

## Prayers of the Church

### 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*

### Benediction

### Three-fold Amen

### Closing Hymn

*Let Justice Flow like Streams*

ELW #717

### Sending:

P: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord

C: Thanks Be to God!

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***Welcome! We are glad you are with us today!!***

*"If you do not have a church home, you are welcome here. If you would like to become a member, contact any member or the church office."*

Sunday, November 12, 2023; 9:30 am Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

### Prelude

### Welcome/Announcements

### Sharing of the Peace/Invocation

### Call to Worship

P: God of captives and pilgrims,

you brought your people home from despair

and gave them a land of freedom and plenty.

**C: Look in mercy on us your servants,**

**deliver us from the prison of selfishness and sin,**

**and bring us home to justice, sharing, and compassion,**

**the realm you promised all the world**

**in Jesus Christ the Savior. Amen.**

### Opening Hymn

*We Are Called*

ELW #720

### Prayer of the Day (All)

**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.**

### First Lesson

Amos 5:18-24

Sylvia Benson

<sup>18</sup>Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD!

Why do you want the day of the LORD?

It is darkness, not light;

<sup>19</sup>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.

<sup>20</sup>Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,  
and gloom with no brightness in it?

<sup>21</sup>I hate, I despise your festivals,  
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

<sup>22</sup>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.

<sup>23</sup>Take away from me the noise of your songs;  
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.

<sup>24</sup>But let justice roll down like waters,  
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

## Second Lesson

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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

## Alleluia Verse

*Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing*

ELW #389 (vs. 3)

## Gospel

Matthew 25:1-13

*(Response after the announcement: **Glory to you, O Lord.**)*

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>1</sup>“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup>Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup>When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; <sup>4</sup>but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. <sup>5</sup>As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. <sup>6</sup>But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ <sup>7</sup>Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup>The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ <sup>9</sup>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.’ <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ <sup>12</sup>But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ <sup>13</sup>Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”  
*(Response after the conclusion: **Praise to you, O Christ.**)*

## Children's Sermon

Brittany Gerovac

## Temple Talk

"Daily Bread for the world"

Gingi Hanson

## Sermon

"Not a Cozy Club"

Pastor Greg Johnson

## Hymn of the Day

*This is My Fathers World*

ELW #824

## 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**

**Offering** *(The children's offering basket will be on the front steps of the church, so that they can in yet another way feel involved in Sunday worship)*



## Offertory Hymn

*Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*

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