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Sunday, November 12, 2023
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Prelude
Tower Bells and Welcome
Announcements

*Visitors are welcome and encouraged to note their attendance by filling out the “Welcome” side (blue print) of the pew cards and putting the card into the offering plate.
Offerings may be placed in the plates at the entrance before or after worship. Ushers will not pass offering plates between pews.*

Opening Hymn

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

LSB 873

Confession and Absolution (*stand*)

LSB 151

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

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Let us then 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.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

Service of the Word

Introit Psalm 70

1 Make haste, O God, to deliver me!

O LORD, make haste to help me!

2 Let them be put to shame and confusion
who seek my life!

**Let them be turned back and brought to
dishonor who delight in my hurt!**

3 Let them turn back because of their shame
who say, "Aha, Aha!"

4 May all who seek you
rejoice and be glad in you!

**May those who love your salvation
say evermore, "God is great!"**

5 But I am poor and needy;
hasten to me, O God!

**You are my help and my deliverer;
O LORD, do not delay!**

Kyrie (*sing*)

LSB 152

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

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

C: Lord, have mercy.

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 mercy.

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

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **C: Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis (*sing*)

LSB 154

P: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

C: Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:

We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,

You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

LSB 156

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

**ALL: 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. Amen. (*sit*)**

18 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,
19 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.
20 Is 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.
22 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.
23 Take away from me the noise of your
songs;
to the melody of your harps I will not listen.
24 But 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.**

Epistle Reading 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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

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

Alleluia and Verse (*stand and sing*) LSB 156

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Holy Gospel Matthew 25:1-13

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.
C: (*sing*) Glory to You, O Lord.

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

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: (sing) **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Apostles’ Creed

LSB 159

Children’s Message

Sermon Hymn

The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us

LSB 514

Sermon

Sermon Hymn

Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending
Offering brought forward during final verse.

LSB 336

Prayer of Zion Lutheran Church

In peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For help and deliverance, that we may be granted all things needful and guarded against all things harmful, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For right worship, that we would not imagine God is pleased with us on account of human works or ceremonies, but proclaim in every act of worship and prayer that salvation is found in Christ’s works alone, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For parents and those who teach children the Word of God, that generations to come may love God’s promises, walk in His truth and dwell in His house, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For rulers and all in authority, that our God of righteousness would embolden them to enact and defend measures that preserve peace and provide justice for all, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Thankfulness to God for all veterans of U.S. military branches for their service to our country. May the Lord grant wholeness, healing and blessings in life to all who have served the United States faithfully, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who cry to the Lord, [*including _____*], that God would answer them with strength and healing, comfort and hope, and keep them in the confidence of the resurrection of the dead, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

God of our salvation, we know neither the day nor the hour of Christ's return, but we know that He has died and is risen again to open the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Until that day, preserve us in faith and guard us from temptation. Do not let us be caught unprepared for His coming. Let us live our days in loving service and joyful expectation of the life of the world to come; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

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In Our Prayers – *Contact Pastor Rockrohr for changes to the prayer list.*

Morning Prayer

ALL: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Lord's Prayer (*sing*)

**Our Father,
Which art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy name.
Thy Kingdom come,
They will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil,
For Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Benediction

LSB 166

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.

C: (*sing*) Amen.

Closing Hymn

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

LSB 821

Silent Prayer, Extinguish Candles

Postlude

Depart in His Peace

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