

Sunday November 12, 2023

24th Sunday after Pentecost



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MISSION STATEMENT

*We will LIVE and SERVE through FAITH
we will ACT with LOVE and KINDNESS
we will GIVE hope and SUPPORT to all.*

Hearing Assistance is available during the service.

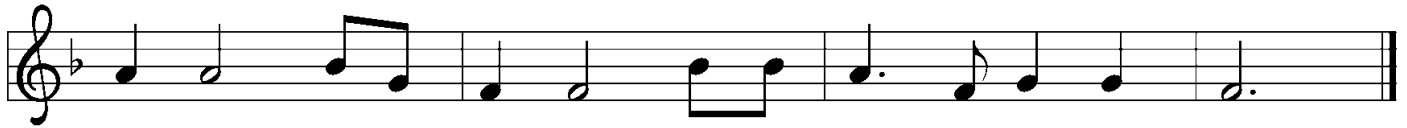
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CALL TO WORSHIP “My Lord, What a Morning”

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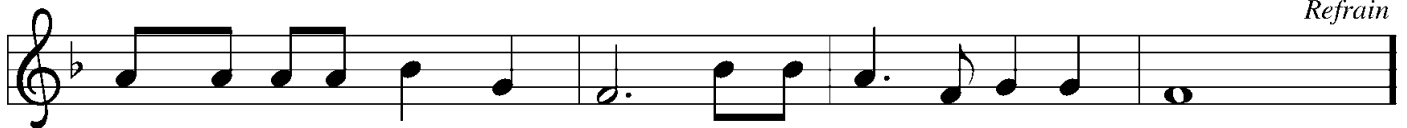
My Lord, what a morn-ing; my Lord, what a morn - ing; oh,



my Lord, what a morn-ing, when the stars be - gin to fall.



- 1 You will hear the trum - pet sound,
- 2 You will hear the sin - ner cry, to wake the na - tions un - der - ground,
- 3 You will hear the Chris - tian shout,



Refrain

look-ing to my God's right hand, when the stars be-gin to fall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER & CARE LIST: Trey Lane, great-nephew of Sharon & Cliff Roberts. The son of Gary Grant who passed recently.

LOAVES & FISHES We will be participating in “Loaves and Fishes” on Monday, November 13th at First Lutheran in Aitkin. We are in charge of desserts; so we will be bagging cookies after worship today. Thank you all for baking and participating in this community service. If you're interested in joining us on or next mission in March First Lutheran from 1:30-5:00, please give Julie Swaggert a call or email. Julie Swaggert. 763-229-9121 jswaggert@gmail.com

LECTORS NEEDED we are looking for volunteers to read aloud the scriptures on Sunday mornings. Sign-up sheets are in the Fellowship Hall and include the weekly readings.

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living, Sanctuary for You.

It is You Lord, who came to save the, Heart and soul of, every man.
It is You Lord, who knows my weakness, Who guides me with Your
holy hand.

God our Father, we love you dearly, Please guide us through out
times of pain.

Lord and Savior, we need You with us, Take our hearts now, and
make them clean.

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living, Sanctuary for You.

Lord Prepare Me

(Please Stand on the last Verse)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, in whose image we are made, who
claims us and calls us beloved.

Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One,

**we confess that we are not awake for you. We are not faithful in using your
gifts. We forget the least of our siblings. We do not see your beautiful image
in one another. We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community.
Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor,
open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.**

Beloved, we are God's children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us.

Through † Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are
called to rejoice! Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation
of the world.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God of justice and love,

you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

PRAISE TEAM ANTHEM: “I Am the Resurrection”

SCRIPTURE

FIRST READING: Amos 5:18-24

¹⁸ Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD! Why do you want the day of the LORD? It is darkness, not light; ¹⁹as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear; or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a snake.

²⁰ Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it?

²¹ I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

²² Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon.

²³ Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps.

²⁴ But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God**

PSALM: Psalm 70

¹ Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; O LORD, make haste to help me.

² **Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confounded; let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.**

³ Let those who say to me “Aha!” and gloat over me turn back because of their shame.

⁴ **Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; let those who love your salvation say forever, “Great is the LORD!”**

⁵ But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God. You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, do not tarry.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

¹³We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. ¹⁶For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel’s call and with the sound of God’s trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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GOSPEL: Matthew 25:1-13

Glory to you, O Lord

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ ⁷Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ ⁹But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ ¹⁰And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. ¹¹Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying,

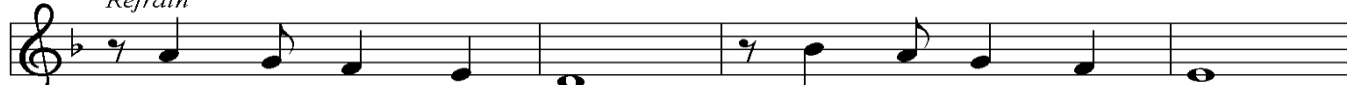
‘Lord, lord, open to us.’¹² But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’¹³ Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: “Have You Thanked the Lord?” #829 ELW

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Have you thanked the Lord? Have you praised God's name?



Don't you know that no to - mor - row is quite the same?



Have you thanked the Lord? Have you knelt in prayer,



and re-joiced that, rain or sun-shine, our God is there?



- 1 Hal - le - lu - jah! Thank the Lord for sun, sand, and sea,
- 2 Hal - le - lu - jah! Par - a - dise we taste where we are;
- 3 Hal - le - lu - jah! Joy and peace the Sav - ior will bring.



ev - 'ry star at night that shines for you and me.
 sum - mer breez - es, win - ter warmth are nev - er far.
 Grace a - maz - ing! So we lift our voice and sing,



Bless - ings so man - y come our way:
 God's love is ev - er on dis - play:
 grate - ful when clouds are bright or gray:



have you thanked the Lord to - day?
 have you thanked the Lord to - day?
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APOSTLES' CREED

PRAYERS of INTERCESSION

Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

O God for whom we wait, come quickly to your people, bring your salvation, and center us in hope found only in you. Deepen our faith through meaningful worship and send us out with your justice and truth. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

O God for whom we watch, we glimpse your power in rushing water and your beauty in the darkening night. Restore this creation, and provide clean water to all people and animals. Save us from foolish, wasteful living. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

O God for whom we long, let justice roll down like waters on all nations. Bless citizens with wise leaders; save your children from war. We pray for the veterans of this community, that they are supported and loved. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

O God, in whom we hope, we pray for all who are in need. Provide for those who experience homelessness or hunger, support the under- or unemployed, and comfort any who are suffering this day (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

O God for whom we listen, inspire the music ministry of our congregation. Fill our worship with songs to proclaim your greatness. Help us to sing and dance with joy and tell boldly of your salvation. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

O God, in whom we remain, we remember our loved ones who have died and now live in you (*especially*). Bring comfort and the assurance of new life to all who grieve. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

PEACE *Please be seated for the passing of the offering plate.*

OFFERING: **“Give Thanks”** **(on screen)**

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ His Son.

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ His Son.

And now let the weak say, “I am strong,” let the poor say,
“I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us!”

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ His Son.

Give thanks. Give thanks.

Please stand as the ushers bring the offering to the altar.

OFFERING PRAYER

God of all goodness,
**generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared
your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these
gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may
feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus
Christ, our Sovereign and Servant. Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD’S PRAYER – Lead by the Praise Team

INVITATION to COMMUNION

There is a place for you at the banquet.

Come and feast at Jesus’ table.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord Jesus,

in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way. Amen.

BLESSING

May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad! The blessing of God, Sovereign, † Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: “We Are Marching in the Light” (on screen)

1. We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, (marching, we are marching, marching,)
we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, (marching, we are marching, marching,)
we are marching in the light of God.

2. We are living in the love of God, we are living in the love of God.
We are living in the love of God, we are living in the love of God.

We are living, (living, we are living, living,)
we are living in the love of God.

We are living, (living, we are living, living,)
we are living in the love of God.

3. We are praying in the love of God, we are praying in the love of God.
We are praying in the love of God, we are praying in the love of God.

We are praying, (praying, we are praying, praying,)
we are praying in the love of God.

We are praying, (praying, we are praying, praying,)
we are praying in the love of God.

4. We are singing in the love of God, we are singing in the love of God.
We are singing in the love of God, we are singing in the love of God.

We are singing, (singing, we are singing, singing,)
we are singing in the love of God.

We are singing, (singing, we are singing, singing,)
we are singing in the love of God.

5. We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, (marching, we are marching, marching,)
we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, (marching, we are marching, marching,)
we are marching in the light of God.

DISMISSAL

Beloved of God,
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*Visitors! It has been great having you join us for worship!
Please come again.*

THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Greeters: Barry & Donna Ansell

Ushers: Lee & Barb Forrester

Lector: LuAnn Gordon

Hospitality: Kathy & Bob Carlson, Kathy Mjelde

Thank you for your service!

Response to God's Word Last Week

Sunday, November 5, 2023: In Person: 9:00am 60 Online: 12