



22ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 9, 2025

10:00 am

* all who are able are invited to rise in body or spirit.

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP* *(from Psalm 145)*

I will lift you up high, my God, the true king.

I will bless your name forever and always.

I will bless you every day.

I will praise your name forever and always.

**Our generation will praise your works to the next one,
Proclaiming your mighty acts.**

PRAYER OF PRAISE*

CONFESSION OF SIN

Holy God we come before you a broken people in a broken world. Too often, we ignore your assured presence. We forge our own paths and chart our own waters. We ignore your aid, your comfort, and your peace. We call on you only in desperation, rather than recalling your mighty and faithful acts in all times and all places. Forgive us. Be with us.

(silent confession)

**Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy.
Lord have mercy. Kyrie Eleison. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON / PASSING OF THE PEACE*

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

[You are invited to exchange signs of peace with one another.]

RESPONSE TO PARDON*

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**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.
Amen.**

**World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

A TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

GOSPEL – Luke 20:27-38

Alex Aning

*“He isn’t the God of the dead but of the living.
To God they are all alive.”*

OFFERING OF MUSIC

Adult Choir

“Great Is the Lord”

OLD TESTAMENT – 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

*“May God encourage your hearts and give you strength
in every good thing you do or say.”*

SERMON

“Being Encouraged” Dr. Linda Dickerson

SAYING WHAT WE BELIEVE* *(from “A Brief Statement of Faith”)*

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER

We trust in you, O God.

You are just in all your ways and kind in all your doings.

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* *"Give Thanks, O Christian People"* 644

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION*

CHORAL RESPONSE* 822, v. 1

Congregation

**When we are living, it is in Christ Jesus,
and when we're dying, it is in the Lord.
Both in our living and in our dying,
we belong to God; we belong to God.**

FELLOWSHIP TIME - All are welcome!

11:15 - SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES