

# ***Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost***

**November 8, 2020    10:30 a.m.**



**Art for To Forget the Problems**

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# Order of Worship

***The Bells of Taizé***

Taizé  
*Music of Unity & Peace*

***O God, Our Help in Ages Past***

LBW 320

O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast,  
And our eternal home.

Under the shadow of your throne  
Your saints have dwelt secure;  
Sufficient is your arm alone,  
And our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood  
Or earth received her frame,  
From everlasting you are God,  
To endless years the same.

**Text:** Isaac Watts; **Music:** "Saint Anne" William Croft

## **Greeting & Response**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and  
the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

**Introductory Words**

Christiana Adams

***I Sing a Song of the Saints of God***The Hymnal 1940  
#243

I sing a song of the saints of God  
Patient and brave and true,  
Who toiled and fought and lived and died  
For the Lord they loved and knew.  
And one was a doctor, and one was a queen,  
And one was a shepherdess on the green:  
They were all of them saints of God—  
And I mean, God helping, to be one too.

They loved their Lord so dear, so dear,  
And God's love made them strong;  
And they followed the right, for Jesus' sake,  
The whole of their good lives long.  
And one was a soldier, and one was a priest,  
And one was slain by a fierce wild beast:  
And there's not any reason—no, not the least—  
Why I shouldn't be one too.

They lived not only in ages past;  
There are hundreds of thousands still,  
The world is bright with the joyous saints  
Who love to do Jesus' will.  
You can meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea,  
In church, or in trains, or in shops, or at tea;  
For the saints of God are just folk like me,  
And I mean to be one too.

## **Prayer of Confession**

God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

**Gracious God, have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may love and serve you, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **Absolution**

Almighty God has mercy on you, forgives you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthens you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keeps you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## **Amos 5:18-24**

Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord! Why do you want the day of the Lord? It is darkness, not light; as 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. Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it?

I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. 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. Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not

listen to the melody of your harps. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an everflowing stream.

### **Matthew 25:1-13**

*Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But 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." And 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. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.*



## Prayer of the Day

We give thanks to you, O Lord our God, for all your servants and witnesses of time past; for Abraham, the father of believers, and for Sarah, his wife; for Moses, the lawgiver and Aaron, the priest; for Miriam and Joshua, Deborah and Gideon, Samuel and Hannah, his mother; for Isaiah and the prophets; for Mary, the mother of our Lord; for Peter and Paul and all of the apostles; for Mary, Martha, and Mary Magdalen; for Stephen, the first martyr, and the saints and martyrs in every time and in every land. In your mercy, give us, as you gave them, the hope of salvation and the promise of eternal life; through the first-born from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Sermon

Pr. Kristine

***I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.***

## ***Rejoice, Rejoice Believers***

LBW 25

Rejoice, rejoice, believers,  
And let your lights appear;  
The evening is advancing,  
And darker night is near.  
The bridegroom is arising  
And soon is drawing nigh.  
Up, pray and watch and wrestle;  
At midnight comes the cry.

The watchers on the mountain  
Proclaim the bridegroom near;  
Go forth as he approaches  
With alleluias clear.  
The marriage feast is waiting;  
The gates wide open stand.  
Arise, O heirs of glory;  
The bridegroom is at hand.

The saints, who here in patience  
Their cross and suff'rings bore,  
Shall live and reign forever  
When sorrow is no more.  
Around the throne of glory  
The Lamb they shall behold;  
In triumph cast before him  
Their diadems of gold.

Our hope and expectation,  
O Jesus, now appear;  
Arise, O Sun so longed for,  
O'er this benighted sphere.  
With hearts and hands uplifted,  
We plead, O Lord, to see  
The day of earth's redemption  
That sets your people free!

**Text:** Laurentius Laurenti, tr. Sarah B. Findlater; **Music:** Swedish folk tune. © 1978 Lutheran Book of Worship.

## **Prayers of the Church**



**Offering/Offertory**    *Lead, Kindly Light*    The Hymnal 1940  
#243

Lead, kindly Light, amid the circling gloom,  
Lead thou me on;  
The night is dark, and I am far from home;  
Lead thou me on:  
Keep thou my feet; I do not ask to see  
The distant scene;  
One step enough for me.

I was not ever thus, nor prayed that thou  
Shouldst lead me on;  
I loved to choose and see my path; but now  
Lead thou me on!  
I loved the garish day, and, spite of fears,  
Pride ruled my will:  
Remember not past years.



So long thy power hath blest me, sure it still  
Will lead me on  
O'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent, till  
The night is gone;  
And with the morn those angel faces smile  
Which I have loved long since, and lost awhile.

**Text:** John Henry Newman; **Music:** John B. Dykes

## 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.**

## Instruction Concerning the Lord's Supper



## HOLY COMMUNION

### Invitation

Come to the banquet table  
Where Christ gives himself as food and drink.

### Words of Institution

### Lord's Prayer

## The Meal

### *Lord of All Hopefulness*

LBW 469

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,  
Whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy:  
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,  
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord,  
At the break of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,  
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace:  
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,  
Your love in our hearts, Lord,  
At the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,  
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:  
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,  
Your peace in our hearts, Lord,  
At the end of the day.

## Post-Communion Prayer

O Lord, giver of all that is true and lovely and gracious:  
 We give you thanks for binding us together in this holy feast.  
 Grant that by your Holy Spirit we may become one in heart  
 and soul, live in fidelity and peace, and receive those eternal  
 joys prepared for all whom you love; for the sake of Jesus  
 Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### ***O God, Our Help in Ages Past***

LBW 320

A thousand ages in your sight  
 Are like an evening gone,  
 Short as the watch that ends the night  
 Before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
 Soon bears us all away;  
 We fly forgotten, as a dream  
 Dies at the op'ning day.

O God, our help in ages past,  
 Our hope for years to come,  
 Still be our guard while troubles last  
 And our eternal home!

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## Announcements and Giving Thanks

### Blessing

### Postlude

*O God, Our Help  
 in Ages Past*

Rhonda Reece

# Thanksgiving Celebration

On Sunday, November 22,  
we will broadcast the annual  
NRC Chapel Thanksgiving Service  
at 10:30 AM on Channel 102.

Our Thanksgiving Eve observance at  
3:30 PM on Wednesday, November 25,  
in the NRC Chapel will include a  
Thanksgiving Festival display on the  
Chapel Altar and Thanksgiving music.  
Please turn on Channel 105 and  
look and listen!

(The Altar display also will be accessible  
for viewing on Thanksgiving Day.)



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