

NOVEMBER 8, 2020

23rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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WELCOMING WORD *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.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Hear my teaching, O my people; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

C: that which we have heard and known, and what our forebears have told us, we will not hide from their children.

L: We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD, and the wonderful works God has done.

C: that the generations to come might know, and the children yet unborn; that they in their turn might tell it to their children;

OPENING HYMN #25 Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers (vs. 1, 2, 4)

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.

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.

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!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Amen.

Pause for silence and reflection.

P: Faithful God,

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. 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.

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! Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world.

C: Amen.

INVOCATION

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

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: O God of justice and love,

C: 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. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Amos 5:18-24 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. ⁴But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

SECOND LESSON: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 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.

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:1-13 [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."

MESSAGE Pastor John Twiton

HYMN #31 *Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying*(vs 1-2)

Wake, awake, for night is flying.
The watchmen on the heights are crying;
Awake, Jerusalem, at last.
Midnight hears the welcome voices,
and at the thrilling cry rejoices.
"Come forth, you maidens! Night is past.
The bridegroom comes, awake!
Your lamps with gladness take!"
Alleluia! Prepare yourselves to meet the Lord,
whose light has stirred the waiting guard.

Zion hears the watchmen singing,
and in her heart new joy is springing.
She wakes, she rises from her gloom,
for her Lord comes down all glorious,
The strong in grace, in truth victorious.
Her star is ris'n; her light is come.
Oh, come, you blessed one, Lord Jesus, God's own Son.
Sing hosanna! We go until the halls we view
where you have bid us dine with you.

PRAYER IN HONOR OF VETERANS DAY

The following are active duty military serving our country at this time:

Kamryn Huseh
Brandon Lutz
Jacob Slaney

James Larson
Craig Mortvedt
Kaleb Stapelmann

Jack Lunaas
Grant Schult
Jacob Warner

The following are veterans from our congregation who have served our country:

Vaughn Ableman	Allan Bartz	David Baumgartner
James Collins	Vern Drape	Daniel Edwards
David Edwards	David Field	David Flom
Allen "Skip" Greve	Chris Hook	Jeff Hook
John Huseth	Richard S Johnson	Larry Kaletka
Paul Kellesvig	Kendall Kittleson	Scott Klassey
Wayne Knudson	Ken Landen	Patrick O'Donnell
Harland Oimoen	Robert Schiefelbein	Gerald Stamm
Marc Stamm	Steve Stensby	Irvin Steinhauer
Peter Strube	Jim Uptegraw	Delbert Warner

CONFESSION OF FAITH

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 catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERTORY PRAYER Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. You have set before us gifts of your good creation. Prepare us for your heavenly banquet, nourish us with rich food and drink, and send us forth to set tables in the midst of a suffering world, through the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: Longing for Christ's reign to come among us, we pray for the outpouring of God's power on the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

P: God of life, we praise you for your abiding presence from generation to generation, blessing your people, strengthening us to lives of service, empowering us to witness. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Holy Creator, surprise and delight us with the beauty of the world you have made. Bless the work of farmers, conservationists, park rangers, and all whose work invites us into harmonious living with your creation. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Holy Companion, console those who feel lonely or abandoned. Share the hours of those who live and eat alone. Comfort those who are isolated from family and friends or who struggle with their identity and place in this world. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord of every blessing, your Son's blessing came to those living with poverty, grief, hunger, thirst, and persecution. Your healing hand reached out to touch those who were suffering. Touch the lives of those we name before you who are in need this day. (*especially...*) Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Holy and Immortal One, we pray in thanksgiving for the lives of all who have died. Remind us of the frailty and shortness of our own lives and inspire us to use them for the building up of your kingdom. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE 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

COMMUNION

BENEDICTION *May the blessing of God our creator, the love of Jesus Christ our redeemer, and the presence of the Holy Spirit the comforter, surround you and sustain you until we gather again*

CLOSING HYMN: #480 *Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways*

Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep his statutes still!
Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do his will!

Order my footsteps by your word and make my heart sincere;
Let sin have no dominion, Lord, but keep my conscience clear.

Assist my soul, too apt to stray, a stricter watch to keep;
And should I e'er forget your way, restore your wand'ring sheep.

Make me to walk in your commands; 'tis a delightful road;
Nor let my head or heart or hands offend against my God.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: Shirley Thompson, Agnes Robertson (friend of Holly Thompson), Delores Bryant, Nick Sydow (friend of Connie Curran's sons), Makenzee Smith, Brian Marshall (friend of Kim Kelliher), Brock Howe, Jeannie U'Ren, Mary Krantz, Mike Olson (Wendy Rasmussen's brother), Ruth Ann Nemet, Irene Bruflat, Sally Gaard (friend of Margie Kahl), Connie Fausett (sister of Diane Twiton & Jean Bower), Laurie Duden (Brenda Martin's aunt), Harlan Oimoen, Bill Steinhauer, Grace Aavang, Peter Toniazzo, Dianne Haskins (friend of Char Smith), Richard Schuhler (friend of

Ron & Bonny Kellogg), Trevor, Lizzie & Cammie Sayre (son of Tamie Reichert)

OUR SYMPATHIES are with the family of friends of Dorothy Jelle. Dorothy passed away on October 29.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BUCKY BOOKS FOR SALE till NOV 15th - Last chance to pick up a Bucky Book and help our youth for their future summer opportunities. Each book sells for \$35.00. Three ways to obtain your book!



- 1.) Drive in Service - November 8th, 10 AM
- 2.) For faster delivery, email Brenda.martin@elcmthoreb.org and a copy will be delivered to your door.
- 3.) Order online at

<https://www.buckybook.com/evangelical-lutheran-church-mt-horeb>The books would be shipped directly to your home.

The Bucky Book makes a great gift! Please consider buying some for family and friends to support our cause even more, or share the link with friends. Thank you for your support.

SUNDAY SCHOOL on ZOOM- Join us on ZOOM, 9:00 - 9:30 am, each Sunday morning. Youth, who are 3 years old - 8th grade are invited to participate. It is great seeing their faces each week. Lessons are also emailed, if you are unable to attend our ZOOM time.

NO CONFIRMATION ON NOV 11th - 7th & 8th graders will be taking a break from Zoom this week on Wed, Nov 11th. Students will join for a Fall Zoom Game/Party Time on Wednesday, Nov 18th at 7 pm.

FUSE NIGHTS on ZOOM - Youth, who are 9th - 12th graders are welcome to join our high school group on ZOOM, TUESDAY, November 17th at 7 pm. FUSE nights build relationships, challenge each other in exciting games, time to hang out, and learn about

what it means to share our faith with everyone. Invite your friends to join us.

DEVOTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 8, 2020

SHARE: What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

READ: Read the following daily readings to deepen your understanding

Monday, Psalm 63, Assurance of God's Presence

Tuesday, 1 Thessalonians 3:6-13, Timothy's Report of Good News

Wednesday, Matthew 24:29-35, The Coming of the Son of Man

Thursday, Psalm 90:1-8, God's Eternity and Human Fraility

Friday, Ezekiel 7:1-9, Impending disaster

Saturday, Matthew 12:46-50, True Kindred of Jesus

TALK: Consider some of these ideas: **"Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour." Matthew 25:13 Jesus tells a parable about his own second coming, emphasizing the need for readiness at all times.**

- How does Amos' call for justice rather than empty worship sound in this day?
- Do you feel like your spiritual 'flask of oil' is full or empty?
- How do find new 'oil' or strength for the days ahead?

PRAY: 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. **Amen.**

BLESS: May you be filled with hope and expectation this day. Amen!