

St. Luke's
Lutheran Church

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Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.

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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

(Series A)

WELCOME

We are glad you are here to worship our Savior with us. Please remember to turn your cell phone to silence. Restrooms are on the west side of the sanctuary. Prayer requests can be submitted to the church office through email, office@stlukesmanhattan.org, or by calling 785-539-2604. On Communion Sundays, if you need non-gluten wafers at communion, or need to have communion brought to you, please notify the elder who is serving. We hope you will join us again so that you may experience Jesus.

AS WE GATHER

As the Church Year draws to a close, God's Word turns our attention to the coming Day of the Lord. Through the prophet Amos, the Lord warns against false confidence and outward religion that lacks repentance and faith. In the Gospel, Jesus' parable of the ten virgins reminds us that the Bridegroom will come at an hour no one expects, and therefore His people are called to watch and be ready. Yet Christians do not await Christ's return with fear. The Bridegroom who comes in glory is the same Savior who died on the cross for our sins and rose again in victory over death. Through His Word and Sacraments, He fills our lamps with the oil of faith and keeps us prepared for His coming. Therefore, with the sure hope of the resurrection, we watch, pray, and rejoice, confident that when Christ appears, we will enter with Him into the everlasting joy of His kingdom.

IMAGE ON THE COVER

Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour. *Matthew 25:13*

PRELUDE

Please use this time to prayerfully prepare your hearts to enter into the presence of Jesus

✠A SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND PRAISE✠

WELCOME

OPENING SONG – A Joyful Sound

"Blest are They"
By David Haas

Stand
(The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.)

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES

P The Day of the Lord is drawing near.
C **Come, Lord Jesus, come quickly.**

P The Bridegroom is coming.
C **Keep our lamps burning with the oil of faith.**

P Christ has died. Christ is risen.
C **Christ will come again in glory.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

P Beloved in the Lord, our Savior Jesus Christ says, *"Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."* As we await the coming of our heavenly Bridegroom, the Lord calls us to live each day in repentance and faith, trusting in His promises and bearing the fruits of righteousness. Yet we confess that we have not always been watchful, faithful, or prepared for His coming. Therefore, let us come before our gracious Father with repentant hearts.

Lord, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean and have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed.

C **Lord, forgive us for our sinful condition.**

P Lord, You call us to watch for the coming of Your Son and to live each day in readiness for His return, yet we often become distracted by the cares of this world. We neglect Your Word, grow careless in prayer, and presume upon tomorrow rather than living by faith today.

C **Lord, forgive us for our spiritual complacency.**

P Lord, You desire truth in the heart and delight in lives shaped by justice, righteousness, and love for our neighbor, yet we have too often honored You with our lips while failing to love and serve those around us. We have been selfish in our thoughts, impatient in our words, and neglectful in our actions.

C **Lord, forgive us for our hypocrisy and lovelessness.**

P Lord, You teach us to trust in Christ alone for salvation and righteousness, yet we often place our confidence in ourselves, our accomplishments, our possessions, or our plans. Instead of resting in the saving work of Your Son, we look for security in things that cannot save.

C **Lord, forgive us for our misplaced trust and self- righteousness.**

P Heavenly Father, we confess these sins and all the sins that burden our hearts.

C **For the sake of Jesus Christ, who died for our sins and rose again for our justification, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us by Your Holy Spirit, that we may watch for His coming with joyful faith, live in the hope of the resurrection, and be found ready when He comes again in glory; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

P Hear the good news! The Lord who warns sinners is also the Lord who saves sinners. The Bridegroom has come. Jesus Christ bore the judgment our sins deserved in His holy suffering and death upon the cross. He is risen from the dead and lives forevermore. For His sake, God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.
Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

INTROIT

Psalm 84:1, 9-12; antiphon: v. 3

P Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young,
at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

C **How lovely is your dwelling place,**
O LORD of hosts!

P Behold our shield, O God;
look on the face of your anointed!

C **For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.**
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

P For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor.
No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.

C **O LORD of hosts,**
blessèd is the one who trusts in you!

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son**
and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young,
at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

KYRIE [*Greek for "Lord, (have mercy")*]

A In peace let us pray to the Lord,

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A For watchful hearts, burning lamps, and faith that awaits our heavenly Bridegroom, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A For repentance from empty worship, for lives marked by justice and righteousness, and for the grace to walk in Your ways, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A For comfort in our grief, hope in the resurrection of the dead, and joy at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen.**

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, keep us watchful as we await the coming of Your Son. Deliver us from all false confidence, fill us with the oil of faith through Your Word and Sacraments, and sustain us with the sure hope of the resurrection, that when our Bridegroom comes in glory, we may enter with joy into His eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Amos 5:18-24

(The day of the Lord will bring justice and righteousness that silences all false and shallow worship.)

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,
19 as 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.
20 Is 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.
22 Even 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.
23 Take away from me the noise of your songs;
to the melody of your harps I will not listen.
24 But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM *Psalm 70; antiphon: v. 4*

L [4]May all who seek you
rejoice and be glad in you!

C **May those who love your salvation
say evermore, "God is great!"**

L [1]Make haste, O God, to deliver me!

C **O LORD, make haste to help me!**

L [2]Let them be put to shame and confusion
who seek my life!

C **Let them be turned back and brought to dishonor
who desire my hurt!**

L [3]Let them turn back because of their shame

C **who say, "Aha, Aha!"**

L [4]May all who seek you
rejoice and be glad in you!

C **May those who love your salvation
say evermore, "God is great!"**

L [5]But I am poor and needy;
hasten to me, O God!

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

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

L [4]May all who seek you
rejoice and be glad in you!

C **May those who love your salvation
say evermore, "God is great!"**

EPISTLE

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

(We grieve with hope and await the day when Christ will awaken all who are asleep.)

[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.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Matthew 25:13

P Alleluia. Watch therefore, for you know neither

C **the day nor the hour. Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 25:1-13*

(Watch for the Bridegroom, who will return at any moment.)

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[1][Jesus said:] *"The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. [2]Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. [3]For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, [4]but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. [5]As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. [6]But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' [7]Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. [8]And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' [9]But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' [10]And 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. [11]Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' [12]But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' [13]Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."*

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

APOSTLES' CREED *LSB 159*

P God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C 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.

Sit

SPECIAL MUSIC – Children's Choir
"We Fall Down"
"That Where I Am"

LAMB'S MESSAGE

SERMON

VOTUM

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C A**men.**

OFFERING

There are several ways to give.

1. Please **send** your offerings to
   St. Luke's Lutheran Church
   4801 Anderson Avenue
   Manhattan, KS 66503
2. **Electronic Funds Transfer/**Sign up through the church office.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE: **Matthew 25:4 – "But the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps."** Why did they take flasks of oil with them? Because they listened to the Bridegroom's words and believed what He said. Our actions always start with and flow from our beliefs. What do your actions in the realm of stewardship say about what you believe?

OFFERTORY – "Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

1, 2 Jesus lover of my soul
Jesus I will never let You go
You've taken me from the miry clay
You set my feet upon the rock and now I know
I love You, I need You
Though my world may fall I'll never let You go
My Savior, my closest friend
I will worship You until the very end

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Though my world may fall I'll never let You go
My Savior, my closest friend
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Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Heavenly Father, keep Your Church watchful and ready for the coming of Christ. Preserve us in the true faith through the proclamation of Your Word, that our lamps may remain burning with the oil of faith as we await our heavenly Bridegroom. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Gracious Lord, guard us from empty worship and outward religion. Grant us repentant hearts that trust in Christ alone, and let justice, righteousness, mercy, and love flow from lives renewed by Your Holy Spirit. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord of the harvest, bless all pastors, teachers, missionaries, and church workers. Give them courage and faithfulness in proclaiming Christ crucified and risen, that many may be brought to repentance and faith before the Day of Your Son's appearing. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty God, You have entrusted many blessings to Your people. As our congregation undertakes its Capital Stewardship Campaign, *Faith in Christ, Building Our Future*, fill us not with reluctance or fear, but with gratitude and joy. Move us to generous giving as cheerful stewards of Your gifts, trusting that all we have comes from Your gracious hand and rejoicing in every opportunity to support the work of Your kingdom among us and for future generations. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord God, bless all Christian homes. Strengthen husbands and wives, parents and children, grandparents and grandchildren in the faith. Through Your Word, prepare each generation to know, love, and follow Christ until He comes again in glory. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Righteous Lord, guide our nation and all who serve in positions of authority. Grant wisdom, integrity, and a love for justice to all who govern, that peace may prevail, the vulnerable may be protected, and good order maintained among us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Merciful Father, remember all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially _____. According to Your gracious will, grant healing, strength, patience, and hope. Assure them that nothing can separate them from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord of life, comfort all who mourn. Strengthen them with the promise that because Jesus died and rose again, those who die in Him shall also live. Keep us steadfast in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection and the life everlasting. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

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.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You have called us to watch for the coming of Your Son and strengthened us through Your holy Word. Keep us steadfast in faith, diligent in prayer, and joyful in good works, that when our Lord Jesus Christ comes in glory, we may be found ready to meet Him and enter into the eternal joy of His kingdom; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✢ give you peace.

C **Amen.**

GREET ONE ANOTHER

We greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "The Lord be with you," "Peace be with you," or "The peace of the Lord be with you".

CLOSING SONG - "Trading My Sorrows"

1, 4, 7
I'm trading my sorrows, I'm trading my shame
I'm layin' them down for the joy of the Lord
I'm trading my sickness, I'm trading my pain
I'm layin' them down for the joy of the Lord

2, 5, 8, 9
We say yes, Lord, yes, Lord, yes, yes, Lord
Yes, Lord, yes, Lord, yes, yes, Lord
Yes, Lord, yes, Lord, yes, yes, Lord, amen

3, 6
I am pressed, but not crushed, persecuted not abandoned
Struck down, but not destroyed
I am blessed beyond the curse, for His promise will endure
That His joy's gonna be my strength
Though the sorrow may last for the night
His joy comes in the morning

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