

**A SERVICE OF PRAISE AND WORSHIP
27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)
OCTOBER 5, 2025**

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Preparing for Worship: In today's readings, the disciples cry out, "Increase our faith!" (Luke 17:5). Faith, even as small as a mustard seed, grows when we place our trust in God's power and promise. As Baptists, we come to worship ready to listen for God's Word, to strengthen our walk with Christ, and to encourage one another to live faithfully in hope and obedience.

Prelude **Janice Hedberg-Boyce, Church Accompanist**

Welcome and Greetings in Jesus' Name **Rev. Dr. Ivan E. Greuter**

***Song (Stand) # 356 "We've a Story to tell to the Nations"** *MESSAGE*

Call To Worship: **Rev. Traci U. Brown**

How can we sing the Lord's song in a foreign land?

What reasons have we for joy as we sojourn through a fallen world?

Forget not Jerusalem

Let us set it above our highest joy!

Does not the holy city lie in ruins?

How empty and lonely she has become!

But the mercy of the Lord never ceases.

God's love never ends.

Indeed, the Lord did not give us a spirit of cowardice,

But his own Spirit of power to accomplish all things.

Let us wait for the Lord as humble servants do,

For the Holy Spirit living within us is our eternal treasure,

And by the Spirit the Lord will surely raise us up!

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Opening Prayer (Stand) **Rev. Dr. Ivan E. Greuter**

Song of Faith # 492 "All Who Are Thirsty" *ALL WHO ARE THIRSTY*

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Scripture Reader: Janelle Hood

The First Reading

Lamentations 1:1-6

The Second Reading

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Gospel Reader: Reverend Traci Brown

***The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ (Stand)**

Luke 17:5-10

***Responsorial (Stand) #353 "I Know Whom I Have Believed"** *EL NATHAN*

***Greeting and Sharing Peace with Family and Neighbors (Stand)**

The Children's Sermon (Children's Church for Students Preschool–3rd Grade)

Announcements & Prayers of the People

Presentation of Tithes, Gifts, and Donations – Worshippers are invited to give their tithes, gifts, and offerings to the Lord. "Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving and make good your vows to the Most High" (Psalm 50:14).

Offertory

Janice Hedberg-Boyce, Church Accompanist

A Prayer of Illumination & Message

The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister

WE FEAST AT THE TABLE OF THE LORD

Invitation to Holy Communion / The Table of the Lord[†] (Servers Prepare)

Communion Song # 406 "Come to The Table"

Words of Institution and The Lord's Prayer – OUR FATHER, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever.

Holy Communion: The Lord's Supper

Breaking of Bread

The Body of Christ; The Bread of Heaven

Passing of the Cup

The Blood of Christ; The Cup of Salvation

Agape Fellowship Offering for Persons and Neighbors in Need

WE RESPOND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT IN FAITH AND SERVICE

*Closing Hymn (Stand) 364

“Send the Light”

McCabe

*Spoken Benediction

Postlude

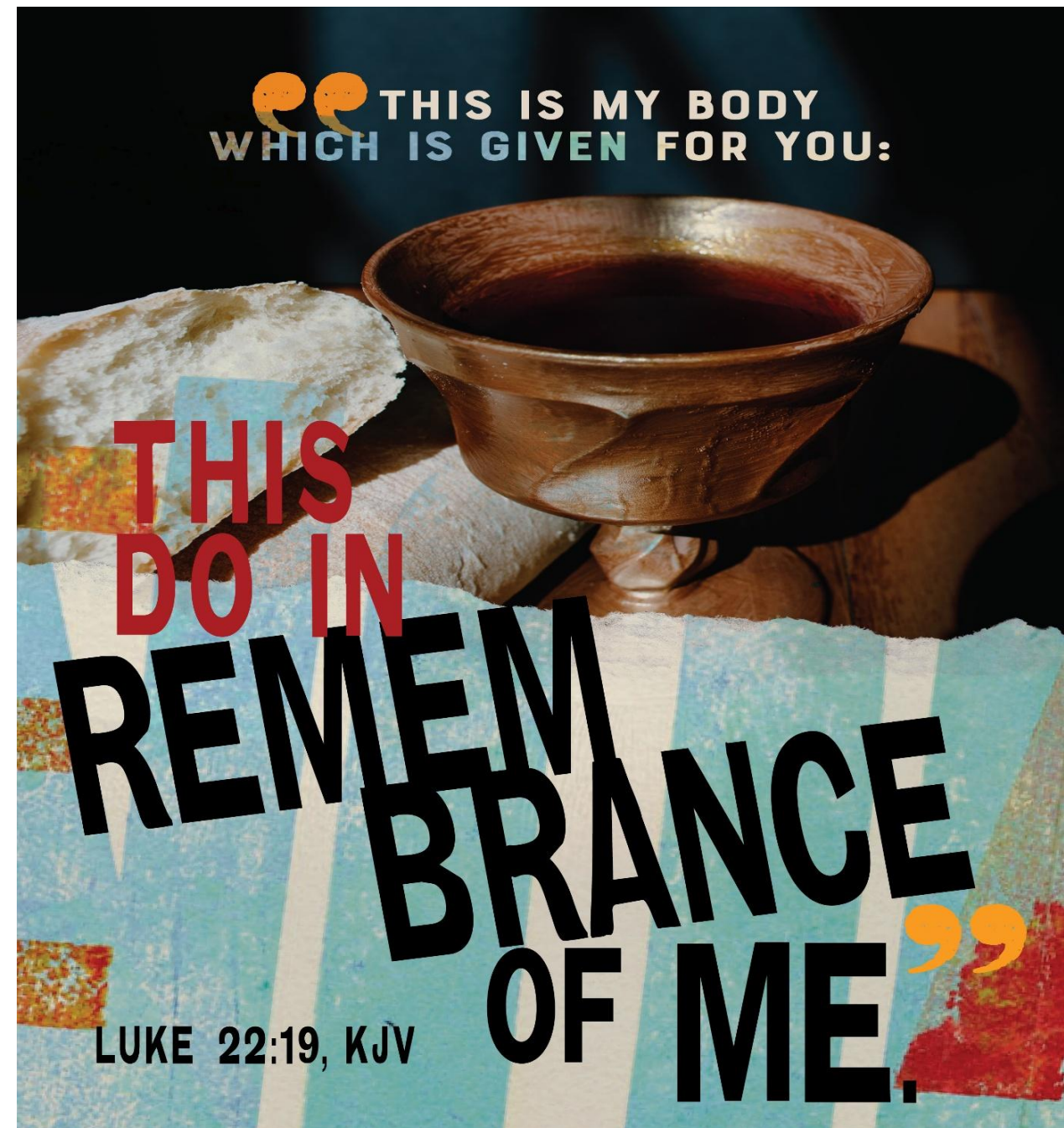
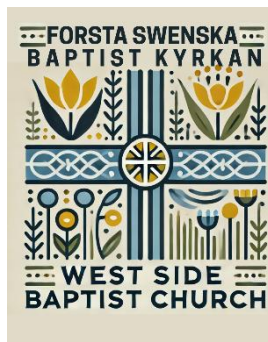
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HOW TO BECOME A FULLY DEVOTED FOLLOWER OF JESUS

GOOD NEWS! God loves you and wants to rescue all people from the consequences of evil. The Bible teaches the way to become a fully devoted follower of Jesus Christ:

1. **ADMIT** – Admit to God you have done wrong things (sinned) that have hurt God and others. Apologize to God, turn away from harmful behavior, and start doing good things.
2. **BELIEVE JESUS CHRIST DIED FOR YOU AND GOD HAS RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD** – Accept and trust that Jesus is God's one and only Son who died on the cross in your place and give God the credit for raising Jesus from the dead.
3. **CONFESS JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR LORD** – Make a religious commitment to be a fully devoted follower of Jesus by trusting Him to be your Rescuer, Redeemer (Savior), and Ultimate Leader (Lord).
4. **DEDICATE YOUR LIFE TO THE JESUS WAY** - Tell your family and friends about your new trust in Jesus Christ by coming to the front of the Sanctuary at the end of a worship service to publicly share your decision to be a follower of Jesus (Christian).

OUR MISSION – We love God and We love People by sharing the Good News of God's forgiving, renewing love in Jesus Christ by word and deed to improve the lives of neighbors. West Side Baptist Church is an independent, autonomous Christian church partnering for mission support with like-minded people of faith in our City, County, State, Nation, and World.



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