

THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, September 21, 2025

The 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00 a.m.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

WELCOME

PRELUDE

In Tender Mercy Visit Us

F.X.A. Murschhauser

INTROIT

Remember Not, O God (From Psalm 79)

SOUTHWELL

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(Adapted from Psalm 79)

Leader: How long, O LORD? Will you withhold Your favor forever?

People: Pour out Your mercy upon the nations—on those who call upon Your name.

Leader: Do not remember against us the iniquities of our ancestors.

People: Let Your compassion come speedily to meet us.

Leader: Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Your name.

People: Deliver us, and forgive our sins, for your name's sake.

Leader: Then we, Your people, the flock of Your pasture, will give thanks to You forever;

People: From generation to generation, we will recount Your praise.

*HYMN #285

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets
verses 1 and 2

SOMEBODY'S KNOCKIN'

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, You have promised to grant forgiveness to the penitent. We confess that we have failed to be the people You have called us to be. We have not loved one another as You have commanded, and have turned our backs to those in need. We have often turned Your good news into bad news, and have glorified ourselves by condemning others. Lord God, accept our confession, and grant us Your forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

KYRIE #572

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

WORDS WITH OUR YOUNG CHURCH

Children ages K-3rd grade are now invited downstairs for Children's Worship.

ANTHEM

The Gylt of Charitie

Carlton Russel

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Luke 16:1-13

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks Be to God.

SERMON

"Dishonesty—The Best Policy?"

Dr. Curtis Christian

*HYMN #390

O Savior, in This Quiet Place
verses 1 and 6

ST. STEPHEN

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

APOSTLES' CREED

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, dead, 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.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #579

Gloria Patri

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERINGS FOR THE MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY #592

Old Hundredth

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN #485

To God Be the Glory

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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION *Somebody's Knocking at Your Door*

SOMEBODY'S KNOCKIN'

*POSTLUDE

A Father's Faith

F. Walczyński

*Those who are able, please stand

***Late Arrivals Seated

Today's Lay Reader is Amanda Tipton.