



November 19, 2023

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

**Preparation & Praise**

*\* = Stand if you are able*

Prelude: “Prelude in F Major”

Bach (organ)

Welcome & Orientation

Call to Worship

**One thing we have ask of the Lord,  
this is what we seek:  
that we may dwell in the house of the Lord  
all the days of our lives;  
that we behold the beauty of the Lord  
and to seek Him in His temple.**

*Who is it that you seek?*

**We seek the Lord our God.**

*Do you seek Him with all your heart?*

**Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

*Do you seek Him with all your soul?*

**Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

*Do you seek Him with all your mind?*

**Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

*Do you seek Him with all your strength?*

**Amen. Christ, have mercy.**

\*Opening Hymn: “Awesome God” (piano)

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# Gathering the Flock

## \*Greeting Others

*Worship is a spiritual discipline that is shared with others. Take a moment to meet and greet those around you who will be assisting and amplifying your own efforts to relate to God*

## Personal Prayers

*It is our custom to share unspoken prayer requests by lighting candles during this portion of the worship service. If you have a matter you wish to include in our prayers but do not wish to publicly disclose, feel free to come forward during the instrumental interlude and light a candle.*

## Prayer Concerns

*Is there a praise or petition that you are aware of that we can include in our prayers? If so, jot it down on a prayer card and hand to one of the attending ushers who are standing in the aisle.*

## The Great Prayer

### 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**

### Receiving Tithes & Offerings

*We believe that God's greatness is discerned in how God continually gives Godself away to others. When we choose to give ourselves away, we bear witness to God's presence and how God is assisting us in becoming our true selves. All are welcome to join us in sharing and enacting this belief as together we share our tithes and offerings.*

\*Doxology

\*Offertory Prayer

## **Feeding on the Word**

Preparing for the Word

**To whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life,  
and we have believed and have come to know  
In you the Word made flesh,  
that You are the Holy One of God.  
Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ  
King of endless glory.**

Reading from the Old Testament: *Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18*

*This is the word of the Lord*  
**Thanks be to God.**

Reading from the Gospel: *Matthew 25:14-30*

*This is the word of the Lord*

**Thanks be to God.**

Homily

\*Hymn of Response: “God, Whose Giving Knows No  
Ending” (organ) #572 (1&3)

## **Following the Spirit**

“Family News”

\*Benediction

\*Postlude: “Fugue in F Major” Bach (organ)