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Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.

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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Proper 27

(Series A)

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.

IMAGE ON THE COVER

And so we will always be with the Lord. *1 Thessalonians 4:17b*

PRELUDE

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

✠ A SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND PRAISE ✠

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRESERVICE - "Shepherd of My Soul" Psalm 23:1

1, 2, 4, 6 Shepherd of my soul I give You full control
Wherever You may lead I will follow
I have heard the call, I've listened to Your voice
Wherever You may lead I will go

3, 5 Be it in quiet pasture or by a gentle stream
The Shepherd of my soul is by my side
Should I face a mighty mountain or a valley dark and deep
The Shepherd of my soul will be my guide

7 Wherever You may lead I will go
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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 Make haste, O God, to deliver us!

C O Lord, make haste to help us!

P May all who seek the Lord rejoice and be glad in Him!

C May we say evermore, "God is great!"

P For Christ is coming soon.

C Soon, He will descend from the heavens.

P Soon, He will raise the dead.

C And we will always be with the Lord.

P He is our help and our deliverer.

C **O Lord, do not delay!**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P 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.

P Heavenly Father,

C **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.**

P 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 a called and 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.

C **Amen. We are forgiven. We look for the return of Jesus.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

O Lord, encourage us with Your presence in Your Word, 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.

C **Amen.**

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.**

Sit

OPENING SONG - "We Will Worship the Lamb" Psalm 141:2

1, 4 We will worship the Lamb of glory
We will worship the King of kings
We will worship the Lamb of glory
We will worship the King

2 We bless the name of the Lamb of glory
We bless the name of the King of kings
We bless the name of the Lamb of glory
We bless the name of the King

3, 5, 6 And with our hands lifted high, we will worship and sing
With our hands lifted high, we come before You rejoicing
With our hands lifted high to the sky, when the world wonders
why
We'll just tell them we're loving our King
We'll just tell them we're loving our King

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Amos 5:18-24

(The day of the Lord is coming.)

¹⁸Woe 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."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 70; antiphon: v. 4

L ⁴May all who seek you
Rejoice and be glad in you!

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

L ¹Make haste, O God, to deliver me!

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

L ²Let 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 ³Let them turn back because of their shame

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

L ⁴May all who seek you
Rejoice and be glad in you!

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

L ⁵But 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 ⁴May 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 will always be with the Lord.)

¹³But 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. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁵For 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. ¹⁶For 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. ¹⁷Then 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. ¹⁸Therefore 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,

C for you know neither the day nor the hour. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 25:1-13

(The parable of the ten virgins.)

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

G **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. 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 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.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G **Praise to You, O Christ**

Sit

LAMB'S MESSAGE

SERMON

OFFERING

There are several ways to give.

1. **Offering plates** are available in the narthex as you exit.
2. Please **send** your offerings to
St. Luke's Lutheran Church
4801 Anderson Avenue
Manhattan, KS 66503
3. Give through our **website**:
<https://stlukesmanhattan.org/about-us/financial-support/>
4. **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 told them. Our actions always start with and flow from our beliefs. What do your actions in the realm of financial stewardship say about what you believe?

POST-SERMON SONG - "Jesus Paid it All"

- 1 I hear the Savior say, "Thy strength indeed is small.
Child of weakness, watch and pray. Find in Me thine all in all."
- 2, 4, 6 Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow
- 3 Lord, now indeed I find Thy power and Thine alone
Can change the leper's spots and melt the heart of stone
- 5 And when before the throne I stand in Him complete
"Jesus died my soul to save," my lips shall still repeat
- 7 Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow
He washed it white as snow, He washed it white as snow
- 8, 9 O praise the One who paid my debt
And raised this life up from the dead
O praise the One who paid my debt
And raised this life up from the dead

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Lord Jesus Christ, through You all things were made. You have entrusted us with the care of all creation. Embolden us to be good and faithful stewards of all that You have made until You return to dwell with us again. For until Your return, we pray,

C **come quickly, Lord Jesus.**

P Lord Jesus, in Your incarnation and birth You deigned to dwell among us, even as an infant. Bring comfort to all those who are living through the challenges of infertility and miscarriage. Bring them Your healing, and give them wisdom as they seek to do Your will. For until Your return, we pray,

C **come quickly, Lord Jesus.**

P Lord Jesus, in Your earthly life You suffered much at the hands of lawless men. Be with all those who suffer now through abuse, illness, or injustice, [*especially . . .*]. Heal them according to Your will. For until Your return, we pray,

C **come quickly, Lord Jesus.**

P Lord Jesus, by Your death and resurrection, You destroyed death forever. While we look forward to the resurrection, each human being still faces earthly death. We bring before You all those who are mourning the death of loved ones, [*especially . . .*]. Comfort them with Your presence and the hope of the resurrection to eternal life. For until Your return, we pray,

C **come quickly, Lord Jesus.**

P Lord Jesus, be present in Your Church. Give us faithful pastors, teachers, musicians, administrators, and other church workers, that we walk together with You, bringing Your Gospel to all nations. For until Your return, we pray,

C **come quickly, Lord Jesus.**

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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.**

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor
and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

CLOSING - “Everlasting”

- 1 Everlasting, never changing
 Always knowing, knowing all
 You are Lord; You are God most high
- 2, 3 Everlasting, never changing
 Always knowing, knowing all
 You are Lord, You are God most high
 You are Lord, You are God most high
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 4 Alleluia! Alleluia!
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