



Keep awake ¹ and be ready,* for you do not know on what day your ¹
Lord is coming. *Alleluia.* (Matt. 24:42, 44)

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.

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**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
24th PENTECOST SUNDAY,
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MORNING PRAYER 8:00AM**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

P God loves you all the time.
C **All the time God loves you.**

Please stand as you are able.

P God has given us the ministry of reconciliation.
Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

Silence for reflection and self examination.

P Gracious God,
C **have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us
by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of
life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P The almighty and merciful † Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness,
and remission of all our sins.

C **Amen**

1 Oh, hap - py day when we shall stand a - mid the
2 Oh, bless - ed day when Christ shall come and show him -
3 Oh, what a might - y rush - ing flood of joy and
4 O Lord, your grace is ev - 'ry - thing; your love has

heav'n - ly throng; and sing with hosts from ev - 'ry land the
self as Lord, and thou - sands meet in their new home which
love and peace will roll down o - ver us with good and
made us free to stand a - mong the saints and sing the

new ce - les - tial song, the new ce - les - tial song,
Je - sus has pre - pared, which Je - sus has pre - pared.
bless - ed - ness and grace, and bless - ed - ness and grace.
glo - ry that we see, the glo - ry that we see.

1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;

take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.
take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

HOLY COMMUNION

P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread,
and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for
all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you
and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

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

C **Amen.**

P O God, for our redemption you gave your only Son to suffer death on the
cross, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power
of death. Make us die every day to sin so that we may rise to live with
Christ forever; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one
God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P Almighty God bless us, ☩ and direct our days and our deeds in peace.

C **Amen.**

OPENING DIALOG

P You are the treasured people of the LORD,
C **a people holy to the LORD our God.**
P Keep the words of the LORD in your heart; teach them to your children.
C **Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away,
when you lie down and when you rise.**
P One does not live by bread alone,
C **but by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.**

Please be seated.

READINGS

Amos 5:18-24

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.

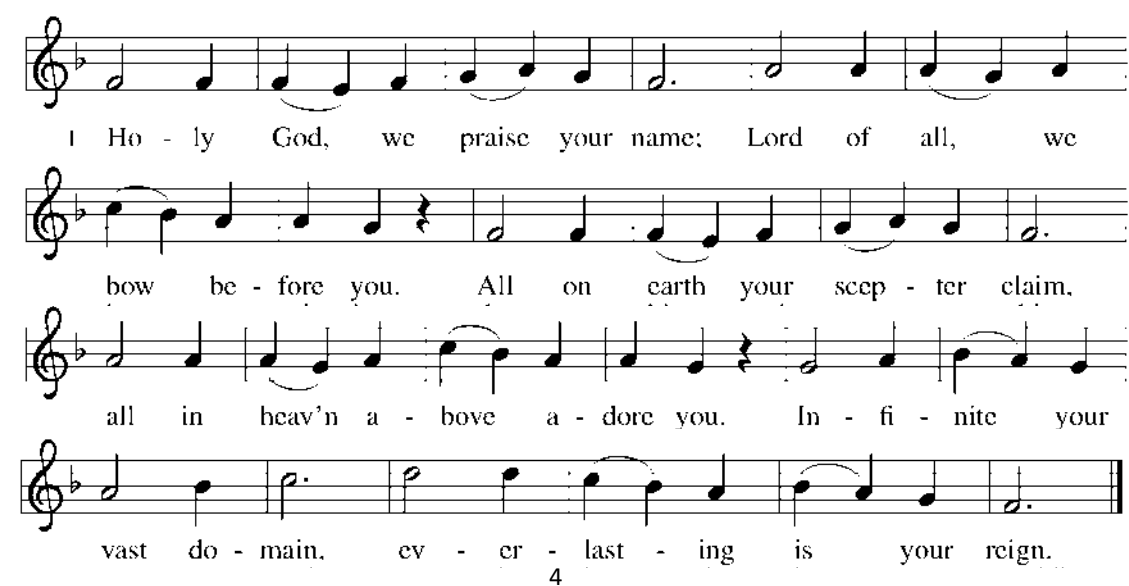
P The Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Matthew 25:1-13

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹“Then 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.’ 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.”

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C **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE
GOSPEL CANTICLE RESPONSE TO THE WORD



Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we
bow be - fore you. All on earth your scap - ter claim,
all in heav'n a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your
vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.

THE PRAYERS

P Show us your mercy, O Lord,
C **and grant us your salvation.**
P Clothe your ministers with righteousness.
C **Let your people sing with joy.**
P Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
C **for only in you can we live in safety.**
P Lord, keep this nation under your care,
C **and guide us in the way of justice and truth.**
P Let your way be known upon earth;
C **your saving health among all nations.**
P Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten,
C **nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**
P Create in us clean hearts, O God,
C **and sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

P Lord, we pray for those who are hurting in mind, body, or spirit,
C **Give them the healing, wholeness, and comfort of your presence.**
P We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have protected us through the night from all danger and harm. We ask you to preserve and keep us, this day also, from all sin and evil, that in all our thoughts, words, and deeds we may serve and please you. Into your hands we commend our bodies and souls and all that is ours. Let your holy angels have charge of us, that the wicked one have no power over us.
C **Amen**

P The Lord be with you
C **And also with you**
P Lift up your heart
C **We lift them to the Lord.**
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**