

Sunday, November 12, 2023

Lectionary 32, Year A

WOMEN OF THE ELCA
THANKOFFERING SUNDAY

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PRELUDE *Bell Choir*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN OF THE MONTH *My Life Flows on in Endless Song*

No. 763

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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

C: **Amen.**
Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Holy One,

C: **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.**

P: 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.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN *Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand*

vss. 1,2,3

No. 441

- 1 **Oh, happy day when we shall stand amid the heav'nly throng; and sing with hosts
from ev'ry land the new celestial song, the new celestial song.**
- 2 **Oh, blessed day when Christ shall come and show himself as Lord, and thousands meet
in their new home which Jesus has prepared, which Jesus has prepared.**
- 3 **Oh, what a mighty rushing flood of joy and love and peace will roll down over
us with good and blessedness and grace, and blessedness and grace.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY *We pray together*

L: The Lord be with you. C: **And also with you.**

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.

FIRST READING: AMOS 5:18-24 *Let justice roll down like waters*

¹⁸Alas 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. ²⁰Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it?

²¹I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. ²²Even 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. ²³Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. ²⁴But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

WORD OF GOD, WORD OF LIFE. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

PSALM 70 *We read responsively*

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

C: **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.**

L: Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back because of their shame.

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

L: But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God.

C: **You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, do not tarry.**

SECOND READING: 1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18 *The promise of the resurrection*

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 ACCLAMATION *Sung*

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C: Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO: MATTHEW 25:1-13 *Parable of Jesus' second coming.*

C: 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.' ¹²But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' ¹³Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour." **P: THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD. C: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.**

CHILDREN'S WORD

SERMON Pastor Kris Ferkin

HYMN *Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers*

vss. 1,2,4

No. 244

- 1 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.
- 2 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.
- 4 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!

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS P: ..Lord in your mercy: C: **Hear our prayer.**

SHARING OF PEACE P: The peace of Christ be with you always. C: **And also with you.**

OFFERING/THANKOFFERING— Bell Choir—GLOBE OFFERING

Children are invited to bring forward an offering to the globe in the front of the church. Globe offerings will go to one of our global mission partners to be decided by our youth.

THANKOFFERING PRAYER

P: Gracious God,

C: **We give thanks each time we remember you and your blessings. Receive what we have offered now: our gifts, our time, and our whole selves. Bless our thankofferings and the work of Women of the ELCA that these offerings make possible. Make us good and faithful stewards of your gifts, that all people know the bounty of your love. We pray in the name of Christ, Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING *Spoken*

P: The Lord be with you. C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION – LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

- 1 **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. *Refrain*
- Refrain* **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.
- 2 **Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;**
angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. *Refrain*
- 3 **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. *Refrain*

COMMUNION BLESSING — PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
 strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C: **Amen.**
- P: Lord Jesus,
- C: **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.

- BENEDICTION P: The God of abundance, Creator, ✠ Redeemer, and Spirit,
 bless you and keep you, now and forever.
- C: **Amen.**

HYMN *Praise and Thanksgiving* vss. 1,2,4 No. 689

- 1 **Praise and thanksgiving, God, we would offer for all things living, you have made good:**
harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard, hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.
- 2 **God, bless the labor we bring to serve you, that with our neighbor we may be fed.**
Sowing or tilling, we would work with you, harvesting, milling for daily bread.
- 3 **Father, providing food for your children, by Wisdom's guiding teach us to share**
one with another, so that, rejoicing with us, all others may know your care.
- 4 **Then will your blessing reach ev'ry people, freely confessing your gracious hand.**
Where you are reigning, no one will hunger; your love sustaining showers the land.

Ring of Bell

- DISMISSAL L: Beloved of God,
 go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
- C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Bell Choir*PARTICIPANTS

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CALENDAR

FRI/SAT-NOV 10/11		LEFSE MAKING
SUN/NOV 12	9 AM	Worship – Women of the ELCA Thankoffering **see announcements
	10 AM	Sunday School **see announcements
	10 AM	Coffee
	7 PM	AA
MON/NOV 13	1:30 PM	Literary Guild
WED/NOV 15	6 PM	Wed Worship
	6:30 PM	Confirmation
	8 PM	Council
THU/NOV 16	5:30 – 9 PM	Sons of Norway
SUN/NOV 19	9 AM	Worship
	10 AM	Intergeneration Fellowship, Potluck & Games **see announcements
	3 PM	Kris Hertsgaard Kincaid Ordination & Reception

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fri/Sat Nov 10-11 FLCW Lefse Making – Purchase SignUp Sheets found in the narthex & basement.

Sun Nov 12 Receiving Thankofferings during morning Worship. Envelopes are provided @ entry tables. All Thankofferings go to Women of the ELCA.

Nov 12th during Sunday School Ten *Samaritan's Purse* boxes will be filled for our ***Christmas Shoebox Project***. Thrivent Action \$\$ support some of the cost. ***We Still Need*** - small item donations to fill boxes and \$\$ donations to cover shipping/handling (\$10 per box). Make checks payable to First Lutheran Youth.

Sun Nov 19 10 AM - After Worship Join In...Fellowship, Potluck Meal & Intergenerational Games. **Bring** a light lunch/brunch dish to share, beverages will be provided. Sponsored by Worship & Evangelism and Ed/You Committees.

Sun Nov 19 3 PM – Ordination Service of Kris Hertsgaard Kincaid.

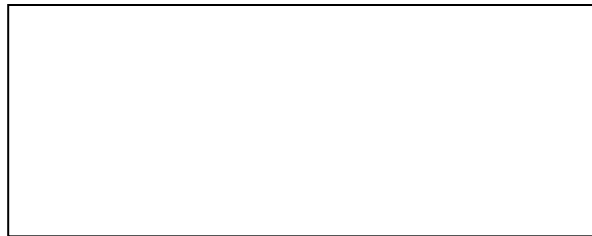
Christmas Shopping Memo: We are collecting gift donations for **Dec. 10th Youth Christmas Shopping**. Youth volunteers (7th-12th graders) are needed too! Contact Youth Director: Bryana Lothert Phone: 507-210-0814 Email: bblothert@gmail.com

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Encourage one another

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18