

Zion Lutheran Church, Glen Rock, PA
Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost
WOV: Bread of Life
Sunday, November 8, 2020

*We stand as we are able.

Introduction to the day

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (WOV p. 10)**

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

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**

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.

Most merciful God,

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

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 (WOV p. 30)**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people to seek more eagerly the help you offer, that, at the last, they may enjoy the fruit of salvation; through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen

FIRST LESSON: 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.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: 70

¹Be pleased, O God, to deliver me;

O LORD, make haste to help me.

²**Let those who seek my life be ashamed and altogether dismayed;
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 they are ashamed.

⁴Let 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 speedily, O God.

⁶You are my helper and my deliverer;

O LORD, do not tarry.

SECOND LESSON: 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.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

***GOSPEL: Matthew 25:1-13**

The Holy Gospel according to St. 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.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON & CHILDREN'S TIME

MUSICAL INTERLUDE WHILE COLLECTION IS PRESENTED

“It Is No Secret What God Can Do” – Butch Hengst - soloist

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

***APOSTLES CREED (WOV p. 32)**

With the whole church, we confess our faith.

**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 into hell.*

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**

***THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (WOV p. 32)**

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 and artists who lead us in praise and prayer. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Holy Creator, surprise and delight us with the beauty of the world you have made. Bless the work of landscapers, architects, and artists whose work invites us into harmonious living with your creation. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Holy Judge, let justice roll down like waters over this world. Reign over the courtrooms of every land, in the hearts of those who guard the law and those who stand accused of crimes. Be present in cases where we long for both 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 have few friends or who struggle with their identity and place in this world. Hear us, O God.

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.

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.

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.

***LORD'S PRAYER (WOV p. 39)**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

***BLESSING (WOV p. 41)**

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.

Amen

POSTLUDE

DISMISSAL (WOV p. 41)

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Today's altar flower arrangement is presented, by Clay & Linda Beegle, in honor of our 18th wedding anniversary, and to the Glory of God.

SCRIPTURE TEXT FOR SUNDAY 11/15/20

Zeph 1:7, 12-18, Ps 90:1-8[9-11]12, 1 Thess 5:1-11

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pam Bennie, Mary Bailey, Frank Bowles, Christopher, Loni Clark, Brian Dell, Linda Eichelberger, Betty Gaither, Kathy Gardner, Van Gardner, Irene Grogan, Nancy Heltzel, Shannon Hildebrand, Linda Kowalewski, Don Miller, Jim Ream, Susan Scheungrab, Dave Seitz, Susette Stallard, Dave Swartz, Bonni Whitman, Earl Williams

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Orders for poinsettias are due by Sunday, Nov. 15. Payment may be made at a later date, but the order must be placed the morning of Monday, 11/16. Please see the bulletin insert for more information.

Bob McCullough's sister, Jane, recently passed away in California. Please keep the family and friends of Jane in your thoughts and prayers.

Memorial donations for Josh Horn can be made to Suicide Prevention of York, 73 E. Forrest Ave, Suite 140A &140B, Shrewsbury, PA 17361.

Rather than ask our members to go out shopping for a sponsored family during this Covid pandemic, we have decided to make a financial donation to the Southern Community Services' ELVES Project. If your wish to support this project, please deposit your donation with a memo for ELVES with your Sunday offering. A deadline date will be announced as soon as we have one. Thank you in advance for your continued generosity to this worthy cause.

Upcoming Lectors:

Nov. 8 - Dave or Shirley Seitz

Nov. 15 - Donna Price

Nov. 22 – Linda Beegle

Nov. 29 – Bill Ream

Dec. 6 – Diane Bortner

Council Offering Duty:

November – Bill Ream and Joy Keller-Brown

December – Tom Bailey and Edgar Davis

Upcoming Communion Sponsors:

Nov. 15 – Dave & Shirley Seitz

Dec. 6 – Dave & Shirley Seitz

Dec. 20 – Sandy Fair

Dec. 24 – Donna Price

Jan. 3 – Clay & Linda Beegle

Jan. 17 – Clay & Linda Beegle

Feb. 7 – Sandy Fair

Feb. 21 – Evie Roser

Remote worship options are available. Recorded services and other virtual fellowship opportunities are available on Zion's Remote Worship web page at <https://zionglenrock.org/worship/remote-worship>.

If you desire pastoral care or conversation, please contact Pastor Katie Brantner at 717-420-0779.

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