

# *Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost*

*Video Service of the Word*

*November 7-8, 2020*

*Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Manistee, Michigan*

*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.*

## **GATHERING**

### **GATHERING VOLUNTARY**

“Pastorale: O God, Our Help in Ages Past”  
- Paul Manz (1919-2009)

### **GATHERING HYMN**

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past” *ELW 632*

O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast,  
and our eternal home:

Under the shadow of your throne  
your saints have dwelt secure;  
sufficient is your arm alone,  
and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood  
or earth received its frame,  
from everlasting you are God,  
to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in your sight  
are like an evening gone,  
short as the watch that ends the night  
before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
bears all our years away;  
they fly forgotten, as a dream  
dies at the op'ning day.

O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
still be our guard while troubles last  
and our eternal home.

## WORD

### FIRST READING

*Amos 5:18-24*

A reading from Amos.

Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord! Why do you want the day of the Lord? It is darkness, not light; 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. Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. 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. Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM

*Psalm 70*

**Be pleased, O God, to de- | liver me;**

**O Lord, make | haste to help me.**

**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.**

**Let those who say to me “Aha!” and gloat | over me**

**turn back because | of their shame.**

**Let all who seek you rejoice and be | glad in you;**

**let those who love your salvation say forever, “Great | is the Lord!”**

**But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quick- | ly, O God.**

**You are my helper and my deliverer; O Lord, | do not tarry.**

**Glory to the Father, and | to the Son,**

**and to the | Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will | be forever.**

**A | - - men.**

### SECOND READING

*1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*

A reading from First Thessalonians.

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. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. 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. 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. 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. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SEQUENCE HYMN

“Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine” *ELW 638*

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

### *Refrain*

This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior, all the day long:  
this is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
angels descending bring from above  
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. *Refrain*

Perfect submission, all is at rest;  
I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
watching and waiting, looking above,  
filled with his goodness, lost in his love. *Refrain*

## GOSPEL

*Matthew 25:1-13*

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

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

Jesus said to the disciples: “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ 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.’ 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. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## HYMN OF THE DAY

“Wake, Awake for Night is Flying” *ELW 436*

Wake, awake, for night is flying,  
the watchmen on the heights are crying;  
awake, Jerusalem, at last.  
Midnight hears the welcome voices,  
and at the thrilling cry rejoices:  
“Come forth, you maidens! Night is past.  
The bridegroom comes! Awake;  
your lamps with gladness take!”  
Alleluia!  
Rise and prepare the feast to share;  
go, meet the bridegroom, who draws near.

Zion hears the watchmen singing,  
and all her heart with joy is springing.  
She wakes, she rises from her gloom.  
Her dear friend comes down, all glorious,  
the strong in grace, in truth victorious:  
her star is ris'n; her light is come.  
Now come, O Blessed One,  
Lord Jesus, God's own Son.  
Sing hosanna!  
Oh, hear the call! Come one, come all,  
and follow to the banquet hall.

Gloria! Let heav'n adore you!  
Let saints and angels sing before you,  
with harp and cymbal's clearest tone.  
Gates of pearl, twelve portals gleaming,  
lead us to bliss beyond all dreaming,  
with angel choirs around your throne.  
No eye has caught the light,  
no ear the thund'ring might  
of such glory.  
There we will go: what joy we'll know!  
There sweet delight will ever flow.

## LORD'S PRAYER

Though separated by the trials of this world, we are 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

### DISMISSAL

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

**Thanks be to God.**

### SENDING SONG

“Greatest Hallelujah” – *Jonas Myrin, Matt Redman*

There's a hallelujah an everlasting song  
A never-ending anthem we sing to You alone  
Resounding in the heavens and in our hearts today  
How greatly we're forgiven and how great  
How great will be Your praise

And (Oh) with this song I will rise  
For the honour of Your name  
From this breath to my last  
Then forever and a day  
I'll pour out my heart  
I'll pour out my soul  
My greatest hallelujah  
(Oh my greatest hallelujah)

Alpha and Omega Beginning and the End  
Author of Salvation a Father and a friend  
You thunder and You whisper  
Your glory fills the skies  
Worthy You are worthy  
Let Your name Your name be lifted high

There's a moment coming a day above them all  
When we will stand in glory and see the face of God  
Sing holy holy holy holy is the Lord  
And bring our hallelujahs for You reign  
You reign forevermore  
We'll bring our hallelujahs for You reign  
You reign forevermore

(And) we will sing hallelujah  
Forever sing hallelujah  
Your people sing hallelujah  
Forever sing hallelujah

### SENDING VOLUNTARY

“Intonation: O God, Our Help in Ages Past”  
- *Donald Johns (1926-2013)*