

**25th Sunday after Pentecost
November 19, 2023—10am**



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Our Mission Statement:

We are a community of believers in Christ called to be servants to all people.

Page numbers (p.) are in front half of the hymnal.
Hymn numbers (#) are in back half of the hymnal.
Everyone is invited to join in **bolded responses**.
+ Please stand as you are able.

+ Gathering +

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

Prelude

"It Is Well with My Soul" *arr. by Joel Raney*

+ Confession and Forgiveness

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.

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

ELW #733

+ Greeting

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+ Prayer of the Day

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+Word+

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

First Reading

Judges 4:1-7

Psalm 123

ELW #123

+ Gospel Acclamation

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+ Gospel Reading

Matthew 25:14-30

Young at Heart Message & Sermon

The Rev. Leslie D. Weber

+ Song of the Day

“I Lift My Eyes”

Refrain: I lift my eyes to the mountains.
From where does my help come?
My help comes from our God
who made heav'n and earth.

In the scorching sands of desert, there's promise of shade.
In your deepest night a still small voice says don't be afraid.

In your going and your coming a Guardian is near.
In the face of death the open arms of love appear.

When it all seems so confusing, alone in despair,
The cross reveals new hope for life to rise from there.

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+ Apostles' Creed

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+ Prayers of Intercession

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

+ Peace

+Meal+

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering

Thank you for supporting the mission of the church as you are able!

Electronic donations can be made at

https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithe/give-one-time/475611.



+ Offering Prayer

+ Great Thanksgiving

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+ Proper Preface

+ Sanctus

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+ Thanksgiving at the Table

+ Lord's Prayer

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+ Invitation to Communion

Agnus Dei

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Notes about Communion Distribution at Grace

When we're gathered around the table, there is enough food, drink, blessing, space and time for all to share in Holy Communion! GLC practices Eucharistic hospitality since we trust that God welcomes all who come to the table where Christ is both host and meal.

Wine (red) and grape juice (white) are distributed in individual cups.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

If you prefer to stay in the pew, there are prepackaged kits (wine, juice, and gluten free options) available at the sanctuary doors.

If you prefer not to receive the wafer and wine/grape juice, you may kneel or stand at the rail with arms folded across your chest to receive a blessing.

Distribution Song

ELW #492

+ Sending +

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

Blessing

Announcements

+ Sending Song

ELW #633

+ Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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