Joshua 24:14-18

"So now, revere the LORD. Serve him honestly and faithfully. Put aside the gods that your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates and in Egypt and serve the LORD. But if it seems wrong in your opinion to serve the LORD, then choose today whom you will serve. Choose the gods whom your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you live. But my family and I will serve the LORD." Then the people answered, "God forbid that we ever leave the LORD to serve other gods! The LORD is our God. He is the one who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage. He has done these mighty signs in our sight. He has protected us the whole way we've gone and in all the nations through which we've passed. The LORD has driven out all the nations before us, including the Amorites who lived in the land. We too will serve the LORD, because he is our God."

Ephesians 1:15-23

"At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten young bridesmaids who took their lamps and went out to meet the groom. Now five of them were wise, and the other five were foolish. The foolish ones took their lamps but didn't bring oil for them. But the wise ones took their lamps and also brought containers of oil. When the groom was late in coming, they all became drowsy and went to sleep. But at midnight there was a cry, 'Look, the groom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and prepared their lamps. But the foolish bridesmaids said to the wise ones, 'Give us some of your oil, because our lamps have gone out.' But the wise bridesmaids replied, 'No, because if we share with you, there won't be enough for our lamps and yours. We have a better idea. You go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.' But while they were gone to buy oil, the groom came. Those who were ready went with him into the wedding. Then the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came and said, 'Lord, lord, open the door for us.' But he replied, 'I tell you the truth, I don't know you.' Therefore, keep alert, because you don't know the day or the hour."

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Sunday, November 8, 2026, 9:00 am
**Please stand if it is comfortable for you*

PRELUDE

WELCOME & GREETING

SONG OF BEGINNING *Holy Ground*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: As we gather for worship, let us remember the many ways God has blessed us. Let us count our blessings and give thanks for God's faithfulness.

People: We remember all that God has done for us. God's goodness has followed us through every season of life.

Leader: Joshua challenged the people to remember God's faithfulness and to choose whom they would serve. Today, we are invited to do the same.

People: We choose to serve the Lord, whose blessings are too numerous to count and whose love never fails.

Leader: Jesus reminds us to keep our lamps burning and our hearts ready. Let us not take God's blessings for granted, but live each day with gratitude and faith.

All: **May our lives shine with the light of Christ. May our gratitude be seen in the way we love, serve, and care for others this day and every day.**

SCRIPTURE READING Joshua 24:14-18

*HYMN *At the Name of Jesus*
vs. 1 & 3-4, #168 Red Hymnal

WITNESSING GOD'S LOVE TO OUR CHILDREN
Following Children's Time, children 2nd grade and under may go to the Nursery.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & WORDS OF ASSURANCE
Loving God, we confess that too often we take your blessings for granted. We become so focused on what we lack that we forget to count all that you have given us. We forget your faithfulness, take your grace for granted, and allow the light of our faith to grow dim. Forgive us when we choose the things of this world over the things that matter to you. Forgive us when we are unprepared to recognize your presence and unwilling to share your blessings with others. Renew our hearts, rekindle our faith, and remind us of the countless ways you are at work in our lives. Help us to choose you each day, to live with grateful hearts, and to let the light of Christ shine through all we say and do. Hear us now as we make our silent Confessions *(silent confession).*

SUNG RESPONSE *Give Thanks*
#2036 Black Hymnal

MINISTRY OF MUSIC *Thy Will Be Done*

November Worship Theme: *Counting Your Blessings*

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 25:1-13

SERMON *Don't Take Your Blessings for Granted*

*HYMN *O Jesus, I Have Promised*
vs. 1-2 & 4, #396 Red Hymnal

A TIME FOR PRAYER

OFFERING OUR LIVES AND OUR BLESSINGS
Invitation
Offertory
Doxology #94 Red Hymnal

*CLOSING BLESSING

*SUNG RESPONSE *Count Your Blessings*
vs. 1, See Screens

Participating in Worship:
Rev. Jenny Arneson, Pastor
Lisa Wink, Treasurer, Worship Assistant
Lorie Candelmo, Reader
Terry Twedell, Children's Time
Chancel Choir & Singing Churchmen, Music: Stephanie Klein, Director; Marilyn Silvester, Accompanist
Sue Lundeen, Organist