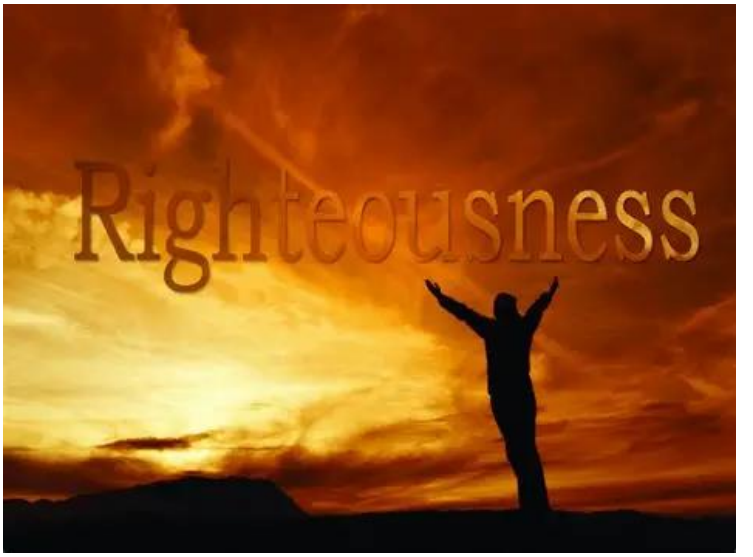


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Welcome

to St. John Lutheran Church and our Traditional Worship Service. We are so glad you have chosen to join us today and we pray your time with us will fill you with the love our Lord has for you.

We encourage you to stay after worship. Please introduce yourself to new people, catch up with old friends and make new friends.

May God bless your worship with us today,
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Compelled by the Love of Christ to Joyfully Live, Learn, Share, and Serve'

Our Vision is to inspire the vibrant experience of Christian faith in our community, to all generations, wherever they may be'

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost ***Divine Service One*** *(pp 151ff)*

Prelude

Welcome and Sharing of the Peace

Opening Song **Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers,** *LSB 515*

Rejoice, rejoice, believers, And let your lights appear;
The evening is advancing, And darker night is near.
The Bridegroom is arising And soon is drawing nigh.
Up, pray and watch and wrestle;
At midnight comes the cry.

The watchers on the mountain Proclaim the Bridegroom near;
Go forth as He approaches With alleluias clear.
The marriage feast is waiting; The gates wide open stand.
Arise, O heirs of glory;
The Bridegroom is at hand.

The saints, who here in patience Their cross and suff'rings bore,
Shall live and reign forever When sorrow is no more.
Around the throne of glory The Lamb they shall behold;
In triumph cast before Him
Their diadems of gold.

Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear;
Arise, O Sun so longed for, O'er this benighted sphere.
With hearts and hands uplifted, We plead, O Lord, to see
The day of earth's redemption
That sets Your people free!

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Invocation *LSB 151*

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

C **Amen.**

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Confession and Forgiveness

L 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.**

L Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and self-examination

L Most merciful God**,**

C **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.**

L In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Introit (Entrance)

L Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young,

C **at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.**

L How lovely is your dwelling place,

C **O Lord of hosts!**

L Behold our shield, O God;

C **look on the face of your anointed!**

L For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

C **I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.**

L For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor.

C **No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.**

L O Lord of hosts,

C **blessèd is the one who trusts in you!**

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Kyrie Eleison (Lord, Have Mercy) *(Sung)* *LSB 152*

L In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L 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.**

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

C **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise *(Sung)* *LSB 154*

L 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.**

Prayer of the Day

L The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

L Let us pray together…

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. Amen.**

First Reading

Amos 5:18-24

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.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia *Sung*

LSB 156

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

Gospel

Matthew 25:1-13

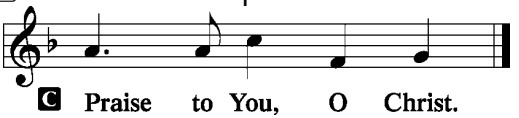
L The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.



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.

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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.

Children's Message

Message Song **"Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service"** *LSB 848*

Lord, whose love through humble service Bore the weight of human need,
Who upon the cross, forsaken, Offered mercy's perfect deed,
We, Your servants, bring the worship Not of voice alone, but heart,
Consecrating to Your purpose
Ev'ry gift that You impart.

Still Your children wander homeless; Still the hungry cry for bread;
Still the captives long for freedom; Still in grief we mourn our dead.
As, O Lord, Your deep compassion Healed the sick and freed the soul,
Use the love Your Spirit kindles
Still to save and make us whole.

As we worship, grant us vision, Till Your love's revealing light
In its height and depth and greatness, Dawns upon our quickened sight,
Making known the needs and burdens Your compassion bids us bear,

Stirring us to tireless striving,
Your abundant life to share.

Called by worship to Your service, Forth in Your dear name we go,
To the child, the youth, the aged, Love in living deeds to show;
Hope and health, goodwill and comfort, Counsel, aid, and peace we give,
That Your servants, Lord, in freedom
May Your mercy know and live.

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Offering

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Offering Song - *Sung* *LSB 159*

C **What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me? I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people, in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer *LSB 162*

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.**

Benediction (Blessing) *LSB 166*

L 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.



Closing Song **The Church's One Foundation** LSV 644 *vs1,4,5*

The Church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is His new creation By water and the Word.
From heav'n He came and sought her
To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her,
And for her life He died.

Through toil and tribulation And tumult of her war
She waits the consummation Of peace forevermore
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth has union With God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion With those whose rest is won.
O blessèd heav'nly chorus!
Lord, save us by Your grace
That we, like saints before us,
May see You face to face.

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