



**Twenty-fifth Sunday After Pentecost**

**November 10, 2024 + 9am**

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**Congregational responses are in BOLD.**

All are welcome to receive Jesus' unconditional gift of God's grace through the sacrament of Holy Communion. Regardless of your church membership or affiliation, all are encouraged to participate in communion or to come forward for a blessing.

*\*The communion bread is homemade by congregation members and contains gluten and honey. For those with allergies or sensitivities, an alternative will be provided upon request.\**

Children of all ages are encouraged to worship with the whole community in Christ. Children's worship bags are available in the back of the sanctuary.

Page numbers that are listed are found in the front of the cranberry-colored hymnal on the bottom of the page. Hymn numbers are listed in bold, large print on the top of the page.

If you would like home communion, hospital visit, or a conversation with the pastor, please contact the church office at 715.687.4110 or at [office@zionstratford.org](mailto:office@zionstratford.org) or Pastor Amy Heinz at 608.498.5772 or [pastoramy@zionstratford.org](mailto:pastoramy@zionstratford.org).

**Ministers:** All the People of God through the love of Jesus and the power and gifts of the Holy Spirit

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## PRELUDE

### CENTERING AND BELLS' CALL TO WORSHIP

### WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS / MISSION MOMENT

### We Gather in Grace

#### OPENING LITANY

Almighty God, we pray for your blessing on the church in this place.

Here may the faithful find salvation

**and the careless be awakened.**

Here may the doubting find faith,

**and the anxious be encouraged.**

Here may the tempted find help,

**and the sorrowful find comfort.**

Here may the weary find rest,

**and the strong be renewed.**

Here may the aged find consolation,

**and the young be inspired.**

We pray in Jesus' name.

**Amen\*\***

**HYMN**      *"Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters"*      **ELW 445**

#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

We begin in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

**Amen.\***

### **GREETING**

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

**And also with you.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**God Who Sees Us,**

**Show us the gift of your presence, and help us to carry your word of compassion and grace to all the world. We pray in the name of the one who carried out your love flawlessly, Jesus Christ our redeemer.**

**Amen.**

### **We Hear the Word of God**

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

### **COMPLEMENTARY READING**

**Luke 18:9-14**

<sup>9</sup> He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: <sup>10</sup> "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. <sup>11</sup> The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying

thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. <sup>12</sup> I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' <sup>13</sup> But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' <sup>14</sup> I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other, for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

## **READING**

## **Jonah 1:1-17; 3:1-10**

Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah son of Amittai, saying, <sup>2</sup> "Go at once to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out against it, for their wickedness has come up before me." <sup>3</sup> But Jonah set out to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish; so he paid his fare and went on board, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the LORD.

<sup>4</sup> But the LORD hurled a great wind upon the sea, and such a mighty storm came upon the sea that the ship threatened to break up. <sup>5</sup> Then the sailors were afraid, and each cried to his god. They threw the cargo that was in the ship into the sea, to lighten it for them. Jonah, meanwhile, had gone down into the hold of the ship and had lain down and was fast asleep. <sup>6</sup> The captain came and said to him, "What are you doing sound asleep? Get up; call on your god! Perhaps the god will spare us a thought so that we do not perish."

<sup>7</sup> The sailors said to one another, "Come, let us cast lots, so that we may know on whose account this calamity has come upon us." So they cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah. <sup>8</sup> Then they said to him, "Tell us why this calamity has come upon us. What is your occupation? Where do you come from? What is your country? And of what people are you?" <sup>9</sup> "I am a Hebrew," he replied. "I worship the LORD, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the

dry land.”<sup>10</sup> Then the men were even more afraid and said to him, “What is this that you have done!” For the men knew that he was fleeing from the presence of the LORD, because he had told them so.

<sup>11</sup> Then they said to him, “What shall we do to you, that the sea may quiet down for us?” For the sea was growing more and more tempestuous. <sup>12</sup> He said to them, “Pick me up and throw me into the sea; then the sea will quiet down for you, for I know it is because of me that this great storm has come upon you.”<sup>13</sup> Nevertheless, the men rowed hard to bring the ship back to land, but they could not, for the sea grew more and more stormy against them. <sup>14</sup> Then they cried out to the LORD, “Please, O LORD, we pray, do not let us perish on account of this man’s life. Do not make us guilty of innocent blood, for you, O LORD, have done as it pleased you.”<sup>15</sup> So they picked Jonah up and threw him into the sea, and the sea ceased from its raging. <sup>16</sup> Then the men feared the LORD even more, and they offered a sacrifice to the LORD and made vows.

<sup>17</sup> But the LORD provided a large fish to swallow up Jonah, and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

<sup>3:1</sup> The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying,<sup>2</sup> “Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.”<sup>3</sup> So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across. <sup>4</sup> Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!”<sup>5</sup> And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

<sup>6</sup> When the news reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. <sup>7</sup> Then he had a proclamation made in Nineveh: “By the

decree of the king and his nobles: No human or animal, no herd or flock, shall taste anything. They shall not feed, nor shall they drink water. <sup>8</sup> Humans and animals shall be covered with sackcloth, and they shall cry mightily to God. All shall turn from their evil ways and from the violence that is in their hands. <sup>9</sup> Who knows? God may relent and change his mind; he may turn from his fierce anger, so that we do not perish.”

<sup>10</sup> When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them, and he did not do it.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

**But Not For Me**

Rev. Amy Heinz

**HYMN**

*“Will You Come and Follow Me”*

**ELW 798**

**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 THE PEOPLE**

Almighty God, in the presence of your bounty keep us humble, and in the presence of all people's needs make us compassionate and caring.

*A brief silence.*

We pray for all unhappy lives, those who are bitter and resentful, those who are sensitive to criticism and quick to take offense, those who desire their own way, whatever the inconvenience or cost to others.

May your judgment and mercy be for their healing.

**Hear our fervent prayer.**

We pray for those who are lonely, who are shy and self-conscious, who find it hard to make friends, who ever feel themselves strangers in a world they can scarcely understand.

May your presence inspire confidence and ensure companionship.

**Hear our fervent prayer.**

We pray for those who live with bitter regrets, for loving relationships brought to ruin, for opportunities freely given and woefully abused, for the bitterness of defeat or betrayal at another's hand, or for failure in personal integrity.

May your grace give new hope to find victory at the very scene of failure.

**Hear our fervent prayer.**

We pray for all in illness and pain, weary of the day and fearful of the night. Grant strength to those who suffer and to those who provide care. We pause now to speak their names either aloud or silently in our hearts.

*A brief silence.*

May your touch, embodied in our care, bring healing and wholeness.

**Hear our fervent prayer.**



Bless the company of Christ's body, the church in every land.  
Make her eager in worship, fearless in the proclamation of the  
gospel, and passionate for caring.

May your Holy Spirit pour out on all people a living faith in you.

**Hear our fervent prayer.**

Bless our country with compassion for others. Bless our leaders  
with wisdom and patience. Bless our children with passion for  
service.

May your loving example bring an end to unhappy divisions and  
inspire us to live for others.

**Hear our fervent prayer.**

Bless each of us in the communion of the saints, and keep us ever  
mindful of the great cloud of witnesses who have gone before us  
and who will come after us. Make our imperfect faith perfect so  
that we may, at the last, receive the fulfillment promised to your  
people.

We pray in the great name of Jesus Christ.

**Amen.\*\***

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## **We Share the Meal**

### **OFFERING**

#### **OFFERTORY**

*"We Are an Offering"*

**ELW 692**

#### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**Ever-present God,  
with this offering we present also ourselves:  
all that we have been,  
all that we are,  
all that we shall become,**

**and our resolve to walk in your way.  
Accept us and our offering, and nourish us at your table for  
service in Jesus' name.  
Amen.\*\***

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Almighty and everlasting God, we bless you for your continual love and care for every creature. We praise you for forming us in your image and calling us to be your people. We thank you that you have not abandoned us in our rebellion against your love, but sent prophets and teachers to lead us into the way of salvation. Above all, we thank you for sending Jesus, your Son, to deliver us from the way of sin and death by the obedience of his life, by his suffering upon the cross, and by his resurrection from the dead. We thank you for the Holy Spirit, who leads us into truth, defends us in adversity, and out of every people unites us into one holy church.

Therefore with the whole company of saints in heaven and on earth we worship and glorify you, God most holy, and we sing with joy:\*\*

**SANCTUS**

*"Holy, Holy, Holy"*

**ELW 191**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**DISTRIBUTION SONGS**

*"Lamb of God"*

**ELW p. 146**

*"O Bread of Life from Heaven"*

**ELW 480**

*"I Received the Living God"*

**ELW 477**

## **BLESSING AND PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

### **We Serve the World in God's Name**

#### **BENEDICTION**

May the grace of Christ, which daily renews us, and the love of God, which enables us to love all, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, which unites us in one body, make us eager to obey the will of God until we meet again, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

#### **CLOSING SONG**

*"Now Thank We All Our God"*

**ELW 840**

#### **DISMISSAL**

We go in peace to love and serve our neighbors,  
**with open doors, open hearts, and open hands.**  
**Thanks be to God!**

#### **POSTLUDE**

# Notes, Prayers, and Thoughts

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