

# Worship Guide

## November 19, 2023

### Prelude

### Announcements & Greeting

To prepare for this service, please bring the following items to the place where you will be participating in worship:

- A plate with bread on it. Cover the bread with a napkin or cloth.
- A cup or glass with wine or grape juice. You may have small cups for each of the people who will be participating. You may pour from the one cup into the many cups later during the service.
- A heart, soul and mind open to the love of God in Christ Jesus.

### Confession and Forgiveness

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

**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.**

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.**

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### Hymn: “Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers” ELW 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.
- 3 The saints, who here in patience their cross and suff'rings bore,  
shall live and reign forever when sorrow is no more.  
Around the throne of glory the Lamb they shall behold;  
in triumph cast before him their diadems of gold.
- 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!

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### **Greeting**

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

### **Kyrie – page 213**

L: Kyrie eleison:           C: Lord have mercy  
L: Christe eleison:        C: Christ have mercy  
L: Kyrie eleison:         C: Lord have mercy

### **Hymn of Praise "Oh, Sing to the Lord" v 1, 2, 5 ELW 822**

- 1 Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.  
Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.  
Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.  
Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.
- 2 For God is the Lord, and God has done wonders.  
For God is the Lord, and God has done wonders.  
For God is the Lord, and God has done wonders.  
Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.
- 5 For Jesus is Lord! Amen! Alleluia!  
For Jesus is Lord! Amen! Alleluia!  
For Jesus is Lord! Amen! Alleluia!  
Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.

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## **Prayer of the Day**

**O God of love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need. Awaken us to the needs of others. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

## **Amos 5:18-24**

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

## **8:30 Special Music: "Adagio" - Trinity Handbell Choir**

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## **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Acclamation - "For All the Saints" ELW 422**

Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

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## **Matthew 25:1-13**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 25th chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

## **Sermon – Pastor Kristi Weber**

### **Hymn: "Keep Your Lamps"**

- 1 Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,  
keep your lamps trimmed and burning,  
keep your lamps trimmed and burning,  
for this work's almost done. *Refrain*

### *Refrain*

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

2 Darker midnight lies before us,  
darker midnight lies before us,  
darker midnight lies before us,  
for this work's almost done. *Refrain*

3 Lo, the morning soon is breaking,  
lo, the morning soon is breaking,  
lo, the morning soon is breaking,  
for this work's almost done. *Refrain*

4 Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,  
keep your lamps trimmed and burning,  
keep your lamps trimmed and burning,  
for this work's almost done. *Refrain*

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## **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

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**Prayer Song: "Lord Listen to your Children Praying" ELW 752**

Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying,  
send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

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**Prayers of the People**

L: Lord, in your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer

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**Offering of Music**

8:30 – “As the Deer” by Greg Scheer – Trinity Choir

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10:45 – “Glorious Day” – Celebration

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**Offertory: "This Little Light of Mine" ELW 677**

- 1 This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine,  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
  
- 2 Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine,  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
  
- 3 Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine,  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

4 This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine,  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

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### **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.**

### **Communion**

At this time, please take the bread you have and uncover it.  
Do the same with the wine/grape juice and pour it into the cup you will use.

Gathered together into the one body of Christ from the many places where we experience this holy time of worship, we come to the Lord's table:

### **Great Thanksgiving**

**L:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

**L:** Lift up your hearts.

**C:** We lift them to the Lord.

**L:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C:** It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is our duty and delight ... join their unending hymn

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### **Holy, Holy, Holy – ELW 413 vs. 4**

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

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### **Eucharistic Prayer and Words of Institution**

### **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**

### **Distribution**

At this time, you may eat the bread and drink the wine, the body and blood of Christ, trusting in faith that Christ is with you.

If you are with other people, you may give them bread and the wine to eat and drink and then receive these gifts of God for yourself.

If you are not partaking in the meal at this time, receive this blessing:  
Jesus loves you. This I know.

### **Lamb of God – ELW 195**

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.

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### **Communion Song: “Sing to the Lord of Harvest” ELW 694**

1 Sing to the Lord of harvest  
your songs of love and praise;  
with joyful hearts and voices  
your alleluias raise;  
by him the rolling seasons  
in fruitful order move;  
sing to the Lord of harvest  
a joyous song of love.

2 God makes the clouds drop fatness,  
the deserts bloom and spring,  
the hills leap up in gladness,  
the valleys laugh and sing.  
God fills them with his fullness,  
all things with large increase  
and crowns the year with goodness,  
with plenty and with peace.

3 Bring to this sacred altar  
the gifts his goodness gave,  
the golden sheaves of harvest,  
the souls Christ died to save.  
Your hearts lay down before him  
when at his feet you fall,  
and with your lives adore him  
who gave his life for all.

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**Communion Song: “*Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness*” ELW 488**

1 Soul, adorn yourself with gladness,  
leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,  
come into the daylight's splendor,  
there with joy your praises render.  
Bless the one whose grace unbounded  
this amazing banquet founded;  
Christ, though heav'nly, high, and holy,  
deigns to dwell with you most lowly.

2 Hasten as a bride to meet him,  
eagerly and gladly greet him.  
There he stands already knocking;  
quickly, now, your gate unlocking,  
open wide the fast-closed portal,  
saying to the Lord immortal:  
"Come, and leave your loved one never;  
dwell within my heart forever."



- 3 Now in faith I humbly ponder  
over this surpassing wonder  
that the bread of life is boundless  
though the souls it feeds are countless;  
with the choicest wine of heaven  
Christ's own blood to us is given.  
Oh, most glorious consolation,  
pledge and seal of my salvation.
- 4 Jesus, source of lasting pleasure,  
truest friend, and dearest treasure,  
peace beyond all understanding,  
joy into all life expanding:  
humbly now, I bow before you,  
love incarnate, I adore you;  
worthily let me receive you,  
and, so favored, never leave you.

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### **Prayer After Communion**

**Lord Jesus, 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**

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.**

### **Sending Song: “Praise and Thanksgiving” ELW 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.

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### **Dismissal**

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

### **Postlude**

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