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***November 19, 2023 11:00 a.m.***

***Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost***

***Holy Communion***

**Welcome! We are glad you're here! A warm welcome is extended to all!**

**Your presence enriches us at this time of celebration together.**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Sharing the Peace**

**Centering Prayer**

**Now, in these moments, when we cannot let go of our worries and doubts, may we, once again, open our hands to hold your faith. (Silent prayer)**

**Youth Message**

**Opening**

***Fill My Cup***

Been walkin' to a city I cannot see (ooh, ooh)

Through the depths of the valley where the sun can't reach (ooh, ooh)

I've been high, I've been low

I've been looking for the river that could fill my soul

Been walkin' to a city I cannot see (ooh, ooh, ooh)

Chorus: Fill my cup, Lord

Run it over

Give me love, give me joy

Give me peace (ooh, ooh, ooh)

Fill my cup, Lord

Run it over

I am Your child in need (ooh, ooh, ooh)  
Lord, I need You (to fill my cup)

Oh-oh, oh-oh (fill my cup)

Oh-oh, oh-oh (fill my cup)

Oh-oh, oh-oh (fill my cup)

Oh-oh, oh-oh (fill my cup)

Been walkin' over lies standin' in my way (ooh, ooh)

They can say they want

I don't want what they say (ooh, ooh)

I was born far from home

But I've been thriving in the wonder of the great unknown

'Cause I'm drinking from a well from  
another place (ooh, ooh, ooh)

Chorus

Fill my house up with hoping  
Fill my plans up with purpose  
Fill my wounds up with healing (ooh,  
ooh, ooh)

Lord, I need You (to fill my cup)

Fill my days up with meaning

Fill my future with vision

Goodness, grace, and provision (ooh,  
ooh, ooh)

Lord, I need You (to fill my cup)

And when I get to that city I cannot see  
I'll know that even this valley was a  
golden stream (ooh, ooh, ooh)

Chorus

Fill my house up with hoping (oh, fill my  
cup)

Fill my plans up with purpose (oh, fill my  
cup)

Fill my wounds up with healing (oh, fill  
my cup)

Lord, I need You (to fill my cup)

Fill my days up with meaning (oh, fill my  
cup)

Fill my future with vision (oh, fill my  
cup)

Goodness, grace, and provision (oh, fill  
my cup)

Lord, I need You (to fill my cup)

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### *What a Beautiful Name*

You were the Word at the beginning  
One with God the Lord Most High  
Your hidden glory in creation  
Now revealed in You our Christ

What a beautiful Name it is  
What a beautiful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a beautiful Name it is  
Nothing compares to this  
What a beautiful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus

You didn't want heaven without us  
So Jesus You brought heaven down  
My sin was great Your love was greater  
What could separate us now

What a wonderful Name it is

What a wonderful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a wonderful Name it is  
Nothing compares to this  
What a wonderful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus  
What a wonderful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus

Death could not hold You  
The veil tore before You  
You silence the boast of sin and grave  
The heavens are roaring  
The praise of Your glory  
For You are raised to life again

You have no rival  
You have no equal  
Now and forever God You reign

Yours is the kingdom  
Yours is the glory  
Yours is the Name above all names

What a powerful Name it is  
What a powerful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a powerful Name it is  
Nothing can stand against

What a powerful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus

What a powerful Name it is  
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**Confession and Forgiveness** (inspired by 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11 and Matthew 25: 14-30)

**Lord, Lord,  
we know who you are,  
we know you bring in the kingdom of heaven.**

**But when you assign us the job of lighting the way,  
we barely announce your divine rule to ourselves.**

**We celebrate your redemptive action in history  
with our calendar - Sundays, seasons, year after year.**

**Yet we become drowsy: unprepared,  
because we are not disciples each day, at all hours.  
Those times we live for ourselves because we think we do not need you right now.  
We do not want justice, and self-righteousness is easier than right relationship.**

**Forgive us Lord the sins we can bear to name,  
Save us Lord from the sins we will not speak.**

### **Assurance of Forgiveness**

God redeems.  
Our hope lives in the one we call Jesus the Christ.  
Time and again we go to this hope, ready or not.  
For Christ's sake our sins are forgiven.  
May the flood of God's love in Christ Jesus  
be poured out in our lives and cease not at this worship's end.  
To the glory of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

~ adapted from a confession written by Bill Wessner, on his Confessional RCL blog. <http://confessionrcl.blogspot.com/2011/11/cycle-lectionary-32-proper-27.html>

### **First Reading: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18**

Be silent before the Lord God, for the day of the Lord is at hand!

The Lord has prepared a sacrifice; he has consecrated his guests.

At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who settle like dregs in wine, those who say in their hearts, “The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm.” Their wealth shall be plundered and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them.

The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter; the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like dust and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord’s wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed, for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### **Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So, then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober, for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober and put on the breastplate of faith and love and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## **Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30**

“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. At once the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **Sermon**

### **Song**

### ***Jesus What a Beautiful Name***

Jesus what a beautiful name  
Son of God Son of Man  
Lamb that was slain  
Joy and peace strength and hope  
Grace that blows all fear away  
Jesus what a beautiful name

Jesus what a beautiful name  
Truth revealed my future sealed  
Healed my pain  
Love and freedom life and warmth  
Grace that blows all fear away  
Jesus what a beautiful name

Jesus what a beautiful name  
Rescued my soul my stronghold  
Lifts me from shame  
Forgiveness security power and love

Grace that blows all fear away  
Jesus what a beautiful name  
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## **Prayers of the Church**

### **Words of Institution**

**The 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **Holy Communion**

#### **Benediction**

When you leave the house of prayer, do so with a buoyant heart.

Trust Christ to take an intimate interest  
in the costly investment he has made.

Invest in others as his love has invested in you;  
Rejoicing in the fellowship of his Spirit.

There is no difficulty that God has not foreseen,  
no error or sin that God cannot ultimately correct,  
no suffering where God will make you go on all alone,  
and no joy that cannot be enriched by God's happiness within you.

The grace of our Lord Christ Jesus,  
the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
will be

with you today and forevermore!

***Amen!***

**Song:** *Fill My Cup (See Pages 1 & 2)*

Go in peace, serve the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### **Announcements**

**Adult Sunday School:** Today at 10 AM.

**Bible Study:** Thursdays at 10:00 at the Parish House and via Zoom.

**Love Inc, Buckets of Blessings:** We are asking for steel wool pads this month!

**Musikgarten:** Wednesday, from 10-10:30 AM.

**Gymnastics Open Play:** Wednesday, from 11-11:45 AM.

**Church Decorating:** Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM. The Friendship Circle invites anyone to help!

**Book Club:** Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM.

**Needleworks:** Fridays, December 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM. All are welcome!

**Crafternoon Tea:** Saturday, December 2, from Noon to 2 PM.

**Annual Meeting:** Sunday, December 3 at Noon.

**Advent Service:** Tuesday, December 5 at 6:30 PM in the sanctuary. Following this special Advent service presented by the Friendship Circle, enjoy desserts in the lower level. Please attend, bring a friend and a dessert.

**Friends and Family Breakfast:** Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM.

**Birthday Celebration:** Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM.

**Friendship Circle Cookie Sale:** Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. Cookie Drop-off on Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM until Noon.

### **Will you help us this year spread Holiday Cheer amongst 3,000 seafarers out at sea during Christmas?**

90% of global trade is transported on the high seas by crew members on container ships who remain invisible to most people, yet our supply chains especially during the Holidays depend on their services. Seafarers are the “unseen essential workers” and are often overworked and lonely. We collect each year for the ELCA ministry to seafarers who will not be home for Christmas. Port chaplains deliver satchels filled with gifts to the ships.

Every crew member on a ship regardless of their faith or nationality will open their satchels, each containing:

- One Sweatshirt – hooded or unhooded (size M-L-XL)
- Three Pairs of Socks – thermal or gym

- One T- Shirt (size M-L-XL)
- One Knitted Winter Cap (coordinating scarf optional; no pastels please)
- One Can of Nuts, Large Bar of Chocolate, or Health Snack Bar
- A Holiday or Christmas Card from YOU!

You pick the colors, styles and brands, but please no substitutions from the list.



St. George is a warm, friendly, spirit-filled congregation that has been blessed throughout many years. Most Christian denominations develop a distinct emphasis of the Christian faith and practice, and this is also true for Lutherans.

**The Lutheran emphasis, in a word, is God’s grace.**

We emphasize the grace of God which forgives us, makes us God’s children, and empowers us to serve others. **We welcome, include, and value all people.**