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THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD

THE ORDER OF THE DIVINE SERVICE
THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
November 12, 2023
8:00 AM

PRE-SERVICE “Amazing Grace” *Jillian Buffington*

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” *LSB 802*

Please stand

INVOCATION

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

CONFESSION

P. Let us confess our sins to God our Father.
C. Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

P. People of God, I have good news for you! Know with joy that 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.

KYRIE (Spoken by Pastor; Chanted by Congregation)

P. In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P. For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P. 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.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

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



C Lord, have mer - cy.

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



C A - men.

Please be seated

SALUTATION

P. The Lord be with you.

C. **And also with you.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P. Together, let us prayer:

C. **Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

FIRST READING Amos 5:18-24

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."

P. This is the Word of the Lord

C. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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,

(continued...)

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.

P. This is the Word of the Lord
C. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

COMMON ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL READING Matthew 25:1-13

P. The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew from 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. 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.
C. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

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

Please be seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE HYMN "Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying" LSB 516, vv. 1,3

SERMON *The Rev. Bruce Stam (Text: Matthew 25:1-13)*

TITHES & OFFERING "Grace" ~ Trinity Choir

Please stand

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**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

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

P. The Lord be with you.

C. And also with you.

P. Lift up your hearts.

C. We lift them to the Lord.

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C. It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P. Together we celebrate the Lord's Supper, confident that we receive Jesus' body and blood in, with, and under the bread and the wine. With it, we also receive the forgiveness of sins and a stronger bond to God and each other. Through this supper we confess and share in our faith with one another, trusting in Jesus' words for the forgiveness of our sins. As Holy Communion is a confession of our faith, we require that those who receive the Lord's Supper share in the beliefs that we hold. So, hear now the words of our Lord Jesus spoken at the time of the Last Supper:

WORDS OF OUR LORD

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

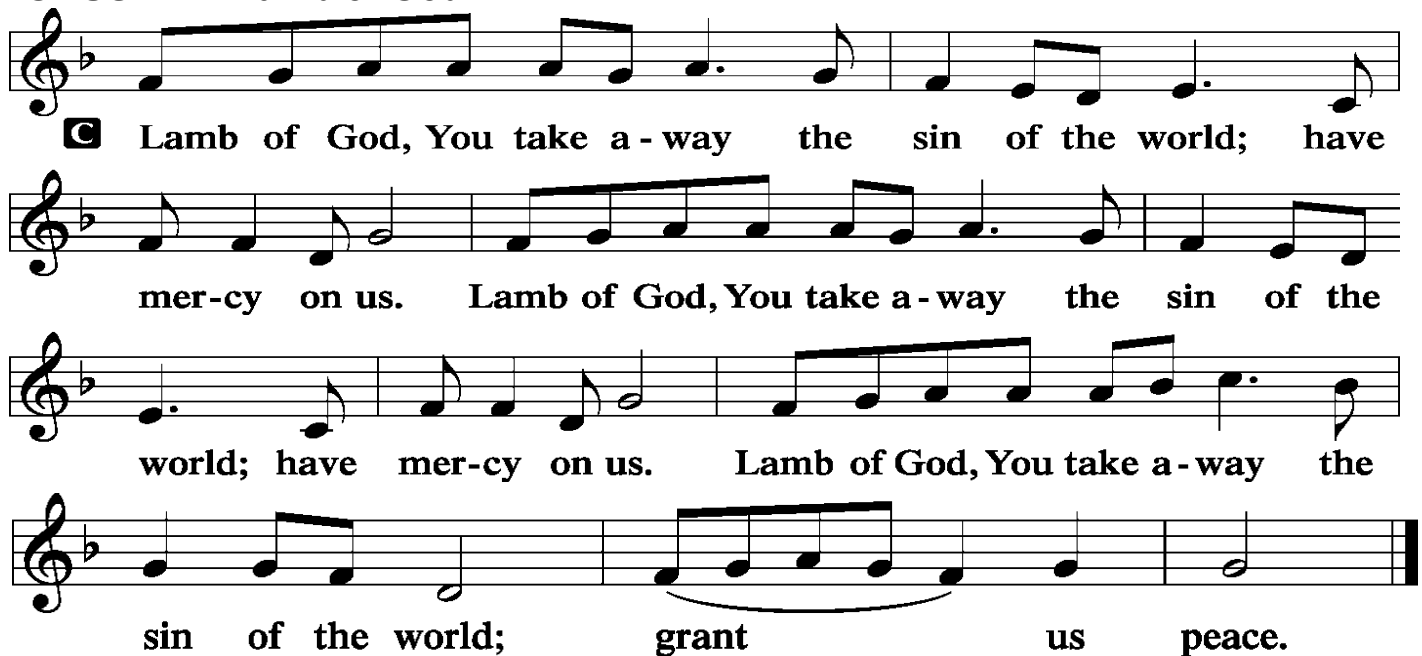
P. As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P. Welcome to the Table of the Lord. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C. Amen.

AGNUS DEI "Lamb of God"



Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
 world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
 sin of the world; grant us peace.

Please be seated

COMMUNION HYMNS

"Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness"

LSB 636

"What Is This Bread"

LSB 629

After the distribution—please stand

DISMISSAL

P. The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart † in peace.

C. Amen.

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE “Thank the Lord”

C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

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.

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



C A - men.

Please be seated

CLOSING HYMN “Eternal Father, Strong to Save” LSB 717

P. Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God.

* * * **TO GOD BE THE GLORY** * * *

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