

**Stewardship 2025  
United in Christ**



**Yesterday,  
Today and  
Tomorrow**

Psalm 46:7 “The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.”

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP**  
**25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Sunday, November 10, 2024 – Honoring our Veterans**  
**9:15 AM Worship Express**

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**Lector:** Hannah Peterson

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In today's Good News, Jesus is not impressed with the Scribes and the Pharisee or their wealth and positions of power. They are far too impressed with themselves to have any room left in their hearts for God. But Jesus is amazed by a poor widow, who loves God so much she puts her last two pennies into the offering plate.

**CALL TO WORSHIP: “I Need Thee Every Hour”**

*Words to meditate on...*

*I need Thee every hour,  
Most gracious Lord;  
No tender voice like Thine  
Can peace afford.  
I need Thee, Oh I need Thee;  
Every hour I need Thee;  
Oh bless me now, my Savior,  
I come to Thee!*

## **WELCOMING GOD'S CHOSEN PEOPLE**

**Leader:** God gathers God's Chosen People together to encourage them with the WORD and strengthen them with the bread and wine of Holy Communion.

**All: Amen!**

## **CONFESSION**

*Right Side: I hate, sometimes I lie.*

*Left Side: Sometimes I waste, sometimes I cheat.*

**All: We have not lived as your chosen people. We have not loved your daughters and sons. We have not walked in the footsteps of others. We have not followed the servant your Son.**

*Left Side: Sometimes I am selfish, sometimes I am prejudiced.*

*Right Side: Sometimes I am uncaring, sometimes I am destructive.*

**All: We have not lived as your Chosen People. We have not loved your daughters and sons. We have not walked in the footsteps of others. We have not followed the servant your Son.**

## **WORDS OF FORGIVENESS**

**All: Even though we are in bondage to sin, there is hope for freedom. Not by our own doing, but because God has chosen to forgive us. Through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ we know this is true. Amen.**

## **GATHERING SONG: "Give Me Oil in my Lamp"**

Give me oil in my lamp  
keep me burning, burning, burning.  
Give me oil in my lamp  
I pray, hallelujah!  
Give me oil in my lamp keep me  
burning, burning, burning.  
Keep me burning till the break of day.

*Refrain: Sing Hosanna (3 times)*  
To The King of Kings  
*Sing Hosanna (3 times)*  
To the King.

**Give me love in my heart,  
keep me sharing, sharing, sharing.  
Give me love in my heart  
I pray, hallelujah!  
Give me love in my heart  
keep me sharing, sharing, sharing.  
Keep me sharing till the break of day. *Refrain***

**Give me faith in my heart,  
keep me praying, praying, praying.  
Give me faith in my heart  
I pray, hallelujah!  
Give me faith in my heart,  
keep me praying, praying, praying.  
Keep me praying till the break of day. *Refrain***

#### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**All: O God, the widow had no choice but to trust you with her life. She had so little. She trusted you to love her and care for her. We have so much and it does – get in the way – of that kind of trust. Help us, Lord. Amen.**

*Stand*

**GOOD NEWS VERSE: “Help Us, O Lord”**

**Help us, O Lord  
to hear your word.  
Open our hearts  
to feel your word.  
Give us the strength  
to live your word each day.**

**Lector:** The Good News according to the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter of Mark.

**All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOOD NEWS READING:** Mark 12:38-44

**Narrator (Lector):** Jesus continued teaching...

**Jesus (All):** Watch out for the religion scholars. They love to walk around in academic gowns, preening in the radiance of public flattery, basking in prominent positions, sitting at the head table at every church function.

**Jesus (All): And all the time they are exploiting the weak and helpless. The longer their prayers, the worse they get. But they'll pay for it in the end.**

**Narrator (Lector):** Sitting across from the offering box, Jesus was observing how the crowd tossed money in for the collection. Many of the rich were making large contributions. One poor widow came up and put in two small coins – a measly two cents. Jesus called this disciples over and said...

**Jesus (All): The truth is that this poor widow gave more to the collection than all the others put together. All the others gave what they'll never miss; she gave extravagantly what she couldn't afford – she gave her all.**

**Lector:** The Good News of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, O Christ!**

*Sit*

**CHILDREN'S WORD: Lion and Lamby**

**THE WORD: The Widow's Mite**

*Stand*

**SONG OF THE DAY: "We Love"**

**We love (*clap, clap*)  
because God first loved us.**

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**We love because God first loved us.**

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**APOSTLES CREED**

**P: Do you believe in God the Father?**

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

**P: Do you believe in Jesus, God's Son?**

**All: 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.**

**P: Do you believe in God's Holy Spirit?**

**All: 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.**

### **GOD'S PEOPLE SHARE THE PEACE**

**P: The peace of the Lord be with you all!**

**All: And also with you.**

*Sit*

**OFFERING SONG: "For Love and Health"**

**For life and health  
and every good  
We give you thanks, O Lord.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**All: 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**

### **BENEDICTION**

**Leader:** We go out into the world to be God's Chosen People.

**All:** **But we do not go alone. God goes with us as well as our brothers and sisters in Christ.**

**Leader:** The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face to shine upon you and give you peace.

**All:** **In the name of the Father, + the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

### **Dismissal**

**Leader:** Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

**All:** **Thanks be to God!**

## **POSTLUDE**