Twenty Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

10:30am
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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 & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Invitational Prayer

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

Opening Song: 'Everlasting God'
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord,
Wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord.
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord,
Wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord.

Chorus: Our God, You reign forever
Our hope, our strong Deliverer
You are the everlasting God,
The everlasting God, You do not faint,
You won't grow weary
You're the defender of the weak,
You comfort those in need.
You lift us up on wings like eagles.

(Repeat all from beginning)

(Repeat Chorus)

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The everlasting God, You do not faint,
You won't grow weary
You're the defender of the weak,
You comfort those in need.
You lift us up on wings like eagles.
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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.
22 Even 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."

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.

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

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. 5As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept.

6But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' 7Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. 8And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' 9But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' 10And 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. 11Afterward the other

virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' 12But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' 13Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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 Song: 'In Christ Alone'

1. In Christ Alone, my hope is found;
He is my light, my strength, my song.
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my All in All,
here in the love of Christ I stand.

2. In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
scorned by the ones he came to save.
'Til on that cross as Jesus died,
the wrath of God was satisfied.
For every sin on Him was laid;
here in the death of Christ I live.

3. There in the ground, His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
up from the grave, He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
For I am His, and He is mine,
bought by the precious blood of Christ.

4. No guilt in life, no fear in death;
this is the pow'r of Christ in me.
From life's cry, to final breath,
Jesus commands by destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
can ever pluck me from His hand.
'Til He returns, or calls me home,
her in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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

THE GATHERING OF OUR GIFTS & WE CARE CARDS

Offertory Song: 'A Shield About Me'

Thou, O Lord, art a shield about me,
You're my glory and the lifter of my head ***(repeat)***
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
You're the lifter of my head ***(repeat)***
(Repeat from beginning)

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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.**

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Preface *LSB 216*

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we may give heed to the testament of Your Son in true faith and, above all, firmly take to heart the words with which Christ gives to us His body and blood for our forgiveness. By Your grace, lead us to remember and give thanks for the boundless love which He manifested to us when, by pouring out His precious blood, He saved us from Your righteous wrath and from sin, death, and hell. Grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of His salvation. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Introduction to The Words of Our Lord

P In the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, at His command, and with His own words, we receive His testament:

The Words of Our Lord *LSB 217*

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✢ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✢ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

Be Seated

Distribution Song: 'Instruments of Your Peace'

Refrain: Lord make us instruments of Your peace;
Where there is hatred let Your love increase.
Lord make us instruments of Your peace;
Walls of pride and prejudice shall cease,
When we are Your instruments of peace.

1. Where there is hatred, we will sow His love.
Where there is injury, we will never judge.
Where there is striving, we will speak His peace;
To the people crying for release,
We will be His instruments of peace. ***(Refrain)***

2. Where there is blindness, we will pray for sight;
Where there is darkness, we will shine His light.
Where there is sadness, we will bear their grief;
To the millions crying for release,
We will be His instruments of peace. ***(Refrain)***

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Remain Seated

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray… We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **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.**

Be Seated

Sending Song: '10,000 Reasons'

Chorus: Bless the Lord oh my soul, oh my soul;
worship His holy name
Sing like never before, oh my soul;
I worship Your holy name.

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning;
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes. ***(Chorus)***

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger;
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing;
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. ***(Chorus)***

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 forever more. ***(Chorus)***

Yes I will worship Your holy name
Lord I worship Your holy name

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Sending Instructions & Dismissal

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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