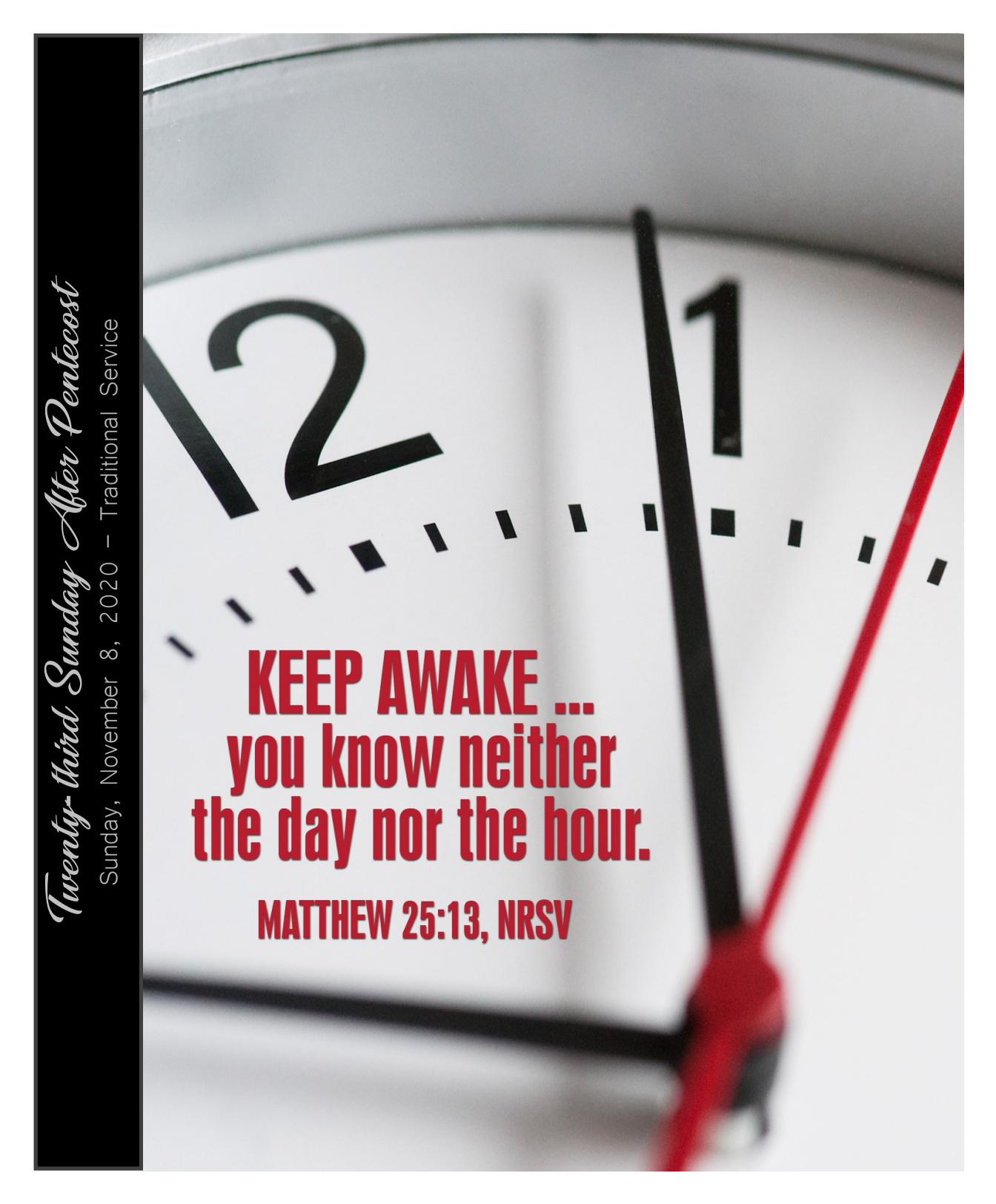


Twenty-third Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, November 8, 2020 – Traditional Service



**KEEP AWAKE ...
you know neither
the day nor the hour.**

MATTHEW 25:13, NRSV

WELCOME TO ALL

Welcome to worship at Trinity Lutheran Church! We are glad you are here. Even though we are spread out and wearing masks, we are delighted to gather as one people in the name of the risen Lord Jesus, in whose power over disease and death we take hope. Please use this bulletin to participate in the liturgy and take it with you when the service is ended. Don't forget to register each week on our website or by calling the office (717-263-8156) for the service that you wish to attend, so that we can maintain appropriate physical distancing in our sanctuary. If you are a guest or visitor worshipping with us and did not know to register for today's service, no problem; we have kept open some extra seating just in case. Simply plan to register for the service next week – and we do invite you to worship with us again!

Bathrooms are located down the hall from the side entrance to the sanctuary. Our nursery is not yet open, but the space is available for special use by individual families. If you visit the nursery to settle a child or change a diaper, please let one of the pastors or ushers know so that we can be sure to sanitize the room before the next service.

Ushers will dismiss worshippers at the end of the service row by row. Please wait to be dismissed, and conduct conversations and fellowship in the fresh, open air outside. We trust that as we take such precautions together, we follow our Lord's command to love our neighbor, and we help to ensure that we will be able to continue to gather for worship during the pandemic. Thank you for working with us toward that end!

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*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.*

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregation responds in bold print.

Please respect the silence of those around you preparing for worship.

PRELUDE

“Heut singt die liebe Christenheit”

Ernst Pepping

Please stand as you are able.

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.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

P: 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.

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.**

Please be seated.



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: Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

PSALMODY

Psalm 70

We will speak the Psalm responsively.

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

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: Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

HYMN FOR REFLECTION *“Rejoice, Rejoice Believers”* ELW 244

1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
 2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride - groom near;
 3 The saints, who here in pa - tience their cross and suf - f'ings bore,
 4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
 go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.
 shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.
 a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night - ed sphere.

The bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.
 The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.
 A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold;
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see

Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.
 A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride - groom is at hand.
 in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold.
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL

Matthew 25:1-13

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 25th chapter.

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 the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON

“In Judgment, Justice”

Pastor Aaron

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Aria”

Flor Peters

Please stand as you are able.

APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Longing for Christ's reign to come among us, we pray for the outpouring of God's power on the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Holy God, rouse us by the movement of your Spirit as we gather for worship. Quicken our hearts and minds by your renewing grace. Give us a spirit of joy in your presence. Move us to recognize your justice in the world and our part in it.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Holy Judge, let righteousness roll like an ever-flowing stream. Reign over the places of leadership in this land: its state houses and capitol buildings, its borough offices and county courtrooms, in the hearts of those who write the law, those who guard it, and those who stand accused before it. Make justice and mercy to prevail.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Holy Companion, console those who feel lonely or abandoned. Share the hours of those who live and eat alone. Comfort those who suffer in any way, especially Brantley, Scott, Jim, Ray, Rachel, Dottie, Corrina, Shirley, Christine, Mae, Kayla, Rose, Larry, Mary, Edie, Sherry, Linda, Peg, Tim, Cameron, Jim, Ron, Cheryl, Gillon, Ron, Jim, Becky, Bernice, Tanner, Ayano, Leland, Edith, Marlene, Anna, and William.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Holy Protector, encourage and sustain our veterans. Guard the lives of active duty and retired military personnel. Heal the wounds, both physical and mental, experienced by service members. Comfort all who mourn those who have died in the line of duty with the hope of your Son.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Holy Redeemer, we pray in thanksgiving for the lives of the saints who have gone before us, and those who live among us. We lift up our members: Jerry Bitner; Michaela Boock; Joanne Bowman; Stevi Bowman; Ray & Donna Brindle; Timothy, Jessica, & Elijah Brindle; Jason, Christie, Lehava, & Sage Brown.; Michael, Elizabeth, Landon, & Finley Buhrman; Thomas & Margaret Bundy; and Patricia Byers. Use all of us for the building up of your kingdom.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

P: Receive our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, until that day when you gather all creation around your throne where you will reign forever and ever.

Amen.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

**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.**

SENDING

THE BENEDICTION

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.

DISMISSAL

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

Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

POSTLUDE *“Give to Our God Immortal Praise”* Wilbur Held

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*Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and
in honor of our veterans,
by Ann Wagner.*



*The children's bulletins are given to the glory of God and
in honor of Taylor Raney's 2nd birthday.*

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE:	
<i>Sunday, November 1, 2020</i>	
In-Person	99
Online Worship Service Views:	206
Online Contemporary Devotional Service Views	8

STEWARDSHIP SNIPPET

*“But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.”* – **Amos 5:24**

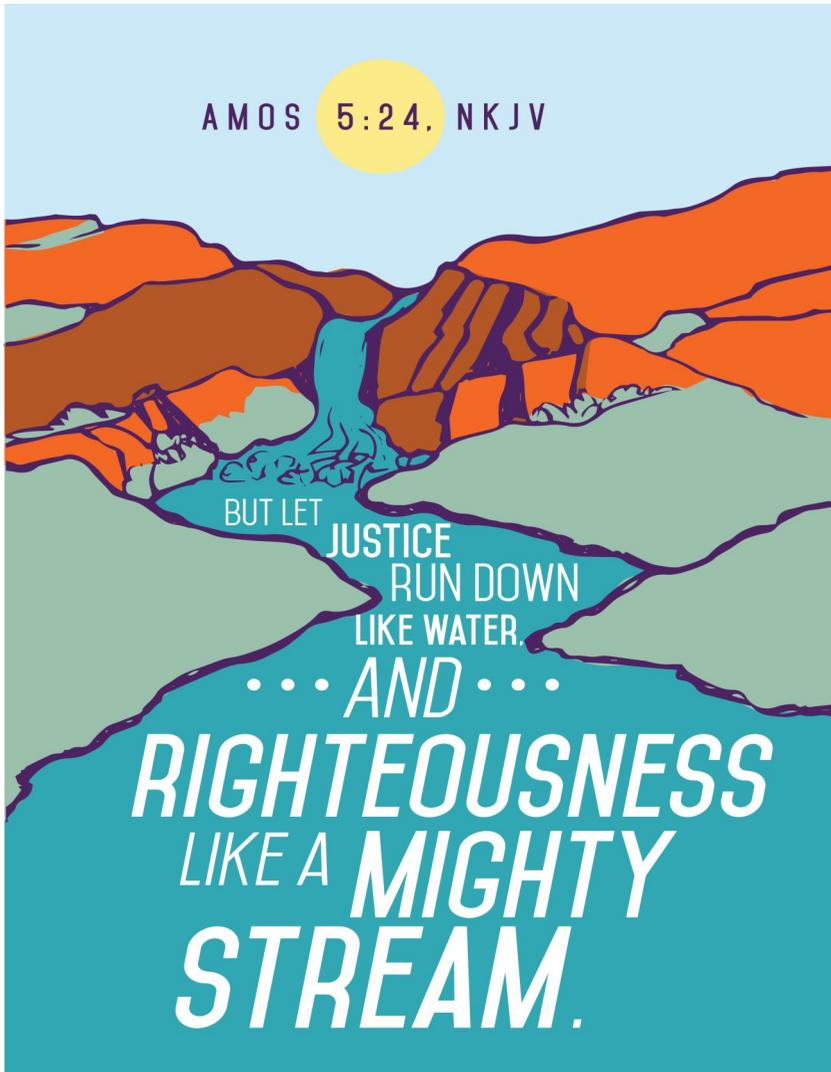
Through the prophet Amos, God condemns hollow displays of religiosity.

What God desires is action – justice and righteousness –
ever-flowing from the hearts of those who love the Lord.

Act on your thankfulness this week by working for justice in your community.

Budgeted amount needed: \$8,072.12 11/01/2020 Offering: \$10,444.07

Thank You!





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Vision

"Growing in God"

Mission Statement

*"Seed - Planting and Growing in our Faith
Sow - Sharing the word of God with our community
Steward - Giving to all the love of God
Service - Showing the love of God with our community"*