

# Our Saviour

Lutheran Church



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24<sup>th</sup> Saturday after Pentecost † Lectionary 32 A

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## GATHERING

Gathering Song

*My Lord, What a Morning*

**ELW438**

### *Refrain:*

My Lord, what a morning; my Lord, what a morning;  
Oh, my Lord, what a morning, when the stars begin to fall.

You will hear the trumpet sound,  
To wake the nations underground,  
Looking to my God's right hand,  
when the stars begin to fall.

### *(Refrain)*

You will hear the sinner cry,  
To wake the nations underground,  
Looking to my God's right hand,  
when the stars begin to fall.

### *(Refrain)*

You will hear the Christian shout,  
To wake the nations underground,  
Looking to my God's right hand,  
when the stars begin to fall.

### *(Refrain)*

### **Confession and Forgiveness**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

Holy One,

**C** we confess that we are not awake for you.

**We are not faithful in using your gifts.**

**We forget the least of our siblings.**

**We do not see your beautiful image in one another.**

**We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community.**

**Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, open our hands to serve your creation.**

**Amen.**

**P** Beloved, we are God's children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us.

Through † Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice!

Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world.

**C** Amen.

### **Sharing the Peace**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** And also with you.

### **Prayer of the Day**

**L** Let us pray.

O God of justice 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.

**C** Amen.

## WORD

### **First Reading: Amos 5:18-24**

L A reading from Amos.

<sup>18</sup>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 The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 70

L We will read the Psalm responsively. The congregation will read the sections in bold print.

<sup>1</sup>Be pleased, O God, to deliver me;  
O Lord, make haste to help me.

<sup>2</sup>**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.**

<sup>3</sup>Let those who say to me “Aha!” and gloat over me  
turn back because of their shame.

<sup>4</sup>**Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;  
let those who love your salvation say forever, “Great is the Lord!”**

<sup>5</sup>But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God.  
You are my helper and my deliverer; O Lord, do not tarry.

## Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

L A reading from First Thessalonians.

<sup>13</sup>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. <sup>14</sup>For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. <sup>15</sup>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. <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>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. <sup>18</sup>Therefore encourage one another with these words.

- L The word of the Lord.  
C Thanks be to God.

**Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13**

*The congregation remains seated during the multi-voice presentation of the lesson.*

- P The holy gospel according to St. Matthew.  
C Glory to you, O Lord.

**Jesus:** *Or picture* the kingdom of heaven *this way*. It will be like ten bridesmaids who each picked up a lantern and went out to meet a certain bridegroom. <sup>2-4</sup> Five of these women were sensible, *good with details*, and remembered to bring small flasks of oil for their lanterns. But five of them were flighty, *too caught up in the excitement of their jaunt*, and forgot to bring oil with them. <sup>5</sup> The bridegroom did not turn up right away. Indeed, all the women, *while waiting*, found themselves falling asleep. <sup>6</sup> And then in the middle of the night, they heard someone call, “The bridegroom is here, finally! Wake up and greet him!” <sup>7</sup> The women got up and trimmed the wicks of their lanterns *and prepared to go greet the groom*. <sup>8</sup> The five women who had no oil turned to their friends for help.

**Ill-prepared Bridesmaids:** Please give us some of your oil! Our lanterns are flickering and will go out soon.

**Narrator:** <sup>9</sup> But the five women who’d come prepared with oil said they didn’t have enough.

**Prepared Bridesmaids:** If we give you some of our oil, we’ll all run out too soon! You’d better go wake up a dealer and buy your own supply.

**Jesus:** <sup>10</sup> So the five *ill-prepared* women went in search of oil to buy, and while they were gone, the groom arrived. The five who

stood ready *with their lanterns* accompanied him to the wedding party, and *after they arrived*, the door was shut.

<sup>11</sup> Finally the rest of the women turned up *at the party*. They knocked on the door.

**Ill-prepared Bridesmaids:** Master, open up and let us in!

**Bridegroom (*refusing*):** <sup>12</sup> I certainly don't know you.

**Jesus:** <sup>13</sup> So stay awake; you neither know the day nor hour [when the Son of Man will come].

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

### Children's Message

*Children come forward during "This Little Light of Mine".*

### Sermon

Song of the Day

*Rejoice, Rejoice Believers*

ELW244

Rejoice, rejoice, believers, and let your lights appear;  
the evening is advancing, and darker night is near.  
The bridegroom is arising and soon is drawing nigh.  
Up, pray and watch and wrestle; at midnight comes the cry.

The watchers on the mountain proclaim the bridegroom near;  
go forth as he approaches with alleluias clear.  
The marriage feast is waiting; the gates wide open stand.  
Arise, O heirs of glory; the bridegroom is at hand.

The saints, who here in patience their cross and suff'rings bore,  
shall live and reign forever when sorrow is no more.  
Around the throne of glory the Lamb they shall behold;  
in triumph cast before him their diadems of gold.

Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear;  
arise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this benighted sphere.  
With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord, to see  
the day of earth's redemption that sets your people free!

### **Prayers of the People**

*When prompted, everyone is encouraged to call out names of people, places or organizations for which they are thankful or that are in need of God's care.*

*The minister begins the prayers:*

**P** Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

Hear now the names we speak before you and each other.

*The minister concludes the prayers:*

**P** Into your hands, O God, we commend those for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C** Amen.

## **MEAL**

### **Sharing Our Gifts**

**L** Let us offer back to God what God has first given us: ourselves, our time and our possessions, signs of his gracious love.

*Our offerings support the work of the church here and around the world. Please pass the baskets from front to back. You may also make an offering online at [www.oslc-warrenton.org](http://www.oslc-warrenton.org) by clicking the "DONATE" tab on the homepage. Thank you!*



Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;  
join in a song with sweet accord, join in a song with sweet accord  
and thus surround the throne, and thus surround the throne.

***Refrain:***

We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion:  
we're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.

**Offering Prayer**

L Let us pray together.

C God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant.  
Amen.

**Dialogue**

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 our thanks and praise.

**Thanksgiving at the Table**

P Holy God, mighty and merciful,

C your mercy endures forever.

P By your promise you bound yourself to earth and all its creatures, granting them life and calling them to flourish. You bound yourself to your people of old, showing them steadfast love and calling them to be a light to the nations. Holy God, mighty and merciful,  
C **your mercy endures forever.**

P By your promise, you joined us to Jesus, your Beloved, who in the night in which he was betrayed, took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup we remember his life laid down and lifted up; Holy God, mighty and merciful,  
C **your mercy endures forever.**

P Send your Holy Spirit upon us and these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be for us the Body and Blood of your Son. Holy God, mighty and merciful,  
C **your mercy endures forever.**

P With earth and its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, with [...  
*and*] all the saints, we praise you, O God, through Christ Jesus, in your Spirit, now and forever.  
C **Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

P Let us pray as our Savior taught us.

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.

## Sharing Holy Communion

*All baptized Christians are invited to share Christ's Body.  
If you wish to receive Holy Communion, please come  
forward and stand or kneel around the altar.*

## Communion Song

### *I Will Rise*

There's a peace I've come to know  
Though my heart and flesh may fail.  
There's an anchor for my soul  
I can say, "It is well."  
Jesus has overcome,  
And the grave is overwhelmed.  
The victory is won,  
He is risen from the dead.

### *Chorus:*

And I will rise when He calls my name;  
No more sorrow, no more pain.  
I will rise on eagle's wings;  
Before my God fall on my knees,  
And rise. I will rise.

There's a day that's drawing near  
When this darkness breaks to light,  
And the shadows disappear,  
And my faith shall be my eyes.  
Jesus has overcome,  
And the grave is overwhelmed.  
The victory is won,  
He is risen from the dead.  
*(Chorus)*

And I hear the voice of many angels sing,  
"Worthy is the Lamb!"  
And I hear the cry of ev'ry longing heart,  
"Worthy is the Lamb!"  
"Worthy is the Lamb!"  
*(Chorus)*

### **Prayer After Communion**

**L** Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way.

**C** Amen.

## **SENDING**

### **Blessing**

**P** May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad!

The blessing of God, Sovereign, † Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always.

**C** Amen.

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)***

**Dismissal**

L Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
C Thanks be to God.

## UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS

### Elizabeth of Hungary, renewer of society, died 1231 Friday, November 17, 2023

Born in Hungary, Elizabeth was betrothed to the son of the Landgrave of Thuringia, and at age four was taken to be raised with him at the Wartburg Castle. Ten years later they were married. She was very generous to the poor, and after her husband's death she lived in cruel hardship until her own death at age twenty-four.

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