

PENTECOST 24**PRESERVICE MUSIC/RINGING OF THE BELL/WELCOME**

" *The Baptism Hymn* *"Life Is Ours"*

Life is ours, a gift of Jesus,
life that blesses, life that frees us.
Children of the Father's pleasure,
we now share our Savior's treasure.

See this wonder in the making,
God Himself this child is taking,
As a lamb safe in His keeping,
His to be, awake or sleeping.

God His own doth tend and nourish,
in His holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things He spares them,
in His mighty arms He bears them.

Miracle each time it happens,
as the door to heaven opens,
And the Father beams: "Beloved."
Heir of gifts a King would covet.

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(Hymnal Page 268)*

Here we bring a child of nature,
home we take a newborn creature,
Now God's precious son or daughter,
born again by Word and water.

So then join in holy laughter,
both here now and he - re after,
Trust the promise! Hear the sending!
Sing a song of Life Unending!

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Tune: "Children of the Heavenly Father" AGPS 80

OPENING PSALMODY Psalm 84:1, 9–12; antiphon: v. 3

Reader: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

R Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young,

C At your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

R How lovely is your dwelling place,

C O LORD of hosts!

R Behold our shield, O God;

C Look on the face of your anointed!

R For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

C I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

R For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor.

C No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.

R O LORD of hosts,

C Blessed is the one who trusts in you! Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Amos 5:18–24

¹⁸Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD!

Why would you have the day of the LORD?

It is darkness, and not light,

¹⁹as if a man fled from a lion,
and a bear met him,

or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall,
and a serpent bit him.

²⁰Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?

²¹"I hate, I despise your feasts,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

²²Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,

I will not accept them;

and the peace offerings of your fattened animals,

I will not look upon them.

²³Take away from me the noise of your songs;
to the melody of your harps I will not listen.

²⁴But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream."

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

¹³But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SONG “*Create in Me*”

Create in me a clean heart, Oh God, that I might serve--- You;

Create in me a clean heart, Oh God, That I might be renewed.

So fill me and heal me, and bring me back to You.

Create in me a clean heart, Oh God, that I might serve You.

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HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 25:1–13

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Jesus said: “The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ ⁷Then all

those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. ⁸And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' ⁹But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' ¹⁰And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. ¹¹Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' ¹²But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' ¹³Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION 1 John 1:8-10, John 20:23

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C People: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar.

C And his word is not in us.

P As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

CHILDREN'S TALK

HYMN 802 IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE

SERMON "The Lord is Coming" Matthew 25:1-13

PRAYERS

*Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.***

SHARING OF THE PEACE

(Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22-24; Eph. 4:1-3).)

OFFERING

SONG

Hymn 965 "God Bless Our Native Land"

**1 God bless our native land;
Firm may she ever stand
Through storm and night.
When the wild tempests rave,
Ruler of wind and wave,
Do Thou our country save
By Thy great might.**

**2 So shall our prayers arise
To God above the skies;
On Him we wait.
Thou who art ever nigh,
Guarding with watchful eye,
To Thee aloud we cry:
God save the state!**

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SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Prepare your hearts to receive the Lord.

C We lift our hearts to you, O God.

LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Distribution of the Lord's Supper

SONGS

"Come to the Table"

**Come to the table of mercy, prepared with the wine and the bread;
All who are hungry and thirsty, come and your souls will be fed.**

Chorus:

**Come at the Lord's invitation, receive from His nail-scarred hand;
Eat of the bread of salvation, drink of the blood of the Lamb.**

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"We Are An Offering"

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You.

**We are an offering.
Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands,
Lord, use our lives they are Yours
We are an offering.**

**All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be,
We give to You, we give to You,
We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You.**

We are an offering, we are an offering.

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"The Lamb" AGPS 229

- 1. The Lamb, the Lamb, O Father, where's the sacrifice?
Faith sees, believes God will provide the Lamb of price!**

Refrain:

**Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne.**

- 2. The Lamb, the Lamb, One perfect final offering.
The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heaven His praise to sing.**

Refrain:

- 3. The Lamb, the Lamb, As wayward sheep their shepherd kill.**

So still, His will on our behalf the Law to fill. *Refrain:*

- 4. He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretchedness.
He lives, forgives, He gives me His own righteousness.**

Refrain:

- 5. He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now overflows
His song prolong 'Till ev'ry heart to Him belong.**

Refrain:

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG

"Cry of My Heart"

Refrain:

**It is the cry of my heart to follow You.
It is the cry of my heart to be close to You.
It is the cry of my heart to follow all of the days of my life.**

**Teach me Your holy ways, oh Lord,
So I can walk in Your truth.
Teach me Your holy ways, oh Lord,
And make me wholly devoted to You.**

Refrain.

**Open my eyes so I can see
The wonderful things that You do.
Open my heart up, more and more,
And make it wholly devoted to You.**

Refrain.

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