



**November 12, 2023, 9:00 am**  
**24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**worship notes:**

Welcome to our church family today as we rejoice in the presence of the risen Jesus Christ. Welcome Bishop Regina Hassanally, (SE MN Synod, ELCA) and her family, to our worship today. The music is found both in your bulletin and also in the **ELW (red hymnal)**. Children's activity bags are available in the back of the sanctuary.

Hearing devices can be found as you enter the sanctuary. An usher will be happy to help! We pray that you will experience God's redeeming love and grace as you worship with us. Please stay and enjoy coffee & conversation after worship in the Fellowship Hall!

**about the readings today:**

Today the prophet Amos calls for justice to roll down like waters.

Paul urges us to encourage one another with the promised coming of the Lord. Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. Surrounded by the faithful of every time and place, we celebrate Christ's coming in our midst in the word of life and the feast of victory—the marriage feast of the lamb.

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**GATHERING**

**PREDLUDE**

**The Prelude, as the first act of worship, is a time for people to become quiet and focus their hearts and minds for what is to follow, inviting worshipers to transition their busy lives into a sacred space of communion with God and neighbor.**

***“When the Roll is Called Up Yonder”***

by James Milton Black  
Feel free to join us in singing our prelude!  
**Words are found on Pg. 6**

**WELCOME + ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MISSION MINUTE**

**Alaia Douah**

**LITANY FOR A STEWARDSHIP OF MUTUAL CARE**

P: We stand now to confess all we lack in the presence of the Triune God, Father, Son, and Spirit, whose bounty abolishes need: Oh God, in fear we grumble in our time of need,

**C: But your abundance and provision are sure.**

P: Holy Spirit, in arrogance we place our hope in status and wealth,

**C: But your abundance is limitless and without end.**

P: Christ Jesus, we are prone to excluding and restraining others from your table,

**C: But your abundance is boundless and freely offered to all.**

P: Holy Spirit, in arrogance we place our hope in status and wealth,

**C: But your abundance is infinite and lavished upon the least of these.**

P: Divine Creator, we are torn by this world and its demands,

**C: But your abundance is eternal and invites us to new ways.**

P: Infinite Love, we are careless toward ourselves and one another,

**C: But your abundance fills us to overflowing.**

P: Reconciling Brother, we are too often selfish and proud,

**C: But your abundance calls us to humility in mutual care.**

P: Eternally Present One, we are wasteful daydreamers with our resources and gifts,

**C: But your abundance instructs us to stand accountable and prepared.**

P: Lavishing Giver, so often we are afraid that we will not have enough,

**C: But your abundance is extravagant and excessive toward us.**

P: Oh Christ, our King, we are stingy and reticent in our care for others,

**C: But your abundance compels us toward unrestrained generosity.**

**OPENING SONG**

***“Blessed Assurance” ELW#638***

***“When Peace Like a River” ELW#785***

(stanzas 1, 3 & 4)

**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

“Kyrie eleison” ELW#154

HYMN OF PRAISE

“We Praise You, O God” ELW#870

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Miss Ann

SUNDAY SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT

“Soon and Very Soon”  
by Andraé Crouch  
CCLI Song # 11249

WORD

FIRST READING

Amos 5:18-24

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Alleluia, Amen”  
(St. Peter’s Liturgy)  
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GOSPEL

Matthew 25:1-13

Before: Glory to you, O Lord

After: Praise to you, O Christ

MESSAGE

Bishop Regina Hassanally

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Will Jesus Find Us Watching?” Pg. 7  
PUBLIC DOMAIN

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

after each petition: Hear us, O God, **Your mercy is great.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING

“You Say”  
(based on the recording by Lauren Daigle)  
CCLI Song # 7071357

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.**

LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**



# Will Jesus Find Us Watching?

Frances Jane (Fanny) Crosby, 1876

William Howard Doane

♩ = 112

A D A E

When Je-sus comes to re-ward His ser-vants, whe-ther it be noon or night.  
If, at the dawn of the ear-ly morn-ing, He shall call us one by one,  
Bles-sed are those whom the Lord finds watch-ing, In His glo-ry they shall share;

5 A D A E7 A

Faith-ful to Him will He find us watch-ing, with our lamps all trimmed and bright?  
when to the Lord we re-store our tal-ents, will He an-swer thee - "Well done"?  
if He shall come at the dawn or mid-night, will He find us watch - ing there?

9 E A D E

O can we say we are rea-dy, peo-ple? Rea-dy for the soul's bright home?

13 A D A A E7 A

Say, will He find you and me still watch-ing, wait-ing, wait-ing when the Lord shall come?

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# Are You Washed In The Blood

Words and Music by  
Elisha Albright Hoffman

♩ = 96

VERSE

A♭ D♭ A♭

1. Have you been to Je - sus for the cleans - ing pow'r? Are you  
2. Are you walk - ing dai - ly by the Sav - ior's side? Are you  
3. When the Bride - groom com - eth, will your robes be white? Are you  
4. Lay a - side the gar - ments that are stained with sin, and be

B♭7/F E♭ E♭7 A♭ D♭

washed in the blood of the Lamb? Are you ful - ly trust - ing in His grace this hour? Are you  
washed in the blood of the Lamb? Do you rest each mo - ment in the Cru - ci - fied? Are you  
washed in the blood of the Lamb? Will your soul be read - y for the man - sions bright, and be  
washed in the blood of the Lamb. There's a foun - tain flow - ing for the soul un - clean; Oh, be

CHORUS

A♭/E♭ E♭7 A♭ A♭ D♭ A♭

7 washed in the blood of the Lamb? Are you washed in the blood, in the soul cleans - ing blood of the  
washed in the blood of the Lamb?  
washed in the blood of the Lamb?  
washed in the blood of the Lamb!

E♭ E♭7 A♭ D♭ A♭/E♭ E♭7

12 Lamb? Are your gar - ments spot - less? Are they white as snow? Are you washed in the blood of the

A♭

16 Lamb?

**Prayer Ministry**

Contact the church office to submit names of people to be included in our Sunday prayers. Please provide an update if situations improve or renew request bi-monthly.

Today we pray especially for:

Bob A. (brother of Joyce), Paula B. (daughter of Judy), Bernice C., Nick D. (son of Mary Kay), Tom D. (brother of Julia), Carl E. (friend of Pete & Susan), Lyle G., Donna H. (friend of Karen), Ron H., Daryl K., Tami L., Christopher L. (son of Sonja), Inez N., Scott Q. (relative of Carmen), Jaynie R. (daughter of Jeff & Stephanie), Kathy S. (sister of Sheryl), Roya S. (great niece of Pete and Diane), Karen W. (cousin of Carmen, Char)

(last names are withheld for on-line privacy.)

*If you would like a visit or phone call from Pastor David, please contact the Church Office at 645-8252.*

**Today’s Worship and Fellowship Leaders**

Reader: Avonne Kaplan

Gospel Band members: Julia Daly, Phil Olson, Skip Wagner, Mary Kay Bougie

Sunday School Music Director: Zoe Vorbach

Ushers: Mike Eaves + Richard DeBeau

Hospitality: Doris Welke + Carmen Sevcik

Live Stream: Naomi Zeigler

**Would you like to follow along with today’s readings?**

For today’s lesson and gospel texts, scan with your smart phone’s camera:



**Thank you!**

Thank you for all you do to serve Jesus here at St. Peter’s. In addition to giving in worship, you may mail or drop off. your offering, set up auto payment through Vanco or bill pay, or use the included QR code for Vanco.



**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Welcome Bishop Hassanally**

Welcome Bishop Regina Hassanally, (SE MN Synod, ELCA) and her family, to our worship today. During our coffee/fellowship time, Bp Hassanally will lead a Q & A. Hope you can join us to learn about our mutual ministries with our partners throughout synod, nation, and world.

**Stewardship Celebration**

Next Sunday, we invite you to return your 2024 Estimate of Giving during our 9:00 a.m. worship service. Please prayerfully consider how Jesus is calling you to serve and support our ministry of sharing his love. Following the worship service, we will be serving Aebleskivers (round Danish pancakes) during the fellowship/coffee hour.

**Northfield Church Walk | Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>**

The churches of Northfield are invited to a prayer walk in the Viking Terrace neighborhood. This will be an opportunity to pray for and with our neighbors (and church family members!) who live here - as many of you know, the park changed ownership, and residents have had new challenges since then. On Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, we will gather at the entrance off Dresden. No preparation needed; all instructions will be given at that time. The walk will not last more than an hour and will likely be closer to 30 minutes.

Questions? Email Pastor Rachel Morey at Northfield United Methodist Church: [rmorey@northfieldumc.org](mailto:rmorey@northfieldumc.org)

**Thanksgiving Eve Worship + Pie Fest | Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>**

St. Peter’s Thanksgiving Eve service and Pie Fest is quickly approaching. Our friends from Bethel and St. John’s will be joining us. If you would like to sign-up to bring a pie there is a sign-up sheet at the welcome desk or you can sign-up through QR code below.



**Poinsettia Orders**

Poinsettias will be used to adorn our altar on Christmas Eve to honor/remember loved ones this Christmastime. Order slips can be found at the welcome desk. If you’d like to order/pay electronically you can submit through the Google form and pay via Vanco, please write ‘poinsettia’ in the memo line.

Order Form

Vanco





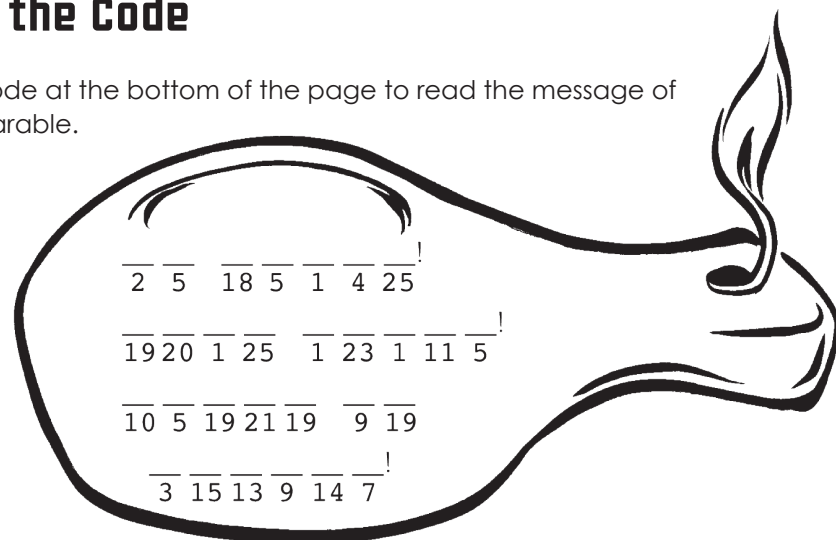
# Kids' Corner

Pentecost 24

- Today is the **24<sup>th</sup>** Sunday after Pentecost.
- The Pentecost season is the **longest season** of the church year.

## Crack the Code

Use the code at the bottom of the page to read the message of today's parable.



A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26



# Kids' Corner














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## Ready and Waiting

Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus told many parables about the kingdom of heaven. Find this parable in Matthew.

Fill in the blanks with the correct numbers and read the story.

\_\_\_\_\_  took their oil  and went to  
meet the . \_\_\_\_\_ were wise and filled their   
with oil. \_\_\_\_\_ weren't wise, and didn't fill their   
with oil. It got to be late at night, and the \_\_\_\_\_   
fell asleep. Suddenly, at \_\_\_\_\_ midnight, the   
arrived. The \_\_\_\_\_ wise  lit their oil   
and went in to the wedding banquet with the . The  
\_\_\_\_\_ not-so-wise  couldn't light their ,  
so they couldn't go to the wedding banquet. Jesus says we  
should be like the \_\_\_\_\_ wise  and be ready!



= bridesmaids



= groom



= lamps

