

*Worship Service  
For  
Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost*

*November 8, 2020*



*Therefore keep  
watch, because you  
do not know the day  
or the hour.*

*Matthew 25:13*

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*Trinity is a Christ-centered community of believers, saved and  
enlightened by God's grace.  
We serve God by serving others.*

## Welcome and Announcements

### Prelude

### Confession and Forgiveness      *(Read Responsively)*

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Merciful God,

C **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us,**

**renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk  
in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

**Confession Song**

*Gather Us In*

Hymnal #532 - Instrumental

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and  
for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained  
minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore  
declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the  
Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

**\*Greeting**

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

C **And also with you.**

**\*Kyrie** (Congregation will read responsively verses in **BOLD** type.)

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the

Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,  
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let  
us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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

**Amen, amen**

**\*Prayer of the Day**

P 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.

C **Amen.**

## The Word

### **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.

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 70 (Congregation will read verses in BOLD type.)**

<sup>1</sup>Be pleased, O God, to deliver me. O LORD, make haste to help me!

**<sup>2</sup>Let those be put to shame and confusion who seek my life. Let those be turned back and brought to dishonor who desire to hurt me.**

<sup>3</sup>Let those who say, "Aha, Aha!" 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 evermore, "God is great!"**

<sup>5</sup>But I am poor and needy; hasten to me, O God! You are my help and my deliverer; O LORD, do not delay!

**L The Word of the Lord.**

**C Thanks be to God.**

**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.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**\*Gospel Acclamation**

*Alleluia Verse*

(Congregation will read)

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

**\*Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**

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

[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."

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon**

- Pastor Dan Forsgren

**\*Hymn of the Day**      *Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying*      Hymnal #436  
(p. 17 this bulletin)

**\*Confession of Faith**      *Apostles' Creed*

**P** With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**C** 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 the People

A 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 Holy God, rouse us to deep praise as we gather for worship. Enliven our worship with sincere and heartfelt song. Sustain the work of all church musicians and artists who lead us in praise and prayer, especially Rose Dempsey, Gerry Fairchild & Terry Fairchild. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A 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.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A 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.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A 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. Grant healing touch to those who are ill, especially Diana Bumpus, Lee Ray, Michael Mundt, Pat Freeman, Janet Zaborski, Ron McCray, Loretta Olson, Jim McDonnell, Marion Keating, Sally English, June Gittel, Delores Luttrupp, Mavis Fuchs, and Susan Kirkpatrick. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A 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.

**C Your mercy is great.**

**P** 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.

**C Amen.**

### **Sharing the Peace**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

### **Offering**

### **Musical Offering**

### **Offering Prayer**

**P** God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table and shared your abundant blessings.

Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant.

**C Amen.**

### **\*Great Thanksgiving**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them up to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

### **The Preface**

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God.

You reveal your glory as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the

Holy Spirit: equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one

God, ever to be adored in your eternal glory. And so, with all the

choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C *Holy, Holy, Holy* (Congregation will read)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

### Words of Institution

P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

## The Lord's Prayer

**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.

## Invitation to Communion

### Lamb of God

Hymnal p. 154 - Instrumental

## The Lord's Supper

*We celebrate together the Meal of Grace. The Lord is Host. We are the Guests. All are invited to the Table to feast in the promise of Jesus to be present in the bread and cup. Grape juice (light liquid) and gluten-free wafers are available by asking a server. The communion cups will be pre-filled and placed in trays with every other space left open to allow you to take without touching neighboring cups. Bread will be pre-cut. You will walk up to the altar steps to receive bread and wine, with no kneeling at the front. Communion servers will wear masks and gloves.*

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say:*

*The body of Christ given for you  
The blood of Christ shed for you  
And you may respond: **Amen***

### **Post-Communion Prayer**

P Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way.

C Amen.

### **Blessing**

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C Amen.

**\*Sending Hymn**                      *Blessed Assurance*                      Hymnal #638 – Instrumental

### **\*Dismissal**

P Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

### **\*Postlude**



## Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying



1 Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing, the watch-men  
 2 Zi - on hears the watch-men sing - ing, and all her  
 3 Glo - ri - a! Let heav'n a - dore you! Let saints and



on the heights are cry - ing; a - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, at last.  
 heart with joy is spring-ing. She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.  
 an - gels sing be - fore you, with harp and cym-bal's clear-est tone.



Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es, and at the  
 Her dear friend comes down, all glo - rious, the strong in  
 Gates of pearl, twelve por - tals gleam - ing, lead us to



thrill-ing cry re - joic - es: "Come forth, you maid-ens! Night is past.  
 grace, in truth vic - to - rious: her star is ris'n; her light is come.  
 bliss be - yond all dream - ing, with an - gel choirs a - round your throne.



The bride - groom comes! A - wake; your lamps with glad - ness take!"  
 Now come, O Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son.  
 No eye has caught the light, no ear the thun - d'ring might



Al - le - lu - ia! Rise and pre - pare the feast to share;  
 Sing ho - san - na! Oh, hear the call! Come one, come all,  
 of such glo - ry. There we will go: what joy we'll know!



go, meet the bride - groom, who draws near.  
 and fol - low to the ban - quet hall.  
 There sweet de - light will ev - er flow.

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# Blessed Assurance

1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!  
2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;  
3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,

Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.  
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.  
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

*Refrain*

This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:

this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

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