



Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 12, 2023

* *Please stand if you are able*

Prelude: "Wake, Awake, For Night is Flying"

Johann Walther

Gathering

WELCOME & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Acolyte: May the Holy Spirit unite us in worship, point us toward Jesus Christ, and inspire us to love mercy, do justice, and walk humbly with God. Come, let us worship God.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Choir: "I Will Praise"

by Joseph Martin

I will sing praise to the Lord, my God; lift up my voice in the sanctuary.
I will sing praise to the Lord, my God; I will sing alleluia and praise His holy name.

Sing the glory of his name; I will praise his name forever,
Oh, the name above all names. I will sing praise to him, give all my life to him;
Oh the glory of His name, I will sing praise to the glory of His name!

Sing alleluia, all heavens rejoice! Sing alleluia, lift high your voice.
Sing alleluia and make a joyful noise. Praise his name.

* GOD'S GREETING

* GOD'S PEOPLE GREETING ONE ANOTHER

* **All Singing: 521 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"**

Children ages 2–7 may come forward for a brief word and blessing before they leave for "God Loves Me" and "Children in Worship."

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Children: The peace of Christ be with you.
All: **And also with you.**

Reconciliation

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

All: **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.**

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

All: **But I am poor and needy; hasten to me, O God! You are my help and my deliverer; O Lord, do not delay!** *Psalms 70:1-5*

Silent Confession and Reflection

All Singing: **480 "Wait for the Lord"**
Singing three times

**Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.
Wait for the Lord; be strong, take heart!**

Liturgist: Brothers and sisters, we do not grieve as others do who have no hope.

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

Liturgist: 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 rise first.

All: **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.**

Liturgist: Therefore, encourage one another with these words.
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

* **All Singing:** **553 "How Great Thou Art"**
Singing verses 1, 3, and 4

Liturgist: Colossians 3:12-17

Proclamation

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: **Lord God, we wish to see Jesus. By your Spirit's power, give us eyes to see his glory. Through Christ we pray. Amen.**

Scripture: Matthew 25:1-13

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: Extra Virgin Oil

* **All Singing: 470 “View the Present Through the Promise”**

Dedication

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Liturgist: With joy, let us now offer our gifts, in music, heart, and resource, as a sign of our deep devotion and covenant faithfulness.

OFFERING November: Stewardship Month – General Fund

OFFERTORY

Choir: “Bless the Lord O My Soul”

by Mikail M. Ippolitof-Ivanof

Bless thou the Lord, O my soul.
Blessed art Thou, O Lord.
Bless thou the Lord, O my soul.
Bless the Lord and forget not all His benefits:
Bless thou the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me bless His holy name.
He is full of compassion and mercy,
long suffering and great in goodness.
He will not always be chiding
nor keepeth He, His wrath forever.

* **All Singing: 965 “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Sending

* BENEDICTION

* **All Singing: 926 “God of Grace and God of Glory”**
Singing verses 1, 3, and 4

Postlude: “Go Forth in Praise”

Eugene Englert

Worship Leaders

Organist / Pianist: Dora Diephouse
Flutist: Lynn Hollender
Choir Director: David Baar
Choir Accompanist: Beverly Baar
Minister: Roger Nelson

Acolyte: Moriah Dykstra
Liturgist: Dan Diephouse
Prayer: Aron Reppmann

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