

# WALK BY FAITH

**The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost**  
Sunday, November 12, 2023



**TODAY'S OFFERING OF WORSHIP  
THIS TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

*We gather together...*

**PRELUDE:** *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

*Lloyd Larson*

**WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Let us begin by confessing that we live in an impatient culture, placing a high value on things that are done quickly, efficiently, sometimes even immediately.

**This may be true but the world we live in tries even the most patient person. When will things change for the better?**

Friends, let us come to worship this day, opening ourselves up to the Word of God and the movement of God's Spirit, praying that we might live lives of faith worthy of our God.

**Growing in knowledge of God, let us be strengthened by God that we might have more endurance and more patience.**

**ALL: May all that we do—this day and everyday—be rooted in the Good News of Jesus Christ that gives us our hope and our purpose.**

**\*HYMN #43:** *Stand Up and Bless the Lord*

**\*INVOCATION**

**\*LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name.**

**Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever.**

**Amen.**

*...to hear God's Word...*

**FIRST LESSON**

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 (*New Testament page 216*)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Amen.**

## PSALM

Psalm 78:1-7 (*Old Testament page 537*)

## SECOND LESSON

I Thessalonians 4:13-18 (*New Testament page 204*)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Amen.**

## \*GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 25:1-13 (*New Testament page 28*)

The Gospel of our Lord, God's living Word. **Thanks be to God.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### CHORAL ANTHEM

*Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning*

*William Allen Pasch*

*Wake! Awake! Keep your lamps trimmed! Dark night will soon be gone.*

*Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, For this work's almost done.*

*Children don't grow weary, For this work's almost done.*

*Darker midnight lies before us, 'fore this work's almost done.*

*Lo, the morning soon is breaking. For this work's almost done.*

**SERMON:** *Rev. Todd Johnson*

*...and to respond with our lives...*

\***HYMN** #612: *O Master, Let me Walk with Thee*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### OFFERINGS TO GOD

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### OFFERING

#### \*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise Him all creatures here below;**

**Praise Him above ye heavenly host;**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

**Amen.**

*...in the places we now go.*

\***HYMN** #631: *Bless Now Your Chosen Ones*

\***BENEDICTION**

\***CHORAL BENEDICTION:**

**The Lord bless you and keep you  
The Lord make his face to shine upon you  
And be gracious,  
Gracious,  
Gracious to you.  
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you  
And give you,  
Give you,  
Give you peace.**

**POSTLUDE:** *Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

*Lloyd Larson*

*Join us after the service for coffee and conversation, in the Narthex.*

*Welcome!*

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COFFEE SERVERS: Sarah and Ryan Davis  
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