



November 8, 2020

23rd Sunday of Pentecost

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Order of Service

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.

PRELUDE

GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

C **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Holy One,

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.**

GATHERING HYMN

Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

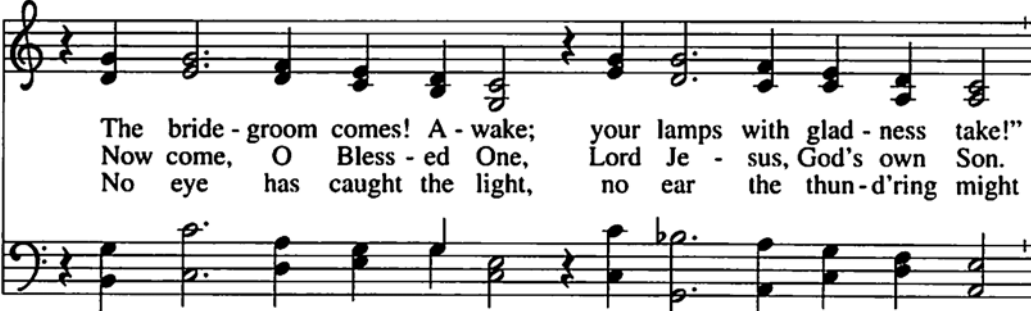
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1 Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing, the watch-men
 2 Zi - on hears the watch-men sing - ing, and all her
 3 Glo - ri - a! Let heav'n a - dore you! Let saints and

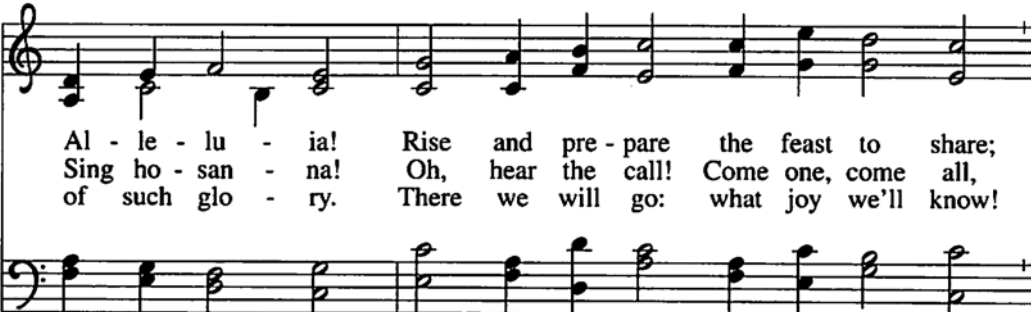
on the heights are cry - ing; a - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, at last.
 heart with joy is spring - ing. She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.
 an - gels sing be - fore you, with harp and cym - bal's clear - est tone.

Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es, and at the
 Her dear friend comes down, all glo - rious, the strong in
 Gates of pearl, twelve por - tals gleam - ing, lead us to


thrill - ing cry re - joic - es: "Come forth, you maid - ens! Night is past.
 grace, in truth vic - to - rious: her star is ris'n; her light is come.
 bliss be - yond all dream - ing, with an - gel choirs a - round your throne.



The bride - groom comes! A - wake; your lamps with glad - ness take!"
 Now come, O Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son.
 No eye has caught the light, no ear the thun-d'ring might



Al - le - lu - ia! Rise and pre - pare the feast to share;
 Sing ho - san - na! Oh, hear the call! Come one, come all,
 of such glo - ry. There we will go: what joy we'll know!



go, meet the bride - groom, who draws near.
 and fol - low to the ban - quet hall.
 There sweet de - light will ev - er flow.

GREETING

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 Let us 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.

C Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING: AMOS 5:18-24

In the days of Amos, people thought that the day of the LORD would be a time of great victory, but Amos announced that it would be a day of darkness, not light. He said liturgy is no substitute for obedience. The LORD demands justice and righteousness in the community.

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.

²⁴But let justice roll down like waters,

and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 70

Spoken responsively

¹Be pleased, O God, to deliver me;

O LORD, make haste to help me.

²**Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confounded;**

let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.

³Let those who say to me “Aha!” and gloat over me

turn back because of their shame.

⁴**Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;**

let those who love your salvation say forever, “Great is the LORD!”

⁵But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God.

You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, do not tarry.

SECOND READING: 1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18

Some of the Thessalonians are worried that dead Christians will be excluded from the resurrection to eternal life when Christ comes again. Paul reassures them with the word of hope that all Christians, living or dead, will be raised into everlasting life with Christ.

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.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

P The Holy Gospel, according to Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 25:1-13

Jesus tells a parable about his own second coming, emphasizing the need for readiness at all times.

[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.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.


SERMON

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HYMN OF THE DAY

Blessed Assurance

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1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.
 an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.
 watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

Refrain



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



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- P Let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.
- C 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.

THE PRAYERS

- A 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.
- A Holy God, rouse us to deep praise as we gather for worship. Enliven our worship
 with inspirational music. Sustain the work of all church musicians and artists
 who lead us in praise and prayer. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.**
- A Holy Creator, surprise and delight us with the beauty of the world you have
 made. Bless the work of landscapers, architects, and artists whose work invites
 us into harmonious living with your creation. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.**
- A Holy Judge, let justice roll down like waters over this world. Reign over the
 courtrooms of every land, in the hearts of those who guard the law and those
 who stand accused of crimes. Be present in cases where we long for both justice
 and mercy to prevail. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.**
- A Holy Companion, console those who feel lonely or abandoned. Share the hours of
 those who live and eat alone. Comfort those struggling with health issues, espe-
 cially Lucille Brill and Don Longren. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.**
- A Holy Protector, be with all observing Veterans Day. Guard the lives of active
 duty and retired military personnel. Comfort all who mourn those who have
 died in the line of duty. Heal the wounds, both physical and mental, experienced
 by service members. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.**

A Holy Teacher, lead all to hear your word with understanding. Bless the ongoing work of St. Paul Lutheran in Valley Falls, Good Shepherd Lutheran in Washington, and St. Paul Lutheran in Wichita, Kansas, and Humanitri in St. Louis, Missouri. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Holy Creator, bless Julie Reeves, Pr. Andrew Patty, Rosie Nichols, and Betty Quarnstrom as they celebrate their birthdays this week, and Russ Johnson, Ameerah Esquibel, and Marlene Hassan as they remember their baptisms. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

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. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Receive our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, until that day when you gather all creation around your throne where you will reign forever and ever.

C Amen.

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P 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.

C Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

- P It is indeed right and good that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:
- C **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might:
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**
- P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me.
In the same way also he took the cup after supper, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying: Drink of it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.
Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

- P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:
- C **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.**

SENDING

PRAYER

A Almighty and merciful God, let your Word abide in our hearts and minds that our faith being increased may go into the world with more knowledge and love in all that we do, strengthened by our faith in you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

BLESSING

A 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.

C Amen.

DISMISSAL

A Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY

Today, Nov. 8.....Online Worship with Holy Communion 10:30 AM

Mon., Nov. 9 Church Council Meeting on Zoom 6:00 PM
 Watch Facebook for posts from fellow Lutheran ministries.....

Tues., Nov. 10..... 40 Day Journey with Martin Luther on Facebook 6:30 PM

Wed., Nov. 11Hearing the Hymns
 Historic Old Town NIA Meeting on Zoom..... 6:30 PM

Thurs., Nov. 12..... Midweek Prayer Service on Zoom 6:30 PM

Sunday, Nov. 15Online Worship with Holy Communion 10:30 AM

OFFERING, ATTENDANCE, and FINANCIAL STATUS						
Date	General	Other	Total Weekly Income	Average Weekly Expense	Weekly Income Minus Average Weekly Expense	Attendance/ Communion
Oct. 11	\$2,310.00	\$25.00	\$2,335.00	-\$2,792.00	-\$457.00	10
Oct. 18	\$930.00	\$0.00	\$930.00	-\$2,792.00	-\$1,862.00	0
Oct. 25	\$1,520.00	\$0.00	\$1,520.00	-\$2,792.00	-\$1,272.00	0
Nov. 1	\$1,135.80	\$0.00	\$1,135.80	-\$2,792.00	-\$1,656.20	0
			Income	Expense	Behind/Ahead	
		Aug 2020	\$9,823.03	-\$11,152.64	-\$1,329.61	
		Jan. - Aug	\$81,223.03	-\$81,593.95	-\$370.92	

Remember our shut-ins!

Lucille Brill	Marlene Hassan	Keith Springer
Peggy Buchholz	Roy O'Neil	Naomi Walker
Don Longren	Ron Owensby	





At the October council meeting, it was decided that **our 150th anniversary celebration must be delayed until 2021**. However, along with this decision, Pr. Andrew suggested a tentative plan for events to occur throughout the year:

- June 26 Midsummer Picnic;
- August 7 & 8 Homecoming which would commemorate the groundbreaking ceremony of our current church building the first weekend of August;
- December St. Lucia & Christmas celebration as Christmas was the first worship service held in the new building.

It was approved to recommend this calendar of events to the council that will be seated in early 2021.

150 years will be celebrated!



2020 Doorstep Christmas **Adoption Wish List**



As with everything else in this year of COVID, Doorstep's Christmas adoption will not be a "Store" this year.

We are still adopting 260 Households from the Christmas Bureau which includes 800+ individuals for Christmas, and **we greatly need your help with a few select donations!**

This year we are all trying to work together as a community and provide for Christmas. The Christmas Bureau and adopting agencies have agreed to provide each household at least a food order and \$15 Visa gift card (no activation fee) for each household member.



This year each household will receive from Doorstep:

- ♦ Christmas Food Order
- ♦ \$15 Visa gift card for each household member listed on their intake
- ♦ Blanket
- ♦ Health Kit



We will not have the volunteer opportunities we have had in the past. In an effort to be safe, we are keeping our circle of volunteers small, and using our regular volunteers to help with Christmas Adoption this year.

How You Can Help...

This year we only need a few things, but we need larger numbers of each.

Money - Our Biggest Need -

To purchase the food, gift cards for 800+ people, and other items we don't receive in donations.

Blankets - Twin (40), Full/Queen & King sized (165)

Towel Sets - Bath & Hand (130 each)

Health Kit Items - Full Size

**Shampoo & Conditioner (200 each),
Toothpaste (75), Deodorant (250)
& Combs (200)**

**Please Bring Donations to Doorstep at 10th & Buchanan,
Mon - Fri from 9am - 2pm (South Door) By Monday, Dec 7th.**

**Send your monetary donation to Doorstep, 1119 SW 10th Avenue,
Topeka, Ks 66604 or visit www.DoorstepTopeka.org - Donate.**



The mission of
**Trinity Evangelical
 Lutheran Church**
 is to

- worship God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
- serve those in need, and
- reach out to share the Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ!

Together in Community • **L**iving with Christ • **C**aring for Neighbors

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