



THEREFORE
KEEP WATCH,
BECAUSE YOU
DO NOT KNOW
THE DAY OR
THE HOUR.

MATTHEW 25:13 (NIV)



WELCOMING OF GUESTS AND VISITORS

GATHERING

Prelude

PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved.

C **Amen!**

THE BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Together we pray,

C **Steadfast and faithful God, you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

P Beloved in Christ, God's justice stretches beyond all understanding. God's compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In † Christ, you are already and always forgiven. In the Spirit we have strength and life.

C **Amen.**

Refrain

My Lord, what a morn-ing; my Lord, what a morn - ing; oh,



my Lord, what a morn-ing, when the stars be - gin to fall.



- 1 You will hear the trum - pet sound,
- 2 You will hear the sin - ner cry, to wake the na-tions un-der - ground,
- 3 You will hear the Chris-tian shout,



look-ing to my God's right hand, when the stars be-gin to fall.

Refrain

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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Together we 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.

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.

WORD

FIRST READING

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.

L The word of God.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING:

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

¹³We 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.

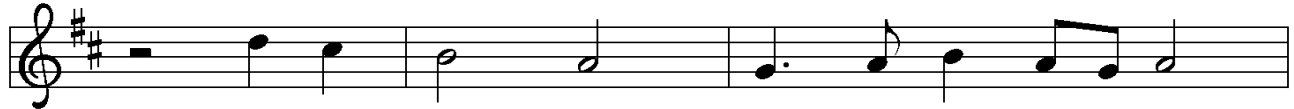
L The word of God.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ALLELUIA

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Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

Matthew 25:1-13

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[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.”

P The Gospel of our Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

HYMN

Eternal Father

ELW 756



1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm has bound the
 2 O Sav - ior, whose al - might - y word the winds and waves sub -
 3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, who didst brood up - on the cha - os
 4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, all trav - 'lers guard in



rest - less wave, who bade the might - y o - cean deep its
 mis - sive heard, who walked up - on the foam - ing deep, and
 dark and rude, and bid its an - gry tu - mult cease, and
 dan - ger's hour from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -



own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: oh, hear us when we
 calm a - mid the storm didst sleep: oh, hear us when we
 give, for wild con - fu - sion, peace: oh, hear us when we
 tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall



cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 rise to thee glad hymns and praise from land and sea.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

A Together we confess our faith,
**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

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.

each petition concludes...

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

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.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE (SPOKEN GREETING ONLY)

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

OFFERING

In thanksgiving for God's blessing, we respond with our tithe and offering

OFFERTORY HYMN PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

ELW 689



1 Praise and thanks-giv - ing, God, we would of - fer for all things



liv - ing, you have made good: har - vest of sown fields, fruits of the



or - chard, hay from the mown fields, blos - som and wood.

OFFERING PRAYER

A Together we pray,

C 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. Amen.

THE MEAL

P The Lord be with you. **C And also with you.**

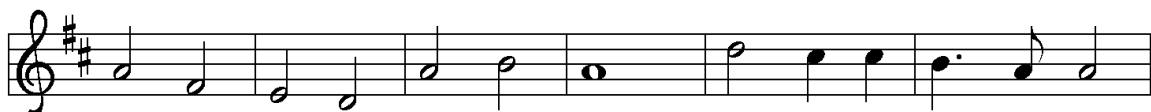
P Lift up your hearts. **C We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

ELW s153



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.

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.

P 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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

A Together we pray,

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.

DISTRIBUTION

As we celebrate the meal of our Lord, all are invited. If you are a guest and regularly commune at your church, you are welcome to commune here. For those not communing, please keep your hands folded and you will receive a blessing. Both wine (red) and grape juice (white) are available at communion.

If you prefer a gluten-free wafer, notify the server. If you are unable to come to the altar rail and would like to receive communion in your seat, please notify an usher.

after all have communed

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

C Amen.

A Together we pray,
C 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. Amen.

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.

HYMN	<i>O Beautiful for Spacious Skies</i>	<i>ELW 888</i>
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1 O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, for am - ber waves of grain,
 2 O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved in lib - er - at - ing strife,
 3 O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream that sees be - yond the years



for pur - ple moun-tain maj - es - ties a - bove the fruit-ed plain:
 who more than self their coun-try loved, and mer - cy more than life:
 thine al - a - bas - ter cit - ies gleam, un - dimmed by hu - man tears:



A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! May God thy gold re - fine,
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - 'ry flaw,



and crown thy good with broth - er - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.
 till all suc - cess be no - ble - ness, and ev - 'ry gain di - vine.
 con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, thy lib - er - ty in law.

DISMISSAL

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

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Faith's Weekly Announcements

Welcome to all of you attending this morning!

Sunday School

Sunday School meets after worship this morning (10:45) in the doublewide. Please join us!

Work Crew

Note: the Work Crew is now meeting at 8:30 am.

November Ladies Lunch

The Ladies Luncheon will be held this Wednesday, November 15th, 11:30 a.m. at Ken & Barb's. There will be separate checks for all, which will INCLUDE an 18% gratuity. Deadline is this morning. The sheet is in the narthex. Questions? See or call Kathie Wiley (941-662-5383).

Want to Join the Family?

We will be welcoming new members next Sunday, November 19. If you would like to be included, call Barbra in the church office (941-697-3313) or tell Pastor today.

Can You Help?

Have you ever considered being a worship assistant? Did you know that you can be an assistant and not read the morning scripture if you don't want to? There may be other details you don't know, so if you might be interested, mark your calendars. There will be an informational meeting for current ministry assistants (and anyone interested in the position) after worship next Sunday. Why not come and learn more? Note: we especially need assistants for the first service starting in January.

'Tis the Season

It's time to consider volunteering for the Salvation Army Red Kettle Christmas program, ringing the bell. Our dates are on Mondays, at the Publix at Merchant's Crossing, from 10 am to 6 pm. You serve in 2-hour increments, and we start the Monday after Thanksgiving. Dates are: Nov. 27th, Dec. 4th, 11th and 18th. This is a chance to love your neighbor by just giving 2 hours of your time. The sign-up poster will be in the narthex starting November first.

Come, Ye Thankful People

Join us on Wednesday evening, November 22, at 6:00 for a service of praise and worship before Thanksgiving.

Christmas Flowers

Christmas is just around the corner, and we need some help decorating the church with seasonal flowers. If you would like to purchase a poinsettia for our Christmas celebration, they are \$10 each, and there is sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex. If you like, you may take the flower home after the second service on Christmas day. (Please write legibly as your name and any dedication will be listed in the bulletin.) You can place your checks marked "poinsettias" in the offering plate.

Attendance last Sunday: 66

Food Pantry

This week the food bank especially needs bars of soap. All donations should be placed in the bin in the narthex.

THIS WEEK AT FAITH

Every week day morning	6:30 am	AA meets at church
Monday	8:00 pm	AA meets at church
Tuesday	8:30 am	Work Crew
	9:00 am	Lutheran Chicks
	10:00 am	Grace Bible Study
	5:00 pm	Girl Scouts
	6:00 pm	Prayer with Grace
Wednesday	11:30 am	Ladies Luncheon
Thursday	4:00 pm	Budget Committee

Serving Today

Altar Guild: Linda Schleede

Lector/ Worship Assistant: Jim Taylor

Ushers: Harold & Linda Schultz

WE PRAY FOR...

Rosie LaQuay

Verna Newlon

Joyce Schultz

Debby Lynn Costello

Bruce Grosvenor

Art Hanson

Neal Schattauer

Shirley Rice

Lou Taylor

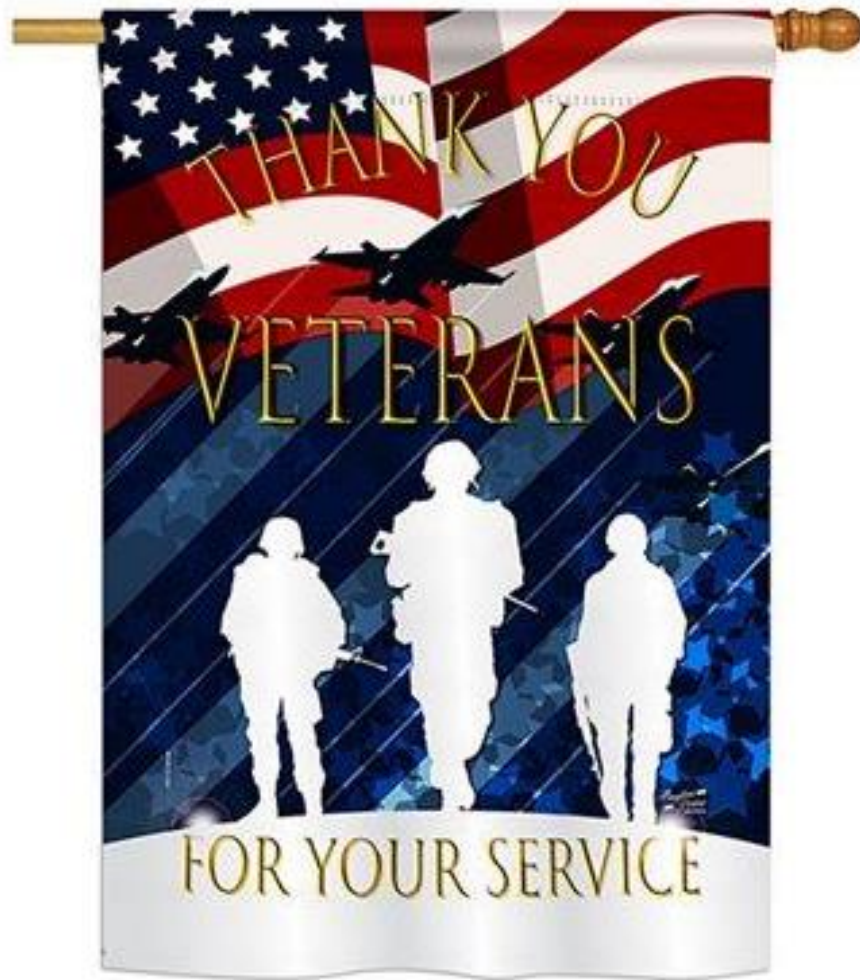
Nancy Smith

Ash family

Newlon family

Your Church Council

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