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November 14, 2021
Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

REFLECTION

“Repetitive complaining will attract things for you to complain about. Repeated gratitude will attract things for you to be thankful about.” ~ Anonymous

PRELUDE

A Thanksgiving Suite

arr. Douglas E. Wagner

WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

We glorify our God with songs of thanksgiving and joy.

God has done great things for us, filling us with grace.

God fed our ancestors in the wilderness; God clothes us with hope.

We will offer our hearts to God, always saying,

'Thank you!' to the One who loves us.

We will sing our praises, shouting of God's presence in our lives.

****HYMN No. 755**

“Alleluia! Laud and Blessing”

WEISSE FLAGGEN

Alleluia! Laud and blessing to our God, whose Word is sure;
By whose grace we find redemption, in whose love we live secure.
Righteousness and rich compassion shall attend us all our days;
May God's promise to be faithful echo through our songs of praise!

Alleluia! God sustains us; matchless are the gifts we share:
Light in darkness, hope in conflict, answers to our deepest prayer.
Ours to give as we are given: arms to lift when others fall;
Images of God's great goodness, faithful servants to God's call.

Alleluia! Holy Parent, all your children now reclaim;
May our lives reflect your justice, heirs to your most sacred name.
Fill our hearts with understanding, brace our weakness by your might;
Awesome, honor, born in wisdom; your great glory, our delight.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(In Unison)*

Because we live in this modern, tech-driven, twittering age, we often forget what you have done for us, God of every blessing. We pat ourselves on the back for our ability to learn new computer skills but have forgotten that life is more than a machine. We have more than we could ever use yet, like squirrels, store up more and more. Our faith is often pushed to the back of the closet, to make room for all the fears we wear so easily.

Forgive us, Restorer of life. As you clothe us with your grace and mercy, may we share with those who have so little. As our hearts overflow with your love and wonder, may we offer them as gifts to everyone we meet. As you feed us with your joy and hope, may we welcome to the Table all those whose lives are filled with tears and pain. As we gather with family and friends during this season, may we continue to give thanks for the gift of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

This is the good news: as God pours out abundant grace upon the earth, so you will be blessed with peace and joy.

We don't say it often enough, but thanks be to God for healing, for life, for wonder, for mercy. We are blessed, for we are forgiven. Amen.

****PSALM 16**

Please join the cantor in singing the refrain.

“Lord, in you I trust. You are my God.”

arr. Hal H. Hopson

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Children in kindergarten – 7th grade may exit the sanctuary for Sunday School.

A STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE & OASIS TOY DRIVE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 111

SPECIAL MUSIC

“You Are the Light of the World” from GODSPELL

Stephen Schwartz

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 17:11-19

SERMON

“Abundance, Gratitude and Generosity”

Rev. William Schram

HYMN

*“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” A Hymn Concertato by Paul D. Weber EIN’ FESTE BURG
Please join the cantor in singing stanzas 1 & 2 – Remain Seated*

A mighty fortress is our God;
A sword and shield victorious;
He breaks the cruel oppressor’s rod
And wins salvation glorious.
The old evil foe, sworn to work us woe,
With dread, craft and might
He arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.

God’s Word forever shall abide,
No thanks to foes, who fear it;
For God himself fights by our side
With weapons of the Spirit.
If they take our house, Goods, fame, child, or spouse.
Our life wrench away,
They cannot win day.
The Kingdom’s ours forever.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

****HYMN No. 647**

“Give Thanks”

GIVE THANKS

Give thanks with a grateful heart;
Give thanks to the Holy One;
Give thanks because we’re given Jesus Christ, the Son.
Give thanks with a grateful heart;
Give thanks to the Holy One;
Give thanks because we’re given Jesus Christ, the Son.

And now let the weak say, "We are strong"
Let the poor say, "We are rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us!"
And now let the weak say, "We are strong"
Let the poor say, "We are rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us!"
Give thanks, Give thanks.

****BENEDICTION**

****Those who are able may stand.**

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Rev. William Schram
Rev. Barbara Piercy
Susan Jones, Noel Piercy
Micki Hardenberg, Cantor
Chancel Choir, Westminster Choir
Jesse Gerbasi, Timpani & Drums
John Lenis, Bass
Ray Liptak & Rob Thiemann, AV Engineers