

And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold,
the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. —
Matthew 25:6

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Setting Four

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.

Jays & Concerns

Prelude

Do Justice, Love Kindness

Music and lyrics by Abe Cáceres

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Based on Micah 6:8 and Amos 5:24

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Confession and Forgiveness

P. Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

C. Amen

P. Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets
are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we
may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C. Amen

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P. Gracious God,

**C. have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the
power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our
sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us
again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness
of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

P. God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive
together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your
sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that
Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C. Amen

Gathering Hymn

Love Devine, All Loves Excelling

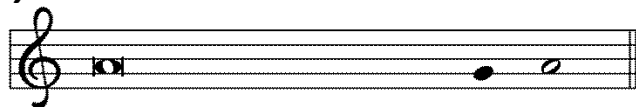
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P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy
Spirit be with you all.

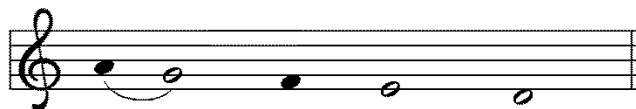
C. And also with you.

Kyrie

(Bold – Congregation)



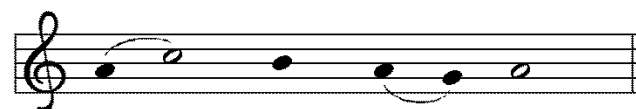
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



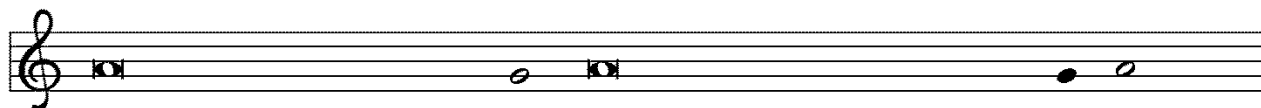
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



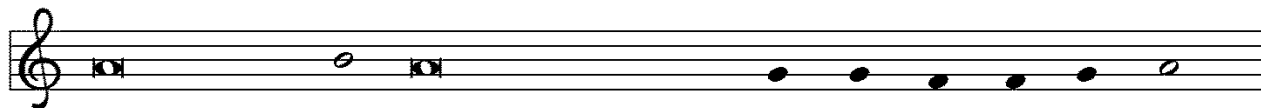
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



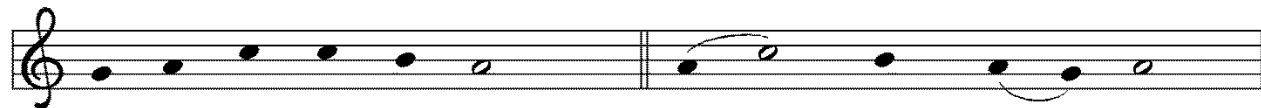
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

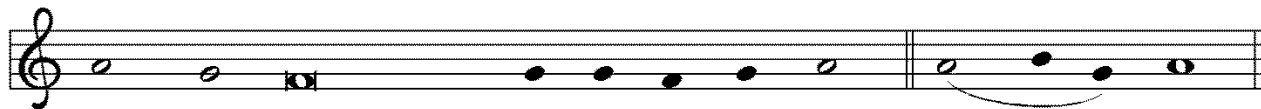


For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. **A - men.**

This is the Feast

Refrain

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor- thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

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A. Let us pray.



C. 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

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.

¹⁸Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD!

Why do you want the day of the LORD?

It is darkness, not light;

¹⁹as 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.

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

²¹I hate, I despise your festivals,
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 offerings of well-being of your fatted animals


I will not look upon.

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

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

L. Word of God, word of life.

C. Thanks be to God.



Let all those
who seek You
rejoice and be glad in You.
Let those
who love Your salvation
continually say,
“Let God be exalted!”

Psalms 70:4

Psalms 70

spoken responsively
(Bold – Congregation)

You are my helper and my deliverer; O Lord, do not tarry. (Ps. 70:5)

¹Be pleased, O God, to deliver me;
O LORD, make haste to help me.

²**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.**

³Let those who say to me “Aha!” and gloat over me
turn back because of their shame.

⁴**Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;
let those who love your salvation say forever, “Great is the LORD!”**

⁵But 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.

THE RAPTURE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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.

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

L. Word of God, word of life.

C. Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

Gospel Acclamation



P. The holy gospel according to Saint Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

C. Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: 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:] ¹Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³When 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, all of them became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' ⁷Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' ⁹But 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.'



*Keep your lamp filled with oil,
The King of kings is coming*

Matthew 25:1-13

¹⁰And 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. ¹¹Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' ¹²But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' ¹³Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

P. The gospel of the Lord.

C. Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

John Petry, Interim Pastor

Hymn of the Day

Blessed Assurance

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The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
and born of the Virgin Mary,
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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

Prayers of Intercession – Let Us Pray:

- A.** Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

O God for whom we wait, come quickly to your people, bring your salvation, and center us in hope found only in you. Deepen our faith through meaningful worship and send us out with your justice and truth. Hear us, O God.

- C. Your mercy is great.**

- A.** O God for whom we watch, we glimpse your power in rushing water and your beauty in the darkening night. Restore this creation, and provide clean water to all people and animals. Save us from foolish, wasteful living. Hear us, O God.

- C. Your mercy is great.**

Other prayers

- P.** We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

- C. Amen.**

The Peace

- P.** Jesus said: Peace I leave with you;
my peace I give to you.
Do not let your hearts be troubled.
May His peace be with you always.

- C. And also with you.**



**The Offering
Anthem**



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*With a grateful
heart*

Let the Vineyards...

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

Offertory Prayer

- A.** 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.**

The Great Thanksgiving

(Bold – Congregation)

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Detailed description: This block contains four staves of musical notation for the hymn 'The Great Thanksgiving'. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The notes are mostly quarter and eighth notes, often beamed together. The lyrics are printed below each staff, with the words 'And al - so', 'We lift', and 'It is right' in bold font to indicate they are for the congregation. The first staff has a double bar line after 'you.' and another after 'you.'. The second staff has a double bar line after 'hearts.' and another after 'the Lord.'. The third and fourth staves end with double bar lines.

P. It is indeed.....

The Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might.

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Eucharistic Prayer



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

P. There is a place for you at the banquet. Come and feast at Jesus' table. Everyone is invited, no exceptions.

C. Amen.

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, grant us peace.

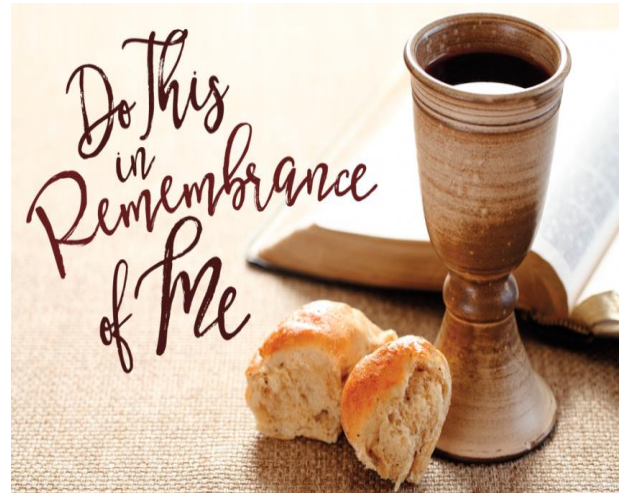
Communion Hymns

Jesus, Remember Me

ELW 616

Let Us Break Bread Together

ELW 471



Post Communion Blessing

P. The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his peace.

C. Amen

Post Communion Cantic

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise

ELW 204



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al-le-lu - ia.

Post Communion Prayer

A. 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. May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad!

The blessing of God, Sovereign, † Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always.

C. Amen.

Sending Hymn

Soon and Very Soon

ELW 439

Dismissal

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

C. Thanks be to God.

Postlude

**MANY, MANY, MANY
THANKS TO DR. ABE CÁCERES
FOR PROVIDING MUSIC
FOR US TODAY!!!**

Thank You



Servers for Sunday, November 12th

Assisting Minister..... Alecia Harrison
Reader Shannon Thomsen
Altar Guild Sarah Watkins
Greeters/Counters Tess Andrews/Sylvia Lambert
Guest Musician Dr. Abe Cáceres

Sign-up sheets for the various worship assistant slots are on the board in the hallway. Please consider spending time giving glory to God by filling one of these positions on a Sunday.

serve
ONE ANOTHER IN
love 
galatians 5:13



Flowers this week are
provided by Ginny King
in loving memory
of Dennis.

Candles for November
are provided by Ginny King
in memory of Dennis' Birthday.



Honor a loved one by making a donation for the candles in the sanctuary for the month or the flowers that beautify the church each Sunday. Sign-up sheet is on the board in the hallway.



*Pray for your
Call Committee*

Family of Peg Stamp

Family of Ellis (Tony) Guedel

Family of Tomma Hargraves

Family of Monna Stamm

Shirley Lewis, friend of Laura's – final stages of ALS

Hannah Kestner Bockover – improving, but still a long road of recovery ahead

Mike & Tina Kestner, Hannah's parents and previous member of LOL

Sylvia Lambert's grandson, Ian – deployment to Republic of Niger, West Africa

Forrest Smith – recovering from ablation

Rita's co-worker, Elizabeth Alexander – colon cancer

Tess Andrews' brother, David Van Benschoten

Wendy Casey's mom, Barbara – under hospice care

Sheila Dorey – recovering from angioplasty

Clyde Bogle's sister-in-law, Wanda - cancer

Mr. Smith, neighbor of Carolyn Watkins

Father of Julya Mirro - (Gale's friend)

Linda Hash's brother, Charles Barlow

Linda Hash's sister-in-law, Beth Hash Lennon

Pam Klawiter's co-worker, Carolyn Harbertson – breast cancer

Rebecca Swanson's sister in PA – Post Polio Syndrome

Rebecca Swanson's nephew – Dr. David Shaefer

Diana Havenstein

Rob Havenstein

Donna Hanna

Andrew Avakian – MS

Susan Cocchioia – Hospice Care

Mary Ann Jackson Dayshaun

Jonathan McCoy Jim Powers

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Nick & Sharon Vietri

