

Twenty Forth Sunday after Pentecost

November 12, 2023

10:15 am

Prelude

Introduction

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.

Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One, **we confess that we are not awake for you. We are not faithful in using your gifts. We forget the least of our siblings. We do not see your beautiful image in one another. We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community. Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.**

Beloved, we are God's children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us.

Through ✚ Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice! Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn: ELW #441 "Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand"

1. Oh, Happy day when we shall stand amid the heav'nly throng; and sing with hosts from ev'ry land the new celestial song, the new celestial song.
2. Oh, blessed day when Christ shall come and sow himself as Lord, and thousand ds meet in their new home which Jesus has prepared, which Jesus has prepared.
3. Oh, what a mighty rushing flood of joy and love and peace will roll down over us with good and blessedness and grace, and blessedness and grace.
4. O Lord, your grace is ev'rything; your love has made us free to stand among the saints and sing the glory that we see, the glory that we see.

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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. 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.

Readings and Psalm

FIRST READING: Amos 5:18-24

A reading from Amos.

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.

PSALM: Psalm 70

¹Be pleased, O God, to deliver me;
O LORD, make haste to help me.

²**Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confounded;
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.**

³Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me
turn back because of their shame.

⁴**Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;
let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great is the LORD!"**

⁵But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God.
You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, do not tarry.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

A reading from 1 Thessalonians.

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.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia!

The Holy Gospel according to the book of Matthew, beginning with the Twenty Fifth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel: 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."

The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon ~ Pastor Carl Bruihler

Hymn of the Day: ELW #818 "O Master, Let Me Walk with You"

- 1. O master, let me walk with you in lowly paths of service true; tell me your secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.**
- 2. Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear, winning word of love; teach me the wayward feet to stay, and guide them in the homeward way.**
- 3. Teach me your patience; share with me a closer, dearer company, in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong.**
- 4. In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's broad'ning way, in peace that only you can give; with you, O master, let me live.**

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Apostle's 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.**

Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

Offering

Offering Hymn ELW #686 "We Give Thee I Own" 1st verse

- 1. We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.**

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Prayers of Intercession

P Hear us, O God. **C Your mercy is great.**

The Great Thanksgiving

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.**

Thanksgiving at the Table

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.

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

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.**

Invitation to Communion ~ All are invited

There is a place for you at the banquet.
Come and feast at Jesus' table.

Communion Distribution

Distribution Hymn: ELW #487 "What Feast of Love"

- 1. What feast of love is offered here, what banquet come from heaven What food of everlasting life, what gracious gift is given? This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heaven. Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the manna given!**
- 2. What light of truth is offered here, what covenant from heaven? What hope of everlasting life, what wondrous word is given? This, this is Christ the King, the sun come down from heaven. Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is given!**
- 3. What wine of love is offered here, what crimson drink from heaven? What stream of everlasting life, what precious blood is given This, this is Christ the king, the sweetest wine of heaven Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is given!**

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Post-communion Blessing

May the sacrament of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who died upon the cross and rose for you on Easter morning, strengthen your faith in him, now and always.

Prayer after Communion

Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Blessing

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. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn: ELW #439 "Soon and Very Soon"

- 1. Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King, soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King, Soon and very Soon we are goin' to see the King.**

Refrain: **Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!**

- 2. No more cryin' there, we are goin' to see the King, no more cryin' there, we are goin' to see the King, no more cryin' there, we are goin' to see the King. Refrain**

- 3. No more dyin' there, we are goin' to see the King, no more dyin' there, we are goin' to see the King, no more dyin' there, we are goin' to see the King. Refrain**

- 4. Son and very soon we are goin' to see the King, soon and very soon we are goin' to see the Kin, Soon and very Soon we are goin' to see the King. Refrain**

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Dismissal

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

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Announcements:

~ Bible Study on Wednesday mornings at Calvary 9:00 am.

~ Bake Sale Fundraiser for Historical Society Nov. 18, 2023 from 8:30 to 3:00. Looking for donations of bake goods. Chili will also be served. Reminder RHS is open on the first and third Saturdays of each month serving coffee and goodies from 9 am to noon.

~ Thanksgiving Eve service on Nov. 22, 2023 at 6:30 pm with Holden Evening prayer and communion. After worship, a Pie/Ice Cream social will be held in the fellowship hall. A sign-up sheet for bringing pies will be on the kitchen counter.

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