

*Twenty-fourth Sunday after
Pentecost*

November 12, 2023 10:30 a.m.



Come to Chapel or watch on Channel 105

Order of Worship

Gathering

Prelude

Leanne B.

Welcome and Announcements

Confession

Blessed be the Trinity, ✝ one God, in whose image we are made, who claims us and call us beloved. **Amen.**

Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

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.

Silence

Forgiveness

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.**

My Lord, What a Morning

ELW 438

My Lord, what a morning;
My Lord, what a morning;
Oh, my Lord, what a morning,
When the stars begin to fall.

You will hear the trumpet sound,
To wake the nations underground,
Looking to my God's right hand,
When the stars begin to fall.

My Lord, what a morning;
My Lord, what a morning;
Oh, my Lord, what a morning,
When the stars begin to fall.

You will hear the sinner cry,
To wake the nations underground,
Looking to my God's right hand,
When the stars begin to fall.

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My Lord, what a morning;
My Lord, what a morning;
Oh, my Lord, what a morning,
When the stars begin to fall.

You will hear the Christian shout,
To wake the nations underground,
Looking to my God's right hand,
When the stars begin to fall.

My Lord, what a morning;
My Lord, what a morning;
Oh, my Lord, what a morning,
When the stars begin to fall.

Text and Music: African American spiritual.

Greeting

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

Response: *And also with you.*

Canticle of Praise

ELW, pages 149-150

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

**Worthy is Christ the Lamb who was slain,
Whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**Power and riches and wisdom and strength,
And honor and blessing and glory are his.
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God
And join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing and honor and glory and might
Be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God,
For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.
Alleluia. Alleluia.**



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.**

Word

First Reading – 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.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Response: *Thanks be to God!*

Second Reading—Psalm 70

Be pleased, O God, to deliver me. O Lord, make haste to help me!

Let those be put to shame and confusion who seek my life. Let those be turned back and brought to dishonor who desire to hurt me.

Let those who say, “Aha, Aha!” turn back because of their shame.

Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you. Let those who love your salvation say evermore, “God is great!”

But I am poor and needy; hasten to me, O God! You are my help and my deliverer; O Lord, do not delay!

Second Reading – I Thessalonians 4:13-18

But we 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. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For 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. For 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

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rise first. Then 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. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Response: *Thanks be to God!*

Gospel Acclamation

ELW, page 151

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

Gospel – Matthew 25:1-13

Response: *Glory to You, O Lord.*

“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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Response: *Praise to you, O Christ.*

Sermon

Stay Awake

Pastor Mandsager

Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning ACS 949

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
 Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
 Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
 For this work’s almost done.
 Children, don't grow weary;
 Children, don't grow weary;
 Children, don't grow weary,
 For this work’s almost done.

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Darker midnight lies before us,
Darker midnight lies before us,
Darker midnight lies before us,
For this work's almost done.

Children, don't grow weary;
Children, don't grow weary;
Children, don't grow weary,
For this work's almost done.

Lo, the morning soon is breaking,
Lo, the morning soon is breaking,
Lo, the morning soon is breaking,
For this work's almost done.

Children, don't grow weary;
Children, don't grow weary;
Children, don't grow weary,
For this work's almost done.

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
For this work's almost done.

Children, don't grow weary;
Children, don't grow weary;
Children, don't grow weary,
For this work's almost done.



Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the Church

Christiana Adams

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

Response: And also with you.

Offertory

Leanne B.

Offertory Response

*Let the Vineyards
Be Fruitful*

ELW 184

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,
And fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,
That we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gather the hopes and dreams of all;
Unite them with the prayers we offer.
Grace our table with your presence,
And give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

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.**

Meal



The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

Response: And also with you.

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Lift up your hearts.

Response: We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**Response: It is right to give our thanks
and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of power and
might: heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray.

**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 trespasses, as we
forgive those who trespass against us.**

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Invitation

There is a place for you at the banquet.
Come and feast at Jesus' table.

Communion Distribution

Communion Song *Lamb of God* ELW, page 154

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Grant us peace, grant us peace.**


Communion Music

Prayer

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

Sending

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.**

Blessed Assurance

ELW 638

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long:
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

This is my story, this is my song,
 Praising my Savior all the day long:
 This is my story, this is my song,
 Praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, all is at rest;
 I in my Savior am happy and blest,
 Watching and waiting, looking above,
 Filled with his goodness, lost in his love.
 This is my story, this is my song,
 Praising my Savior all the day long:
 This is my story, this is my song,
 Praising my Savior all the day long.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby; **Music:** Phoebe P. Knapp.

Dismissal

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

Response: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Leanne B.



So That Others May Eat

This year's offerings during the month of November will be donated to the CAC's Food Bank.

Thank you for your
generosity in helping
our neighbors.



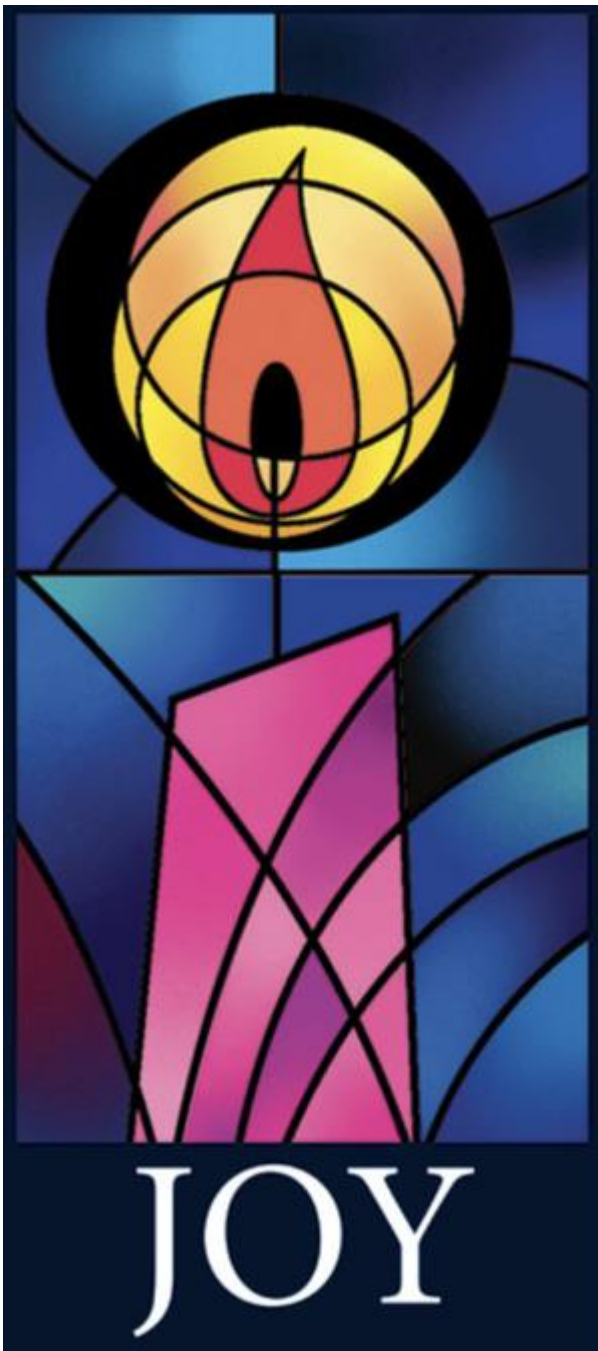
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**Seasonal Choir Rehearsals
with Rhonda Reece
NRC Chapel
2:00 – 2:45 p.m.**



**Wednesday,
November 15**

**Wednesday,
November 29**

**Wednesday,
December 6**

Rejoice!

**The choir will sing on
Gaudete Sunday,
December 17**