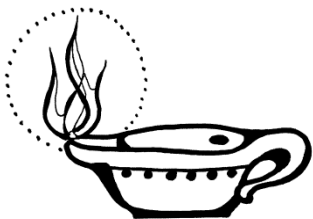


# Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost



10:00 am (online)  
November 8, 2020  
Zion Lutheran Church  
Camas, Washington  
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## 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.*

Prelude                      “He Is Lord”                      Marvin Frey, vs 1; Claire Cloninger  
Linda Lee Johnson, Tom Fettke

Welcome and Announcements

Temple Talk – Brian Stanton

Call to Worship

We come together as one body of Christ.

***We come together in unity, as one people, gathered in the name of God.***

We will worship together as one body of Christ.

***One community, giving praise and honor to the Righteous One.***

We are one body.

***One body and one Spirit, called to the hope of one calling,***

one Lord, one faith, one baptism,

***one God and Father of all who is above all and through all and in all.***

Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
***Amen.***

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
***Amen.***

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination*

P: Most merciful God,

C: ***we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.***

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. ***Amen.***

Prayer of the Day

O God of peace 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.***

Gathering Song                      “10,000 Reasons”                      Jonas Myrin, Matt Redman

Bless the Lord, my soul, Oh-o-o my soul, worship His holy name.  
Sing like ne-ver be-fore, Oh-o-o my soul I'll worship Your holy name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, Oh-o-o my soul, worship His holy name.  
Sing like ne-ver be-fore, Oh-o-o my soul I'll worship Your holy name.

And on that day when my strength is failing, The end draws near  
and my time has come, Still my soul will sing Your praise unending...  
Ten thousand years and then for e-ver more.

Bless the Lord, my soul, Oh-o-o my soul, worship His holy name.  
Sing like ne-ver be-fore, Oh-o-o my soul I'll worship Your holy name.  
Worship Your holy name... God, I'll worship Your holy name.

Sing like ne-ver be-fore, Oh-o-o my soul I'll worship Your holy name.  
I'll worship Your holy name... God, I'll worship Your holy name.

## WORD

First Bible Reading

Amos 5:18-24

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.

L: Word of God, Word of life.

C: ***Thanks be to God.***

Second Bible Reading

Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16

Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her, and is found by those who seek her. <sup>13</sup>She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her. <sup>14</sup>One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for she will be found sitting at the gate. <sup>15</sup>To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding, and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care, <sup>16</sup>because she goes about seeking those worthy of her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths, and meets them in every thought.

L: Word of God, Word of life.

C: ***Thanks be to God.***

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

C: ***Glory to you, O Lord.***

Gospel Reading

Matthew 25:1-13

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."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: ***Praise to you, O Christ!***

Message

Pr. Susan Dollinger

Song

*"Lord, I Need You"*

Kristian Stanfill, Matt Maher

Christy Nockels, Daniel Carson, Jesse Reeves

Lord, I come ... I confess.  
Bowing here ... I find my rest.  
And without You... I fall apart.  
You're the One ... that guides my heart.

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You.  
Ev'ry hour I need You.  
My one defense, my Righteousness,  
Oh, God, how I need you.

Where sin runs deep ...  
Your Grace is more,  
Where Grace is found ...  
is where You are.  
And where You are, ... Lord I am free.

Ho-li-ness .. is Christ in me.  
Where You are, ... Lord I am free.  
Ho-li-ness .. is Christ in me.

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You.  
Ev'ry hour I need You.  
My one defense, my Righteousness,  
Oh, God, how I need you.

So teach my song to rise to You  
When temptation comes my way.  
And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You.  
Jesus, You're my Hope and Stay.  
And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You.  
Jesus, You're my Hope and Stay.

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You.  
Ev'ry hour I need You.  
My one defense, my Righteousness,  
Oh, God, how I need you.

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Apostles' Creed

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C: ***I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.***

***I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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 to deep praise as we gather for worship. Enliven our worship with sincere and heartfelt song. Sustain the work of all church musicians who lead us in praise and prayer. Hear us, O God.

C: ***Your mercy is great.***

God of mercy, our nation is in a time of great transition. We ask you to inspire us and guide us as we move past the election. We pray for our new elected leaders. We ask that you guide them with wisdom, and a care for all the people. Hear us, O God,

C: ***Your mercy is great.***

Holy Creator, We pray for the earth. We pray for those affected by hurricanes Zeta and Eta, and pray for first responders in Turkey as they continue to look for survivors from the earthquake. We pray and ask for the wildfires everywhere to be quenched. Hear us, O God.

C: ***Your mercy is great.***

Holy Protector, be with all observing Veterans Day. Guard the lives of active duty and retired military personnel. Comfort all who mourn those who have died in the line of duty. Heal the wounds, both physical and mental, experienced by service members. Hear us, O God.

C: ***Your mercy is great.***

Holy and Immortal One, we pray in thanksgiving for the lives of all who have died. Remind us of the frailty and shortness of our own lives and inspire us to use them for the building up of your kingdom. Hear us, O God.

C: ***Your mercy is great.***

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.**

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