



25th Sunday After Pentecost
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PRELUDE/PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HELPING HANDS OFFERING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism,

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved. **Amen**

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

**Holy One, we confess that we are not awake for you.
We are not faithful in using your gifts. We forget the least of our
siblings. We do not see your beautiful image in one another.
We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community.
Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our
neighbor, open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.**

Beloved, we are God's children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us. Through † Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice! Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG *"Light Dawns on a Weary World"* #726

THE GREETING

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

KYRIE *p.3*

HYMN OF PRAISE *"Now the Feast"* *p.4*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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. Amen

SPECIAL MUSIC

Choir

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

Psalm Psalm 90:1-8, 12

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

GOSPEL VERSE *p. 8*

GOSPEL Matthew 25:14-30

SERMON Pastor Karen Hofstad

SERMON SONG *“Lord of Light”* #688

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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 INTERCESSION

Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING *“As the Grains of Wheat”* *p.10*

OFFERING PRAYER

GREAT THANKSGIVING *p. 11*

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY *p.11*

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