

—THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER—

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.*

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.*

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*All are welcome at Christ’s table. The cup is offered as red wine, and white grape juice.
You may place your empty cup in the baskets on the first pews.*

COMMUNION MUSIC

Now The Silence

Jack Brooks

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Majestic and eternal God, you have fed us with the bread of life and satisfied us with the cup of salvation. As we rise from this table, may we remember its expanse, and our connection to our siblings in Christ around the globe. Make us instruments of your peace and messengers of your love in thought, word, and deed. Make us one with you and all of creation through the power of the Holy Spirit. We pray in Jesus’ name, amen.

—Sending—

*HYMN #634

To God Be the Glory

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fairest Lord Jesus

Jack Brooks

You may be seated after the light passes you in the aisle.

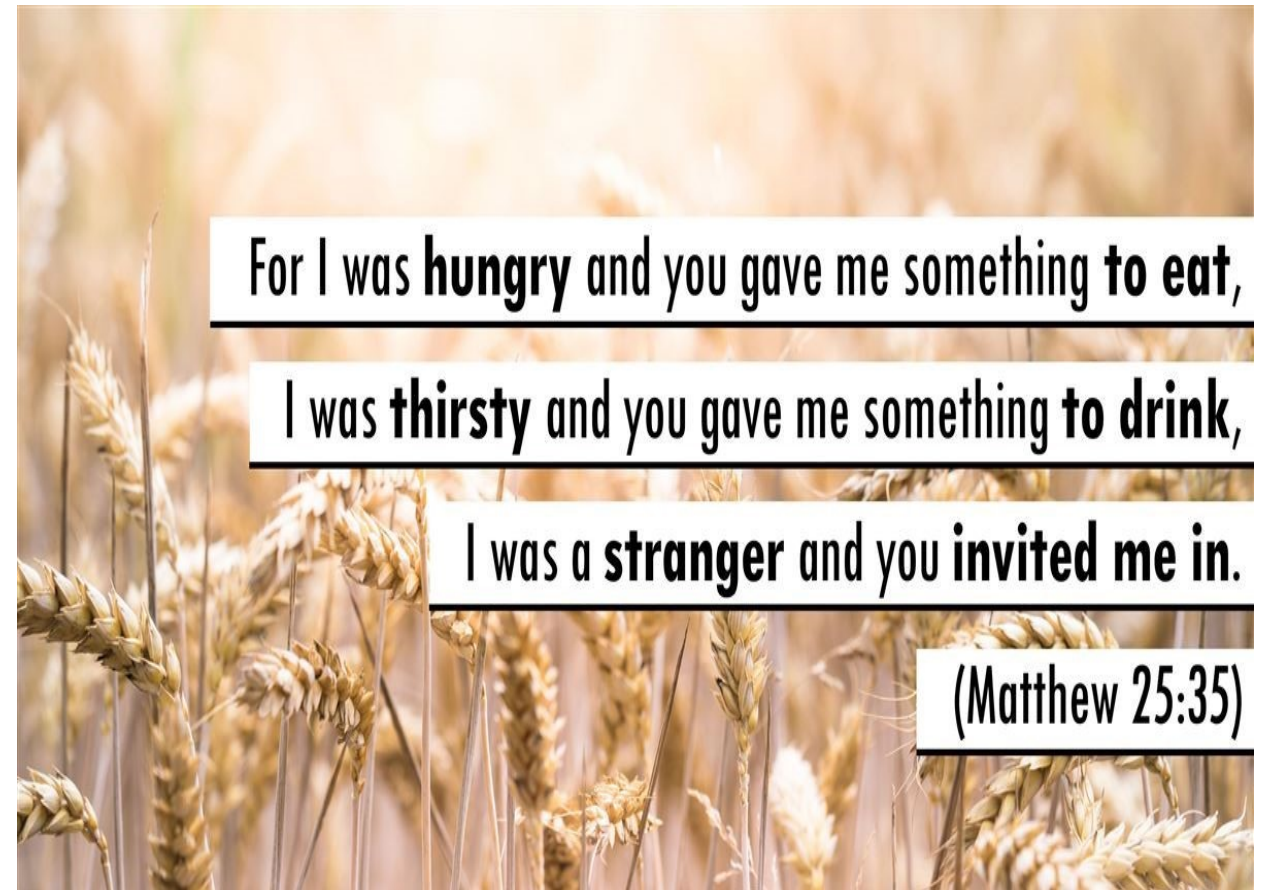
Debbi Ricci.....Admin. Assist.
Jack Brooks.....Guest Organist



*Serving God,
Honoring Creation,
Embracing Differences*



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(Matthew 25:35)

March 2, 2025

Communion Sunday

— Gathering —

PRELUDE

Morning Has Broken

Jack Brooks

WELCOME

Liturgist: Steve Lowe

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
Who made heaven and earth.
O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the lord our Maker!
For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. O that today we would listen to his voice.
Praise the Lord!
The Lord’s name be praised!

*HYMN #475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

(*) Please rise in body or in spirit
Bold Italic Letters indicate congregational response

CONFESSION

Our Merciful Father, when we remember your great love, and when we remember the command of Jesus that we should love each other, we are ashamed of the poverty of our own love. We confess that love has not ruled in our hearts, and has not been the guiding principle in our lives. We have not loved you, our God; we have not loved our neighbors; we have allowed our personal wants and desires to blind us to the needs of others. Forgive us, Father, as we admit our failure and our sin, our pride and our selfishness. Forgive us in love that we may walk in the way of our savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (PSALM 103:8-12)

The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

Friends, this is the good news of the Gospel!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

*GLORIA PATRI #581

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.*

—Word—

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALTER READING PSALM 119:1-16

Happy are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the LORD.

Happy are those who keep his decrees, who seek him with their whole heart, who also do no wrong, but walk in his ways.

You have commanded your precepts to be kept diligently. O that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes!

Then I shall not be put to shame, having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.

I will praise you with an upright heart, when I learn your righteous ordinances. I will observe your statutes; do not utterly forsake me.

How can young people keep their way pure? By guarding it according to your word.

With my whole heart I seek you; do not let me stray from your commandments.

I treasure your word in my heart, so that I may not sin against you. Blessed are you, O LORD; teach me your statutes.

With my lips I declare all the ordinances of your mouth. I delight in the way of your decrees as much as in all riches.

I will meditate on your precepts, and fix my eyes on your ways. I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 1:10-20

Bible p. 47, LG p. 60-61

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

Matthew 25:31-36

Bible p. 27, LG p. 35

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

W-W-I-D-I-Y-W-J

Rev. Steve Newton

—Response—

HYMN #525

Let Us Break Bread Together

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (adapted from A Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life, who inspired the prophets and apostles, rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls children of God everywhere to all ministries of the church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

One Bread, One Body

Jack Brooks

*DOXOLOGY #607

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION