



Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

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*“Living, sharing and teaching the Love of Christ as we reach out to all people”
“Viviendo, compartiendo y enseñando el Amor de Cristo mientras alcanzamos a toda persona”*

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

November 8, 2020

AS WE GATHER

We hear today the extremely encouraging words from the apostle Paul concerning our everlasting life. Paul tells us, “We will always be with the Lord.” What comforting words! What encouraging words! You have the assurance that when Jesus returns, you will spend everlasting life in His gracious presence.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & GREETING

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: This is the day which the Lord has made;

People: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Pastor: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

People: **The name of the Lord is to be praised.**

PSALM 70

Pastor: Make haste, O God, to deliver me!

People: **O LORD, make haste to help me!**

Pastor: May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you!

People: **May those who love your salvation say evermore, “God is great!”**

Pastor: But I am poor and needy; hasten to me, O God!

People: **You are my help and my deliverer; O LORD, do not delay!**

Pastor: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

People: **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

Together: *Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING HYMN

BAPTIZED INTO YOUR NAME MOST HOLY [LSB#590]

Baptized into Your name most holy, O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
I claim a place, though weak and lowly, among Your saints, Your chosen host.
Buried with Christ and dead to sin, Your Spirit now shall live within.

All that I am and love most dearly--Receive it all, O Lord, from me.
Let me confess my faith sincerely; Help me Your faithful child to be!
Let nothing that I am or own Serve any will but Yours alone.

RESPONSIVE

Pastor: These are they who have come out of the great tribulation;

People: they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Pastor: Blessed are those whose strength is in You,

People: who have set their hearts on pilgrimage. (Rev.7:14; Ps 84:5)

Pastor: Alleluia. Alleluia. The Lord says, "Yes, I am coming soon." Amen.

People: Come, Lord Jesus. Alleluia. (Rev. 22:20b)

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Indeed, Christ is coming soon to raise the dead and bring us into everlasting life with Him. Yet there are times when we have lived as if Christ's return was not important and not imminent. Yet, our heavenly Father invites us to return to Him and ask for His forgiveness.

Silence for reflection.

Pastor: Heavenly Father,

People: we confess that we have ignored You and our neighbors in need. We have sinned in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have failed by our inactivity. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, O Lord, that we might be encouraged by Your presence and forgiven of our sin.

Pastor: God hears your confession and has promised to always be with you. Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son, Jesus Christ, to die and rise for you and for His

sake forgives you all your sins. As an ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen. We are forgiven. We look for the return of Jesus.

HYMN

WE FALL DOWN

We fall down we lay our crowns at the feet of Jesus,
The greatness of mercy and love at the feet of Jesus.
And we cry holy, holy, holy,
And we cry holy, holy, holy,
And we cry holy, holy, holy is the Lamb

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Together: O Lord, encourage us with Your presence in Your Word and Sacraments, that we be strengthened for service to You and our neighbors as we await the return of Jesus, through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

AMOS 5:18-24

^{5:18}Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord! Why would you have the day of the Lord? It is darkness, and not light, ¹⁹as if a man fled from a lion, and a bear met him, or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall, and a serpent bit him.

²⁰Is not the day of the Lord darkness, and not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? ²¹"I hate, I despise your feasts, 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 peace offerings of your fattened animals, I will not look upon them. ²³Take away from me the noise of your songs; to the melody of your harps I will not listen. ²⁴But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

+++ ENGLISH STANDARD VERSION +++

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

4:13 But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. 15 For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. 16 For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. 18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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GOSPEL HYMN

THY WORD IS A LAMP

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way,
Still You're there right beside me,
And nothing will I fear as long as You are near.
Please be near me to the end.

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Now I will not forget Your love for me and yet
My heart forever is wandering.
Jesus, be my guide and hold me to Your side,
And I will love You to the end.

Nothing will I fear as long as you are near
Please be near me to the end

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Pastor: The Gospel according to Saint Matthew:

People: **Glory be to You, O Lord.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

MATTHEW 25:1-13

^{25:1}"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³For when 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, they all became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' ⁷Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. ⁸And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' ⁹But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' ¹⁰And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. ¹¹Afterward

^{25:1}»El reino de los cielos será entonces como diez jóvenes solteras que tomaron sus lámparas y salieron a recibir al novio. ²Cinco de ellas eran insensatas y cinco prudentes. ³Las insensatas llevaron sus lámparas, pero no se abastecieron de aceite. ⁴En cambio, las prudentes llevaron vasijas de aceite junto con sus lámparas. ⁵Y como el novio tardaba en llegar, a todas les dio sueño y se durmieron. ⁶A medianoche se oyó un grito: "¡Ahí viene el novio! ¡Salgan a recibirlo!" ⁷Entonces todas las jóvenes se despertaron y se pusieron a preparar sus lámparas. ⁸Las insensatas dijeron a las prudentes: "Denos un poco de su aceite porque nuestras lámparas se están apagando." ⁹"No — respondieron éstas—, porque así no va a alcanzar ni para nosotras ni para ustedes. Es mejor que vayan a los que venden aceite, y compren para ustedes mismas." ¹⁰Pero mientras iban a comprar el aceite llegó el novio, y las jóvenes que estaban preparadas entraron con él al banquete de bodas. Y se cerró la

the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.'
¹²But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.'
¹³Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

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puerta. ¹¹Después llegaron también las otras. "¡Señor! ¡Señor! — suplicaban—. ¡Ábrenos la puerta!"
¹²"¡No, no las conozco!", respondió él.

¹³»Por tanto —agregó Jesús—, manténganse despiertos porque no saben ni el día ni la hora.

+++ NUEVA VERSIÓN INTERNACIONAL +++

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come 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.

WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Note: If you have a prayer request, please put it on a “Prayer Request Card” and the ushers will bring it forward with the offering.

OFFERING HYMN

NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD [LSB#895]

Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done, in whom His world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms has blest us on our way
With countless gifts of love and still is ours today.

Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us
And keep us in His grace and guide us when perplexed
And free us from all ills in this world and the next!

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
The Son, and Him who reigns with them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

SERMON HYMN

REJOICE, REJOICE, BELIEVERS [LSB#515]

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.

SERMON

PASTOR ELY PRIETO



CLOSING PRAYER

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you
and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor, ✠ and give you peace.

People: **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

CLOSING HYMN

REJOICE, REJOICE, BELIEVERS [*LSB#515*]

The saints, who here in patience Their cross and sufferings bore,
Shall live and reign forever When sorrow is no more.
Around the throne of glory The Lamb they shall behold;
In triumph cast before Him Their diadems of gold.

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!

Rejoice! Rejoice!

† TO GOD ALONE BE ALL THE GLORY †
† A DIOS SEA TODA LA GLORIA †