Schuurmans  
**Ushers:** Carl Andrews & Dawn Schroeder  
**Video Tech:** Doug Scholes

**Tone Chimes**

*Ring Joyfully   Lord of Glory   You Have Bought Us*

**Welcome**



1 As saints of old their first-fruits brought of or - chard, flock, and field  
 2 A world in need now sum-mons us to la - bor, love, and give;  
 3 In grat - i - tude and hum-ble trust we bring our best to - day



to God, the giv - er of all good, the source of boun-teous yield,  
 to make our life an of - fer - ing to God, that all may live.  
 to serve your cause and share your love with all a - long life's way.



so we to - day first - fruits would bring, the wealth of this good land,  
 The church of Christ is call - ing us to make the dream come true:  
 O God, who gave your - self to us in Je - sus Christ your Son,



of farm and mar - ket, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.  
 a world re-deemed by Christ-like love; all life in Christ made new.  
 teach us to give our - selves each day un - til life's work is done.

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Music: FOREST GREEN, English folk tune

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## **Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the † holy Trinity,  
The one who fashions us,  
The one who heals us,  
The one who reforms us again and again. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.  
Gracious God,

**have mercy on us.**

**We confess that we have honored you with our lips,  
but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.**

**The cravings at war within us  
cause conflicts and disputes.**

**In our desire to be first  
we make distinctions among ourselves.**

**We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.**

**In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.**

**Draw near to us with grace in time of need,  
and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,  
our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

God promises to forgive our iniquity  
and to remember our sin no more.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of † Jesus Christ,  
the source of eternal healing,  
your sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

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

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and  
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

## The Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray, O God, **you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

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*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

**WORD**

### **First Reading: Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17**

<sup>1</sup> Naomi said to [Ruth,] “My daughter, I need to seek some security for you, so that it may be well with you. <sup>2</sup> Now here is our kinsman Boaz, with whose young women you have been working. See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor. <sup>3</sup> Now wash and anoint yourself, and put on your best clothes and go down to the threshing floor; but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. <sup>4</sup> When he lies down, observe the place where he lies; then, go and uncover his feet and lie down; and he will tell you what to do.” <sup>5</sup> She said to her, “All that you tell me I will do.”

<sup>4:13</sup> So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When they came together, the Lord made her conceive, and she bore a son. <sup>14</sup> Then the women said to Naomi, “Blessed be the Lord, who has not left you this day without next-of-kin; and may his name be renowned in Israel! <sup>15</sup> He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age; for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has borne him.” <sup>16</sup> Then Naomi took the child and laid him in her bosom, and became his nurse. <sup>17</sup> The women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, “A son has been born to Naomi.” They named him Obed; he became the father of Jesse, the father of David.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words. **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 127** (read responsively by verse)

<sup>1</sup> Unless the LORD builds the house,  
those who build it labor in vain.  
Unless the LORD guards the city,  
the guard keeps watch in vain.

**<sup>2</sup> It is in vain that you rise up early  
and go late to rest,  
eating the bread of anxious toil;  
for he gives sleep to his beloved.**

<sup>3</sup> Sons are indeed a heritage from the LORD,  
the fruit of the womb a reward.

**<sup>4</sup> Like arrows in the hand of a warrior  
are the sons of one's youth.**

<sup>5</sup> Happy is the man who has  
his quiver full of them.  
He shall not be put to shame  
when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.

## Second Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28

<sup>24</sup> Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. <sup>25</sup> Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; <sup>26</sup> for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. <sup>27</sup> And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, <sup>28</sup> so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words. **Thanks be to God.**

### Word for All Ages

**Gospel Acclamation**     *God's Word is Our Great Heritage*     **Cranberry 509**



God's word is our great her - i - tage and shall be ours for - ev - er;



to spread its light from age to age shall be our chief en - deav - or.



Through life it guides our way; in death it is our stay. Lord, grant while



time shall last your church may hold it fast through-out all gen - er - a - tions.

## **Gospel: Mark 12:38-44**

The Holy Gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>38</sup> As [Jesus] taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, <sup>39</sup> and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! <sup>40</sup> They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

<sup>41</sup> He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. <sup>42</sup> A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. <sup>43</sup> Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. <sup>44</sup> For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Sermon**



1 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us with your life - blood  
 2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you glad - ly, free - ly,  
 3 Won - drous hon - or you have giv - en to our hum - blest  
 4 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us with your life - blood



as the price, nev - er grudg - ing for the lost ones that tre -  
 of your own. With the sun - shine of your good - ness melt our  
 char - i - ty in your own mys - te - rious sen - tence, "You have  
 as the price, nev - er grudg - ing for the lost ones that tre -



men - dous sac - ri - fice; and with that have free - ly giv - en  
 thank - less hearts of stone till our cold and self - ish na - tures,  
 done it all to me." Na - ked, sick, in pris - on, hun - gry—  
 men - dous sac - ri - fice. Give us faith to trust you bold - ly,



bles - sings count - less as the sand to the un - thank - ful  
 warmed by you, at length be - lieve that more hap - py  
 in the least, your face we view, say - ing by your  
 hope, to stay our souls on you: but, oh, best of



and the e - vil with your own un - spar - ing hand.  
 and more bless - ed 'tis to give than to re - ceive.  
 poor and need - y, "Give as I have giv'n to you."  
 all your grac - es, with your love our love re - new.



## Prayers of the People

Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

Renew your church, O God. Make us servants to one another for the sake of the gospel. Instill a heart for service and a passion for justice in our bishops, deacons, pastors, and lay leaders. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Renew your creation, O God. Sustain the earth and seas and all that is in them. Kindle in us a reverent awe for all creatures great and small, and strengthen us in our pursuit of climate justice. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Renew the nations, O God. Heal our nation's veterans from the unseen wounds of war. Tend to their trauma and soothe burdened consciences. Guide leaders of the world to end conflicts and pursue peace. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Renew your people, O God. Protect those in our communities who are vulnerable or ill. Accompany persons who are unemployed or underemployed, children who are in foster care, and those who live alone. Watch over and uphold them. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Renew this congregation, O God. Give us clarity in our mission and boldness in our witness. Bless our ministries that attend to basic needs of any who lack sufficient resources, that all may live with dignity. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

*For what else do the people of God pray?*

Happy are those whose help was in you. We give thanks for all your faithful ones who praised you as their God all their life long. As we eagerly wait for you, inspire us by their lives of service. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

### Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

*Please share a sign of the Lord's peace with those around you. Please be seated.*

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*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

**MEAL**

### Offering

### Offering Prayer

Blessed are you, **O God,**  
**source of every gift of your creation.**  
**By these gifts and with our lives,**  
**help us to serve one another and all in need,**  
**through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

**The Great Thanksgiving** *with explanations from the Nicene Creed from Luther's Small Catechism*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Mighty God, Gracious Lord, Generous Creator  
You abundantly give us everything we have and everything we need: Shoes  
and clothing, work and home, family and friends,  
food and drink, all the necessities for this body and this life.  
You protect us from danger and preserve us from evil.  
**And all this is done out of pure goodness and mercy  
without any merit or worthiness on my own part.**

For this we owe God thanks and praise. **This is most certainly true!**

Into our world of sin you sent your only Son  
begotten in eternity, yet true human being  
born of Mary and yet Lord of all.

Jesus purchased and freed us from sin, from death,  
and from the power of the devil  
not with perishable things like gold and silver  
but by his own holy and precious blood.

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.

Christ is risen from the dead and lives and rules eternally.

**Christ has done all this in order that I may belong to him,  
live under him in his kingdom, and serve him  
in eternal righteousness, innocence, and blessedness.  
This is most certainly true!**

Since we cannot by our own understanding or strength come to believe in Jesus  
Christ our Lord or come to him,

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit to call us through the Gospel.  
Enlighten us through her gifts, make us holy,  
and keep us in true faith along with the whole Church.

**Join our prayers with those of your servants  
of every time and place until the last day  
when the Holy Spirit will raise me and all the dead  
and will give to me and all believers in Christ eternal life!**

All glory and honor is yours, O God, O Living One,  
with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church now and forever.  
**Amen. This is most certainly true!**

### 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,  
forever and ever. Amen**

### Lamb of God (Setting 1)

Pg. 112-113

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, grant us peace.



1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing com - fort  
 2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to serve and  
 3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur - dens



to my anx-ious soul. Day by day, the bless-ings, Lord, you send me  
 wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me  
 grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will hear me



draw me near - er to my heav'n-ly goal. Love di - vine, be - yond all  
 o'er the paths I strug - gle day by day. I will fear no e - vil  
 when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no mat - ter



mor - tal mea - sure, brings to naught the bur - dens of my quest; Sav - ior,  
 of the mor - row, I will trust in your en - dur - ing grace. Sav - ior,  
 what be - tide me, you will hold me ev - er in your hand. Sav - ior,



lead me to the home I trea - sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.  
 help me bear life's pain and sor - row till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.  
 with your pres - ence here to guide me, I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903; tr. Robert Leaf, 1936–2005

Music: BLOTT EN DAG, Oskar Ahnfelt, 1813–1882

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### **Post-Communion Prayer**

Let us pray, Holy God,

**you have welcomed us to this meal  
and fed us with dignity at your table.**

**Send us now to welcome others  
and to be at peace with one another,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

**SENDING**

### **Announcements**

#### **Blessing**

God, creator of all things, speaking reformation into being;

Jesus Christ, savior of the world, raising the dead;

Holy Spirit, living voice, calling and enlightening the church:

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,

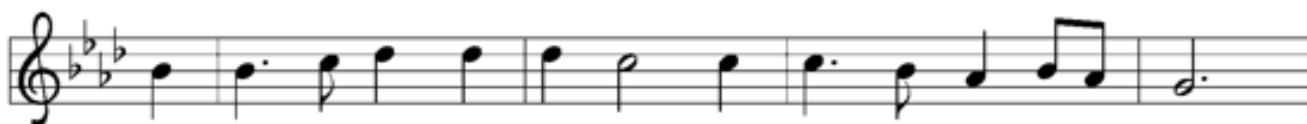
bless you now and forever. **Amen.**



1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,  
 2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat  
 3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.  
 what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!  
 seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;  
 I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard  
 And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.  
 the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.  
 I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

*Refrain*



I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry



to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834–1911

Music: HANKEY, William E. Fischer, 1849–1936

**Dismissal**

The worship has ended! **Let the service begin! Thanks be to God!**

**Fellowship hour continues in the lounge.**

### **Funding for Mission & Budget**

Monthly Receipts through 11/5/24    \$ 12,175.10  
Monthly Budget Expenses:.....    \$18,743.00  
  
YTD Receipts through 10/31/24..... \$ 192,892.00  
Yearly Budget.....    \$ 224,917.00

### **The Bethel Weekly**

**Fellowship Hour:** Please, if you are able to help on a future date in November and December, sign up in the hallway.

**EPH Grace & Gratitude Gathering:** Is November 12<sup>th</sup> at Gather on Broadway from 5:00-8:00 pm. Please see brochure in bulletin for more information. All are welcome! Thank you to Lacy Hansen from EPH for being with us today.

**Salvation Army Senior Meal:** is November 18<sup>th</sup>. Sign-up sheet for items to bring is on the bulletin board.

**Pastor Kim Continuing Education:** Pastor Kim will be gone from November 17-21. For Pastoral emergencies, please contact Pastor Melissa at Resurrection.

**Poinsettias:** Orders are due November 21<sup>st</sup>. Order forms can be picked up in the lounge or the office. The poinsettias are \$10 each.

**Thanksgiving Worship:** Is Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm with pie fellowship following. Please see sign-up sheet for worship volunteers and pies.

**Advent Fest Crafts & Fellowship:** is December 1<sup>st</sup>. Please plan on staying after worship for fellowship, snacks and crafts.

**Money Counter:** There is an opening on Team A which meets March & April and September & October. If you are interested in volunteering for this important ministry, please contact the church office.

**Handbags for Hope:** In conjunction with the Resurrection Food Pantry, we are asking all the ladies to bring in any unwanted purses. Donations are also needed of travel size hygiene items such as toothbrushes, shampoo, lip balm, etc. to fill the purses prior to distribution. Suggestions can be found on the front of the bin in the lounge.