

Celebrating Veteran's Day
November 12, 2023



Thought: Military service is marked by self-denial, sacrifice, and service, each of which are attributes of a Christian vocation in the world. We speak words of blessing to those who relinquished personal freedom, made countless sacrifices, and willingly put themselves in service to neighbor and nation in the armed forces. Thanks be to God for men and women of the past, present and those serving now.

Prelude – Lillian Pinkston

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer Concerns

Sharing of the Peace

May the peace of God permeate our world as we share this peace with one-another. The peace of God be with you all!

C: And also with you.

A Blessing for Veterans

L: For everything there is a season. A time for war and a time for peace. A time for every activity under heaven.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

There is a time for everything,
and a season for every activity under the heavens:
2 a time to be born and a time to die,
a time to plant and a time to uproot,
3 a time to kill and a time to heal,
a time to tear down and a time to build,
4 a time to weep and a time to laugh,
a time to mourn and a time to dance,
5 a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,
a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,
6 a time to search and a time to give up,
a time to keep and a time to throw away,
7 a time to tear and a time to mend,
a time to be silent and a time to speak,
8 a time to love and a time to hate,
a time for war and a time for peace.

C: The burdens carried in military service, and those carried now; are not far from Christ but are taken by our Savior to the cross. They are swallowed up in his death, and all those who served, are raised with Christ to resurrection life.

L: We give thanks to God for your season of service and for your life in Christ among us today.

All: May the One who gave you the will to deny yourself, sacrifice, and serve, bless you with faith, hope and love all your days. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

Opening Hymn – “O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”

ELW #888

<https://youtu.be/QfO9zYkHDoQ>

by Michael W. Smith

Invocation

P: Blessed by the holy Trinity + one God, in whose image we are made, who claims us and call us beloved.

Silence is kept for reflection

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.

Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, open our hands to serve your creation.

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!

C: Amen.

Kyrie

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen and Amen!

Hymn of Praise – “My Lord, What a Morning” ELW #438

<https://youtu.be/TbQ-sZYG5PY>

by WK Choirs

Prayer

L: Almighty and ever-living God, we give you thanks for the men and women who have served and defended our country and the values of freedom and justice we hold so dear.

C: Help us be mindful of the sacrifices they made and the hardship endured by their families and friends, so that we never take for granted the privileges they have secured for us. Hear us, we pray through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The reading of the Word

Old Testament reading – Amos 5:18-24

Let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 70

You are my help and my deliverer; O Lord, do not tarry.

¹Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; O LORD, make haste to help me.

²**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.**

³Let those who say to me “Aha!” and gloat over me turn back because of their shame.

⁴**Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; let those who love your salvation say forever, “Great is the LORD!”**

⁵But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God. You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, do not tarry.

Epistle reading – 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

God will bring with him those who have died.

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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

Holy Gospel – Matthew 25:1-13

<https://youtu.be/N4Le1BGAKhQ?si=Qc9r7vqcrnWmCH55>

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to You O Lord**

Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

[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.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

Children of God Time

https://youtu.be/ENwESoij92g?si=V1Z99-zT5A_4nyNi

Message – “We must be prepared not only to wait but to respond”

<https://youtu.be/gq5uVZNAQyc?si=H35o8Mj6F6MX71J2>

Hymn of the Day – “Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers” ELW #244

<https://youtu.be/s6i0OAuZLOs>

by First-Church Plymouth

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 of Intercession

P: Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for
the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

A: O God for whom we wait, come quickly to your people, bring your salvation, and center us in hope found only in you. Deepen our faith through meaningful worship and send us out with your justice and truth. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: O God for whom we watch, we glimpse your power in rushing water and your beauty in the darkening night. Restore this creation, and provide clean water to all people and animals. Save us from foolish, wasteful living. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: O God for whom we long, let justice roll down like waters on all nations. Bless citizens with wise leaders; save your children from war. We pray for the veterans of this community, that they are supported and loved. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: O God, in whom we hope, we pray for all who are in need. Provide for those who experience homelessness or hunger, support the under- or unemployed, and comfort any who are suffering this day (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: O God for whom we listen, inspire the music ministry of our congregation. Fill our worship with songs to proclaim your greatness. Help us to sing and dance with joy and tell boldly of your salvation. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A: O God, in whom we remain, we remember our loved ones who have died and now live in you (*especially*). Bring comfort and the assurance of new life to all who grieve. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P; We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Offering

Offertory Music – “Jesus, Still Lead On”

ELW #624

The Great Thanksgiving

P: the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise

Preface

P: With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again!

Consecration

The Lord's Prayer

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

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

Communion Music – Lillian Pinkston

Post Communion Blessing – Pastor

Post Communion Prayer

L: Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey.

C: 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 from Numbers 6

Sending Hymn – “Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying”

ELW #436

<https://youtu.be/wdN7vC2q9Mc>

St. Olaf Choir - combined

Dismissal

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

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude – Lillian Pinkston



The Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids

Thank you for worshipping with us today!

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Prayer Concerns:

Carolyn (Mike Bangers sister) health concerns
Donna Fitzgerald – Elsa’s daughter – health reasons
Barb Dralle – Beth’s stepmother in law in hospice
Carol Gunther
Leslie Leitner
Garold Burkholder – health concerns
Leo Stiles – speedy recovery from heart surgery
Lily Fleming and all students and teachers beginning school year.
David Aper (brother of Rita Wahl) – health concerns
Paul Sipka – health concerns
Jim and Mary Kay Johnson health concerns
Lil Marzinzik – (health concerns – Sue Barger’s mother)
Marithza Barger – chronic hip problems
Chad Wahl

Please help us keep the prayer list current. You may contact the office or complete a prayer request card located in the back of the pews.

We received the following note from Stella Gettys:

“You’ll never know how much I appreciated all the cards you beautiful people sent me over the past 2 months. Thank you all so much...”

I love you all!

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

<i>POSITION</i>	Nov. 12th	Nov. 19th
<i>Lay Assistant</i>	Melanie	Meri
<i>Lay Reader</i>	Sue	Larry
<i>Usher</i>	Mark	Larry
<i>Tellers</i>	Leo and Roberta	Meri and Valerie
<i>Communion</i>	Lee and Mary	Linda and Carol
<i>Set/Clean Up</i>		

Mark Your Calendars!

Bible Study every Thursday Morning.

Nov 14th @ 9:30am – Prayer Shawl

Nov. 15th @9:30am – Mary/Martha Circle

Nov. 16th @7:30am – Men’s breakfast in Creve Coeur

Nov. 22nd – Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service at 7:00 pm

Nov. 23rd- Happy Thanksgiving! The office will **NOT** be opened 23rd and 24th. Enjoy the Holiday.

