



November 8, 2020
23rd Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

PRELUDE

My Lord, What a Morning

Anne Krentz Organ

APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

GATHERING HYMN

Drawn to the Light

John Ylvisaker

WORD

SCRIPTURE 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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

Matthew 25:1-13

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

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.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Bogie

HYMN OF THE DAY *Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning*

arr. John Helgen

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

TEMPLE TALK/OFFERING

Use your Phone to give

Point your QR reader at this graphic to be directed to Omella to make an online gift.

Or visit



MUSICAL OFFERING *Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying*

Philipp Nicolai

COMMUNION

Holy Communion will be brought to you. All who are baptized are welcome to receive Holy Communion, regardless of your church affiliation. Receive our crucified and resurrected Lord in the bread of this meal.

Gluten Free Bread is available from the server by request.

MEAL

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, ... be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

COMMUNION

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord Jesus,... as we meet you on the way.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

May the God of all creation,...
be with you today and always.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

An Improvisation for Fall

Copyright: *Drawn to the Light*. Words and Music: John Ylvisaker © 1990 John Ylvisaker. *Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning*. Music: John Helgen © 2005 Augsburg Fortress Publishers. *My Lord, What a Morning*. Music: Anne Krentz Organ © 1998 Augsburg Fortress Publishers. Streamed with permission under OneLicense.net #A-727601. All rights reserved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is the day!

It is our hope that you've already returned our statement of intent by mail or online. By doing so, you are helping us meet our goals, while at the same time helping to release the generous \$5,000 challenge grant announced last week.

If you've not returned your statement of giving, there's still time. This morning we sent out a special *Connections* email blast with a link to the online statement of giving. Take time, now or when you return home, to follow that link and join with all of us in supporting the ongoing work of St. Luke's. Remember, when 50% of us complete our statements of intent, the challenge grant is released!

Next Sunday, we will be announcing and celebrating the results of our *Sustaining Ministry Excellence* stewardship appeal in worship. Please keep this appeal in your prayers. Its goal is to support the ministry God calls us to be doing.

100th Anniversary Appeal for November: Warmth for Whittier

For November, we are asking for “Warmth for Whittier”. This includes a request for hats, gloves, scarves and mittens (new or gently used) to keep the children at Whittier warm during recess. It also includes items to warm the hearts of the hard working staff too! This year our Whittier partners are also asking for masks on lanyards. Any questions, contact Pam Olson. Please drop off these items at the box just inside the Parking Lot side entrance to the church during the month of November. Thank you from Wednesday evening GIFT (Growing in Faith Together)

Our children and youth choirs go virtual this year!

This year we will be meeting via Zoom with our choirs as it’s not safe to be singing together in person yet. Joyful Noise (4 years-6th grade) will meet on Thursdays from 5:00-5:30 pm. Saints and Sinners (7th-12th grade) will meet on Thursdays from 7:00-7:30 pm. This time together will all happen on Zoom. We will sing, do rhythmic activities, and hear Bible stories during the 20-30 minutes each week. If you and your child are interested, please sign up on the church website, or contact Mr. Schaner by emailing him at mschaner@stlukeslutheran.org or calling him in the church office. Rehearsals started Thursday, October 15th, but you can still join us! This helps provide us with a way to stay connected and make music together, even when we cannot be gathered in person to safely sing together yet.

In Our Prayers...

For the families of Domingo Lopez, Margaret Kirley, and John Steiner

Special Prayers

Suzanne, Wendy, Perry, Domingo, LeAnn, Lidia, Esmerelda, Lee, Lisa & Family, Kate & Paul, Pat, Ann, Paul G, Kaitlyn, Paul, Jennifer, Holly, Keegan, David, Shane, Paul, Gene, Danny, Sherry, Nelly, Ana Maria, Bev, Manny,

Current Prayers

For our confirmands confirmed October 25, For all impacted by hurricanes or wildfires, For small business owners and the self-employed and unemployed, For all who are homeless, hungry or forgotten, For missionaries and missions abroad, For peace and restraint in the midst of volatile situations, For unity and compassion, especially during this pandemic. For victims of racism and hatred and abuse, For unity and peace.

General Prayers

For all first responders, For caregivers and medical personnel and those whom they care for, For those who grieve, For shut-ins and the elderly, For those who live in fear, For all who are being bullied- especially children,

For Our Partner churches of Meru Diocese in Tanzania

Prayers for the day-to-day activities of the parishes.

For sufficient rain to grow crops needed for food.

For the needs of the people to be met

Those in Military Service

Daniel Krueger, Gary Bjerke, Jim Kieso Jr., Benjamin DeYoung, S. Kate Zelinger.