Twenty Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

6:00 pm, November 7th
8:15 am, November 8th

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We at St. Luke's dedicate ourselves to grow in faith and love, to serve together, and to reach out with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

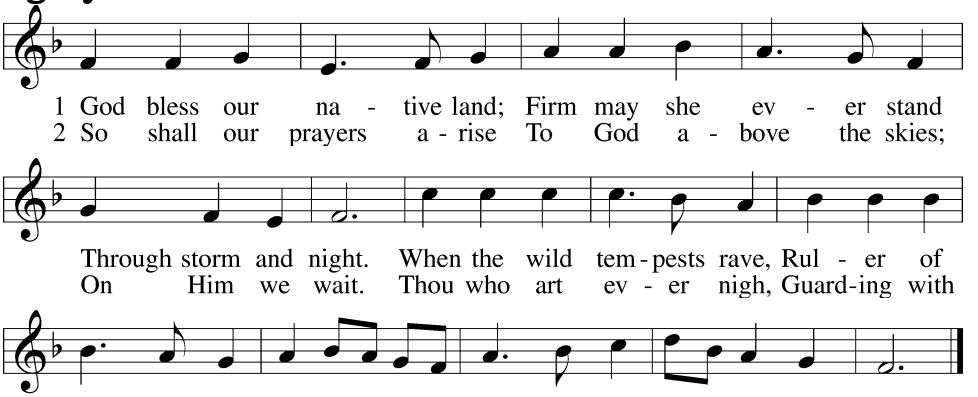


PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME

People may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

Opening Hymn: God Bless Our Native Land *LSB 965*



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Stand, as able

CALL TO WORSHIP

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✢ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Psalm *Psalm 70*

P: [1]Make haste, O God, to deliver me! O LORD, make haste to help me!

C: [2]Let them be put to shame and confusion who seek my life! Let them be turned back and brought to dishonor who desire my hurt!

P: [3]Let them turn back because of their shame who say, "Aha, Aha!"

C: [4]May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you! May those who love your salvation say evermore, "God is great!"

P: [5]But I am poor and needy; hasten to me, O God!

C: You are my help and my deliverer; O LORD, do not delay!

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Exhortation *LSB 213*

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins *LSB 213*

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

Absolution *LSB 213*

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✢ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray… Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding

feast; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Be Seated

6:00pm ~ CHOIR: "In The Garden"

8:15am ~ Gloria in Excelsis ~ Glory to God in the Highest

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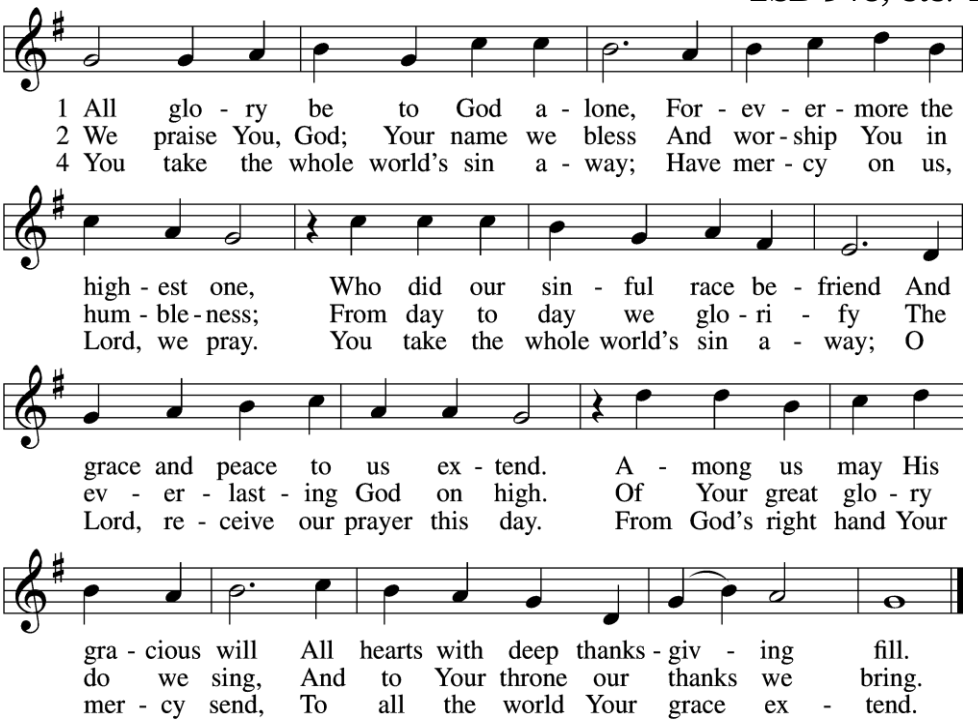

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SERVICE OF THE WORD

First Reading ~ Old Testament Prophet *Amos 5:18–24*

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD!
Why would you have the day of the LORD?
It is darkness, and not light,
19 as if a man fled from a lion,
and a bear met him,
or went into the house
and leaned his hand against the wall,
and a serpent bit him.
20 Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?

21"I hate, I despise your feasts, 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
peace offerings of your fattened animals, I will not look upon
them. 23Take away from me the noise of your songs; to the
melody of your harps I will not listen. 24But let justice roll
down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing
stream."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading ~ New Testament Epistle *1 Thessalonians 4:13–18*

13But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about
those who are asleep, 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 fallen asleep. 15For this we declare to you by a word from the
Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the
Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. 16For the Lord
himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the
voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God.
And the dead in Christ will rise first. 17Then we who are alive, who
are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet
the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord.
18Therefore encourage one another with these words.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand, as able

Third Reading ~ Holy Gospel *Matthew 25:1–13*

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

1[Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who
took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2Five of them
were foolish, and five were wise. 3For when the foolish took their
lamps, they took no oil with them, 4but the wise took flasks of oil

with their lamps. [5]As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. [6]But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' [7]Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. [8]And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' [9]But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' [10]And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. [11]Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' [12]But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' [13]Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Apostles' Creed

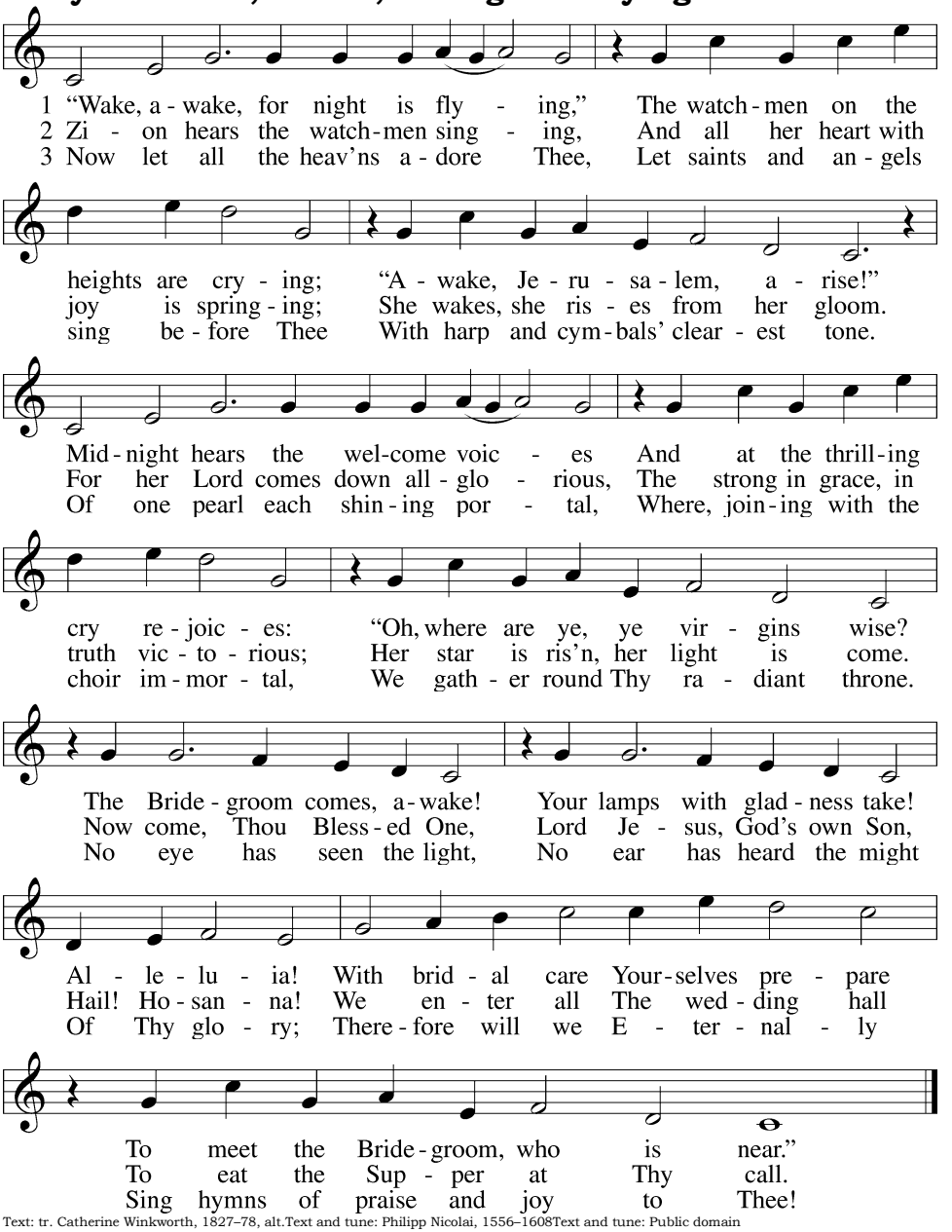
C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ✢ everlasting. Amen.**

Be Seated

CHILDREN"S MESSAGE

Children are invited forward for a brief lesson and treat.

Sermon Hymn: Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying *LSB 516*



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SERMON ~ "When the Lights Go Out" (1 Thessalonians 4:14)

THE GATHERING OF OUR GIFTS & WE CARE CARDS

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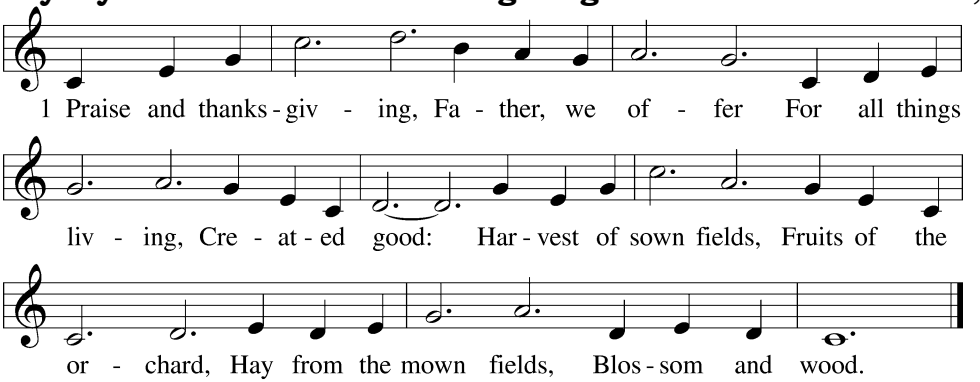
Offertory Hymn: Praise and Thanksgiving *LSB 789, st. 1*



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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Prayer Response

Each petition ends with the following prompt from the Pastor and response from the Congregation:

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer. (***After the final petition:* ***Amen.)***

Lord's Prayer

C **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.**

Benedicamus *LSB 218*

A Let us bless the Lord.

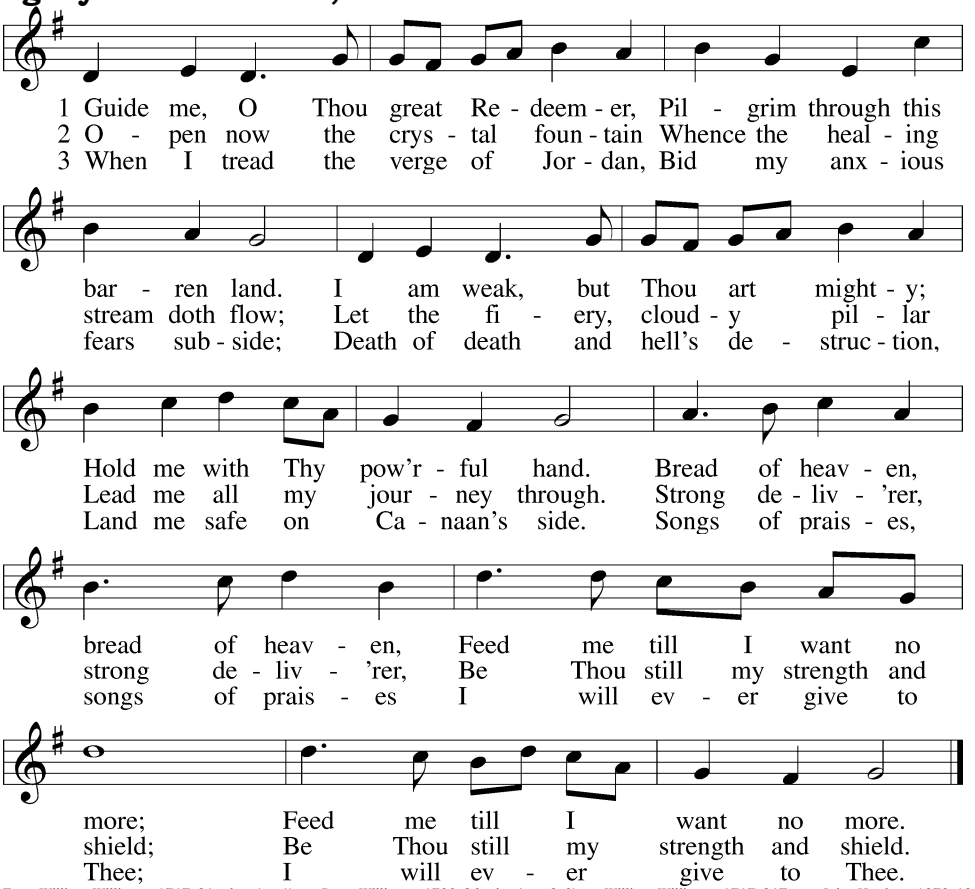
C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✢ give you peace.

C **Amen.**

Sending Hymn: Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer *LSB 918*



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Sending Instructions & Dismissal

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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