

# St. Luke's Lutheran Church



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Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.

## Saturday, November 11, 2023 – 6:00 PM Sunday, November 12, 2023 – 8:30 AM

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## **TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

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## 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, <u>office@stlukesmanhattan.org</u>, 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**

What do you do when you wait? What do others do? Whether sitting in the lobby of a doctor's office, or stuck behind a mile of cars in traffic, or counting down the days until an exciting event—what is done while waiting? Some seek distraction through technology to pass the time, others watch the time slowly pass, and still others wait impatiently, made known through verbal and nonverbal ways. How about when it comes to Jesus? What do we do while we wait for Him? Rather than seeking distractions to pass the time or feverishly looking at a clock while growing impatient, we are instead called to wait for Him in faith. We do not know the day nor the hour, but we wait in faith with more than oil in our lamps—faith in our hearts and on our lips until we meet the Bridegroom at the marriage feast.

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

## ✤ PREPARATION ✤

**515 REJOICE, REJOICE, BELIEVERS** 



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# Stand The sign of the cross + may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

#### INVOCATION

- In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen.

## **EXHORTATION**

- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.
- **P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- **G** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

## CONFESSION

- **P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

## ABSOLUTION

- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the 
  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

# ₩ Word ₩

## INTROIT

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

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.

How lovely is your | dwelling place,\*

O | LORD of hosts!

Behold our shield, | O God;\*

look on the face of your a- | nointed!

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.

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 up- | rightly.

O | LORD of hosts,\*

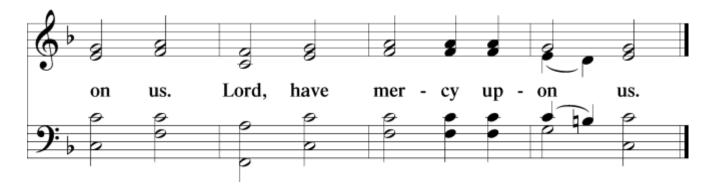
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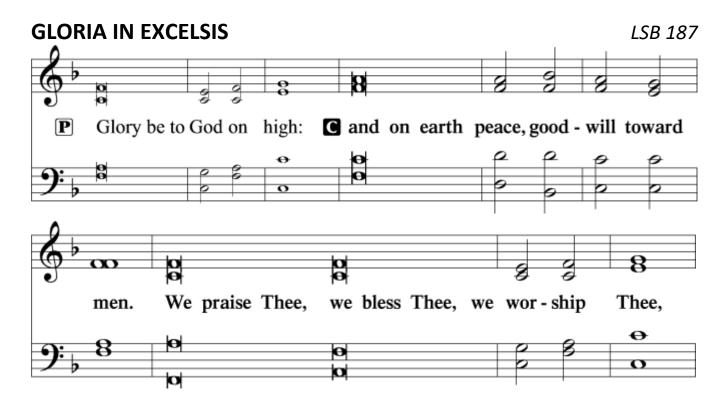
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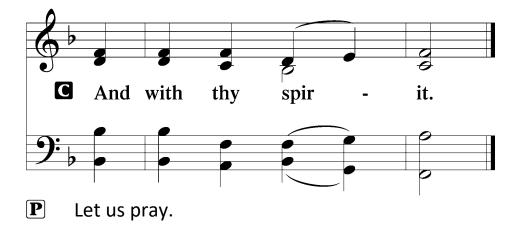






## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.



Lord God, we do not know the day nor the hour of the coming in glory of the Bridegroom, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

- **C** As we wait, continue to nourish our faith until we enter the eternal wedding feast,
- P through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

(The day of the Lord and justice.)

<sup>18</sup>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, <sup>19</sup>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. <sup>20</sup>Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? <sup>21</sup>"I hate, I despise your feasts, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. <sup>22</sup>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. <sup>23</sup>Take away from me the noise of your songs; to the melody of your harps I will not listen. <sup>24</sup>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

C

Psalm 70; antiphon: v. 4

- L <sup>4</sup>May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you!
- May those who love your salvation say evermore, "God is great!"
- **L** <sup>1</sup>Make haste, O God, to deliver me!
  - O LORD, make haste to help me!

- L<sup>2</sup>Let them be put to shame and confusion who seek my life!
  - Let them be turned back and brought to dishonor who desire my hurt!
- Let them turn back because of their shame
   who say, "Aha, Aha!"
- L <sup>4</sup>May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you!
   C May those who love your salvation
  - say evermore, "God is great!"
- L <sup>5</sup>But I am poor and needy; hasten to me, O God!

С

C

- You are my help and my deliverer; O LORD, do not delay!
- 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 <sup>4</sup>May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you!
   C May those who love your salvation say evermore, "God is great!"

#### (The coming of the Lord.)

<sup>13</sup>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. <sup>14</sup>For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. <sup>15</sup>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. <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>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. <sup>18</sup>Therefore encourage one another with these words.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

#### Stand

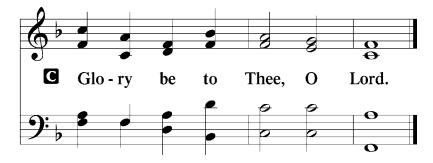


**C** Thanks be to God.

#### **HOLY GOSPEL**

(The parable of the ten virgins.)

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



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

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



## **APOSTLES' CREED**

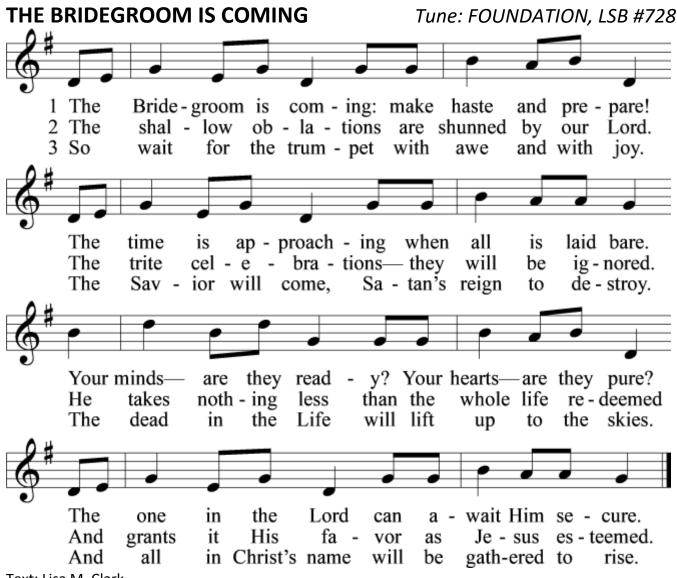
- P We confess our faith together, using the words of the Apostles' Creed,
- C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

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

#### LAMB'S MESSAGE



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## SERMON

## VOTUM

- The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- **C** Amen.

## OFFERING

There are several ways to give.

- 1. A basket is available in the narthex as you exit.
- 2. Please **send** your offerings to

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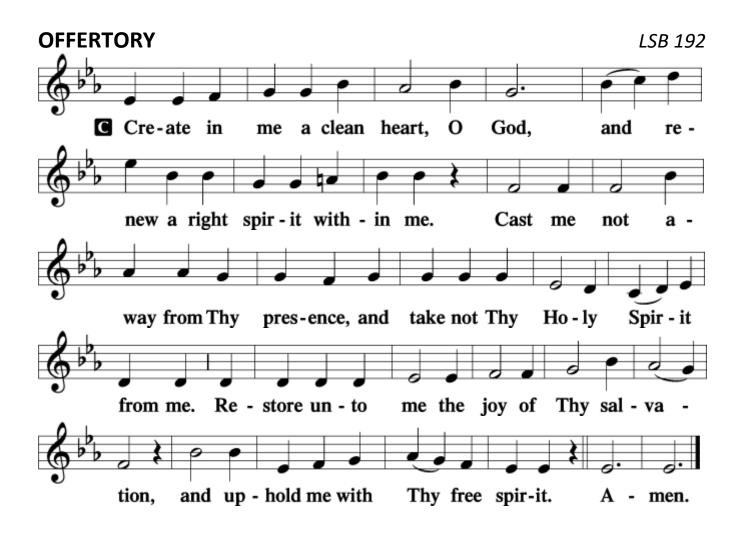
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- 3. Give through our **website**: <u>https://stlukesmanhattan.org</u> /about-us/financial-support/
- 4. Electronic Funds Transfer Sign up through the church office.

**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 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?

Stand



#### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

As the Lord invites us to come to Him with petitions and supplications, we commonly close our prayers with "Amen." Derived from a Hebrew verb, amen means "certainty" or "to confirm." As Martin Luther put it, amen means, "Yes, yes, it shall be so." As we await the day of the Lord, we pray in confidence as Scripture closes with the words: "He who testifies to these things says, 'Surely I am coming soon.' Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!" We, in our wait, come to our Lord in prayer, proclaim our "amens," and confidently invite Him to come.

Let us pray for the people of God in the Bridegroom, Christ Jesus; His Bride, the Church; and for all people according to their needs.

Heavenly Father, grant to us all things needful and dissuade us from all things harmful. Fill the oil in our lamps, strengthen and nourish our faith, that united, together we as Your Church and as Your people confidently and courageously shine Your light to our neighbors, our community, and the world. Amen.

- C Come, Lord Jesus.
- P Heavenly Father, keep us ready in our waiting for the promised day to come when the door is opened and we are welcomed to the wedding feast. In our wait, keep us from earthly distractions that would lead us away from You. By Your Holy Spirit, keep us prepared to welcome Jesus when He comes in all His glory at the hour and the day You have set, as we remain trusting in Your promises made, promises fulfilled, and promises to come. Amen.
- C Come, Lord Jesus.
- Heavenly Father, You have already called faithful servants from this life as they are in Your glorious care and await the resurrection. For we who remain on this earth, give comfort and hope to those who grieve, [especially . . .]. For those who struggle with health of mind or sickness of body, grant healing according to Your will and lasting peace in light of affliction, [especially . . .]. For all those whose needs are known only to You and for all who face the afflictions of this life while awaiting the Last Day at Your time, grant patience. Amen.
- C Come, Lord Jesus.
- Heavenly Father, as we pray, "Come, Lord Jesus," awaiting His return, we know that in the meantime He even comes to us now through Your Word and Means of Grace. In the body and blood given and shed for us in, with, and under the bread and wine given and received, forgive us our sins and nourish our faith in our waiting that our hearts and lives be reflective of the grace You freely give. Amen.
- C Come, Lord Jesus.

#### Additional petitions may be added.

- Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- **C** Amen.

#### LORD'S PRAYER

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**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

 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.

## SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

**P** The Lord be with you.



**P** Bless we the Lord.

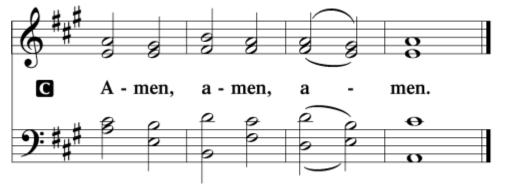


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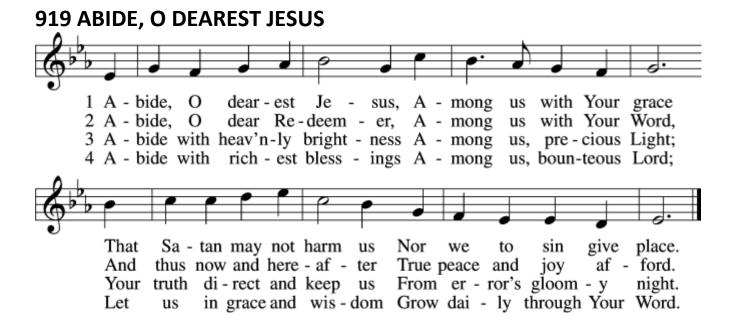
**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

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.



#### **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".



- 5 Abide with Your protection Among us, Lord, our strength, Lest world and Satan fell us And overcome at length.
- 6 Abide, O faithful Savior, Among us with Your love; Grant steadfastness and help us To reach our home above.
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