**pentecost 25- sunday november 10, 2024- zion philipsburg**

**Gathering**

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

**welcome and announcments**

Welcome to worship on this 25th Sunday of Pentecost, Nov 10, 2025. Some lovely weather this week once again.

Today we welcome the Trainor family, Kyle, Melissa, and Henrick. Henrick will be baptized in a few moments. We give thanks in the waters of baptism and offer a warm welcome to all of our visitors today.

Notes for the service. The order of service is found in the bulletin. We are using Service of the word, it begins on page 212, at the beginning of your hymnal. The order of baptism is found on page 227. Please see the back of the bulletin for some hints on how to navigate our hymnals.

Final amount for bazaar-

Council meets on Tuesday night-

CLWR Gifts from the Heart magazine arrived this week. There are some catalogues in the narthex. This is such a worthwhile cause and makes a difference in the lives of so many. I often purchase some of the gifts for family members that I do not know what to buy for.

This year there is something new…a colouring contest for kids where they can win some exciting prizes including $500 to spend donating items to CLWR. The colouring pages are on the table in the narthex….please share with anyone who might be interested. More information can be found at [www.clwr.org/colourcontest](http://www.clwr.org/colourcontest).

Arbour day was held yesterday, thanks to all who came out.

**Baptism (pg 227)**

**Gathering Song*Baptized and Set Free* (ELW 453)**

1 We are people created,  
chosen by God.  
Then we're washed, ever gently,  
in mercy and love.  
Sin has power no more.  
Jesus opened the door  
to a fountain bringing healing,  
and wholeness and more.  
  
2 We are fed and we're nourished,  
filled and refreshed.  
Then our hunger returns and  
again we are blessed.  
For whatever the need,  
God is greater indeed:  
endless ocean, always deeper  
than all of our need.  
  
3 We are nourished by water,  
all living things,  
and by life that the Spirit  
abundantly brings.  
As we journey toward home,  
may your presence be known:  
precious river, ever-flowing,  
now carry us home.  
  
4 Now with praise and thanksgiving,  
we join the song.  
All are welcome! We gather  
to sing loud and strong.  
Not enslaved, but set free!  
From now on, all will be  
one in Jesus, one in water,  
baptized and set free!

**Greeting (ELW p. 213)**

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 (ELW p. 215)**

Let us pray.

O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**Word**

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

**First Reading: Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17**

A reading from Ruth.

*Naomi has lost her husband and sons, but is blessed by the love and support of her widowed daughter-in-law Ruth. Naomi is resourceful in arranging the marriage of Ruth to her wealthy kinsman, Boaz; and Ruth, the Moabite, becomes the great-grandmother to that greatest of Israelite kings, David.*

1 Naomi said to [Ruth,] “My daughter, I need to seek some security for you, so that it may be well with you. 2 Now here is our kinsman Boaz, with whose young women you have been working. See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor. 3 Now wash and anoint yourself, and put on your best clothes and go down to the threshing floor; but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. 4 When he lies down, observe the place where he lies; then, go and uncover his feet and lie down; and he will tell you what to do.” 5 She said to her, “All that you tell me I will do.”  
 4:13 So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When they came together, the Lord made her conceive, and she bore a son. 14 Then the women said to Naomi, “Blessed be the Lord, who has not left you this day without next-of-kin; and may his name be renowned in Israel! 15 He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age; for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has borne him.” 16 Then Naomi took the child and laid him in her bosom, and became his nurse. 17 The women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, “A son has been born to Naomi.” They named him Obed; he became the father of Jesse, the father of David.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm: Psalm 127**

1 Unless the Lord builds the house, their labor is in vain who build it.  
  Unless the Lord watches over the city, in vain the sentinel keeps vigil.  
 2 **It is in vain to rise so early and go to bed so late;**  
  **vain, too, to eat the bread of toil; for you, Lord, give sleep to your beloved.**  
 3 Children are a heritage from the Lord, and the fruit of the womb is a gift.  
 4 **Like arrows in the hand of a warrior** **are the children of one’s youth.**  
 5 Happy is the one whose quiver is full of them!  
  Such a one will not be put to shame when contending with enemies in the gate.

**Second Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28**

A reading from Hebrews.

*The letter to the Hebrews describes Christ as a high priest who offers himself as a sacrifice for our sin. Christ does not die again and again each year. He died once, is alive with God, and will reveal himself on the last day.*

24 Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. 25 Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; 26 for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. 27 And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, 28 so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation (ELW p. 216)**

**Gospel: Mark 12:38-44**

The holy gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

38 As [Jesus] taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, 39 and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! 40 They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”  
  41 He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. 42 A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. 43 Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. 44 For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon (ELW p. 217)**

*The assembly is seated.*

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

**Hymn of the Day*God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* (ELW 678)**

1 God, whose giving knows no ending,  
from your rich and endless store:  
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,  
costly cross, grave's shattered door,  
gifted by you, we turn to you,  
off'ring up ourselves in praise;  
thankful song shall rise forever,  
gracious donor of our days.  
  
2 Skills and time are ours for pressing  
toward the goals of Christ, your Son:  
all at peace in health and freedom,  
races joined, the church made one.  
Now direct our daily labor,  
lest we strive for self alone;  
born with talents, make us servants  
fit to answer at your throne.  
  
3 Treasure, too, you have entrusted,  
gain through pow'rs your grace conferred;  
ours to use for home and kindred,  
and to spread the gospel word.  
Open wide our hands in sharing,  
as we heed Christ's ageless call,  
healing, teaching, and reclaiming,  
serving you by loving all.

**Prayers of Intercession**

Rooted in God’s abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation. *A brief silence.*

Renew your church, O God. Make us servants to one another for the sake of the gospel. Instill a heart for service and a passion for justice in our bishops, deacons, pastors, and lay leaders. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Renew your creation, O God. Sustain the earth and seas and all that is in them. Kindle in us a reverent awe for all creatures great and small, and strengthen us in our pursuit of climate justice. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Renew the nations, O God. Heal our country’s veterans from the unseen wounds of war. Tend to their trauma and soothe burdened consciences. Guide leaders of the world to all conflicts peacefully, including Ukraine/ Russia, Israel/Palestine, Yemen, Iran, Afghanistan, Syria, Haiti, Myanmar, Sudan and Somalia. Ease of the fear and bring calm to troubled hearts of all who struggle with divisive politics in the Untied States. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Renew your people, O God. Protect those in our communities who are vulnerable or ill *especially* . Accompany persons who are unemployed or underemployed, children who are in foster care, and those who live alone. Watch over and uphold them. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Renew your love, O God. We welcomed Henrick into the church as a beloved child of God through the waters of baptism. Help him to grow in faith and love. Bless his family, Melissa, Kyle, and . Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Renew this congregation, O God. Give us clarity in our mission and boldness in our witness. Bless our ministries that attend to basic needs of any who lack sufficient resources, that all may live with dignity. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Happy are those whose help was in you. We give thanks for all your faithful ones who praised you as their God all their life long. As we eagerly wait for you, inspire us by their lives of service. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

**Peace (ELW p. 217)**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**Thanksgiving**

**Offering and offertory (ELW 182)**

**OFFERING PRAYER-**

Let us pray,

We give you thanks O God, for the bounty we receive and the ability to share with all who are in need. May we use these gifts to be change in the world. We pray this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Thanksgiving for the Word (ELW p. 220)**

Let us pray.

O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

**Amen.**

**Lord’s Prayer (ELW p. 221)**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven,** **hallowed be your name,**

**your kingdom come,** **your will be done,** **on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins** **as we forgive those** **who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial** **and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,** **and the glory are yours,** **now and forever. Amen.**

**Sending**

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

**Blessing**

The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face shine upon you with grace and mercy, the Lord look upon you with favour and bring you peace. **Amen.**

**Sending Song*Jesus Shall Reign* (ELW 434)**

1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
does its successive journeys run;  
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
  
2 To him shall endless prayer be made,  
and praises throng to crown his head;  
his name like sweet perfume shall rise  
with ev'ry morning sacrifice.  
  
3 People and realms of ev'ry tongue  
dwell on his love with sweetest song;  
and infant voices shall proclaim  
their early blessings on his name.  
  
4 Blessings abound where'er he reigns:  
the pris'ners leap to lose their chains,  
the weary find eternal rest,  
and all who suffer want are blest.  
  
5 Let ev'ry creature rise and bring  
peculiar honors to our king;  
angels descend with songs again,  
and earth repeat the loud amen.

**Dismissal**

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

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