

*Welcome to Worship at  
Lutheran Church of the Resurrection*

23<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST [Lectionary 32]—November 8, 2020

11:00 A.M.

**INTRODUCTION**

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.

— GATHERING —

**WELCOME & WORSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Adorn your sacred space with flowers and other beautiful signs of life.*

**SABBATH REFLECTION** “Ain-a that Good News”

—setting, John Carter

*Helen Weiss Phelps, piano*

**MORNING DIALOGUE**

O Lord, open my lips

**And my mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, O God,

**That we may rejoice and be glad all our days.**

Praise to the blest and holy Trinity, one God,

**Who gives us life, salvation, and resurrection.**

**Alleluia!**

Give glory to God, our light and our life.

**Oh, come, let us worship and praise.**

# GATHERING SONG "Come, People of the Risen King" –Getty / Getty / Townend

**VERSE**

1. Come, peo - ple of the ris - en King, who de - light to bring Him  
 2. Come, those whose joy is Morn - ing Sun, and those weep - ing through the  
 3. Come, young and old from ev - 'ry land, men and wo - men of the

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praise; come all, and tune your hearts to sing to the Morn - ing Star of  
 night; come, those who tell of bat - tles won, and those strug - gling in the  
 8 faith; come, those with full or emp - ty hands, find the rich - es of His

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grace. From the shift - ing shad - ows of the earth, we will lift our eyes to  
 fight. For His per - fect love will nev - er change, and His mer - cies nev - er  
 12 grace. O - ver all the world His peo - ple sing, shore to shore we hear them

12

Him, where stead - y arms of mer - cy reach to gath - er chil - dren  
 cease, but fol - low us through all our days with the cer - tain hope of  
 call the truth that cries through ev - 'ry age: "Our God is all in

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**CHORUS**

in. Re - joice, re - joice! Let ev - 'ry tongue re - joice! One heart, one  
 peace.  
 all!"

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1., 2. Back to VERSE | 3. Back to CHORUS

voice; O Church of Christ, re - joice! voice; O Church of Christ, re - joice

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4. Song Ending

voice; O Church of Christ, re - joice!

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## **GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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. Amen.**

—WORD—

## **CHILDREN'S HOMILY**

### **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.*

<sup>18</sup>Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD!

Why do you want the day of the LORD?

It is darkness, not light;

<sup>19</sup>as 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.

<sup>20</sup>Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,  
and gloom with no brightness in it?

<sup>21</sup>I hate, I despise your festivals,  
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 offerings of well-being of your fatted animals  
I will not look upon.

<sup>23</sup>Take away from me the noise of your songs;  
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.

<sup>24</sup>But let justice roll down like waters,  
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 70** (*read responsively*)

<sup>1</sup>Be pleased, O God, to deliver me;

O LORD, make haste to help me.

<sup>2</sup>**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.**

<sup>3</sup>Let those who say to me “Aha!” and gloat over me

turn back because of their shame.

<sup>4</sup>**Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;**

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

<sup>5</sup>But 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.*

<sup>13</sup>We 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. <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 died. <sup>15</sup>For 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. <sup>16</sup>For 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. <sup>17</sup>Then 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. <sup>18</sup>Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL: Matthew 25:1-13**

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

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>1</sup>“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup>Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup>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, all of them became drowsy and slept. <sup>6</sup>But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ <sup>7</sup>Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup>The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ <sup>9</sup>But 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.’ <sup>10</sup>And 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. <sup>11</sup>Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ <sup>12</sup>But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ <sup>13</sup>Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**HOMILY** “Thy Kingdom Come”

Pastor Stephen Friedrich



1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;  
 2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulf's earth's frame;  
 3 Rise up, O saints of God! The king - dom's task em - brace;  
 4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;  
 5 Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;

Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.  
 as heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, the word of hope pro - claim.  
 re - dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.  
 stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, with love the weak sus - tain.  
 and, quick - ened by the Spir - it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

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## APOSTLES' CREED

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With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

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.*

Holy God, rouse us to deep praise as we gather for worship. Mindful of our partners in Guatemala, we ask that you enliven worship here and there with sincere and heartfelt song. Sustain the work of all church musicians and artists who lead us in praise and prayer.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

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.

**Your mercy is great.**

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.

**Your mercy is great.**

Holy Companion, console those who feel lonely or abandoned. Share the hours of those who live and eat alone. Comfort those who have few friends or who struggle with their identity and place in this world.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

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.

**Your mercy is great.**

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.

**Your mercy is great.**

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.

**Amen.**

## **EXCHANGE OF PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## **—THANKSGIVING—**

*Collect an **OFFERING** for God's mission. Financial gifts can be made online [www.lcrmarietta.org/give](http://www.lcrmarietta.org/give), Canned food can also be collected.*

*LCR Musicians also have a musical offering to glorify God*

**MUSICAL OFFERING** "Lamb of God (Your Only Son)" – setting, T Crawford



## **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

The Lord be with you

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, holy God. You are the creator of the waters of the earth.

You are the fire of rebirth.

**You poured out your Spirit on your people Israel.**

**You breathe life into our dry bones.**

Your Son Jesus promised to send the Spirit to us that the world may know your peace and truth.

**Stir up your Holy Spirit, and breathe renewed life in those who are baptized;**

For it is by your Spirit that you have adopted us all as your children, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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 —**

## **MISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **BLESSING**

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.

In the name of the Father, † the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

SENDING SONG "Soon and Very Soon"

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1 Soon and ver - y soon  
 2 No more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,  
 3 No more dy - in' there,  
 4 Soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon  
 no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,  
 no more dy - in' there,  
 soon and ver - y soon

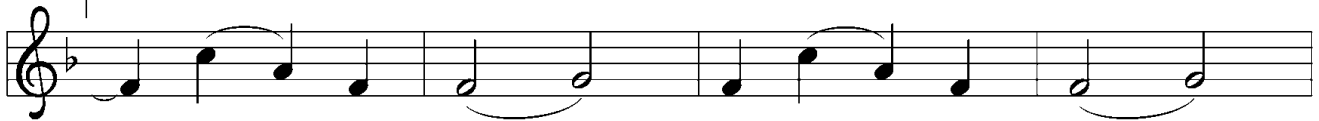


soon and ver - y soon  
 no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King.  
 no more dy - in' there,  
 soon and ver - y soon



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!

*Coda after stanza 4*



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu -



jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

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## **DISMISSAL**

Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold onto what is good; return no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint hearted; support the weak, and help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God!**



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