

**Sunday, November 19, 2023**  
Lectionary 33, Year A

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*The*  
COMING DAY  
*of the*  
LORD

*Ringing of Bell*

PRELUDE *Canzone (Song) – O God Our Help in Ages Past*

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 *O God Our Help in Ages Past*

vss. 1, 2, 3 **No. 632**

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

2 **Under the shadow of your throne your saints have dwelt secure;  
sufficient is your arm alone, and our defense is sure.**

3 **Before the hills in order stood or earth received its frame,  
from everlasting you are God, to endless years the same.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY *We pray together*

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

**Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

FIRST READING: ZEPHANIAH 1:7, 12-18 *The day of the LORD*

<sup>7</sup>Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is at hand; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. <sup>12</sup>At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm." <sup>13</sup>Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. <sup>14</sup>The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. <sup>15</sup>That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, <sup>16</sup>a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. <sup>17</sup>I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. <sup>18</sup>Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the LORD's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth. WORD OF GOD, WORD OF LIFE. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

PSALM 90:1-8,12 *We read responsively*

L: Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another.

C: **Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, from age to age you are God.**

L: You turn us back to the dust and say, "Turn back, O children of earth."

C: **For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past and like a watch in the night;**

L: you sweep them away like a dream, they fade away suddenly like the grass:

C: **in the morning it is green and flourishes; in the evening it is dried up and withered.**

L: For we are consumed by your anger; we are afraid because of your wrath.

Our iniquities you have set before you, and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

C: **So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.**

SECOND READING: 1 THESSALONIANS 5:1-11 *Awaiting Christ's return*

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. <sup>2</sup>For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup>When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! <sup>4</sup>But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; <sup>5</sup>for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. <sup>6</sup>So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; <sup>7</sup>for those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who are drunk, get drunk at night. <sup>8</sup>But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. <sup>9</sup>For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup>who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. <sup>11</sup>Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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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 25:14-30 *Parable of the Second Coming*

C: **GLORY TO YOU, O LORD**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>14</sup>"For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; <sup>15</sup>to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his

ability. Then he went away. <sup>16</sup>The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. <sup>17</sup>In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. <sup>18</sup>But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. <sup>19</sup>After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup>Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' <sup>21</sup>His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' <sup>22</sup>And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' <sup>23</sup>His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' <sup>24</sup>Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; <sup>25</sup>so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' <sup>26</sup>But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? <sup>27</sup>Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return, I would have received what was my own with interest. <sup>28</sup>So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. <sup>29</sup>For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. <sup>30</sup>As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' "

P: THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD.

C: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.

## CHILDREN'S WORD

SERMON Pastor Kris Ferkin

### HYMN

Christ Be Our Light

1, 2, 5

No. 715

1 Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.

*Refrain* Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

2 Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has pow'r to save us. Make us your living voice. *Refrain*

5 Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another, signs of your kingdom come. *Refrain*

### 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—OFFERTORY—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.

OFFERING PRAYER

P: God of all goodness,

C: **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.**

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.*

COMMUNION — HYMN ***We Come to the Hungry Feast*** **No. 479**

- 1 **I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world.  
The star of my life is Jesus.**

*Refrain* **In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

- 2 **I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.  
Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path,  
and show me the way to the Father. *Refrain***

- 3 **I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.  
When we have run with patience the race,  
we shall know the joy of Jesus. *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 blessing of God,  
Sovereign, ☩ Savior, and Spirit,  
be with you today and always.  
C: **Amen.**

HYMN ***Come, Ye Thankful People Come*** **vss. 1,2** **No. 693**

- 1 **Come, ye thankful people, come; raise the song of harvest home.  
All be safely gathered in ere the winter storms begin.  
God, our maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied.  
Come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.**
- 2 **All the world is God's own field, fruit unto his praise to yield;  
wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown.  
First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear.  
Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.**

*Ringing of Bell*

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

POSTLUDE *Harvest Medley*

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**CALENDAR**

SUN/NOV 19	9 AM	Worship
	10 AM	Intergeneration Fellowship/Potluck/Games -- <i>**see announcements</i>
	3 PM	<i>Kris Hertsgaard-Kincaid Ordination and Reception</i>
WED/NOV 22	-----	NO WED WORSHIP or CONFIRMATION
THU/NOV 23	-----	HAPPY THANKSGIVING
SUN/NOV 26	9 AM	Worship – Christ the King Sunday
	10 AM	Sunday School

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Sun Nov 19** 10 AM – Intergeneration Sunday School...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 – Kris Hertsgaard Kincaid Ordination and Reception

**Christmas Shopping Memo:** Now 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: [bbllothert@gmail.com](mailto:bbllothert@gmail.com)

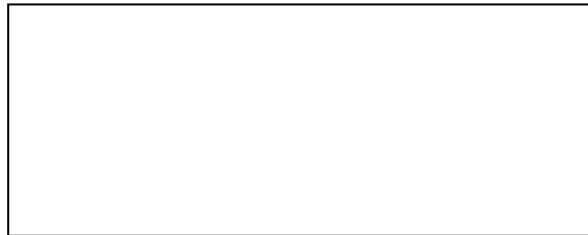
**December Helpers:** Please continue to sign up in December - Note a new Helper category - **Advent Candlelighters.** Use folder at church or google doc link from your e-mail.

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Worship Bulletin

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*LECT. 33 – YEAR A*



Put on the breastplate of *faith* and *Love*  
and for a helmet the *hope* of salvation  
I Thessalonians 5:8