



**November 19, 2023  
Twenty-Fifth Sunday of Pentecost  
Family Praise Worship**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING SONGS:**                               Come Now Is The Time To Worship  
  Come To Jesus

**INVOCATION**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and merciful,

**C: slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.**

P: Come, let us return to the Lord, confessing our sin and asking for His forgiveness

**C: in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

*(Silence for personal reflection and confession)*

P: God of grace,

**C: we come to You marked by sin and bearing its weight of guilt. We are not the people You created us to be. We have sinned against You and against each other, in thought, word, and deed. We have broken Your commandments, failed to love You above all things, and to love our neighbor as ourselves. Hear us as we cry to You for mercy, that we may be restored as Your children through the merits of our Savior Jesus Christ. By His death and resurrection cleanse us from our sin and grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may amend our sinful lives. Amen.**

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon you and has forgiven you all your sins. Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**First Reading:**

**Genesis 50:15-21**

When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died: 'Say to Joseph, "Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you."' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Epistle Reading:**

**Romans 8:18-28**

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Holy Gospel

**Matthew 12:46-50**

While he was still speaking to the people, behold, his mother and his brothers stood outside, asking to speak to him. But he replied to the man who told him, "Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?" And stretching out his hand toward his disciples, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

APOSTLES' CREED

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SONG: Nothing But The Blood

MESSAGE: "The Story: Grace in Spite of Me" Pastor Ripke

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

LORD'S SUPPER

BENEDICTION

SONG: Blessed Be Your Name



# Thanksgiving Service

*Come and Join Us for Worship and Pie!*

Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>

Thanksgiving Worship with Holy Communion  
followed by a Pie Reception

Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>

Thanksgiving Day Worship with Holy Communion