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TWO COINS



STEWARDSHIP BREAKFAST
“THE SPIRIT OF GIVING”

October 19, 2025

Welcome Children Of God To The House Of The Lord

*Please **turn all cell phones off** or on vibrate before the worship service begins.
The responses of the people are printed in **bold**.*

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

BASED ON ACTS 2:42-46

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles.

All the believers were together and had everything in common.

They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need.

Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts.

They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people.

Gracious God, **forgive us when our awe turns to contempt. Forgive us when we no longer take the time to notice your wonders and signs. Forgive us when we hold too tightly onto our possessions while others are still in need. Forgive us when we seek to praise ourselves instead of offering our praise to you. Have mercy on us and renew us, that we may more faithfully live and serve you, our neighbor, and each other, through Christ our Lord. Amen**

God, who is rich in mercy, loves us even in our sinfulness. By grace, and grace alone, you are saved and forgiven of all you sin, in the name of the Father and of the +Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**





Nues-tro Pa - dre nos in - vi - ta a la me - sa de la
 God ex - tends an in - vi - ta - tion to the ta - ble of cre -

vi - da, don - de hay vi - no, luz y pan; y no -
 a - tion, where there's wine and light and bread. Here we

so - tros nos reu - ni - mos, y lo nues - tro com - par - ti - mos, pues a -
 gath - er in thanks - giv - ing and we of - fer all our liv - ing. Here the

sí es la co - mu - nión; pues a - sí es la co - mu - nión.
 feast of life is spread; here the feast of life is spread.

Text: Miria T. Kolling; English and Spanish tr. Gerhard M. Cartford, b. 1923
 Music: NUESTRO PADRE, Miria T. Kolling
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GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING

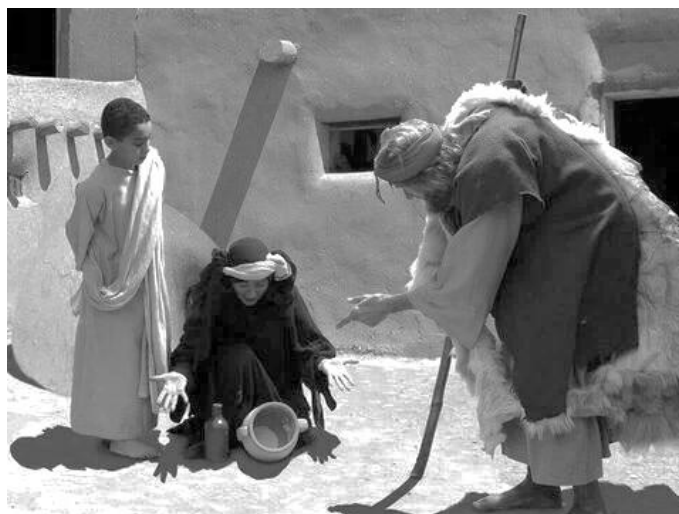
1 KINGS 17:8-16

This chapter begins the story of Elijah. God sends a drought on Israel because of the sins of King Ahab. This passage depicts God's saving acts not only on behalf of Elijah, but also on behalf of those who are associated with the prophet, even a foreigner, the widow of Zarephath.

A reading from 1 Kings:

⁸The word of the Lord came to [Elijah,] saying, ⁹“Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” ¹⁰So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.” ¹¹As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” ¹²But she said, “As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.” ¹³Elijah said to her, “Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son.” ¹⁴For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth.” ¹⁵She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Honduras (ACS, Setting 11)

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. El Se - ñor re - su - ci - tó.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en, ris'n in - deed.

GOSPEL READING

MARK 12:38-44

After engaging in a series of public arguments with religious leaders in the temple, Jesus contrasts the proud and oppressive ways of those leaders with the sacrificial humility and poverty of the widow.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 12th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³⁸As [Jesus] taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, ³⁹and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! ⁴⁰They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

⁴¹He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴²A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE

“TWO COINS AND THE SPIRIT OF GIVING”

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

DAVID TAYLOR

1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and end - less store:
2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through pow'rs your grace con - ferred;

na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly cross, grave's shat - tered door,
all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es joined, the church made one.
ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to spread the gos - pel word.

gift - ed by you, we turn to you, of - f'ring up our - selves in praise;
Now di - rect our dai - ly la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone;
O - pen wide our hands in shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call,

thank - ful song shall rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.
born with tal - ents, make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.
heal - ing, teach - ing, and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

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Music: RUSTINGTON, C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848–1918

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APOSTLES' CREED

God has made us his people through our baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess what we believe:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*The assisting minister prays the petition. The congregation responds to the petitions that end "Lord in your mercy with: "**hear our prayer.**" and those that end "O, God, we give you thanks" with: "**Thanks be to God**" The prayers conclude with the pastoral petition followed by a congregational "**Amen.**"*

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

O, God, we give you thanks. **Thanks be to God.**

Into your hands... Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

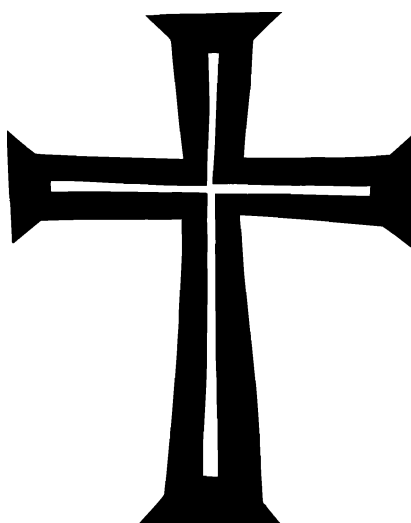
THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY MUSIC

A Song of Joy

Allen Pote



SUNG OFFERTORY

We Are an Offering

ELW 692

♩ = 60

CHORUS 1

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You, we are an

of - fer - ing. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our

BRIDGE

lives, they are Yours, we are an of - fer - ing. 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

CHORUS 2

voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You, we are an of - fer - ing, we are an

of - fer - ing. We lift our of - fer - ing.

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

COMMUNION

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

COMMUNION INVITATION

Our Lord Jesus says, "Whoever comes to me shall not hunger and whoever believes in me shall never thirst."

Lord, give us this bread always.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENT

Instructions for distribution will be given by the Minister.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Lamb of God

ACS, Setting 12

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on

us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the

world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Taste and See

ELW 493

Refrain – All

Taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord. Oh,

taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

SENDING

SENDING HYMN

Take My Life, That I May Be

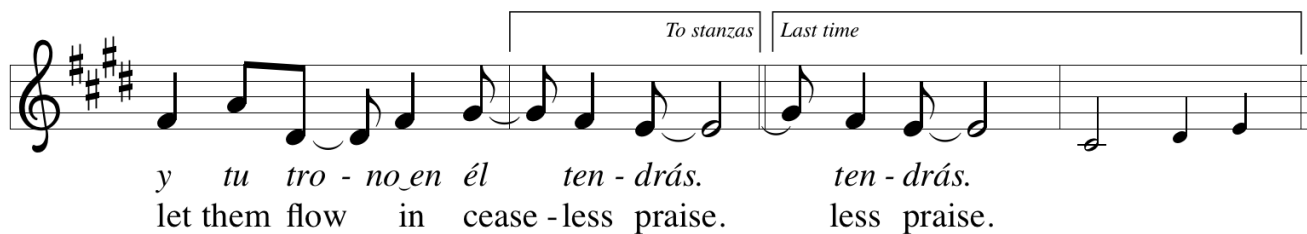
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Refrain/Estribillo

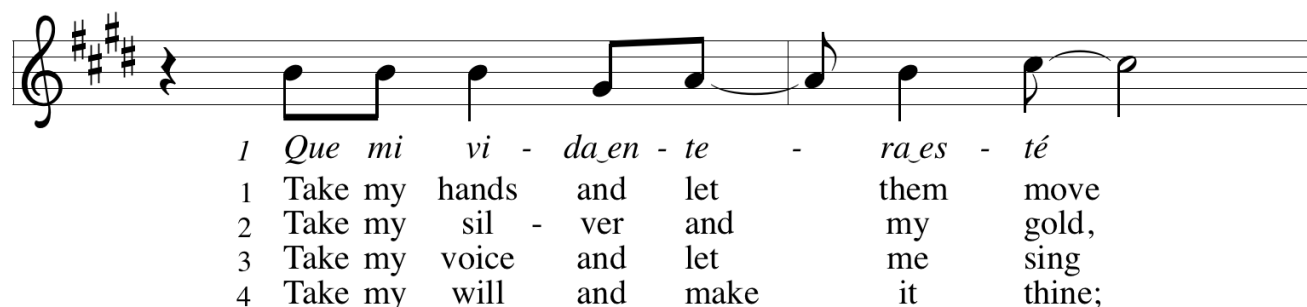
To - ma, oh Dios, mi vo - lun - tad, y haz - la tu - ya, na -
Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord,

da más; to - ma, sí, mi co - ra - zón
to thee; take my mo - ments and my days;

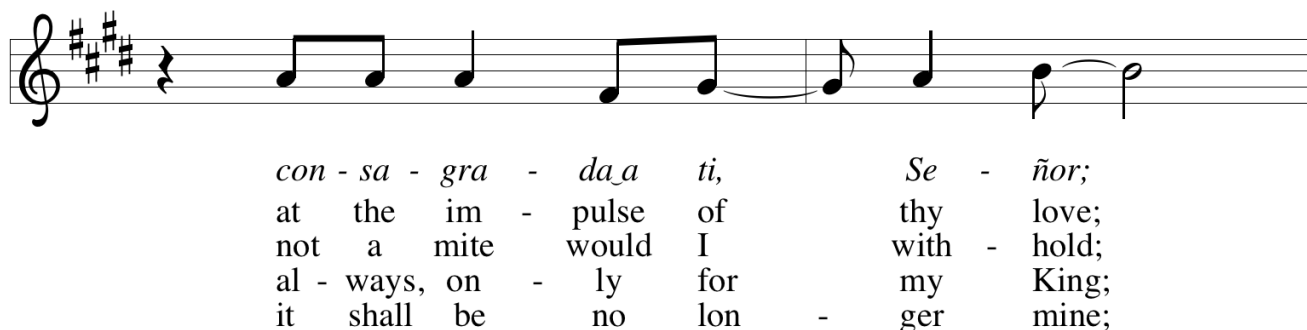
To stanzas	Last time
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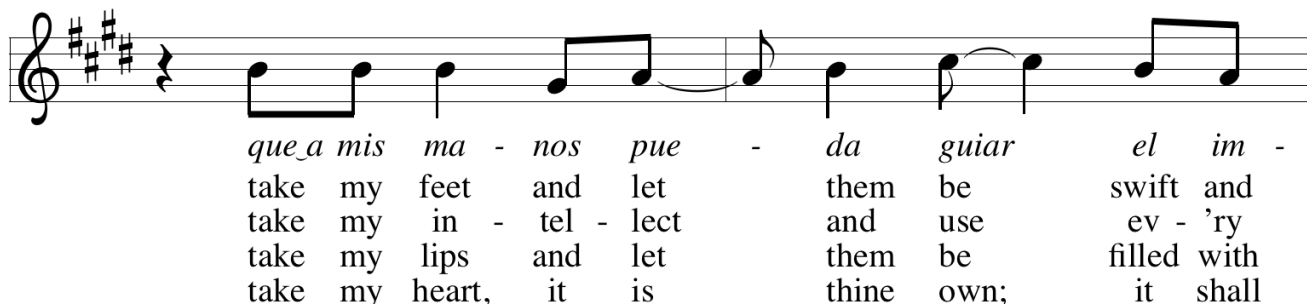
y tu tro - no en él ten - drás. ten - drás.
let them flow in cease - less praise. less praise.



1 Que mi vi - da en - te - ra es - té
1 Take my hands and let them move
2 Take my sil - ver and my gold,
3 Take my voice and let me sing
4 Take my will and make it thine;

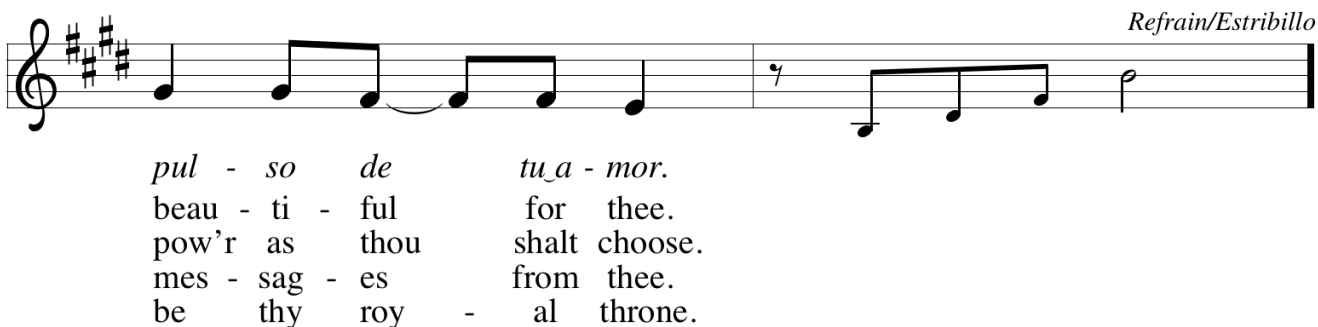


con - sa - gra - da a ti, Se - ñor;
at the im - pulse of thy love;
not a mite would I with - hold;
al - ways, on - ly for my King;
it shall be no lon - ger mine;



que a mis ma - nos pue - da guiar el im -
take my feet and let them be swift and
take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry
take my lips and let them be filled with
take my heart, it is thine own; it shall

Refrain/Estribillo



pul - so de tu a - mor.
beau - ti - ful for thee.
pow'r as thou shalt choose.
mes - sag - es from thee.
be thy roy - al throne.

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Music: TOMA MI VOLUNTAD, William Dexheimer Pharris, b. 1956
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, ✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

Thanks be to God.

Today's altar flowers are sponsored by Dottie & John Marschhausen
in celebration of William's 16th Birthday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please join us for **Bible Study this evening at 6:00pm** in the Church Lounge.
- Please join us via Zoom for Matins on Tuesdays at 9:00am and Vespers on Wednesdays at 7:00pm. Use the usual Zoom link.
- October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month: During October, we will be celebrating those in our community who are Thrivers and Survivors of Breast Cancer. We'll also be remembering those who sadly succumbed to this disease. Please feel free to write the name(s) of anyone whom we should celebrate or remember on one of the pink hearts on the Narthex window wall. You can also show your support by wearing pink for worship during the Sundays in October.
- **Food Drive:** We are collecting food for the annual Thrivent Feed Northeast campaign. Let's collect over 1,000 items! We are also looking for volunteers to help with food collection outside the Oak Street Stop & Shop on Saturday, October 25 from 9am-noon. Please contact Jan Frick for more information
- **St. Mark Fall Clean-Up:** Come help out **on Saturday, October 25 from 9:30am – 12:30pm**. Please contact Deb Gresens for more information. Rain date is November 1.
- **We will celebrate the Saints on November 2.** The book of Saints is on the usher stand. Please clearly print the names of any person(s) you would like to have remembered.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR:

Sunday, October 19	9:00am	Breakfast church
	6:00pm	Bible Study
Tuesday, October 21	9:00am	Matins via Zoom
Wednesday, October 22	7:00pm	Matins via Zoom
Thursday, October 23	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, October 25	9:00am	Feed Northeast Food Collection at Oak Street Stop & Shop
	9:30am	St. Mark Fall Clean-up
Sunday, October 26	9:00am	Reformation Sunday Service of Word and Sacrament followed by Coffee Hour sponsored by Deb's Team



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