

\*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer**

\*SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

*"Bind Us Together"*

WOV # 748

\*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 Lord. Amen.**

COMMUNION

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\*Word's of Institution, \*Lord's Prayer, Distribution  
(Wine is a light pink, grape juice is a dark purple.)

COMMUNION HYMN

*"I Am the Bread of Life"*

WOV # 702

\*COMMUNION BLESSING

Now may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Lord Jesus, in this simple meal You have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for all Your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet You on the way. Amen.**

\*BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **Amen.**

\*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

\*SENDING HYMN

*"I Saw The Light"*



*Welcome to  
Worship at Bethel*

*Sunday, November 19, 2023  
Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost*

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*"A Family in Christ;  
Moved by His Spirit;  
Sharing His Love."*

\*: Please stand if you are able.  
LBW: Lutheran Book of Worship (green)  
WOV: With One Voice (blue)

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*INVOCATION

*"We Gather"*

\*GATHERING HYMN

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*"Now Thank We All Our God"*

\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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\*HYMN OF MERCY

WOV # 798

*"Bless the Lord, O My Soul"*

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

**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 LESSON

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

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PSALM

Psalm 90:1-12

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Lord, you have been our dwelling place **in all generations.**

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world,  
**from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

You turn us back to dust, and say, **"Turn back, you mortals."**

For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past,  
**or like a watch in the night.**

You sweep them away; they are like a dream,  
**like grass that is renewed in the morning;**

in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;  
**in the evening it fades and withers.**

For we are consumed by your anger;  
**by your wrath we are overwhelmed.**

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

For all our days pass away under your wrath;  
**our years come to an end like a sigh.**

The days of our life are seventy years, or perhaps eighty, if we are strong; even then their span is only toil and trouble;  
**they are soon gone, and we fly away.**

Who considers the power of your anger?  
**Your wrath is as great as the fear that is due you.**

So teach us to count our days  
**that we may gain a wise heart.**

SECOND LESSON

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

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\*GOSPEL VERSE

*"Alleluia"*

\*GOSPEL

Matthew 25:14-30

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

SERMON HYMN

*"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"*

WOV # 649

SERMON

Rev. Mark Kindem

\*APOSTLES' CREED

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**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**