



For I was **hungry** and you gave me something **to eat**,

I was **thirsty** and you gave me something **to drink**,

I was a **stranger** and you **invited me in**.

(Matthew 25:35)

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### ***Fifth Sunday of Lent***

March 25/26, 2023

Jon Pedersen, Pastor  
Ellen D. Schroll, Minister of Music  
Sue Hoff, Vicar  
David Rhodes, Organist

**Prelude** *'There is a Green Hill Far Away'* arr by Lloyd Webber

**Opening Hymn** *"Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"* ELW 802

### **Confession and Absolution**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who journeys with us these forty days, and sustains us with the gift of grace. **Amen.**

P: Let us acknowledge before God and one another our need for repentance and God's mercy.

(Silence is kept for reflection)

P: Holy God,

**C: we confess to you our faults and failings. Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word; we take for ourselves instead of giving to others; we spoil rather than steward your creation; we cause hurt though you call us to heal; we choose fear over compassion. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, as we seek to follow in your way of life. Amen.**

P: Hear the good news: God so loved the world that God gave the only Son, so that all may receive life. This promise is for you! God embraces you with divine mercy, forgives you in Christ's name, and revives you in the Spirit's power. **Amen**

### **Kyrie / Hymn of Praise**

#### **Prayer of the Day**

God of justice, you have shown yourself in this world in the poor, the hungry, and the needy. Make us willing participants of your grace and generosity, so that when you come again, we will know your face. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**Choir Anthem** *"If You Love Me"* (Arr. By John Purifoy) Chancel Choir

**Reading:** *Matthew 25:31-46* Starting on Page 807 in Your Pew Bible

'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

L: Word of God, Word of Light

**C: Thanks Be to God!**

**Message**

Vicar Sue Hoff  
and Sarah Junkin Woodward

**Hymn of the Day**

*“What Feast of Love”*

ELW 487

+ *Baptism* +  
*Charlotte Elizabeth Rasiamos*

**Apostles Creed**

**Passing of the Peace**

**Announcements**

**Prayers of the People**

**Lord’s Prayer**

**Benediction**

**Sending Hymn**

*“Light Dawns on a Weary World”*

ELW 726

**Sending**

L: You have been called. You have been gathered. You have been equipped. Now you are being sent. Go in peace to serve the Lord!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**Postlude**

*“Vexilla Regis Prodeunt (The Royal Banners Forward Go)”*

arr by Healey Willan