

24th Sunday after Pentecost
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24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*** THE CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our dwelling place for all generations,
whose compassion never slumbers.
Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,
we confess that we have trusted in our preparation instead of your invitation. We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved. We trust the voice of our shame and fear, which keeps us from entering fully into relationship with you and others. We are not awake to the coming of your reign. Rouse us and rescue us, that we may enter into your joy.
Amen.

Inherit the riches of God's grace.
☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.
You are forgiven. Blessed are you.
Amen.

**Please Stand as you are able*

*** THE GATHERING SONG:** *Gather Us In* *#532*

*** THE 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.

*** THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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.

THE WORD

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD! Why do you want the
day of the LORD? It is darkness, not light, 19 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. 20 Is not the day of the
LORD darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? 21 I hate,
I despise your festivals, 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 offerings of well-being of
your fatted animals I will not look upon. 23 Take away from me the
noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
24 But let justice roll down like water and righteousness like an
ever-flowing stream

The Word of the Lord.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: Psalm 70

1 Be 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.

3 Let 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!"
5 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

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

The Word of the Lord
C: Thanks be to God.

*** THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (Sung page 151a)

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

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 25th chapter.
C: **Glory to you, O Lord!**

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:1-13

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

P: The Gospel of the Lord!
C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

GOOD NEWS 101

THE SERMON

THE HYMN OF THE DAY: *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant #659*

*** THE APOSTLES' CREED**

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 CHURCH**

United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

God, in your mercy **Hear our Prayer**

*** SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always,
And also with you.

THE OFFERING
SPECIAL MUSIC

*** THE OFFERTORY: Give Thanks**

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, his Son. Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, his Son. And now let the weak say, "I am strong" let the poor say, "I am rich," because of what the Lord has done for us. And now let the weak say, "I am strong" let the poor say, "I am rich," because of what the Lord has done for us. Give Thanks!

*** THE OFFERING PRAYER**

Eternal God,
our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you.
Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us,
until hungry no more, all the world is fed,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

*** THE LORD'S PRAYER** **pg. 154**

**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

* **THE BLESSING**

The holy Trinity,
Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God,
today and always.
Amen.

* **THE SENDING SONG:** *Canticle of the Turning #723*

* **THE DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Encourage one another.
Thanks be to God.

THE POSTLUDE

Serving Today: November 8, 2026
Acolyte: William Schmalz
Lector: Jay Alizade
Ushers: Steve Anderson
Musician: Michelle Foster
Sound System: Amber Johnson

Serving Next Week: November 15, 2026
Communion Assistant: Ferol Howell
Acolyte: Baylee Rodig
Lector: Laura Poethke
Ushers: Rodig Family
Musician: Danny Allen
Sound System: Laura Poethke



Tuesday, November 24, 2026

7pm service

Dessert Fellowship to follow

Please see bulletin board to sign up to bring a dessert.



Please Notice the time change from starting at 10am to now starting at 12 noon.