



Order of Worship  
Sunday, November 12, 2023

## TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

(**Congregation** responses spoken together appear in **bold** print.)

### OPENING DECLARATION & PRAYER

The Lord is in His holy temple. Let His glory fill this place. Put away all those cares and worries that may keep you from hearing God's word. Let everything that has breath praise ye the Lord.  
(prayer)

WORSHIP IN SONG (click the song title for a YouTube track)

[Days of Elijah](#)    [Hallelujah Chant](#)

[I Worship You Almighty God /There is None Like You](#)

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy One, come to us in the reading of Your Word. Open us to the Spirit's presence in our hearts so that our lives may be a vessel for Your truth bringing hope to the world. In Jesus' name we pray and we all agree by saying, **Amen**

SCRIPTURE READING: Amos 5:18-24 (NASB95)

Leader: This is the Word of God.

**Congregation: Thank you Lord for your Holy Word**

WORSHIP IN SONG: HYMN OF THE MONTH

[Give Thanks](#) | View the lyrics [here](#)

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (NASB95)

Leader: This is the Word of God

**Congregation: Thank you Lord for your Holy Word**

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 25:1-13 (NASB95)

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord

**People: Praise to You Lord Christ**

SERMON (10:45 a.m.) <https://www.facebook.com/fcmstl>

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God  
(quiet personal prayer)

**Heavenly Father, we confess that we often fret over evildoers and are envious when we see them prosper. We have also delighted ourselves in the things of this world instead of delighting ourselves in You. Lord Jesus, thank You for dying on the cross for our sin. We now ask that You forgive us of our sin against You. Forgive us for how our sin has impacted the world and others.**

**Holy Spirit thank you for Your abiding presence, and for the grace we need to willingly submit to and obey the Father. Today we choose to commit all our ways to You and trust implicitly in Your Word. May the desires of our hearts unite with Your perfect will and eternal purposes, for Your everlasting praise and glory.**

Now Blessed Trinity may the same grace that has led us to repentance this day, work in us that we may delight in Your will and walk fully in Your ways, all of our days, to the glory of Your name. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (liturgy on screen)

### PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ be always with you.  
**And also, with You**

CORPORATE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Apostle's Creed

HYMN OF AFFIRMATION: [I Will Trust in the Lord](#)

THE BLESSING & SENDING